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## Civil Conversations: The Next Christians

**JIM DALY, PRESIDENT, FOCUS ON THE FAMILY**

**GABE LYONS, FOUNDER, Q**

**HOSTED BY KRISTA TIPPETT, "ON BEING", AMERICAN PUBLIC MEDIA**

Jim Daly and Gabe Lyons are emerging figures of authority in important spheres of American Christianity that fall under the radar, especially in poll-oriented political seasons. They represent the diversity within American Evangelicalism that is lost in coverage of Christian voters and candidates, and the way this significant swath of American religiosity continues to evolve. Gabe Lyons is a voice for a new generation, and a new key, of evangelical: alienated by the strident public Christianity of recent decades, and committed to finding ways for Christian conviction to have a robust and constructive place in the pluralistic culture of the 21st century. Jim Daly shares this concern, even as he represents the legacy of Focus on the Family, one of the most publicly influential conservative "moral values" organizations of recent decades. He succeeded James Dobson as president of that organization.

*The Civil Conversations Project is brought to you by public radio's Krista Tippett ("On Being"), in collaboration with the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, the Brookings Institution, and the John C. Danforth Center for Religion & Politics.*



### **JIM DALY**

Jim Daly is president of Focus on the Family, a global Christian ministry dedicated to helping families thrive, and host of its National Radio Hall of Fame-honored daily broadcast, heard by more than 2.9 million people each week. The show was honored as 2012 Program of the Year by the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB). Orphaned at 9, Daly became a Christian as a teen-ager and found meaning, purpose and a sense of belonging for the first time in his life. Daly assumed the presidency of Focus in 2005 after 16 years in several

executive roles, primarily in marketing, donor relations and international partnerships. Under his leadership, the organization has reinvigorated its traditional focus on helping couples build strong marriages and raise healthy, resilient kids. In just the last 12 months, research indicates Focus on the Family has helped save one marriage every six minutes and helps a family through a crisis involving their children every 90 seconds. Newsweek named Daly one of the Top 10 next-generation evangelical leaders of influence. He has appeared on Larry King Live and ABC World News Tonight as well as in USA Today and The New York Times. He also is a regular panelist for the Washington Post's blog, "On Faith." Daly's third book, ReFOCUS: Living a Life That Reflects God's Heart, will be released in the fall. He and his wife, Jean, have two boys and live in Colorado Springs, Colo.

### **GABE LYONS**



Gabe Lyons is the author of *The Next Christians: The Good News About the End of Christian America* and the founder of Q – a learning community that mobilizes Christians to advance the common good in society. Additionally, he is the co-author of *UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity and Why It Matters*, a bestselling book based on original research that revealed the pervasiveness of pop culture's negative perceptions of Christians.

Prior to launching Q, Gabe co-founded Catalyst, a national gathering of young leaders. His work represents the perspectives of a new generation of Christians and has been featured by CNN, The New York Times, Fox News and USA Today. Gabe, his wife Rebekah, and their three children reside in Manhattan, New York.

### **KRISTA TIPPETT**

Host Krista Tippett is a Peabody-award-winning broadcaster and New York Times bestselling author. As the creator and host of public radio's *On Being*, she takes up the great animating questions of human life: What does it mean to be human? And how do we want to live? Krista and her guests reach beyond the headlines to explore meaning, faith, and ethics amidst the political, economic, cultural, and technological shifts of 21st century life. The program is heard on radio across the U.S. and globally via podcast. Krista was a journalist and diplomat in Cold War Berlin and holds a masters of divinity from Yale University. Her books include *Einstein's God - Conversations about Science and the Human Spirit*; and *Speaking of Faith – Why Religion Matters, and How to Talk about It*.



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