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why is justice fair why are so many people pursuing spirituality why do we crave relationship and why is beauty so beautiful n t wright argues that each of these questions takes us into the mystery of who god is and what he wants from us for two thousand years christianity has claimed to answer these mysteries and this renowned biblical scholar and anglican bishop shows that it still does today like c s lewis did in his classic mere christianity wright makes the case for christian faith from the ground up assuming that the reader is starting from ground zero with no predisposition to and perhaps even some negativity toward religion in general and christianity in particular his goal is to describe christianity in as simple and accessible yet hopefully attractive and exciting a way as possible both to say to outsides Ôyou might want to look at this further Ö and to say to insiders Ôyou may not have quite understood this bit clearly yet Ö

in our post christian society many skeptics atheists and agnostics assume that the christian faith involves belief in spite of a lack of evidence and that christianity encourages its adherents to be satisfied with not understanding the world this is untrue christianity has a legacy of thought and logic and a convincing case can be made that modern science and western culture could only have sprung from the judeo christian worldview although questions of origins purpose and meaning are not easily proved true in a scientific or empirical sense things can be true without empirical proof it does not follow that religion is untrue or that religious belief is for the credulous and the gullible many of the presuppositions underlying any worldview cannot be proven empirically and acceptance of many of the truth claims of atheism and postmodernism requires just as much faith as acceptance of the fundamentals of christianity this book is an attempt to demonstrate that biblical christianity is true in the sense that it is a logical interpretation of reality and our lived experience and that the implications of christian faith make more rational sense than a rejection of that faith

this book demonstrates that contrary to the claims of its critics christianity is not a refuge of foolish emotionalism or pie in the sky hopes on the contrary argue these authors it s irrational not to be christian that s because christianity makes sense reason thrives within its rigorous doctrines and inside its loving boundaries the human intellect is most free no wonder so many sensible men and women of all ages are converting to christianity these days whether you re approaching the christian faith from the outside or come to this book already a christian you ll find in these pages simple but not simplistic rational explanations of each of its core doctrines including evidence and proofs that god exists and his existence can be proven by reason god is not a force but a personal being who loves us evil does not disprove the existence of a good god each individual soul was created by god and is immortal religion is the reasonable response to the goodness of god the christian gospels are god s revelation of himself to us christ himself was truly god but he was also truly man christ died on the cross for the salvation of all mankind christ established a church to which all should belong that church still exists and has authority today and much more that shows how christianity makes sensethis is an excellent book for all honest inquirers and for all believing christians who want to know their faith better and to explain it to others

provides an accessible overview of the theory and practice of christian apologetics written by one of the leading experts in the field christian apologetics is a compact yet comprehensive introduction to the theological discipline devoted to the intellectual defense of the truth of the christian religion assuming no previous knowledge of christian apologetics this student friendly textbook clearly explains the major theoretical and practical aspects of the tradition while exploring its core themes historical development and current debates using a non denominational approach world renowned christian scholar alister e mcgrath engages the ideas of a wide range of representative apologists and explores the ways they have been applied throughout history and can still be used today concise easy to digest chapters gradually build students knowledge and confidence moving from basic definitions and concepts to more advanced theory and practical application throughout the text the author engages a variety of cultural concerns about religious belief illustrates the real life connection of apologetic studies and ministries in the church and offers clear explanations and vigorous defenses of the faith that students can adopt in their own writing and speaking introduces the art and science of explaining and commending the christian faith presents approaches to apologetics that emphasize the positive appeal of christianity to the imagination and emotions covers the major approaches to apologetics identifies their strengths and weaknesses and discusses their key representatives helps readers in ministry and outreach defend christianity against misunderstandings and misrepresentations addresses the real world application of apologetics including role models good practice and established wisdom features case studies of christian apologists such as g k chesterton dorothy l sayers and tim keller includes study questions activities further reading lists full references and links to video and audio resources developed by the author designed to meet the needs of teachers looking for a clear and reliable introduction to the field christian apologetics an introduction is an excellent textbook for undergraduate and graduate apologetics courses in colleges and seminaries as well as church courses and study groups across christian denominations mcgrath judiciously mines the best apologetics from both the past and present while helpfully analyzing the task of apologetics and giving sage advice on how christians may more effectively engage in the apologetic task i heartily recommend this book robert b stewart professor of philosophy and theology new orleans baptist theology seminary alister mcgrath one of christianity s leading scholars has written an apologetics textbook in the legacy of c s lewis which integrates multiple disciplines and new developments the result is a masterful introduction that is destined to serve the church for many years to come joshua chatraw the billy graham chair for evangelism and cultural engagement beeson divinity school from the first time i heard alister mcgrath lecture as an undergraduate student i was gripped his unique ability to grapple with the most

challenging and complex issues and communicate with clarity and wisdom is unsurpassed in our day in christian apologetics an introduction he provides a comprehensive picture of apologetic approaches with his classic combination of winsomeness and brilliance i believe it will prove to be another classic from mcgrath dr amy orr ewing honorary lecturer school of divinity university of aberdeen there has long been a desperate need for a thorough and wide ranging introduction to christian apologetics not least as this branch of christian thought and theology has become increasingly active and important in recent years alister mcgrath s christian apologetics an introduction fills this gap brilliantly all in all this is a much needed and incredibly important book one that mcgrath given his wide experience of writing and teaching in apologetics is almost uniquely qualified to write dr andy bannister adjunct professor of apologetics wycliffe college university of toronto

a chronic doubter responds to 20 of the most difficult questions about christianity from the foreword by j warner wallace a book written by a man who has genuinely struggled with the questions wrestled with doubts and emerged faithful on the other side he understands you does christianity still make sense years after bobby conway became a christian this question haunted him even though by then he was the pastor of a thriving church it seemed as if his entire belief structure was being dismantled had he been duped perhaps you can relate to how bobby felt maybe you find yourself questioning in the same way in this book bobby describes his own long journey through chronic doubt to a settled and confident trust in this book he responds to the twenty toughest challenges to the christian faith including these difficult questions why are there so many scandals in the church aren t christians just a bunch of hypocrites why do christians use god s name to oppress others why are so many christians racists why does god allow evil in the world is there reliable evidence for god s existence join bobby in this book as he explores these questions and many more while describing how he was hammered with doubts for years

everyone wants to believe in something beyond or someone bigger than themselves but nobody wants to be duped in order to provide answers to people who are seeking the truth mark mittelberg updates for today the classic book by robert laidlaw that sold millions the reason why this short book gives clear concise reasons why belief in god makes sense

we live in an age of skepticism our society places such faith in empirical reason historical progress and heartfelt emotion that it s easy to wonder why should anyone believe in christianity what role can faith and religion play in our modern lives in this thoughtful and inspiring new book pastor and new york times bestselling author timothy keller invites skeptics to consider that christianity is more relevant now than ever as human beings we cannot live without meaning satisfaction freedom identity justice and hope christianity provides us with unsurpassed resources to meet these needs written for both the ardent believer and the skeptic making sense of god shines a light on the profound value and importance of christianity in our lives

we live in an exciting time when many people are spiritually searching most non religious people in the west are simply ignorant of religion but many are open to considering religious questions why christianity makes sense by gavin ortlund offers a fresh articulation of why christianity is both intellectually and existentially satisfying

world renowned jesus scholar marcus j borg shows how we can live passionately as christians in today s world by practicing the vital elements of christian faith for the millions of people who have turned away from many traditional beliefs about god jesus and the bible but still long for a relevant nourishing faith borg shows why the christian life can remain a transforming relationship with god emphasizing the critical role of daily practice in living the christian life he explores how prayer worship sabbath pilgrimage and more can be experienced as authentically life giving practices borg reclaims terms and ideas once

thought to be the sole province of evangelicals and fundamentalists he shows that terms such as born again have real meaning for all christians that the kingdom of god is not a bulwark against secularism but is a means of transforming society into a world that values justice and love and that the christian life is essentially about opening one s heart to god and to others

it has never been more important to articulate the wonder and enchantment of the christian message yet the traditional approaches of apologetics are often outmoded in an age of profound disenchantment and distraction unable to meet this pressing need this winsome apologetics book for a new generation makes the case that christianity offers a compelling explanatory framework for making sense of our world pastor and writer gavin ortlund believes it is essential to appeal not only to the mind but also to the heart and the imagination as we articulate the beauty of the gospel why god makes sense in a world that doesn t reimagines four classical theistic arguments cosmological teleological moral and christological making a cumulative case for god as the best framework for understanding the storied nature of reality the book suggests that christian theism can explain such things as the elegance of math the beauty of music and the value of love it is suitable for use in classes yet accessibly written making it a perfect resource for churches and small groups

this unique book is an exploration of christianity alongside jewish guides who are well studied in and sympathetic to christianity but who remain near christianity reflecting on his journeys within biblical studies and contemporary jewish christian dialogue anthony le donne illustrates not only the value but also the necessity of continued jewish friendship for the christian life with the help of jewish friends and mentors he presents a deeper and more complex christian faith offering readers a better vision of the beauty and genius of christianity but also an honest look at its warts and failings weaving his own story and personal conversations with jewish friends le donne a respected scholar and published author models how his fellow christians can avoid blurring the differences between christianity and judaism on the one hand and exaggerating them on the other

for the person who is curious about god christianity or faith in general jalen r taylor presents this work explaining the christian faith in part 1 jalen establishes that the general idea of faith is logical through the use of financial theory he then explains to the reader why christianity is the true faith through the bible s proven historical accuracy scientific reasoning that rationalizes god s existence and his personal life experiences including his personal conversations with the god of christianity in part 2 jalen answers 60 questions about the christian faith questions answered in this part include why does god allow suffering what is hell why would god send a person there can you prove we are spirit beings among many more controversial questions through the use of logical analysis historical findings scientific reasoning personal experiences and answered questions jalen not only helps the reader to establish a rational view of christianity he helps the reader to develop a basic and holistic understanding of the faith itself

themelios is an international evangelical peer reviewed theological journal that expounds and defends the historic christian faith themelios is published three times a year online at the gospel coalition thegospelcoalition org themelios and in print by wipf and stock its primary audience is theological students and pastors though scholars read it as well themelios began in 1975 and was operated by rtsf uccf in the uk and it became a digital journal operated by the gospel coalition in 2008 the editorial team draws participants from across the globe as editors essayists and reviewers general editor d a carson trinity evangelical divinity school managing editor brian tabb bethlehem college and seminary consulting editor michael j ovey oak hill theological college administrator andrew david naselli bethlehem college and seminary book review editors jerry hwang singapore bible college alan thompson sydney missionary bible college nathan a finn southeastern baptist theological seminary hans madueme covenant college dane ortlund crossway jason

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empower your kids to respond well to the hard questions that threaten their faith it s no secret that children of all ages are being exposed to negative criticism of christianity as they spend time at school with friends or online are you prepared to talk with your kids about how they can effectively answer the tough questions that come their way in keeping your kids on god s side you ll find 40 of the most common challenges kids face along with clear easy to understand responses you can discuss together this book will help you encourage open dialogue on issues your kids might hesitate to talk about replace your children s doubts with the confidence only god s truth can give equip your kids to build the good thinking skills essential for today i almost wish my children were young again so i could use natasha crain s book with them nancy pearcey bestselling author of total truth

this anthology of new critical essays written by experts in their fields in honor of the late victor stenger examines christianity using established scientific criteria where science specifically touches upon the claims of christianity the authors seek to show those claims lack the required evidence the result is that christianity is not a sufficiently evidenced religion in his new york times bestseller god the failed hypothesis physicist victor stenger argued that claims of religion should be subject to the same standards of scientific rigor as any other truth claim taking this approach the contributors argue that christianity fails every known scientific test for truth stenger himself wrote a chapter for this volume before he died in it he presents a brief history of ideas about cosmology showing that christianity s premodern understanding of the cosmos is incompatible with current scientific evidence regarding the origin and structure of the cosmos other contributors examine a wide variety of topics including biblical archaeology intelligent design the shroud of turin free will the existence of the soul the efficacy of petitionary prayer and more this challenging work is indispensable reading for both skeptical readers and open minded people of faith

in a world riddled with disappointment malice and tragedy what rationale do we have for believing in a benevolent god if god is all powerful and all loving why is there so much evil in the world john stackhouse takes a historically informed approach to this dilemma examining what philosophers and theologians have said on the subject and offering reassuring answers for thoughtful readers stackhouse explores how great thinkers have grappled with the problem of evil from the buddha confucius augustine and david hume to martin luther c s lewis and alvin plantinga without brushing aside the serious contradictions posed by a god who allows incurable diseases natural disasters and senseless crimes to bring misery into our lives stackhouse asks if a world completely without evil is what we truly want would a life without suffering be a meaningful life could free will exist if we were able to choose only good stackhouse examines what the best minds have had to say on these questions and boldly affirms that the benefits of evil in fact outweigh the costs finally he points to christian revelation which promises the transformation of suffering into joy as the best guide to god s

in recent years the christian faith has been challenged by skeptics including the new atheists who claim that belief in god is simply not reasonable here prominent christian philosopher c stephen evans offers a fresh contemporary and nuanced response he makes the case for belief in a personal god through an exploration of natural signs which open our minds to theistic possibilities and foster belief in the christian revelation evans then discusses why god s self revelation is both authoritative and authentic this

sophisticated yet accessible book provides a clear account of the evidence for christian faith concluding that it still makes sense to believe

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