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**Bob Spivey**

**Robert Atwood Spivey**



educator writer

Robert A. Spivey is an American educator and writer. He worked as a professor of religion at Florida State University. Spivey is the author of such books as *Anatomy of the New Testament* and *Religious Issues in Western Civilization*.

## Background

Robert A. Spivey was born on May 25, 1931, in Suffolk, Virginia, United States. He is a son of Joseph Atwood and Wortley (Roberts) Spivey.

## Education

Robert A. Spivey studied at Duke University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1953. He also attended Union Theological Seminary and received a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1956. Spivey received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Yale University in 1962.

## Career

Robert A. Spivey started his career as an assistant instructor in New Testament at Divinity School at Yale University in 1958 and held this post until 1960. In 1960, he became an assistant professor of religion at Williams College and in 1965 he took up a post of a professor of religion at Florida State University where he worked until 1978. Spivey also worked as a provost of the Division of Arts and Sciences at Florida State University from 1974 to 1978.

Robert A. Spivey wrote his first book *Anatomy of the New Testament* together with D. Moody Smith in 1969. Later he also wrote such books as *Religious Issues in American Culture* and *Religious Issues in Western Civilization*. Spivey also was a contributor to academic journals, including the *Journal of Church and State*, *Interpretation*, and *Southwestern Journal of Social Education*.

## Achievements

- Robert A. Spivey is an American writer and educator who is famous for his books *Anatomy of the New Testament* and *Religious Issues in American Culture*.

## Works

SEVENTH EDITION

*Anatomy of the*  
**New Testament**

Robert A. Spivey • D. Moody Smith • C. Clifton Black





# Religious Issues in Western Civilization (Innovative)

Spivey, Robert A.

Note: This is not the actual book cover

## Membership

Robert A. Spivey is a member of the American Academy of Religion, Society for Values in Higher Education, Society of Biblical Literature and the Society for New Testament Studies.

## Connections

Robert A. Spivey married in 1954. The marriage produced three children.