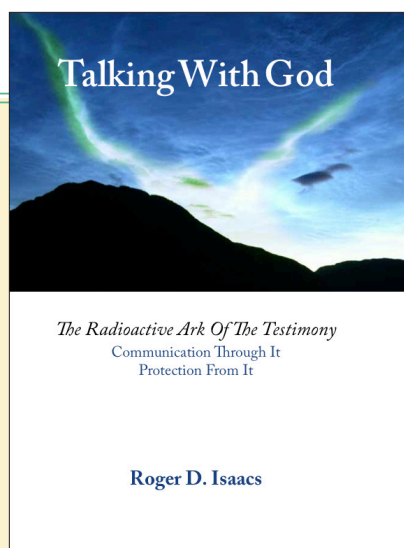




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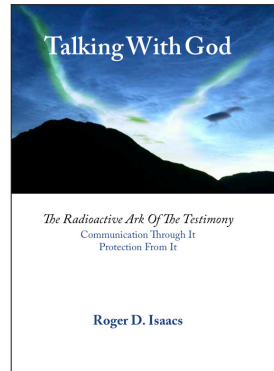
Mr. Isaacs has led two separate lives, one as an independent scholar specializing in Old Testament studies and the other as a successful business executive.

From the early '50s until 1965, Isaacs worked with his father, the noted hematologist and biblical scholar Dr. Raphael Isaacs on the theory, which is now encompassed in this book. This collaboration culminated in a monograph on the subject entitled "Puzzling Biblical Laws (Bloch, 1965). After Dr. Isaacs' death in 1965, Roger Isaacs launched into independent research on the subject, which has become the foundation of this book.

Over the years Isaacs did extensive research in the archives of The Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago (where he is a member of the Breasted Society). At the Institute, he worked with a doctoral candidate on the linguistics aspect of the research, particularly Ugaritic, Assyrian and Babylonian. In addition, Isaacs conducted extensive research at Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies and has pictured there on this subject. (Isaacs served on the board of Spertus for a number of years and is now a member of the visiting committee of its library.) His additional research has taken him to digs, museums and libraries in several countries including Syria, Jordan, Turkey, Egypt, Israel and England.

On the business side, Isaacs was an executive with The Public Relations Board, an international public relations agency, from 1948 until his retirement in 1992. He served as Chairman and president until he sold the company to the communications conglomerate Omnicom.

Mr. Isaacs attended the University of Chicago and The University of Wisconsin (Madison). His education was interrupted by World War II. During the war, he served with the 87th Infantry division in France and Germany where he received the Purple Heart. After the war, Isaacs continued his education at Bard College and graduated with a degree in Language and Literature. Isaacs has two children and four grandchildren and lives in Glencoe, Illinois with his wife Joyce.



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