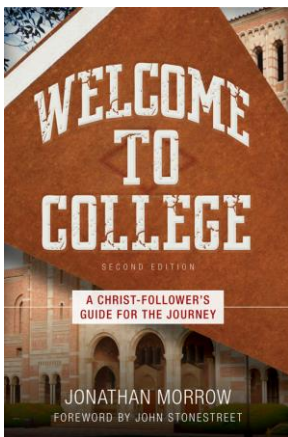


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PRESS RELEASE

Setting the trajectory for a life of following Jesus

Welcome to College helps students navigate the journey into adulthood



Seattle: College can be the most exciting, as well as the most frightening, time of a young person's life. On one hand are all the freedoms a recent high school graduate craves, but on the other are all the freedoms that come with responsibility. It's a challenging time, especially for Christians coming face-to-face with worldviews different from their own. In ***Welcome to College: A Christ-Follower's Guide for the Journey*** (second edition) (Kregel Publications/March 28, 2017/ISBN: 9780825444883/\$21.99), **Jonathan Morrow** helps students tackle this new stage of life and emerge on the other side prepared for what God has planned for them.

"Is there a more frightening question for a graduating high school senior than 'What will you do with your life?'" Morrow asks. "In college, whether they realize it or not, students will answer that question every day with each decision. All of the new friends and new experiences of college will shape their future. As Christians, they will have the added layer of trying to figure out what God would want them to do with their lives. It can be overwhelming. It's critical that students know how to handle college before they're in the thick of it."

College is a critical time for young adults to find and develop a faith of their own. Various surveys reveal between 40-75% of young people abandon their faith during their college years. While even one student walking away from their faith is too much, parents and students need to know and understand that college is not a faith-friendly environment. However, God has called students to more than surviving; he has called them to engage our culture with the life-changing message of Jesus.

Keeping this truth in mind, Morrow tackles the tough questions that arise during these formative years, including:

- How do I grow spiritually?
- Is all truth relative?
- How do I manage my time both to study well and have fun?
- How can I discover what I am supposed to do with my life?
- As a Christian, how should I view issues such as drinking, dating and sex?

The first edition of *Welcome to College*, released a decade ago, was extremely popular and still very applicable to today. In this new edition, each chapter has been updated, and Morrow added chapters addressing the tyranny of tolerance and Christianity, homosexuality, and the Bible. He also delves into how social media has changed our culture and how students' digital footprints will follow them all of their lives. Grounded in both his own extensive experience and biblical truth, Morrow's book is full of quick, easy-to-read chapters and practical advice.

"College is full of opportunities and challenges," Morrow muses. "I want students to own their faith and not just survive college, but to thrive there and have the kind of influence God created them for!"

Learn more about *Welcome to College* at www.welcometocollege.tv and www.jonathanmorrow.org. Jonathan Morrow is also on [Facebook](#) ([ThinkChristianlyOrg](#)) and [Twitter](#) ([@Jonathan_Morrow](#)).

Advance Praise

"I know of no better book you can put into the hands of a Christian student headed to college."

~ John Stonestreet, president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview (from the book's foreword)

"*Welcome to College* has been my go-to book for helping students prepare to succeed spiritually, relationally and academically in college. There is no other book that has such depth and balance. And I am thrilled to see that Jonathan has written a timely and helpful update, incorporating many of the biggest issues students face today. This book is a must-read for all Christian students who hope to have a vibrant faith in college."

~ Sean McDowell, best-selling author, speaker and professor at Biola University

"If I could give just one apologetics book to a Christian going off to college, it is this one. Jonathan Morrow goes well beyond providing evidence for Christianity (as most such books do) — he provides succinct and sound answers to the kinds of moral and emotional issues that often trip up Christian college students. Highly recommended!"

~ Frank Turek, broadcaster and author of *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* and *Correct, Not Politically Correct*

"In this updated second edition, Jonathan has improved an already excellent resource by adding the latest evidence for theism and Christianity and including critical discussions of controversial social and moral issues. If you're a student, don't you dare enter college until you've allowed Jonathan Morrow to prepare you. *Welcome to College: A Christ-Follower's Guide for the Journey* is essential to your success at university."

~ J. Warner Wallace, cold-case detective, author of *Cold-Case Christianity* and adjunct professor at Biola University

"I know of no other book that has the breadth and depth of *Welcome to College* to help us equip the next generation with the truth. . . . This book is a must-read for every Christian student heading off to college. My own kids will certainly have a copy in their hands as they step onto the college campus."

~ Brett Kunkle, student impact director at Stand to Reason (str.org)

About the Author



Jonathan Morrow feels like he was able to do college right, with no major regrets. Although he admits to not having all the answers, his mission is to help other students do the same. Morrow is currently the director of cultural engagement and immersion at Impact 360 Institute where he trains high school and college students in Christian worldview, apologetics, and leadership. He also serves as an adjunct professor of apologetics at Biola University.

Morrow is the author of *Welcome to College*, *Questioning the Bible* and *Think Christianly*. He also co-authored *Is God Just a Human Invention?* with Sean McDowell and has contributed chapters to *Foundations of Spiritual Formation* and *A New Kind of*

Apologist. Morrow has contributed articles to several publications and his books have been featured on a number of national radio programs.

He graduated with an MDiv and an MA in philosophy of religion and ethics as well as a DMin in Worldview and Culture from the Talbot School of Theology at Biola University. Morrow and his wife are the parents of three and currently live in Georgia.

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Suggested interview questions

- What are possibly the most frightening questions a graduating high school senior can be asked?
- We've all heard statistics about how many students walk away from their Christian faith during their college years. Are the numbers truly as bad as we have heard?
- How important are the high school and college years in setting the trajectory for a life of following Jesus?
- When should a parent or youth worker first present your book to his or her student?
- Tell us about how *Welcome to College* is set up and designed to be used. What are some of the topics you introduce and discuss?
- How can parents better prepare their children for the college experience, especially the new freedoms and responsibilities that come from being away from home?
- What challenges do college students face today that may not have been as prevalent when you wrote the first edition of *Welcome to College* nine years ago?
- How has social media affected culture as a whole? As individuals, what should students be particularly mindful of in their online interactions?
- What is one of the most important first things a new student can do when he or she arrives at college?
- What three pieces of wisdom do you offer students just starting out on their college experience?
- You write, "Most Christians have bought into the lie that religious beliefs are to be kept private and should not impact who you are — and what you say — in public. It's easy to fall into this way of thinking, but I want to help you avoid this trap because it will weaken your faith." In a time where society is increasingly hostile toward Christianity, what advice can you share for being courageous and firm in our beliefs?
- One of the chapters is on tolerance. Is OK to have friends who believe differently than we do?
- What is one of the most important lessons you learned during your time in college? What's something you wished you had done differently?
- Where can students go for more resources on building a Christian worldview and not only surviving but thriving during the college experience?

To request a review copy of *Welcome to College*, to schedule an interview with Jonathan Morrow or for more information, please contact Audra Jennings, audra@litfusegroup.com.