



Understand Gods Old and New

Jack Gleeson

Cunning Child-King (Game of Thrones)

Theology Student (Trinity College, Dublin)

If I went back to college today, I think I would probably major in comparative religion, because that's how integrated it is in everything that we are working on and deciding and thinking about in life today.

John Kerry

Gain International Perspective

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Politician (former US Secretary of State, Senator)

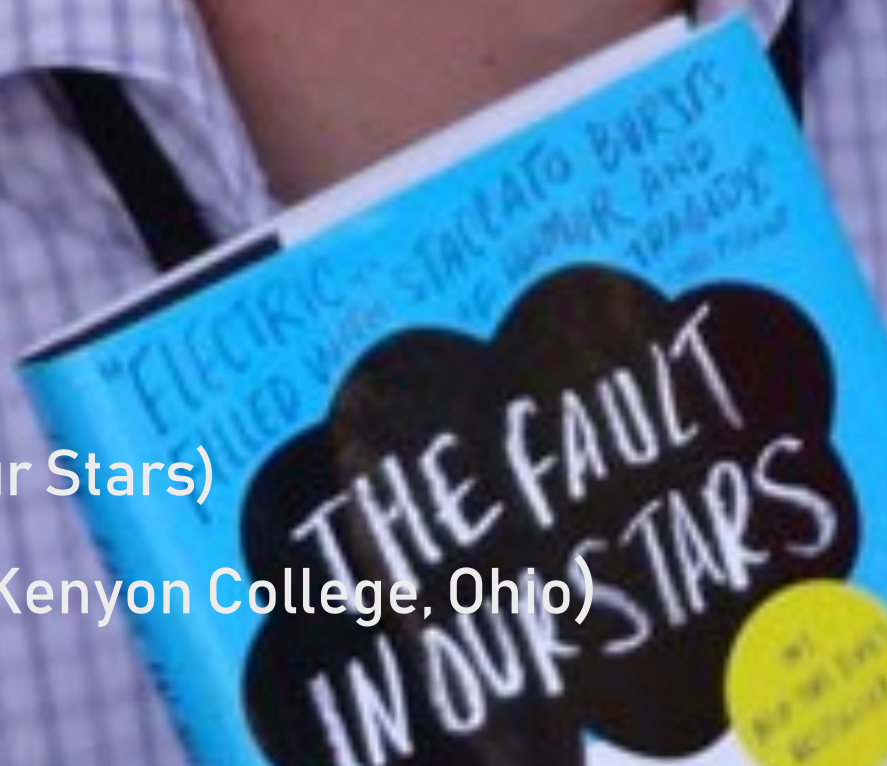
Would-be Religious Studies Major

Tell Poignant Stories

John Green

Author (The Fault in Our Stars)

BA Religious Studies (Kenyon College, Ohio)



I have resorted to storytelling believing, from experience and research, that it's one of the, if not, the most successful tool for negotiation, it invites souls, humanizes our experiences, unfolds potential partnerships, and facilitates problem solving, regardless of gender, ethnic, social, religious, or economic differences.

Fatima Al-Banawi

A portrait of a young woman with dark hair tied back, wearing round glasses and a floral patterned top. She is holding a wooden-framed chalkboard in front of her chest. The chalkboard has some faint, partially visible chalk writing. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Facilitate Problem Solving

Fatima Al-Banawi

UN Alliance of Civilizations Fellow, Actor, Artist

MA Theological Studies (Harvard)

“Find God and Religions Too”

Justin Vernon

Musician (Bon Iver)

BA Religious Studies (UW-Eau Claire, Wisconsin)

Critical thinking, the ability to reason: These are the skills that corporations need to help them synthesize and analyze the vast amount of information about a global marketplace ... when choosing between liberal arts and the sciences, choose both. It shouldn't be question of one or the other, the twenty-first century person needs both.

Ali Velshi

Investigate Critically



Ali Velshi

Journalist (CNN.MSNBC)

BA Religious Studies (Queen's College, Ontario)

A liberal arts education familiarizes an individual with the broader currents around him. In a global marketplace, it's ever more important that we understand history, language, culture and the commonalities and differences among religions. We have to know about the world.

Ali Velshi



Build an Ethical Core

George Stephanopoulos

Journalist (ABC)

MA Theology (Balliol College, Oxford, England)

I wanted to build a better foundation for my views. I knew a lot about the "how" and "what" of politics. Now I wanted to think more about the "why" ... analyzing the fundamental questions of politics — war and peace, life and liberty — from the perspective of what was right rather than what would work.

George Stephanopolous

Share Inspiration

A portrait of Regina Brett, a woman with shoulder-length brown hair and bangs, smiling. She is wearing a white button-down shirt with the sleeves rolled up and a pearl necklace. Her hands are clasped in front of her. The background is a warm, out-of-focus orange and yellow.

Regina Brett

Author & Columnist (Plain Dealer, Cle Jewish News)

MA Religious Studies (John Carroll University)

I was raised to understand religion as one-sided but my studies in the graduate program opened up mind and heart to a depth that I wasn't aware of. The focus on research and critical analysis challenged me to be better both as a student and as a Catholic.

Jurell Sison

JCU Resident Minister

Lead Ethically

A portrait of actress Rashida Jones, who played the character Erin Hannon on the TV show 'The Office'. She is standing in an office environment, wearing a dark grey blazer over a white and blue striped button-down shirt. She has long brown hair and is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

Rashida Jones

Dunder Mifflin Regional Manager (The Office)

BA Religious Studies (Harvard University)

**I never had finance or
accounting, yet I help run a
huge business.**

**[Studying religion] I
learned communications,
research, and critical
thinking, the perfect
education for the business
world .**

Clyde Tuggle

A professional headshot of a middle-aged man with short brown hair, wearing a dark pinstripe suit, a light blue shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a neutral, textured grey.

Communicate Effectively

Clyde Tuggle

Senior VP, Global Communications (Coca Cola)


Master of Divinity (Yale University, Connecticut)

I get asked the question a lot: “How do you reconcile your scientific beliefs with your faith in God?” ...

I see no conflict at all. They exist together, happily, and each supports the other.

Mayim Bialik

Explore Broadly

A close-up portrait of actress Mayim Bialik. She is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. She has long, dark brown hair and is wearing brown-rimmed glasses. She is wearing a purple button-down shirt over a red and white plaid shirt. The background is blurred, showing warm, golden-brown tones.

Mayim Bialik

Soulful Scientist (Big Bang Theory)

Hebrew Studies Minor (UCLA)

Innovate Mindfully

A portrait of David Chang, a man with dark hair and a light beard, wearing a dark blue shirt. He is holding a large, sharp knife horizontally across his chest with his right hand, resting his chin on the handle. The background is a solid, muted teal color.

David Chang

Chef & Entrepreneur (Momofuku)

BA Religious Studies (Trinity College, Connecticut)

**As you can probably tell,
I'm still trying to figure out
just about everything. How
do you build a great
company, just like you
build a great restaurant?
How do you do it in a way
that's still thoughtful?**

David Chang

A close-up portrait of a woman with vibrant, curly red hair and light blue eyes. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight, thoughtful expression. She is wearing a dark, ribbed turtleneck sweater. The background is softly blurred, showing hints of a window with light coming through. The overall mood is intimate and contemplative.

Boost Empathy

Tara Isabella Burton

Author & Journalist (Social Creature, The Atlantic)

PhD Theology (Trinity College, Oxford, England)

While the study of history taught me the story of humanity on a broader scale, the study of theology allowed me insight into the minds and hearts, fears and concerns, of those in circumstances that were so wildly different from my own.

Tara Isabella Burton

A portrait of actor Hugh Bonneville, dressed in a formal black tuxedo with a white shirt and a dark bow tie. He is holding a glass of amber liquid in his right hand. The background is a dimly lit room with bookshelves filled with books, creating a warm, scholarly atmosphere.

Consider Multiple Viewpoints

Hugh Bonneville

Pensive Aristocrat (Downton Abbey)

BA Theology (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge)

Examine the Transcendent

Paul Schrader


Screenwriter & Director (Taxi Driver, First Reformed)

Religious Studies Minor (Calvin College, Michigan)

I studied the Bible and philosophy in college and I think in a certain sense that's the kind of stuff that still makes my brain work.

Win Butler

Make Your Brain Work



Win Butler

Musician (Arcade Fire)

BA Religious Studies (McGill University, Quebec)

I think I've always been interested in spiritual things. Other people's interpretations of where they would go after they died, what their real values were, or what the principles they believed in were, always fascinated me -- you know, the big questions.

Christy Turlington

Look Inside Yourself

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Christy Turlington

Model & Filmmaker (Every Mile, Every Mother)

BA Comparative Religion (New York University)

Unpack the Mystery

A portrait of S. E. Cupp, a woman with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a black blazer. She is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a blue studio backdrop with a grid pattern.

S. E. Cupp

Host & Commentator (CNN, MSNBC)

MA Religious Studies (New York University)

I was just fascinated by the pomp and ceremony and ritual nature of religion, and yet couldn't completely get there ever; couldn't completely wrap my mind around the idea of God. I want to get to the bottom of this story. It's something that I'll always be challenging myself on.

S.E. Cupp