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Biographical Note: William Webb Freeman began preaching in 1910 in Magnum, Oklahoma. He received an A.B. from University of Louisville, the Th.M. and Th.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and the M.A. from Yale University.

In 1922, he wrote a series of four articles in Firm Foundation attempting to reconcile science and the Bible on the premise that the Bible is not inerrant on every dictum. The articles, titled "The Use and Abuse of the Bible," were met with severe critique from several circles.

In 1923, he taught Bible and Greek at Abilene Christian College. After leaving Abilene Christian College, he began teaching at East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas. While there, he also preached and served as an elder at Commerce Church of Christ.

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