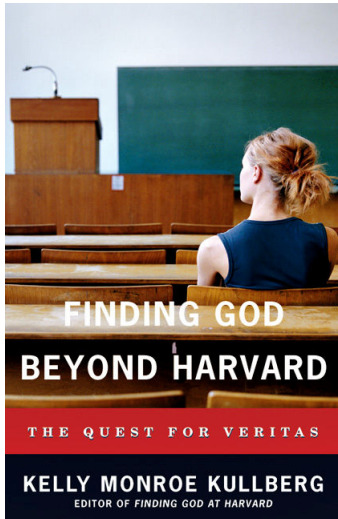




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Like so many university students, Kelly Monroe Kullberg found herself at Harvard facing a culture that was tolerant of anything but truth. Together she and a group of fellow students and scholars set out on a quest to know and embrace truth amid “flat-souled agendas and authorities.” *Finding God Beyond Harvard* recounts their story and the rise of the Veritas movement and Veritas Forums, gatherings that now include more than 200,000 participants at over 60 universities in the United States, Canada and England.

This Is the Story of the Veritas Movement...

"I went to [Harvard Divinity School] expecting to be challenged by both secular and Christian professors, students, and a broad curriculum. But by the end of an orientation lunch, I gathered that one was not to speak of Jesus or the Bible without a tone of erudite cynicism. I quickly learned that subtle mockery trumped reason. I thought of Genesis chapter 3 (the serpent's subtle and sarcastic questions to the woman about God's word and character) and wondered what kind of ministers and teachers this school turned out. . . ."

"The search for truth had degenerated into relativism and the acceptance of almost anything as true. A celebration of rich 'diversity' had faded into a gray, passive 'tolerance' that usually ignored the ideas and beliefs of isolated others—especially orthodox Christians. . . ."

"The Veritas Forum was created to be a place for hard and real questions, along with honest answers—so we might know the truth and the truth would make us free. . . ."

"How countercultural for a group of graduate students to be together without excessive twenty-something sexual tension and academic angst but instead to have time for long talks about what matters and why. This was why I attended grad school, and I was thrilled to find a community that felt the same way—a community of like minds, spirits and hearts. We had found one another. . . ."



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Kelly Monroe Kullberg is the founder of The Veritas Forum and the editor of the *Boston Globe* bestseller *Finding God at Harvard: Spiritual Journeys of Thinking Christians*. Since founding The Veritas Forum in 1992, she has traveled across the country helping others start Veritas Forums in dozens of universities. For many years she also 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.

"Ours is a season of opportunity. Dare we dream ahead to the year 2015 or 2025? We know that God could replace our work with something else, and we'd still be thankful for each story, for every student. But as long as he allows us to continue, we'll dream, plan and keep our hands to the plow.

"We hope to grow in our partnerships with local fellowships and churches hosting Veritas Forums, and to grow through ongoing conversations in the United States, Asia and Europe, by adding spiritual, intellectual and cultural vitality to more than a hundred of the world's leading universities. . . .

"We'll work to excite students with the relevance and coherence of the gospel in the arts and sciences, from anthropology to zoology. We want to inspire those entering 'secular' vocations with the biblical dignity of good work in the story of restoring a broken world to order, beauty and wholeness.

"Veritas alumni are already scattered throughout the world, beginning to shape academic departments and research labs, the arts, corporations, relief and development projects, media networks, and governments. They are restoring conversation of 'first things,' such as right knowledge, responsibility, discovery and action in the world.

"We'll continue to explore true life. To rejoice in the gift of life. To create a culture of life.

"If I may borrow a sentiment from professor J. R. R. Tolkien, a hopeful realist: there may come a day when believers will be called to abandon the university to itself, to its idols and self-deceptions, to its self-worship.

"But this is not the day."

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