

BACKGROUND

Jonathan Noyes

As an atheist, Jonathan used to think belief in God was unwarranted and actually irresponsible. Then, after examining the evidence for Christianity, he was faced with the fact that Jesus is who He says He is, and the Christian worldview tells the true story of reality.

Since then, Jon has been passionate about engaging the culture with honest, well-thought-out reasons why people should trust the Christian worldview. Jon has developed a series of passionate talks to do just that.

Jonathan grew up in Plymouth, MA, and attended American University in Washington, DC, where he studied criminal justice. In 2013, he earned a master's degree in Christian Apologetics from Biola University, and graduated with honors. Having more than ten years' experience in the legal field and serving more than five years as a pastor in his local church, Jon brings a unique perspective to his audiences and the Stand to Reason team. Perhaps what's more effective is that Jon was an atheist and spent much of his life arguing against the existence of God. Due to his past, Jonathan is now passionate about training Christians to not only think more clearly about what they believe and why, but also to be able to communicate these things to the people around them effectively. He currently lives in Newbury Park, CA, with his amazing wife and four daughters. He also serves on the board of directors for Life Without Limbs and Beacon Hill Classical Academy, where he teaches discipleship.



God has ignited a passion in me for seeing His church filled with ambassadors who are well-informed and trained. I want His saints equipped to face the unique challenges offered by a culture that is pressing at fundamental ideas of what it even means to be human. We are witness to a generation of people who have perhaps never been further from finding the true answers to life's most important questions than ever before.

I also know that the Christian worldview is the true story of reality and touches on almost all practical aspects of life. That's why I train students, parents, and leaders to respond to questions on topics like evolution, moral relativism, the problem of evil, naturalism, suicide, euthanasia, and abortion.

I've also experienced firsthand what training does to the believer. When trained, the Christian becomes more confident and willing to share their convictions with friends, coworkers, teachers, neighbors, and colleagues. I can think of no time in history when this training is more needed than now.

My mission: To equip and train everyday followers of Jesus Christ with knowledge and tools to think clearly and make an intellectually honest, gracious, and incisive defense of the Christian worldview out in the public square, going beyond Sunday mornings and the comfort of our local church body and out into the culture.

In His Grip,



Jon Noyes

Stand to Reason

Speaker & Outreach Coordinator



"I have had the privilege of working with Jon at multiple Student Impact Summits, hosted by Patrick Henry College. His powerful personal story and his grasp of the real questions that students are facing make him a highly effective speaker. Jon understands it's not just about responding to the content of an argument. It's about connecting with the questioner's heart in ways that show the love of Christ."

– Jack W. Haye,
President, Patrick Henry College

"Jon Noyes is an apologist who genuinely loves the things of God and things God loves, namely people. His passion for reaching the seeker is exhilarating and infectious. In a day and age when there is so much confusion over the important questions in life, we are thankful to have someone like Jon who can't wait to come alongside others to make sense of the doubts and uncertainties of our human experience. He has a knack for communicating the deep truths of God in a way that makes a listener wanting to learn more. His talks are engaging and persuasive, delivered unpretentiously, so as to challenge the believer to think and the thinker to believe."

– Harry Edwards,
Associate Director, Christian Apologetics Program,
Talbot School of Theology





"Jon Noyes is an excellent, enthusiastic speaker with an incredible ability to engage the minds of youth. We invited Jon to speak at our middle school to challenge the students in their faith. His unique approach and style had all of them on the edge of their seats and eagerly participating. His depth of knowledge combined with humor and passion in defending Biblical truth is contagious. I highly recommend Jon as a speaker for all youth. You will not be disappointed!"

– Laurie Gourley,
Director, Living Oaks Middle School
Academic Alliance

"I had the pleasure of working with Jon Noyes for two years, and as a speaker, I highly recommend him. Jon's testimony of faith in Christ is genuine, authentic, and his love of conversational apologetics is captivating. At the event he was speaking, teenagers were the primary audience, and they were engrossed. Jon's ability to connect with every audience through his own story, and by engaging them with questions, is excellent. Jon is great to work with, and I would highly recommend him as a speaker."

– Aimee Stauf,
Director of Student Recruitment,
Patrick Henry College





“Jon Noyes is a hard-working, faithful brother with a servant’s heart and a passion for others to know Christ and to grow in their maturity in Him. As a former radical atheist, he understands the challenges of secularism and how to respond to them. Jon is a great addition to our wonderful team at STR. ”

– Greg Koukl
President and Founder, Stand to Reason