

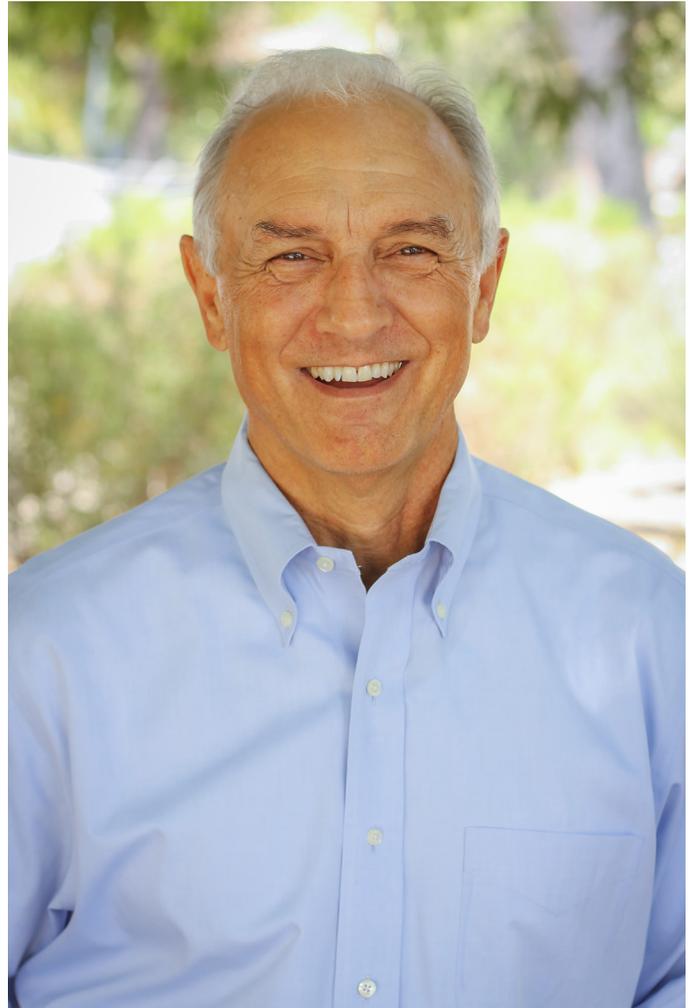
## BACKGROUND

# Greg Koukl

*Greg started out thinking he was too smart to become a Christian and ended up giving his life for the defense of the Christian faith. A central theme of Greg's speaking and writing is that Christianity—if it's properly understood and properly communicated—makes the most sense of the world as we find it.*

Greg has spoken on more than 80 college and university campuses both in the U.S. and abroad and has hosted his own call-in radio show for 30 years advocating “Christianity worth thinking about.” He’s debated atheist Michael Shermer on national radio and Deepak Chopra on national television on Lee Strobel’s “Faith Under Fire.” An award-winning writer and best-selling author, Greg has written seven books, including *Tactics—A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions*; *The Story of Reality—How the World Began, How It Ends*, and *Everything Important that Happens in Between*; and *Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-Air*. Greg has been featured on Focus on the Family radio and has been interviewed for CBN and the BBC. He’s been quoted in Christianity Today, the U.S. News & World Report, and the L.A. Times.

Greg received his Masters in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics at Talbot School of Theology, graduating with high honors, and his Masters in Christian Apologetics with honors from Simon Greenleaf University. He is an adjunct professor in Christian apologetics at Biola University.



I'm animated by the conviction that Christianity and Christian values, if properly understood and properly articulated, can "stand to reason" in the public square. The truth is on our side, but whether that truth will make a difference depends on whether or not the church is trained to engage others in gracious yet incisive dialogue.

There's a desperate need to equip followers of Jesus Christ to explain and defend Christian beliefs and values with people who don't understand our language and who don't accept our source of authority. That need is especially acute for two groups: an emerging post-modern generation that has lost confidence that any claims to truth are legitimate, and an increasingly relativistic church grounded more on personal experience than in biblical truth.

So at Stand to Reason we train Christians to think more clearly about their faith and to make an even-handed, incisive, yet gracious defense for classical Christianity and classical Christian values. At STR, we teach the value of using our minds to love God and share the Gospel. We teach careful thinking and encourage Christians to develop coherent answers to questions they're challenged with so their faith is deepened and they're emboldened to share the Gospel equipped to be effective Ambassadors for Christ.

In His Grip,



Greg Koukl  
Stand to Reason  
Founder and President

"Greg Koukl was absolutely masterful...[His debate with Deepak Chopra] was a textbook example of how to defend the faith. 1 Peter 3:15 tells us not only to defend the faith, but to do it with gentleness and respect. [Greg's] tenor, content, tactics, every aspect of how he exposed the falsehoods, the inconsistencies, the false teachings...in a very calm, respectful way exemplified that verse. We've done two seasons of [Faith Under Fire]. We've had on the greatest apologists in America. Nobody has done a better job than Greg in terms of defending the faith with the right tenor and manner. Just masterful. What Greg is doing is so important teaching others to defend the faith."

**- Lee Strobel**

Host of Pax-TV's "Faith Under Fire,"  
Author "The Case for Christ," "The Case for Faith," "The Case for the Creator"  
President, Patrick Henry College

"Greg is giving the winds a mighty voice, offering reason for the Faith. He stands for reason in an irrational age, refusing to bypass the head on the way to his audience's heart."

**- Dr. Norman Geisler**

Author "When Skeptics Ask", "Christian Apologetics"

"Stand to Reason sets the standard for apologetics ministries in the United States."

**- Hugh Hewitt**

Nationally-syndicated host of  
Salem Radio's "The Hugh Hewitt Show,"  
Author "The Embarrassed Believer,"  
"In, but Not Of: A Guide to Christian Ambition,"  
"Searching for God in America"

"Greg and his Stand to Reason team are leaders in bridging the crucial gap between academic scholars and the man in the street. Putting shoe leather to theories, Greg practically challenges both Christian and non-Christian alike to think more deeply about the truth and viability of a Christian world and life view."

**- Dr. William Lane Craig**

Philosopher, Author *Reasonable Faith*

"There has never been a time in our culture when ministries like this one are so badly needed. I have known Greg Koukl and ministered with him long enough to say he is a man of tremendous talent, dedication, and integrity. His skill as a Christian thinker is well developed, and his heart to build Christ's kingdom and not his own are evident."

**- Dr. J.P. Moreland**

Author "Scaling the Secular City" and "Does God Exist?--The Great Debate"