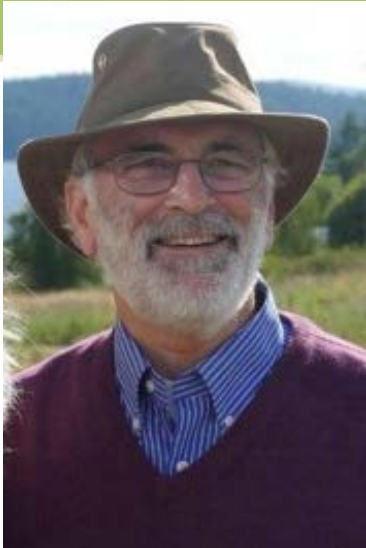




## JERRY ROOT



Jerry Root is a Professor at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, and a very popular speaker on C. S. Lewis. Jerry received a Master of Divinity degree from Talbot Graduate School of Theology and earned his Ph.D. through the Open University at the Oxford Center for Mission Studies. He has been studying C. S. Lewis and topics related to Lewis for about 50 years, as well as teaching Lewis for about 40 years. He has lectured on Lewis topics at 77 universities in 17 countries. His books

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He attended Whittier College in Whittier, California where he was awarded 7 Varsity Letters in football and wrestling. He started for his college championship football team for three years and as a running back he never once fumbled or even lost one yard. This meant lots of first down carries and touchdowns. He played some form of American football until he was 44 years old. Now he loves virtual fear including sky diving, spelunking, swimming with sharks, roller-coasters, flying in vintage airplanes, hammerhead stalls in biplanes, and turbulence on airplanes.

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