

Dr. Os Guinness

Dr. Os Guinness speaks and writes about many issues connected with faith, society and public policy. He strives to bridge the gulf between the academic world and the common man, taking matters that are academically important and making them intelligible and useful to a wider audience -- especially as they concern matters of public policy.

Dr. Guinness was born during World War II in China, where his parents were medical missionaries and remained there until 1951 when the communists forced most foreigners to leave. Since then, he has lived mostly in England, Switzerland and the United States.

The great-great-great-grandson of Arthur Guinness, the famous Dublin brewer, Dr. Guinness completed his undergraduate studies at the University of London, and postgraduate studies at University of Oxford, where he graduated with a PhD in the social sciences from Oriel College.

Since 1984, Dr. Guinness has lived in suburban Washington, DC. He was a Guest Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Studies and then a Guest Scholar and Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution. From 1986-1989, he was the Executive Director of the Williamsburg Charter Foundation, one of the drafters of the Williamsburg Charter on Religious Liberty, and co-author of the public school curriculum, "Living With Our Deepest Differences."

In 1991, Dr. Guinness founded the Trinity Forum, which conducts seminars for senior executives and political leaders to discuss the leading ideas of our day in the context of faith. He served as a senior fellow at the Trinity Forum until 2003.

Dr. Guinness has written or edited more than 25 books, including most recently, "The Case for Civility and Why Our Future Depends on It." A frequent speaker and seminar leader at political and business conferences in the United States, Europe and Asia, Dr. Guinness has lectured at many of the world's leading universities, such as Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard and Stanford, and has often spoken on Capitol Hill.

Dr. Guinness and his wife, Jenny, have one son who is a graduate law student at the University of Virginia.