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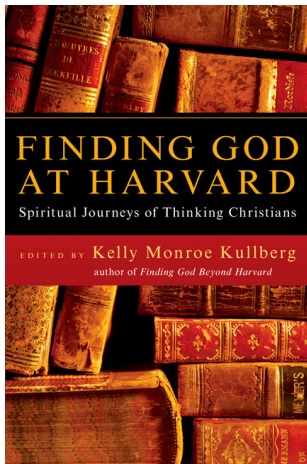
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New Edition of Classic *Finding God at Harvard* Addresses the Search for Truth on Today's Secular Campuses



Though Harvard and other great American universities with Christian roots—Yale, Dartmouth, Princeton, Northwestern—are now largely secular places, the search for God on campus goes on. Each year, thousands of students at universities across the country participate in Veritas Forums that engage them in the search for transcendent truth. And the classic book inspired by the Forums is being published in an updated edition. *Finding God at Harvard: Spiritual Journeys of Thinking Christians*, edited by Kelly Monroe Kullberg (Veritas Forum Books from InterVarsity Press, \$15.00, February 2007), is a portrait of Christian faith flourishing in the secular intellectual world.

Finding God at Harvard features essays by forty faculty members, former students and distinguished speakers at Harvard, with contributors such as Robert Coles, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Mother Teresa, Owen Gingerich, Armand Nicholi,

Nicholas Wolterstorff and Elizabeth Dole exploring questions about truth and meaning.

“Writers encourage honest questions because they believe there are real answers,” says editor Kelly Monroe Kullberg. The book, and The Veritas Forums that inspired it, grapple with questions about life, hope, health, community, science, technology, education, government, global issues and justice. The “quest for *veritas* (truth)” means asking: What is it to be human? What are our origins? Of what value is my life and work? What should we do with our bodies? If a loving God exists then why do we suffer? How can nations be reconciled? What about the poor? How can human love last?

“*Finding God at Harvard* is the most poignant response to the gaping emptiness of modern education,” Monroe Kullberg says. “The contributors enter the conversation not with vague abstractions but with changed lives. The book is a powerful answer to the recent critique of secular education posed by a recent dean of Harvard in *Excellence Without a Soul*. It’s an antidote to our cultural confusion.”

Monroe Kullberg is the founder of The Veritas Forum, a “live” version of the book that began at Harvard in 1992 and has spread to campuses around the country. The Forums feature Christian and non-Christian thinkers and scholars discussing a range of topics, showing that Christian faith can survive—and in fact, encourages—rigorous intellectual pursuit of truth.

Finding God at Harvard was a *Boston Globe* bestseller, and had been in print for a decade. Monroe Kullberg realized the time was right for a new edition when she saw a copy of the original hardback selling on eBay for \$1,000. She updated the book with a new preface, photographs and a postscript. It’s the second book from the new Veritas Forum Books line with InterVarsity Press.

“InterVarsity Press and The Veritas Forum have been in partnership from the very first Forum at Harvard to more than forty Forums at major universities across the country. We share a common heritage and vision for pursuing and communicating Christian truth in the university world,” says Bob Fryling, publisher of InterVarsity Press. “The reissue of *Finding God at Harvard* is profound testimony that intellectual curiosity and accomplishment are not antagonistic to Christian truth but an integral part of it.”

Harvard seeks to excite in its students a passion for truth while ignoring the possibility of any transcendent truth worth pursuing, Monroe Kullberg says. The continued relevance of *Finding God at Harvard* and the growth of The Veritas Forums show that “students are learning that the truth claims of Jesus are not marginal but central to human history. They are seeing that every real scholar, including their professors, should wrestle with the challenge of Jesus, for it is intellectually more honest to question him and be questioned by him, than to ignore him.”

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About Kelly Monroe Kullberg editor, *Finding God at Harvard*



Kelly Monroe Kullberg is the founder of The Veritas Forum, which grew out of *Finding God at Harvard*. She is the author of *Finding God Beyond Harvard*, which recounts the rise of the Veritas movement and the Forums, gatherings that now include more than 200,000 participants at over 60 universities in the United States, Canada and England.

Since founding The Veritas Forum in 1992, Kullberg has traveled across the country helping others start Veritas Forums in dozens of universities. Previously, she served as chaplain to the Harvard Graduate School Christian Fellowship. She is now director of project development for The Veritas Forum and lives with her family in Columbus, Ohio.

About The Veritas Forum

Veritas Forums are events on university campuses that offer a place for the exploration of true life. With Christian and non-Christian thinkers, scholars, artists, writers and scientists in conversation, the Forums attempt to connect today’s most pressing questions with the truth claims of Jesus Christ. The Forum began at Harvard University and quickly spread to Ohio State, Virginia, Yale and Stanford. Today there are over 200 Forums in over 60 different universities. ABC’s *World News* said in a feature story about the Veritas movement on campus, “Hunger for answers runs deep. When Veritas Forums come to a university, thousands of students pack auditoriums to listen.”

In 2007, Veritas Forums will be held at Columbia, NYU, Yale, Harvard, University of Massachusetts, University of Tennessee, Cal State Fresno, MIT and Louisiana State, among others. A schedule of upcoming Forums can be found at <http://www.veritas.org/>.