

Bart Campolo is a secular community builder, counselor and writer.

Born and raised in suburban Philadelphia, Bart became an evangelical Christian as a teenager and was immediately attracted to urban ministry. After graduating from Brown University and serving as an urban youth pastor in Minneapolis, he returned to Philadelphia to found Mission Year, a national service organization which recruits young adults to live and work among the poor in inner-city neighborhoods.

As he became an influential evangelical leader, however, Bart increasingly questioned his faith. In 2005 he returned to street-level ministry in inner-city Cincinnati, where he eventually completed his gradual transition from Christianity to secular humanism.

In 2014 he moved to Los Angeles to become the first humanist chaplain at the University of Southern California, and it was from there that he launched both his Humanize Me podcast and his counseling practice, both of which now reach people around the world.

Since moving back to Cincinnati in 2017, Bart's work has remained focused on inspiring and equipping people to make the most of their lives by actively pursuing goodness and meaning in an openly secular way.

His relationship with his famous (evangelical preacher) father has been critical to his evolution. "Tony Campolo is my Dad. He's also one of my all-time favorite people and the best in person communicator I've ever met. We've worked together on lots of ministry projects and at the end of my Christian career I served as the executive director of his ministry, EAPE. While my deconversion has been very difficult for him, my dad has been incredibly understanding and our relationship is still strong and mutually supportive. In fact a documentary film was made, [Leaving My Father's Faith](#), which truly captures the spirit of our ongoing conversation about his faith, my lues, and the wisdom of loving people even with whom you seriously disagree." In 2018 Bart and his father also co-authored the Harper-Collins book, [Why I Left, Why I Stayed](#).

In early 2019 Bart co-founded Caravan, a group of like-minded individuals, self-described as "dedicated humanists eager to build a community that focuses on helping others thrive through loving kindness,"

For more about Bart Campolo, read the 2016 New York Times article, [The Evangelical Scion Who Stopped Believing](#).