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After graduation from Washburn, I attended the University of Minnesota, graduating with an MD in 1967. I spent three years in the US Navy and in July 1970, married Karin Falck, a Central Grad and an RN. We went to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois where our oldest son was born, then moved back to Minneapolis and raised support to go to Hong Kong in 1972 as medical missionaries. Our second son was born in Hong Kong but died of prematurity and a year later our oldest daughter was born. On returning to Minneapolis in 1980, we adopted two Chinese children from Hong Kong, our son as an 8 year old and our daughter as a 5 year old.

Three of our four children are married and we have 7 going on 8 grandchildren. I worked for Health-Partners for nearly 24 years as a pediatrician and since retirement in 2005, I have filled the time with family and volunteer activities. I am on the Board of Twin Cities Creation Science Association and Chairman of the Board of Outpost Ministries and webmaster for www.tccsa.tc and www.outpostministries.org. All my own writing, from op-ed pieces to drama and humor are on my own site, www.rossolson.org. I am the chairman of the missions and evangelism "Outreach Commission" at First Evangelical Free Church and teach 4th—6th graders. I have begun teaching science to a home school co-op this past year.

I enjoy hiking, photography, writing and teaching. In my pediatric practice, working in Bloomington and Apple Valley, I took care of the children of Bob Meehl and the grandchildren of Ramsey band teacher, Ralph Mendenhall.

My memories of Ramsey and Washburn were at first terror at the possibility of being "set on the drink-ing fountain" as a 7th grader. I did not start to grow until my junior year. And then at Washburn, I was shy and mostly invisible although active in Hi C Club where citywide leader Jerry Coffman nominated me for a citywide vice-presidency. I had to speak to a large group and found my audience laughing at nearly every line. Looking and sounding like a 6th grader may have something to do with it but instead of panicking, I said to myself, "Hey, I can make people laugh!"

During my time in Hong Kong, I began to examine the scientific evidence for what I had been taught as

established fact at the University — the theory of evolution. I found that the evidence pointed exactly the opposite way and something snapped. The shy personality was suppressed by the desire to speak the truth on all sorts of controversial subjects and I became a counter cultural gadfly — speaking up for ideas so old that they seem new.

Karin and I have been married 40 years and she has more than tolerated me. People sometimes ask if she is my second wife — well, she is more than 5 years younger. I got my trophy wife the first time!

