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Biographies

Christopher Hitchens is a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair* and a visiting professor of liberal studies at the New School in New York. He is a regular contributor to the *Atlantic Monthly* and *Slate* and the author of numerous books, including *Letters to a Young Contrarian* and *Why Orwell Matters*. He was named one of the “Top 100 Public Intellectuals” by *Foreign Policy* and *Prospect*. As foreign correspondent and travel writer, he has written from more than sixty countries on all five continents. From 1982 to 2002, he wrote the column “The Minority Report” for *The Nation*. Since 1992, he has been columnist and contributing editor at *Vanity Fair* and, at various times, Washington editor and columnist for *Harper’s* magazine and American columnist and correspondent for the *Spectator*, the *New Statesman*, the *Times Literary Supplement*, *Sunday Today*, and the *Sunday Correspondent*.

Jay W. Richards is research fellow and director of Acton Media at the Acton Institute in Grand Rapids, MI. He holds a Ph.D. in philosophy and theology with honors from Princeton Theological Seminary, where he was a teaching fellow, and master’s degrees from Calvin Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA. Richards has written scholarly and popular articles for the *Washington Post*, *National Review Online*, and *Washington Times* and several books, including *The Untamed God* and *The Christian Case for Capitalism* (in preparation); with astronomer Guillermo Gonzalez he is co-author of *The Privileged Planet: How Our Place in the Cosmos is Designed for Discovery*. He is executive producer of the documentary *The Call of the Entrepreneur* (2007).

Michael Cromartie (Moderator) is vice president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, where he directs both *Evangelicals in Civic Life* and *Religion & the Media*. He is chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, a senior advisor to the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, and a senior fellow with The Trinity Forum. The host of Radio America's weekly show “Faith and Life”, Cromartie is an adjunct professor at the Reformed Theological Seminary and an advisory editor of *Christianity Today*. He serves on the board of directors of Mars Hill Audio, and was an advisor for the PBS documentary series *With God on Our Side: The Rise of the Christian Right in America*. He is the co-editor with Richard John Neuhaus of *Piety and Politics*.

Ben Stein (Host), well known for his acting career and signature role in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, is also an author, economist, and lawyer. Stein graduated with honors from Columbia University and was valedictorian of his Yale Law School graduating class. He served as a speechwriter to Presidents Nixon and Ford. A poverty lawyer in New Haven and Washington, D.C. and a trial lawyer at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C., Stein has taught on the faculties of American University in Washington, D.C., the University of California at Santa Cruz, and Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA. He writes a regular column for the *American Spectator* and he has also written for the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and numerous other newspapers and magazines. He has published seven novels and nine nonfiction books.

Resources

***God is Not Great: How Religion
Poisons Everything***

by Christopher Hitchens
www.amazon.com

“Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed”

starring Ben Stein
to be released February 2008
www.expelledthemovie.com

***The Privileged Planet: How Our Place
in the Cosmos is Designed for Discovery***

by Guillermo Gonzalez and Jay W.
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www.amazon.com

***Choosing Your Faith in a World of
Spiritual Options***

by Mark Mittelberg
www.tyndale.com

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