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I was born in Athens in 1968. Studies at the Department of Theology in 1990. Postgraduate studies in Greece and in Mainz, Germany. Simultaneous studies in Byzantine Music at Skalkota Conservatory - member and soloist of the Greek Byzantine Choir.

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4. *Human Identity and Morality in the New Testament. The New Testament in the 21st century. Vol. II*, *Biblical Studies in Biblical Ethics*, Athens: Athos 2008
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