

# John H. Coe

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Director, Institute for Spiritual Formation

- Ph.D., University of California, Irvine
- M.A., University of California, Irvine
- M.A., Western Kentucky University
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- B.A., Biola University

## **Research Interests**

- Nature of spiritual and psychological health
- History of spirituality
- The work of the Holy Spirit in personal change and the interface between psychology, spirituality and philosophy.
- Exploring approaches to spiritual direction as a compliment to Christian psychotherapy.

## **Courses**

- Integration of Psychology and Theology

## **Awards and Honors**

- Biola University Robert B. Fischer Award for Faculty Excellence, 2009
- Biola University Faculty Award for Teaching of Integration, 2004.
- Biola Research Grant Fall 1998.
- Elected President, Christian Association For Psychological Studies (CAPS), Western Division, 1994-1998.
- Puritan Seminar Grant, 1995.
- Christianity and Science Seminar, 1994.
- Biola Research Grant, 1993.
- Teaching Associate, Division of Humanities, University of California, Irvine, 1987-1989.
- Teaching Assistant, Philosophy Department, University of California, Irvine, 1985-1987.
- Regents Fellow, University of California, Irvine, 1985.
- Research Assistant, Philosophy Department, Western Kentucky University, 1983-1985.
- William Bass Award for Outstanding Student in Philosophy of Religion, Talbot School of Theology, 1982.

## **Publications**

### **Books**

- Coe, J.C. & Hall, T.W. (2010). *Psychology in the Spirit: Contours of a Transformational Psychology*. InterVarsity Press, Christian Worldview Integration Series.
- “Wildlife in the Kingdom Come: An Explorer Looks at the Critters and Creatures of the Theological Kingdom.” Zondervan Publishing, 1993.
- “When God Seems Absent: An Evangelical Approach to the Dark Night of the Soul, or Making Sense of Our Spiritual Dark Nights: Ancient Wisdom for our Evangelical Journey.” (research in progress).

### **Articles in Professional Journals**

- Coe, J. (2003). “Musings on the dark night of the soul: Insights from St. John of the Cross on a developmental spirituality.” In T.W. Hall & M. McMinn (Eds.) *Spiritual formation, counseling and psychotherapy* (pp. 72-91). New York: Nova
- Coe, J. (2000). “Intentional spiritual formation in the classroom: Making space for the spirit in the university.” *Journal of Christian Education*
- Coe, J. (2000). “Musing on the dark night of the soul: Insights from St. John of the Cross on a developmental spirituality.” *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, Winter 2000.
- Coe, J. (1999). “Beyond relationality to union: A pneumodynamic approach to personality and psychopathology.” *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*, Summer 1999.
- Coe, John. “An Interdependent Model for Integration and the Christian University”, *Faculty Dialogue*, Spring 1994, 21, pp. 111-138.
- Rae, Scott and Coe, John, “Reproductive Technologies and a Theology of the Family”, *Ethics and Medicine*, Spring 1994 (ed.) Nigel Cameron.
- Coe, John, “Revelation from Above and Below the Sun: The War of Either/Or”, *Table Talk*, R.C. Sproul's Ligonier Ministries, 1993 (forthcoming).
- Coe, John. “Featured Review of Robert Roberts Taking the Word to Heart: Self and Other in an Age of Therapies”, *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, Fall 1993.

### **Chapters or Articles in Books/Encyclopedias**

- Coe, J. (2001). “Being faithful to one's gender: A Biblical theology of masculinity and femininity.” In R. Saucy & J. TenElshof, (Eds.) *A theology of man and woman in the Church*

- Coe, J. (1999). "Celibacy." In D.G. Benner & P.C. Hill ( Eds.). Baker encyclopedia of psychology. (2nd ed.). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan
- Coe, J., & Narramore, B. (1999). "Conscience." In D.G. Benner & P.C. Hill ( Eds.). Baker encyclopedia of psychology. (2nd ed.). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan
- Coe, J., & Narramore, B. (1999). "Guilt." In D.G. Benner & P.C. Hill ( Eds.). Baker encyclopedia of psychology. (2nd ed.). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan
- Coe, J., & Powlison, D. (1999). "Biblical counseling." In D.G. Benner & P.C. Hill ( Eds.). Baker encyclopedia of psychology. (2nd ed.). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan

### **Presentations**

- Coe, John, "Divine and Natural Law in a Post-Enlightenment Ethics", Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) Western Division Annual Meeting, 1988.
- Coe, John, "Why Biblical Counseling is Unbiblical or Speaking Psychology Gently into the Church", Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) Western Division Annual Meeting, 1991. Also presented Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) International Conference, 1991 and the Local Chapter of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) Western Division, September, 1993.
- Coe, John, "Theological Contributions to the Practice of Psychotherapy: Musings on the Biblical and Historical Foundations of Integration", Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) International Conference, 1991.
- Coe, John, "An Interdependent Model of Integration and the Christian University", Biola Grant and Summer Presentation to Faculty, 1991.
- Coe, John, "Is Christ Sufficient: A Response to MacArthur's Indictment Against Christian Psychology", Second International Congress on Christian Counseling, Atlanta, 1992. Also presented Western Division, San Gabriel Valley Chapter, Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) Western Division, May 1993.
- Coe, John, "God and Caesar in the Psychological Arena: Who Has the Answers?", Evangelical Theological Society (ETS), Washington D.C., November 1993.
- Coe, John, "What Solomon Learned From Psychology: An Integrative Look at Ecclesiastes", Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) International Conference, San Antonio, Texas, 1994.
- Coe, John, "Aristotle and Solomon: Ancient Forms of Ethical Naturalism or Two Reasons I'm No Longer at Home in Evangelicalism or the Liberal Democratic State", presented to Talbot Philosophy of Religion Colloquium, 1994.
- Coe, John, "The Crucial Impact of Scientific Explanations on the History of Ethics: An Ethicist Appealing for Help", presented to the Christianity and Science Seminar, Biola University, 1995.

- Coe, John, “How Becoming a Therapist Affects Spirituality in Marriage: Non-Clinical Spouses Speak Out”, co-presented by Mikala Legako, R. Sorenson, J. Coe and J. Jones. Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) International 1995.
- Coe, John, “Natural Revelation, God Images and Psychopathology: The Unsympathetic Voice of Creation”, Local Chapter of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) Western Division, 1995. Also presented at President's Luncheon Biola University, 1995 and Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) International Conference, 1996.
- Coe, John, “The Virtue of Despair: A Theologian's Journey Through Psychology”, Presidential Address, Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) Western Division, 1995.
- Coe, John, “The Relationship between Theology and the Natural Disciplines: The Heart Beat of a University”, Keynote Address to faculty retreat, Colorado Christian University, Summer 1995.
- Coe, John, “Twenty Integration Busters: Tips to Checking Your University's Pulse”, Keynote Address to faculty retreat, Colorado Christian University, Summer 1995.
- Coe, John, “Experiential Integration”, Biola Faculty Summer Workshop, 1996 (paper and discussion led with Dr. Saucy).
- Coe, John, “Spirituality in the University”, Panel Discussion participant with Drs. James Houston, Klaus Issler etc., Biola University, 1998.
- Coe, John, “The Spiritual Journey of a Theologian”, Keynote address at 1996 Bay Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) Mini Conference "On Integration: Faith and Counseling," San Francisco, 1996.
- Coe, John, “No Longer Alone: A Theologian's Journey to the Spirit”, Keynote address to Washington Conference of Spirituality, Seattle, 1997.
- Coe, John, “Life in the Spirit: St. John of the Cross's Contemplative Spirituality”, Keynote address to Washington Conference of Spirituality, Seattle, 1997.
- Sorenson, Randy and Coe, John, “Integrating the Integrators”, (Panel discussion with R. Sorenson), Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) International, 1997.
- Coe, John, “Apologetics and Spirituality”, Defending the Faith Conference, Biola 1997.
- Coe, John, “A Spiritual-Developmental Approach to Understanding and Assessing Spirituality: Response to Fowler”, Christian College Coalition, Taylor University, January 1998.
- Coe, John, “Pneumadynamic Approach to Personality”, Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) West, June 1998.
- Coe, John, “Apologetics and Spirituality”, Defending the Faith Conference, Biola 1998.

- Hall, Todd; Edwards, Keith and Coe, John, “Developmental Approach to Spirituality in Assessment Scales”, Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS), International 1999.
- Coe, John, “Stages of Life in the Spirit: Finding New Love in the Dark Night of the Soul”, Christian Spirituality and Soul Care Lecture Series, Biola 1999.
- Coe, John, “Education as Training in Righteousness: Making Room for the Spirit in the Classroom”, Founders Week Lecture, Biola 2000 and Beyond, Biola University, Spring 2000.
- Coe, John, “The Dark Night of the Soul in Psychology”, Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) West, Santa Clara, CA, 2000.
- Coe, John, “Being Faithful to Christ in One's Gender”, Christian Spirituality and Soul Care Lecture Series, Biola Fall 2000.
- Coe, John, “Collective Theology: An Integrative Approach to Systematic Theology”, Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) Western Region, Sun Valley, CA, 2000.
- Coe, John, “Making Space for the Spirit in the Seminary”, Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) International, Nashville, TN, 2000 and Conference on Spirituality, Dallas, TX, May 2001.
- Coe, John. “The Weaving and Healing of a Heart”, two-day Keynote speaker to mental health professionals and hospital chaplains, Gallipolis, Ohio, Spring 2001.
- Coe, John. “Intentional Spiritual Formation in the Classroom”, Knowing God Conference, Dallas Theological Seminary, Spring 2001.
- Coe, John. “Spiritual Formation at Talbot School of Theology”, Knowing God Conference, Dallas Theological Seminary, Spring 2001.
- Coe, John. “Evangelical Boundaries in Spiritual Formation: An Evangelical Understanding of the Dark Night of the Soul”, Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) International, Colorado Springs, CL, Nashville, 2001.

#### **Affiliations**

- American Philosophy Association (Member)
- Christian Association for Psychological Studies (Member), President Elect 1994-1998
- Evangelical Theological Society (Member)

#### **Contact**

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