



## Tom Morris, Ph.D.

Tom Morris has become one of the most active public philosophers in the world due to his exceptional ability to bring the greatest wisdom of the past into the challenges of the present.

A native of Durham, North Carolina and a distinguished alumnus of Durham Academy, Morris was a Morehead Scholar at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, which has honored him, along with Michael Jordan, as a recipient of their "Distinguished Young Alumnus Award." He holds a Ph.D. in philosophy and religious studies from Yale University, as well as other honorary doctorates in recognition of his public work of bringing practical philosophy back into the cultural mix. Morris served for fifteen years as a professor of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, where he quickly became one of their most popular teachers, in many years having as much as an eighth of the entire student body in his classes. He is now chairman of the Morris Institute for Human Values.

Morris is the author of twenty published books. His twelfth book, *True Success: A New Philosophy of Excellence*, launched him into a new adventure as a public philosopher and advisor to the corporate world. His audiences have included such organizations as Toyota, General Motors, Ford Motor Company, Merrill Lynch, Verizon, IBM, Coca Cola, The US Air Force, Wells Real Estate Funds, International Paper, Price Waterhouse, Target Stores, Mattel, NBC Sports, *Business Week* magazine, Bayer, Deloitte and Touche, Federated Investors, Mass Mutual, Prudential, Raymond James, Citi Mortgage, Goldman Sachs, Taco Bell, Campbell Soup, MasterFoods, Minute Maid, The American Heart Association, United Health Group and The Young President's Organization, to name just a few, as well as many of the largest national and international trade associations.

Morris is also the author of the highly acclaimed and best-selling leadership classic *If Aristotle Ran General Motors* and the big yellow book, often seen in college dorms nationwide the night before final exams, *Philosophy for Dummies*. Other more recent books include *The Art of Achievement*, *The Stoic Art of Living* and *Superheroes and Philosophy*, where Superman and Batman finally meet Plato and Aristotle. Morris' newest best-selling book about life and business is entitled, *If Harry Potter Ran General Electric: Leadership Wisdom from the World of the Wizards*. It's currently bringing magic into people's lives around the world.

Morris' work has been featured, noticed, commented on or covered by such diverse news outlets and media as CNN, NBC, CNBC, The Learning Channel (TLC), NPR's *Morning Edition*, NPR's *Talk of the Nation*, *The New York Times*, *Fast Company*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *USA Today*, *Newsweek*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Dallas Morning News*, *The Washington Post*, *The Las Vegas Sun*, *USA Weekly*, *The Economist*, *Readers' Digest*, *The Globe and Mail*, *Die Zeit*, *German Elle*, *Voce:SA*, *L'Agefi*, ABC.com, *The Leaky Cauldron* and many other magazines, newspapers and websites across the globe.



Morris has also appeared as the philosopher he is in special features on *The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles: DVD Collection* presented by Lucas Film and on *The Complete Superman Collection DVD*, presented by Warner Home Video. You will often see “The Sage of Steel” wherever wisdom is to be found.

Born Thomas Victor Morris and known by his students as “TV Morris,” he is the first philosopher in history to appear in network TV commercials, where he has served as the national spokesman for Winnie the Pooh, Disney Home Videos. He is also the only thinker ever to engage in early morning philosophy with Regis Philbin on his talk show and on *TODAY* with Matt Lauer, among many other national broadcasts. Morris is known for bringing the insights of the great thinkers into the drama of everyday life with high energy and good humor. His message is helping to change lives and revolutionize business practices everywhere.

He may be the world's happiest philosopher.

Morris now blogs regularly at *The Huffington Post* and is on twitter as TomVMorris. His latest book, *Twisdom (Twitter Wisdom): A Philosopher Ponders Life in 140 Characters or Less*, is the first book of wisdom to arise out of the amazing social media website Twitter.