

PREFACE

The 1987 ACMS Conference featured Donald E. Knuth of Stanford University as principal speaker. Professor Knuth was joined by his wife, Jill, who displayed some of the banners which she has designed and also lectured on their use in liturgy. The Knuths were most generous with their time, participating fully in the activities of the Conference and making themselves available for informal discussions and socializing. I shall never forget the wonderful afternoon session we had when Don sat on a table, surrounded by all of us, and masterfully answered the multitude of questions posed to him.

Professor Knuth gave two addresses at the conference, each of which was enthusiastically received. The first was entitled "Numbers and the Creator" and in it he gave us interesting insights into how his famous book "Surreal Numbers" was written. He also described his later work on "supernatural numbers."

The second talk is included in these Proceedings and is entitled: "3:16: An Approach to Bible Study." I am sure that you will enjoy reading this speech. I want to thank Jan Woudenberg of Calvin College for her work in helping with the transcribing of the speech into written form.

For those who want to listen to the tapes of the talk or who want to view a video recording, you may contact me at Calvin College and I will arrange to have such sent to you.

In addition, Michael Detlefaen gave us permission to include his extensive paper in these Proceedings. The talk he gave at the conference was based on this paper.

The paper provided by R. Creighton Buck is a copy of his after-dinner talk at the conference banquet.

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