Abdu Murray

Abdu Murray is a speaker, author, and attorney who specializes in addressing issues where religious faith and emerging cultural trends intersect and collide. Since founding Embrace the Truth in 2004, Abdu has spent decades analyzing how the major religious and non-religious thought traditions have attempted to address emerging cultural issues. He has written four books, including

Saving Truth
Grand Central Question
Apocalypse Later
More than a White Man's Religion: Why the Gospel is Not Merely White, Male-Centered, or Just a Religion

His articles have been featured in Fox News, Christianity Today, Christian Post, and Western Journal.

Murray has tackled complex issues in Q&A forums, debates, and dialogues at leading universities such as Yale, Berkeley, University of Michigan, University of Florida, Laurentian University, San Marcos University, Universidad Cientifica del Sur, and others around the world. He has also addressed political and business leaders in countries such as the United States, Canada, Peru, and Hong Kong. Mr. Murray hosts the podcast and YouTube shows, *All Rise, Deliberations LIVE, and CouldaShouldaWoulda*. His YouTube videos have been viewed millions of times across the globe.

While an attorney at two major law firms in Detroit, he was named to Best Lawyers in America and to Michigan Super Lawyers. Murray lives in the Metro Detroit area with his wife and their three children.

EDUCATION:

1999	Juris Doctor, University of Michigan Law School
1995	Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, Psychology, University of Michigan
	James B. Angell Scholar, Class Honors
1991	State University of New York at Buffalo - Full Athletic Scholarship for Division I NCAA Basketball

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NOTABLE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, MEDIA APPEARANCES, AND DIALOGUES:

Nationally Syndicated and International Media

Focus on the Family
Fox News - Spirited Debate and Lighthouse Faith (with Loren Green)
The Eric Metaxas Show
In the Market with Janet Parshall
Equipped with Chris Brooks
Chris Fabry Live
Breakpoint
Unbelievable? With Justin Brierley
100 Huntley Street
SRN News
Iran Alive
Life Today with Randy Robison
CrossExamined with Dr. Frank Turek
Various Podcasts and YouTube shows

UNIVERSITY OPEN FORUMS AND DIALOGUES

United States:	**Canada and Abroad:**
Yale University	University of Toronto
University of California Berkeley	McGill University (Montreal)
University of Michigan	San Marcos University (Peru)
University of Michigan Law School	Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru
Indiana University	Universidad Cientifica del Sur
Michigan State University	Universidad Nacional Frederico Villareal (Peru)
University of Kentucky	University of Calgary
University of Florida	Trinity Western University (British Columbia)
University of Georgia	University of Saskatchewan
University of Delaware	Ryerson University (Ontario)
University of Central Florida	Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madre & Maestra Law School (Santo Domingo, DR)
University of Alabama, Huntsville	Laurentian University (Ontario)
University of Virginia	

University of North Carolina, Charlotte

University of South Carolina

University of Hawaii

Western Michigan University - Debate with John Loftus, *Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?*

West Texas A&M University - Debate with Matt Dillahunty, *Should America be a Nation Under God?*

POLITICAL AND PROFESSIONAL VENUES

Washington D.C. - "At the Table" table facilitator with senators, representatives, and media regarding faith and public welfare

Ottawa - Various presentations to Ministers of Parliament

Ottawa - Presentations on "Debate without Hate" and "Living and Working in a Post-Truth Culture" to a

ambassadors, diplomats, and staff through Christian Embassy

Lima, Peru - Peruvian Congress, La Contraloria General de La Republica Del Peru,

Lima, Peru - Bar Association of Lima

Hong Kong - Presentation on "The Grand Central Question" to business leaders

Huntsville, Alabama - Young Business Leaders Breakfast

Bethel, Pennsylvania - Christian Legal Society

Naples, Florida - The CEO Forum

APOLOGETICS CONFERENCES, TEACHING , AND EVENTS

Jogjakarta and Bali, Indonesia - Speaker on apologetics and evangelism

Singapore - Adams Road Church and various locations

Manila, Philippines - Christ Commission Fellowship and various locations

Charlotte, North Carolina - National Conference on Christian Apologetics

Atlanta, Georgia - Repairing the Ruins Conference organized by the Association of Classical Christian Schools

Los Angeles, California - AMP Conference with Reasons to Believe

Belo Horizonte, Brazil - Speaker & trainer at missionary training center

Alabama - Rethink Conference with Stand to Reason

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada - Breakforth Conference

United Arab Emirates - Dubai and Sharjah (Various venues)

London, England - City Gates Church

Sydney, Australia

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada - Symposium on Human Rights

Jacksonville, Florida - Tim Tebow Foundation Retreat

Goa India – Pastor's Conference

Publications

BOOKS:

More than a White Man's Religion - Why the Gospel Has Never Been Merely White, Male-Centered, or Just Another Religion. Zondervan, 2022

Though many today accuse Christianity of being a white, imperialistic religion, it is actually the source for cherished Western ideals of racial and gender equality. Without overlooking the places where Christianity has failed to live up to its own ideals, More Than a White Man's Religion tackles head-on one of the most serious challenges to the Christian faith in our multicultural age and demonstrates how the gospel can inspire positive change for modern culture.

Saving Truth - Finding Meaning and Clarity in a Post-Truth World. Zondervan, 2018.

Increasingly, Western culture has mistaken the quest for autonomy with the pursuit of freedom. Accordingly, appeals to feelings and preferences have prevailed over claims based on facts and truth. This cultural phenomenon led the compilers of the Oxford English Dictionary to name "post-truth" their word of the year in 2016. It's popularity and relevance has only increased since then. By accurately describing the Culture of Confusion and how it has affected our society, Saving Truth seeks to awaken Westerners to the plight they find themselves in.

Grand Central Question - Answering the Critical Questions of the Major Worldviews. InterVarsity Press, 2014

Christians long to share the Gospel with those who hold different worldviews, only to find themselves ill equipped to answer such peoples' deepest questions. As a result, Christians shrink away from fulfilling the Great Commission. Grand Central Question (a) explains that each of the major worldviews tries to address a particular, focal issue and (b) shows that the Gospel addresses these genuine issues in intelligent and emotionally satisfying ways.

Apocalypse Later – Why the Gospel of Peace Must Trump the Politics of Prophecy in the Middle East. Kregel Publications, 2009

Many evangelicals have used the ongoing conflict in the Middle East as fodder for debates over how to interpret prophecy, instead of seeing it as the human tragedy that it is. In Apocalypse Later, former Muslim Abdu Murray urges Christians to change their focus from eschatology to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to demonstrate to non-believers that the Gospel, and the Gospel alone, provides credible answers to the deepest questions that come from conflict.

ARTICLES

Op-Ed: How Stereotypical Barbie Might Shatter Stereotypes About the Bible - Fox News, August 2023

Op-Ed: Question from the Front Lines: Did God Make a Mistake Creating Same-Sex Attracted or Trans People? - The Christian Post, June 2023

Op-Ed: Pluralism, Confusion and the Roads to God - The Christian Post, June 2023

Op-Ed: Juneteenth and the Ethnic Mosaic of Christianity - The Christian Post, June 2023

Op-Ed: The Danger of ChatGPT for Humanity in God's Image - The Western Journal, March 2023

Our Olive-Skinned Gospe/- Christianity Today, April 20, 2020

Canceled: How the Eastern Honor-Shame Mentality Traveled West - The Gospel Coalition, May 2020

How to Outgrow Your Christmas Skepticism - The Gospel Coalition, December 2019

A Visit with Luis Palau, Still on Fire for Christ in the Sunset of Life - Christianity Today, June 2019

How to Navigate the Maze of our Post-Truth Culture - Outreach Magazine, December 2018

Saving Truth - Outreach Magazine, May 2018

Why We Can't Seem to Follow the Golden Rule - Outreach Magazine, May 2018