



Apologetics Books

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How to Use this Apologetics Booklist

Apologetics is the discipline, practice, and art of defending the faith with logic, reason, evidence, and facts. It is not simple. Trite and trivial answers do not satisfy serious seekers and skeptics. They need honest, logical, detailed, thought-out answers. Therefore, this list does not contain books giving simplistic answers. That means that you will need to apply serious study time and effort to prepare yourself to defend the faith. Many subjects are covered in these books. You will need to choose which book or books are appropriate. Fifty-eight books are listed here containing over 23,000 pages. Do not try to read all of them or you will have no time left to defend the faith. Be selective. This list is alphabetical rather than prioritized. You will need to read the book descriptions to determine which is appropriate for you and/or for your seeking or skeptical friend. The descriptions are from CBD.org's descriptions or from those of the publishers (not from EssentialBooks.org). You may want to visit CBD.com to preview a book (table of contents, intro, sample pages, or sample chapter). Amazon.com has a preview feature as well.

All of these books can build your faith and equip you to defend your faith. Some may be appropriate for your seeking or skeptical friend. However, do not give any book to any seeker or skeptic unless you have read it first. Doing otherwise can be hurtful rather than helpful. Some of these books are for Christians only because they include instruction on witnessing. In addition, previewing a book will help you determine if it is at the appropriate level for you or your seeking/skeptical friend. Some of these books are rather basic while some are deep and academic. Most are somewhere in between. Josh McDowell's books are quite understandable while being sufficiently thorough. However, many of his books overlap each other in content. Longer books are not always more academic ... they can just cover more subjects. In addition, some apologetics books are on the expensive side because, as reference books for life, they are hard-covered ... and because of length and content ... and because they are not mass-marketed best-sellers. Spend the money ... your friend's eternity is worth it. If your local Christian bookstore (new or used) has these books on the shelf, buy them from that store ... it is an unusually good bookstore. However, if they do not have them, CBD.com is a great source. Some of these are available digitally ... but some reference books are just better in hardcopy.

The Books

20 Compelling Evidences That God Exists by Kenneth Boa and Robert M. Bowman, 224 pages
Remarkably, even though millions upon millions of us do believe in God, when we are asked why we have such faith, we become tongue-tied and struggle to give a reason for our hope. No wonder those who don't believe God exists remain unconvinced—there's too few of us ready to speak on God's behalf. Ken Boa and Robert Bowman have provided a resource that tackles the most profound arguments from philosophy, science, sociology, psychology, and history ... and presents twenty clear, concise, and compelling evidences that show that faith in God, and specifically Jesus Christ, is reasonable.

Archeology & the Old Testament by Alfred J. Hoerth, 448 pages

Archaeological discoveries shed a flood of light on the biblical text, and this heavily illustrated resource offers the most up-to-date, comprehensive, and illuminating archaeological information related to the Old Testament. Important contributions of archaeology to biblical studies are the various ways it illuminates the cultural and historical setting for the Bible, adds to our knowledge of the people, places, things, and events in the Bible, and its aid to translation and exegesis of biblical passages. Hoerth surveys the entire Old Testament, pointing out the relevant archaeological material and explaining how it enriches biblical studies. In an attempt to bridge the Old and New Testament worlds, the author devotes the final chapter to examining the intertestamental period. Hoerth's volume presents the results of scholarly research, including the most recent archaeological discoveries, yet it remains readable. It boasts over 250 illustrative

items: charts, photographs, line drawings, and maps. In addition, it includes a helpful index and bibliography. The author taught archaeology at Wheaton College for almost thirty years and directed Wheaton's renowned biblical archaeology program. He has participated in numerous archaeological digs and served as coeditor of *Peoples of the Old Testament World*.

Archaeology & the New Testament by John McRay, 432 pages

Systematically exploring sites and finds from New Testament times through the first years of the early church, John McRay discusses excavation methodology, first-century social structure, and archaeology's contribution to textual criticism. This volume includes dozens of maps, diagrams, and charts ... and over 150 black and white photos, a glossary, and extensive notes. As he tours sites associated with the ministry of Jesus, the journey of Paul, and the seven churches of Revelation, he shows the pervasive influence of society, architecture, and religion on the peoples of the first century and on the New Testament. The book includes maps, charts, diagrams, a glossary of terms, and more than 150 photographs that help the ancient world come alive. John McRay (PhD, University of Chicago) is professor emeritus of New Testament and archaeology at Wheaton College Graduate School in Wheaton, Illinois. He is the author of *Paul: His Life and Teaching* and coauthor of *Bible Archaeology*.

A Ready Defense by Josh McDowell and Don Stewart, 494 pages

Here is evidence for the Christian faith by one of its premier defenders! Topically arranged, this *best of Josh McDowell* gives you more than 60 well-reasoned arguments from creation to the virgin birth to the resurrection of Jesus and much more. This book is ideal for skeptics who are curious about Christianity and for Christians who want to learn how to defend their faith.

Answers by Josh McDowell and Don Stewart, 210 pages

The authors tackle 65 of the most-asked questions about the Bible, God, Jesus Christ, miracles, other religions, and Creation in a question-and-answer format. In a highly readable conversation form, the authors put forth many questions readers may have about Christianity with answers that are informative and concise. This can be read cover-to-cover ... or used as a resource.

Apologetics for a New Generation by Sean McDowell, 225 pages

Do you want to know how to approach today's generation with the claims of Christ and the truth of God's Word? Sean McDowell has assembled a group of modern Christian thinkers to help you to communicate the gospel in a winsome way that will win those around you. Many teenagers leave home for college but do not take their faith with them. Popular writer and speaker Sean McDowell offers a solution for this problem: a new way of approaching faith that addresses the questions the emerging generation is asking and that incorporates a radically humble and relational approach. An impressive list of contributors show that today's apologetics must employ... a clear connection with everyday life, an invitation for people to express their doubts and wrestle with tough questions, a culturally savvy understanding of the way secular people view Christians, an engaging methodology that captures the imagination before engaging the mind, a strong emphasis on the resurrection and how it changes everything. This resource is imperative for leaders who are ready to engage a new generation with the claims of Christ.

Apologetics Study Bible (Holman) by Cabel, Brand, Clendenen, Copan, and Moreland, 2048 pages

The Apologetics Study Bible helps today's Christians better understand, defend, and proclaim their beliefs in an age of increased moral and spiritual relativism. More than one hundred key questions and articles placed throughout the volume about faith and science prompt a rewarding study experience every time. Highlights of this thinking person's Bible edition include the full text of the popular HCSB translation, two-color page layout, an introduction to each Bible book focusing on its inherent elements of apologetics, and profiles of historic Christian apologists from Justin Martyr to C. S. Lewis. Also featured are valuable contributions from a who's-who of modern apologists such as Lee Strobel, Chuck Colson, Norm Geisler, Hank Hanegraaff, Josh McDowell, Albert Mohler, Ravi Zacharias, and J. P. Moreland. Difficult verses are explained from an apologetics perspective.

The Big Book of Bible Difficulties by Norman L. Geisler and Thomas Howe, 624 pages

Increase your confidence in God's Word and learn to defend its integrity---even in the face of difficult questions! Geisler and Howe's comprehensive volume offers answers to over 800 questions often raised by skeptics, critics, and cults that misuse isolated verses. This book features an easy-to-use problem/solution format and three extensive indexes (topical, scriptural, and doctrinal). This book is a reprint of *When Critics Ask*. This comprehensive volume offers readers clear and concise answers to every major

Bible difficulty from Genesis to Revelation, staunchly defending the authority and inspiration of Scripture. Multipurpose in scope and user-friendly in format, this book offers the resources of five books in one: a critical commentary on the Bible, an apologetics text, a Bible difficulties reference, a theology manual treating important doctrines, and a handbook on verses misused by cults.

Bioethics by Scott Rae and Paul Cox, 319 pages

We live in an age when scientific knowledge has provided human beings with an unprecedented ability to manipulate life and death. Changes in science and culture have fueled the controversies surrounding abortion, physician assisted suicide, genetic engineering, the patient doctor relationship, cloning and the allocation of health care resources, to name a few. The purpose of this book is to bring thoughtful and biblically informed Christian voices in bioethics into dialogue with other voices that are influential today.

Body & Soul by J. P. Moreland and Scott Rae, 350 pages

In this careful and thoughtful treatment, the authors provide a reasonable and biblically accurate depiction of human personhood, relating it to crucial ethical concerns that affect each of us. They employ a theological realism to meet these pressing issues, and to present a reasonable and biblical depiction of human nature as it impinges upon critical ethical concerns. While most people throughout history have believed that we are both physical and spiritual beings, the rise of science has called into question the existence of the soul. Many now argue that neurophysiology demonstrates the radical dependence, indeed, identity, between mind and brain. Advances in genetics and in mapping human DNA, some say, show there is no need for the hypothesis of body-soul dualism. Even many Christian intellectuals have come to view the soul as a false Greek concept that is outdated and unbiblical. Concurrent with the demise of dualism has been the rise of advanced medical technologies that have brought to the fore difficult issues at both edges of life. Central to questions about abortion, fetal research, reproductive technologies, cloning and euthanasia is our understanding of the nature of human personhood, the reality of life after death and the value of ethical or religious knowledge as compared to scientific knowledge.

Can Man Live Without God? by Ravi Zacharias, 240 pages

In this brilliant and compelling defense of the Christian faith, Ravi Zacharias shows how affirming the reality of God's existence matters urgently in our everyday lives. According to Zacharias, how you answer the questions of God's existence will impact your relationship with others, your commitment to integrity, your attitude toward morality, and your perception of truth.

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel, 336 pages

A seasoned journalist chases down the biggest story on record. Retracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, former Chicago Tribune legal editor Lee Strobel cross-examines experts with tough, direct questions in search of credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth was positively the Son of God. This riveting quest for the truth about history's most compelling figure reads like a captivating, fast-paced novel, yet it is anything but fiction! This is an ideal paperback for skeptics! Is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? The author cross-examines a dozen experts with doctorates from schools like Cambridge, Princeton, and Brandeis who are recognized authorities in their own fields. Strobel challenges them with questions like: How reliable is the New Testament?, Does evidence for Jesus exist outside the Bible?, Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual event?

The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel, 288 pages

Was God telling the truth when He said, 'You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart'? In his #1 bestseller *The Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel examined the claims of Christ, reaching the hard-won verdict that Jesus is God's unique son. In *The Case for Faith*, Strobel turns his skills to the most persistent emotional objections to belief in his eight heart barriers to faith. This book is for those who may be feeling attracted to Jesus but who are faced with difficult questions standing squarely in their path. For Christians, it will deepen their convictions and give them fresh confidence in discussing Christianity with even their most skeptical friends.

The Case for the Creator by Lee Strobel, 352 pages

"My road to atheism was paved by science . . . but, ironically, so was my later journey to God," Lee Strobel. During his academic years, Lee Strobel became convinced that God was outmoded, a belief that colored his ensuing career as an award-winning journalist at the Chicago Tribune. Science had made the idea of a Creator irrelevant . . . or so Strobel thought. However, today science is pointing in a different direction. In recent years, a diverse and impressive body of research has increasingly supported the

conclusion that the universe was intelligently designed. At the same time, Darwinism has faltered in the face of concrete facts and hard reason. Has science discovered God? At the very least, it is giving faith an immense boost as new findings emerge about the incredible complexity of our universe. Join Strobel as he reexamines the theories that once led him away from God. Through his compelling and highly readable account, you will encounter the mind-stretching discoveries from cosmology, cellular biology, DNA research, astronomy, physics, and human consciousness that present astonishing evidence in *The Case for a Creator*. From evolutionary icons to the uniqueness of planet Earth, from irreducible complexity to the kalam cosmological argument, Lee Strobel gives full rein to his keen analytical mind in addressing these issues and more. Do not expect an inaccessible tome of arcane scientific terms ... Strobel's years of newspaper reporting give this book a conversational style. Relying on transcriptions of his interviews with experts in the pertinent fields, he tells the incredible stories about the hard science behind what some have termed creationism.

Christian Apologetics by Douglas Groothuis, 672 pages

The Christian worldview proposes answers to the most enduring human questions. But are those answers reliable? In this systematic text, Douglas Groothuis makes a comprehensive case for Christian theism ... proceeding from a defense of objective truth to a presentation of the key arguments for God from natural theology to a case for the credibility of Jesus, the incarnation and the resurrection. Throughout, Groothuis considers alternative views and how they fare intellectually. It makes a cumulative case for the Christian faith, allowing several lines of argumentation and evidence to converge. It includes chapters by New and Old Testament scholars Craig Blomberg and Richard Hess on the reliability of the Bible. It considers key arguments for the existence of God. It provides a thorough summary of the origins debate and the evidence for Intelligent Design. It provides extensive treatment on the claims of Jesus. This book takes up some of the most significant current challenges to the Christian faith

Christian Ethics: Options & Issues & Options, Second Edition by Norman L. Geisler 448 pages

A classic, and the standard text for Evangelical ethics, Geisler's *Christian Ethics* is now updated and yet continues to deal with the most pressing issues of the day in accordance with Scripture. The significantly expanded second edition includes new chapters on animal rights, sex ethics, as well as examining how the Bible teaches us to make ethical decisions. In this thorough update of a classic textbook, noted Christian thinker Norman Geisler evaluates contemporary ethical options (such as antinomianism, situation ethics, and legalism) and pressing issues of the day (such as euthanasia, homosexuality, and divorce) from a biblical perspective. The second edition is significantly expanded and updated with new material and charts throughout the book. There are new chapters on animal rights, sexual ethics, and the biblical basis for ethical decisions, as well as four new appendixes addressing drugs, gambling, pornography, and birth control. The author has significantly updated his discussion of abortion, biomedical ethics, war, and ecology and has expanded the selected readings, bibliography, and glossary.

Contending with Christianity's Critics by Copan and Craig, 304 pages

Contending with Christianity's Critics is book two in a series on modern Christian apologetics that began with the popular *Passionate Conviction*. This second installment, featuring writings from eighteen respected apologists such as Gary Habermas and Ben Witherington, addresses challenges from noted New Atheists like Richard Dawkins (*The God Delusion*) and other contemporary critics of Christianity concerning belief in God, the historical Jesus, and Christianity's doctrinal coherence. It includes a well-informed counterpoint to recent controversial bestsellers such as *God Is Not Great*, *The God Delusion*, and *Misquoting Jesus*.

Correcting the Cults by Norman L. Geisler and Ron Rhodes, 368 pages

How do cults use Scripture to ensnare millions? Discover the ways that Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, the New Age movement, and others misinterpret the Bible to support their own doctrines. Comprehensive, accessible, and intelligent, this reliable resource will equip you to understand aberrant faith systems, reason with their adherents, and point them toward Jesus Christ! Why do so many flock to perversions of Christianity? How can we reason with them to help them see that Jesus is the only way to eternal life? This book is designed to help the reader do just that. After a thorough introduction on understanding the nature and characteristics of cults, the authors take the reader through the Bible, examining Scripture passages that cult adherents traditionally misinterpret to support and validate their own doctrines. This comprehensive, accessible, and intelligent resource is an important tool for pastors, students, and anyone who knows a cult member or someone considering a cult.

Doing Philosophy as a Christian by Garrett J. DeWeese, 320 pages

What does it mean to be called to the profession of philosophy? What does it mean for the Christian in particular? In addition, how should those called to the profession engage their tasks? Noting that philoso-

phy literally is the love of wisdom, DeWeese begins with a discussion of wisdom from the Old and New Testaments before addressing the often-misunderstood relation between faith and reason. DeWeese then elucidates the fundamental questions of metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and aesthetics, philosophy of mind and philosophy of science, finally making a case for the integration of philosophy and Christian spiritual formation.

The End of Reason by Ravi Zacharias, 112 pages

The Christian faith has come under considerable fire lately. Whatever their deficiencies, the New Atheists of our day have a firm hold of the popular imagination. Compelled by the popular reception of these Christian detractors, Ravi Zacharias penned *The End of Reason*. Simultaneously approachable and powerful, this book is a firm challenge to those who wish to rob the gospel of its credibility, as well as a telling exposé of the "moral bankruptcy" latent within atheism. Far from being a dry academic treatise, you can readily share this informative book with your friends and family. It is a book written to empower Christians in their daily lives as they encounter daily struggles and challenges. If you are hungry for answers, this book is for you. When author Sam Harris attacked Christianity in Letter to a Christian Nation, reviewers called the book 'marvelous' and a generation of readers were drawn to his message. Deeply troubled, Dr. Ravi Zacharias knew that he had to respond. In *The End of Reason*, Zacharias underscores the dependability of the Bible along with his belief in the power and goodness of God. He confidently refutes Harris's claims that God is nothing more than a figment of one's imagination and that Christians regularly practice intolerance and hatred around the globe. If you found Sam Harris's Letter to a Christian Nation compelling, the book you are holding is exactly what you need. Dr. Zacharias exposes 'the utter bankruptcy of this worldview.' If you have not read Harris' book, Ravi's response remains a powerful, passionate, irrefutably sound set of arguments for Christian thought. The clarity and hope in these pages reach out to readers who know and follow God as well as to those who reject God.

To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian World View by Moreland, Craig, and Beckwith, 464 pages

In a society fascinated by spirituality but committed to religious pluralism, the Christian worldview faces sophisticated and aggressive opposition. A prior commitment to diversity, with its requisite openness and relativistic outlook, has meant for skeptics, critics, and even many Christians that whatever Christianity is, it cannot be exclusively true. What is needed in this syncretistic era is an authoritative, comprehensive Christian response. Point by point, argument by argument, the Christian faith must be effectively presented and defended. This book offers such a response. Editors Francis J. Beckwith, William Lane Craig, and J. P. Moreland have gathered, in this book, essays covering all major aspects of apologetics including: faith and reason, arguments for God's existence, the case for Jesus, the problem of evil, postmodernism, and religious pluralism and Christian exclusivism. Preeminent in their respective fields, the contributors to this volume offer a solid case for the Christian worldview and a coherent defense of the Christian faith.

Evidence for Christianity by Josh McDowell 743 pages

Scholarly, well written, and exhaustively researched, this book presents a powerful case for why Christianity is both true and real. Drawing upon rigorous scholarship of countless authorities and historical evidence, McDowell provides evidences beyond a reasonable doubt that Christ was exactly who He said He was, sent to do exactly what God His Father commissioned Him to accomplish. You will find answers to questions such as: How was Jesus Christ profoundly different from any other man who ever lived, and why?, Is Christianity based on a blind faith or a faith rooted in historical reality?, Is the Bible a reliable historical record of the events it describes?, Was the resurrection of Jesus a hoax or is there evidence that it was an actual historical event?, Were the major events of Jesus' life and death accurately foretold centuries earlier? Evidence for Christianity will provide you with greater confidence and a revitalized foundation in your Christian faith. It will also provide a reason to believe for anyone skeptical of the claims of Christianity. This book is based on the expectation that, with a growing number of adults becoming increasingly skeptical toward Christianity, there is a need for a solid body of persuasive evidence to be presented to them. This is a sourcebook for doubting seekers as well as believers who need persuasive information to share with friends. Evidence for Christianity is McDowell's compelling answer to the hard questions so many Christians are afraid to discuss. NOTE: *Evidence for Christianity* contains the best of *The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, condensed down to a less intimidating but still comprehensive coverage of all the best evidence for the reliability of the Christian faith. Philosophical reasons and responses to major non-Christian thought systems are not addressed in this book ... they can be found in *The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict*.

Evidence for the Historical Jesus by Josh McDowell and Bill Wilson, 366 pages

This book offers a compelling survey of the historical evidence for Christ. It features a synopsis of ancient secular accounts of Jesus' life; an overview of insights and errors from post-apostolic writers; details of first-century geography, culture, and religion; and more. Previously titled *He Walked Among Us*, this book

explores historical evidence about Jesus so seekers, skeptics, and Christians can understand more about Christ, His claims, His impact, and the evidence for His life.

Evidence that Demands a Verdict by Josh McDowell, 388 pages

This is a best-selling defense of Christianity! McDowell presents scholarly, intelligent, and well-grounded answers to challengers of the historical accuracy and integrity of the Bible. His reasons to believe will intrigue non-believers and give Christians ready explanations for their faith. It is valuable for students, pastors, and lay leaders. Among important books in the defense of Christianity, this one has few equals. This book is an easy-to-read, front-line defense for Christians facing the tough questions of critics and skeptics. Using secular evidences and other historical sources, Josh McDowell's faith-building book is a must-read for every Christian.

Faith Has Its Reasons by Kenneth D. Boa and Robert M. Bowman Jr., 608 pages

Ever since the apostle Paul addressed the Stoic and Epicurean philosophers in Athens, relating the Christian worldview to a non-Christian world has been a challenge. Despite Peter's charge to be "ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15), most Christian laypeople have left apologetics—the defense of the faith—to the ecclesiastical "pros." This book is a study of different models of how apologetics should be done, an assessment of their strengths and weaknesses, and a proposal for integrating the best insights of each. Boa and Bowman have assembled a wealth of information about what Christians believe and how to present that faith to an unbelieving world. Remarkable both in its depth of content and ease of accessibility, this book gives Christian laypeople the tools to address such critical questions as: Why is belief in God rational despite the prevalence of evil in the world?, What facts support the church's testimony that Jesus rose from the dead?, Can we be certain Christianity is true?, and How can our faith in Christ be based on something more secure than our own understanding without descending into an irrational emotionalism?

Five Views on Apologetics by Cowan, Gundry, Habermas, and Craig, 400 pages

The goal of apologetics is to persuasively answer honest objections that keep people from faith in Jesus Christ. However, of several apologetic approaches, which is most effective? *Five Views on Apologetics* examines the how-to's of apologetics, putting five prominent views under the microscope: Classical, Evidential, Presuppositional, Reformed Epistemology, and Cumulative Case. Offering a forum for presentation, critique, and defense, this book allows the contributors for the different viewpoints to interact. This book lets you compare and contrast different ways of 'doing' apologetics. Your own informed conclusions can then guide you as you meet the questions of a needy world with the claims

Francis Schaeffer Trilogy by Francis A. Schaeffer, 367 pages

Few Christians have had a greater impact on our generation than Dr. Francis A. Schaeffer. Now, three of his essential works are available in the one volume. They are *The God Who Is There*, *Escape from Reason*, and *He Is There and He Is Not Silent*. Schaeffer himself considered this trio foundational to his entire life's work. This edition includes text he revised shortly before his death.

The God Conversation by J. P. Moreland and Tim Muehlhoff, 144 pages

Amid the levels of preparedness Christians can inhabit concerning evangelism, the conversational level is familiar to us all. We all speak to other people at some point and, after discerning the probable state of their soul, we can talk to them about the elements of salvation. But finding a natural place where that can take place is sometimes difficult, so to remedy that situation this book was written. Learning how stories can be used as illustrations with spiritual applications can be a valuable resource in witnessing, and Moreland and Muehlhoff provide instruction as well as many of the stories that they use to make an impact on their audiences. The dozens of stories are short, well written, and peppered throughout the text of the book, with frequent sidebars giving deeper understanding to the applications. Every day it seems more difficult to explain to our friends, families and neighbors what we believe and why. When our ideas and arguments fail to persuade them, what then? Is there another approach we can take? In this book veteran, apologists and communicators J. P. Moreland and Tim Muehlhoff say that often the best way to win over others is with a good story. Stories have the ability to get behind our preconceptions and defenses. They can connect both emotionally and intellectually, appealing to the whole person rather than just to the mind. How do we defend belief in a good God in the face of terrorist attacks or natural disasters? What can we say to show we are not arrogant to believe that Jesus is the only way with so many sincere people following other world religions? What if they think we are naive to say Jesus actually rose from the dead? Moreover, when they seem confident in their right to choose their own ethical stances, how can we help them appreciate the value of a universal standard of right and wrong found in the Bible? The authors offer a wealth of penetrating illustrations, examples, and quotes that respond to these issues and more. In

these pages they enhance the logic and evidence found in other books defending the faith, with things that your friends, relatives, or coworkers will ponder long after a conversation is over. Here is sound, empathetic coaching for those of us who long to communicate our faith more effectively.

God I Don't Understand by Ken D. Boa, 240 pages

We have all had big questions about the faith, about the Bible, salvation, and other mysteries. There never seems to be a place to get the answers we need in language we can really understand. This Ken Boa classic speaks more relevantly to today's skeptical audiences than ever before. With intelligence and grace, Boa objectively uncovers the mysteries of faith and offers reasonable explanations delving into issues such as Sovereignty Versus Human Responsibility (Salvation), the Resurrection Body, Space, Creation, & the Trinity.

The God Question by J. P. Moreland, 268 pages

Are you unhappy with life, or wondering about its meaning? Maybe you have written God off because you were unsatisfied with what you have seen and heard of the church and the Bible. J.P. Moreland invites you to take a second look. He will challenge you to reconsider the God of the Bible and all that He offers you. Moreland offers this brand ... a new way of addressing life's most important questions: Does God exist?, and Can we know Him? J.P. Moreland, distinguished professor of philosophy at Talbot School of Theology, abandons traditional didactic apologetics and entices skeptics and dissatisfied believers into a conversation about the emptiness and anxiety so many feel today. He invites them to the abundant life Jesus offers but that so few seem to be experiencing. Moreland shows that people are created by a benevolent God and given a life-enhancing purpose. He empowers readers: to overcome obstacles to faith, including questions about science and religion; to embrace an enticing view of Jesus and the Kingdom of God; and to replace unhelpful images of God with the truth. Readers will find practical and effective ways to experience intimacy with God, an effective life of prayer, and a confident hope in life after death.

Handbook of Today's Religions by Josh McDowell and Don Stewart, 565 pages

Do not rely on news stories or a one-sided defense of cults, the occult, or secular and non-Christian religions. This handbook provides authoritative, evangelical perspectives on alternative religions. It includes thorough, accurate information for analyzing and measuring these groups' claims and beliefs against God's Word. One of the best reference books available on the religions and cults present in our time, *Handbook of Today's Religions* combines, for the first time, four books by Josh McDowell and Don Stewart on religions, cults, and the occult into one easy-to-use volume. The four books, which each became a section of the compilation, are *Non-Christian Religions*, *The Occult*, *Secular Religions*, and *The Cults*. Powerful individually, together the books are a powerhouse of vital information for Christians on those worldviews that challenge and attack Christianity. In part one, McDowell and Stewart focus on cults. They define what a cult is and offer some characteristics of cults. This is then contrasted with historical, biblical Christianity. The author's also offer detailed background information about numerous cults affecting our society today, including: Hare Krishna, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Transcendental Meditation, Theosophy and others. Ministries dealing with each cult are listed, along with an extensive annotated bibliography. Part two looks at the occult, offering information on its popularity and growth. Occult practices ranging from astrology to hypnotism to witchcraft are explained and contrasted with biblical beliefs. This part also includes two informative appendices, one on the presence of magic and the occult in literature, and another on the authority of the believer. The third part offers a great look at the ten most familiar and prevalent non-Christian religions in the world. In this section, you will find brief, but informative, looks at Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shintoism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Islam, and Sikhism. The extensive annotated bibliography is a great place to start further research on each religion. Part four looks at what McDowell and Stewart term secular religions. Though the term seems somewhat oxymoronic, the authors point out just how much each worldview in this section has in common with religions. The worldviews looked at are atheism, agnosticism, skepticism, Marxism, secular humanism, and existentialism. All told, this reference book offers one of the best looks (from a Christian perspective) at each of the various religions and worldviews that exist currently. Understanding what motivates adherents of each system can help us to reach out to them with the truth of Christianity.

Hard Questions, Real Answers by William Craig Lane, 160 pages

Why doesn't God answer my prayers? If God is so powerful, why does evil exist? In addition, if He is so good, why do we suffer? Nonbelievers, and even Christians, are often troubled by questions about suffering, doubt, failure, and unanswered prayer. Yet careful, compassionate answers are hard to find, in part because evangelicals have not taken the life of the mind seriously enough. The intellectual currents of our day are just too strong for simplistic responses. In this book, William Lane Craig does not offer trite phrases or pat answers. Instead, he offers honest insights gained from a life of study and ministry. Readers in the midst of doubt and confusion will find real answers to these perplexing questions and learn to stand on the only sure foundation for hope ... on God Himself. This expanded new edition includes chapters on abortion and homosexuality to help readers know how to think about these volatile social issues.

Hard Sayings of the Bible by Kaiser, Davids, Bruce, and Brauch, 796 pages

Biblical scholars Walter C. Kaiser, F. F. Bruce, Peter H. Davids, and Manfred T. Brauch offer this handy reference compiled from five earlier Hard Sayings books. The short, easy-to-read historical, cultural, and linguistic explanations help you interpret the meanings of 500 perplexing passages and show their relevance for believers today. These scholars take you behind the scenes to find succinct solutions to a wide variety of Bible difficulties, ranging from discrepancies about numbers to questions about God's justice. Also features extensive cross-referencing, introductory articles on chronology, miracles, archaeology, prophecy, historicity, demonology, synoptic studies, and authorship.

Has Christianity Failed You? by Ravi Zacharias, 208 pages

In 2006, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM) held an open forum at the Fox Theater in Atlanta to address the subject: 'Has Christianity Failed You?' Tickets to the event were sold out with a capacity crowd of over 5,000. People lined up offering to buy tickets from folks in line for higher prices. Before the event, an RZIM cameraman walked the streets and asked people if they had rejected the faith they held at one time. One answered that, because of a Christian's rejection of his gay lifestyle, he had done just that. Another answered that she had left her faith because she had fallen into adultery and could never live it down in the church. Others had their own reasons. Some said it was just intellectually untenable in an age of reason. They chose to come to the event to judge if there were adequate answers. It is estimated that for every one person who writes a letter or attends an event, there are one thousand who agree. If the Atlanta crowd was any indication, the question is real and troubling. Why is it that many live with silent doubt, many leaving the 'evangelical fold' for something else? Is there something wrong with the message, the communicator, the hearer ... or is it all three? It is time to ask the hard questions of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ and why it seems as though God has made it so hard to continue believing. In fact, the son of a prominent U.S. Senator asked, "Why has God made it so hard to believe in Him?" Such skepticism is not just representative of the hostile; it also represents many honest questioners. This book attempts to lay out the response to those within as well as those outside the Christian faith to understand what it is we believe and why it is so hard to do so. More to the point: Why it is actually so hard to deny God and still make sense out of life? In the end, the answers should be both felt and real, with the added truth that God is nearer than you think. He desires that we sense Him very near to us and not distant. However, closeness comes at a cost just as any relationship of love and commitment does.

I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist by Norman L. Geisler and Frank Turek, 448 pages

Geisler and Turek argue that Christianity requires the least faith of all worldviews because it is the most reasonable. This book is a valuable aid to those interested in examining the reasonableness of the Christian faith. The authors show that truth is absolute, exclusive, and knowable. From there, they proceed to demonstrate that the cardinal Christian doctrines are true beyond reasonable doubt, all convincing for you as a Christians to believe, but requiring a leap of negative.

Inerrancy edited by Norman L. Geisler, 510 pages

The fourteen leading evangelical scholars who contributed to this volume come from various denominations and wrote on a wide range of topics related to the doctrine of the inerrancy of the Bible. Believing that this doctrine is an essential element of the authority of Scripture and a necessary ingredient for the health of the Church, they have made a strong defense of it. This book is presented as an appeal to the Church. To those churches that hold to the inerrancy of Scripture, it is a call to hold the line. To those churches that have given way to the persuasions of radical higher criticism, it is a call to return to the historic position of Christianity. Inerrancy is shown to be a doctrine of crucial importance to the church.

Jesus Among Other Gods by Ravi Zacharias, 195 pages

Do some think that there is no such thing as absolute truth? Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias' work is a brilliant defense of the unique truth of the Christian message. Exposing the futility of Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, he also highlights his own journey from despair and meaninglessness to the discovery that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Ravi shows how the blueprint for life and death itself is found in a true understanding of Jesus. With a simple yet penetrating style, he uses rich illustrations to celebrate the power of Jesus Christ to transform lives. *Jesus Among Other Gods* contrasts the truth of Jesus with founders of Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, strengthening believers and compelling them to share their faith with our post-modern world.

Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus by Michael J. Wilkins and J. P. Moreland, 256 pages

Who is Jesus? What did He do? What did He say? Are the traditional answers to these questions still to be trusted? Did the early church, and tradition, Christianize Jesus? Was Christianity built on clever concept-

tions of the church, or on the character and actions of an actual person? These and similar questions have come under scrutiny by a forum of biblical scholars called the Jesus Seminar. Their conclusions have been widely publicized in magazines such as Time and Newsweek. *Jesus Under Fire* challenges the methodology and findings of the Jesus Seminar, which generally clash with the biblical records. It examines the authenticity of the words, actions, miracles, and resurrection of Jesus, and presents compelling evidence for the traditional biblical teachings. Combining accessibility with scholarly depth, *Jesus Under Fire* helps readers judge whether the Jesus of the Bible is the Jesus of history, and whether the Gospels' claim is valid that He is the only way to God.

Kingdom of the Cults by Walter Martin, ***Revised and Updated*** by Ravi Zacharias, 704 pages

Using Martin's well-researched and easily accessible text, Zacharias brings the experience of in-depth study, some would say immersion, into this sometimes confusing field of study and includes many facts and figures covering occurrences in the 1990's (as Martin passed away in 1989). *Kingdom of the Cults* has always been a trusted resource in times where accurate information is imperative to someone's salvation from the strange world of cults and the occult. Ranging in topics from the structure of cults to how cults are encountered on the mission field, many cults and movements are described in full, and intimate details of the inner workings can sometimes be indicative of where a cult may be leading. For anyone considering joining any of these groups or looking for more information for a friend or family member, this is an invaluable resource. This has been the authoritative reference work on major cult systems for nearly forty years. This book will continue as a crucial tool in countercult ministry and in evangelism for years to come. Among cults and religions included are: Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, New Age Cults, Baha'i Faith, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and more.

Moral Choices: An Introduction into Ethics by Scott Rae, 304 pages

With its unique union of theory and application and its well-organized, easy-to-use design, this book has earned its place as the standard text for college ethics courses. This third edition offers extensive updates, revisions, and brand new material, all designed to help students develop a sound and current basis for making ethical decisions in today's complex postmodern culture. *Moral Choices* outlines the distinctive elements of Christian ethics while avoiding undue dogmatism. The book also introduces other ethical systems and their key historical proponents, including Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Immanuel Kant. After describing a seven-step procedure for tackling ethical dilemmas, author Scott Rae uses case studies to address some of today's most pressing social issues. He guides students in thinking critically and biblically about: abortion, bioethics, stem-cell research, reproductive technologies, euthanasia, capital punishment, sexual ethics, global capitalism, environmental ethics, business ethics, and the morality of war, genetic technologies, and human cloning.

New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics edited by Campbell-Jack, McGrath, and Evans, 896 pages

A century of wrangling with Bible difficulties has culminated in a comprehensive network covering the interrelated theological strains making up modern day apologetics. Over 100 contributors bring their expertise to this tome, offering the modern-day apologist the wealth of many centuries of dedicated study. From personalities like Josephus up to and including modern thinkers such as Os Guinness and Anthony Flew, and covering topics as diverse as fantasy, solipsism, and mass culture, this wide-ranging single-volume reference contains much to commend it to the serious student of apologetics and evangelism. Six preliminary articles covering issues such as differing approaches to apologetics and the non-western world's experience with apologetics constitute the first, much smaller section, leaving much of the rest of the book for alphabetical listings. Features include a focus different from most other encyclopedias by focusing exclusively on apologetics and related topics, over 400 articles (many biographical entries with comprehensive subject listings as well), blind entries, cross-references, and individual-entry bibliographies, and three full indexes covering names, subjects, and articles.

New International Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties by Gleason L. Archer Jr. 412 pages

Did God approve of Rahab's lie? Why are many of the Old Testament quotes in the New Testament not literal? Does the Bible class abortion with murder? Where did Adam and Eve's sons get their wives? Does 1 Corinthians 7:10-16 authorize divorce for desertion? What do you make of the difficult areas in the Bible ... those puzzling passages that make you stop and scratch your head? The seeming contradictions and inconsistencies of Scripture actually have sound explanations. Unless you are a Bible scholar, you probably do not know about them. That is why you need this book. It gives you informed answers to your most troublesome questions. Some of the solutions seem obvious after you have read them. Most include an eye-opening look at linguistic, cultural, numerical, relational, and other considerations of which most Bible readers are unaware. Whether you are a student, pastor, everyday Bible-lover, or even a skeptic, this book will show you why the Bible is believable and dependable, with a message you can live by. Referencing both the New International Version and the New American Standard Bible, this helpful resource makes scholarly insights accessible to everyone.

New Evidence That Demands a Verdict by Josh McDowell, 800 pages

Christians today face growing challenges to show that their faith is both relevant and credible. In this book, you will get the ammunition you need to defend your faith against the barrage of criticisms. This book combines *Evidence That Demands a Verdict, Volumes 1 & 2* into one, maintaining their classic defense of the faith, yet answering new questions posed by today's culture.

The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable by F. F. Bruce, 124 pages

This modern classic in the field of New Testament studies offers very a compelling defense of biblical truth. F. F. Bruce, one of evangelicalism's most respected scholars, makes a clear case for the historical trustworthiness of the Christian Scriptures, drawing on evidence from the New Testament documents themselves as well as extra-biblical sources. Concise chapters explore the canon and dating of the New Testament, the nature of the Gospels (including a look at miracles), the life and writings of Paul, and archaeological and literary evidence. Including here a completely updated bibliography, Bruce's long-standing affirmation of the New Testament is still as authoritative and engaging as ever.

The Old Testament Documents: Are They Reliable and Relevant? By Walter Kaiser, 216 pages

In this thought-provoking book, Kaiser makes the case that the Old Testament documents are both historically reliable and personally and socially relevant. He explores the origins of and genres of the Old Testament books, and probes their relevance for the Christian faith today. Can you trust what you read in the Old Testament? Are its documents historically reliable? Are its teachings relevant in the twenty-first century? These are important questions for all who believe that Christianity is a religion founded on events that took place in space-time history, indeed for all who care about truth and meaning in life. He begins by looking at the origins of the Old Testament books and how well their texts were preserved. Next, he explores Old Testament history, giving close attention to the book of Genesis, the patriarchal narratives, and the chronicles of the kings of Judah and Israel. He then surveys the larger questions of the trustworthiness and authority of the various Old Testament genres: historical narrative, wisdom, and prophecy. Lastly, Kaiser probes the relevance of the Old Testament for Christian faith today. Here is a helpful, even essential, book to help you face the challenges of reading and applying the Old Testament in today's world.

On Guard: Defending Your Faith With Reason and Precision by William Lane Craig, 288 pages

This concise guide is filled with illustrations, sidebars, and memorizable steps to help Christians stand their ground and defend their faith with reason and precision. In his engaging style, Dr. Craig offers four arguments for God's existence, defends the historicity of Jesus' personal claims and resurrection, addresses the problem of suffering, and shows why religious relativism does not work. Along the way, he shares his story of following God's call in his own life. This how-to-defend-your-faith manual will equip Christians to advance faith conversations deliberately, applying straightforward, cool-headed arguments. They will discover not just what they believe, but why they believe-and how being on guard with the truth has the power to change lives.

Passionate Conviction edited by Paul Copan and William Lane Craig, 288 pages

This book is the first in what should be an ongoing series of innovative, straightforward essays on Christian apologetics. The Evangelical Philosophical Society has provided a voice for evangelical inquiry into apologetics, and this volume is the natural outgrowth of it. Featuring a veritable all-star team of scholars, writers and thinkers, the annual EPS convention acts as training grounds for the Church, and now we have many of the best white papers from these writers in one volume. Delving into other religions, the Emerging Church, the person of Jesus Christ and even apologetics itself, these articles are among the freshest and most timely offerings from modern Christian apologetics. *Passionate Conviction* brings together the most popular and heart-stirring presentations in defense of Christianity from the annual fall conference on apologetics held in association with the Evangelical Philosophical Society, the C. S. Lewis Institute, and the Christian Apologetics program at Biola University. Applicable to pastors, serious-minded lay people, and university and high school students, these twenty essays are grouped into six dynamic categories: Why Apologetics?, God, Jesus, Comparative Religions, Postmodernism and Relativism, and Practical Application.

Philosophical Foundations for a Christian World View by William Lane Craig and J. P. Moreland, 500 pages

What is real? What is truth? Is there a God? Can we know Him? Covering all the major areas of philosophical study, including epistemology, metaphysics, and ethics, the authors show how such analysis reflects our being made in the image of God; enhances the Christian self-image; extends our extra-biblical

considerations; and integrates faith and learning. The authors offer a comprehensive introduction to philosophy from a Christian perspective. In their broad sweep, they seek to introduce readers to the principal subdisciplines of philosophy. They do so with characteristic clarity and incisiveness. Arguments are clearly outlined, and rival theories are presented with fairness and accuracy. Philosophy, they contend, aids Christians in the tasks of apologetics, polemics, and systematic theology. It reflects our having been made in the image of God, helps us to extend biblical teaching into areas not expressly addressed in Scripture, facilitates the spiritual discipline of study, enhances the boldness and self-image of the Christian community, and is requisite to the essential task of integrating faith and learning. Here is a lively and thorough introduction to philosophy for all who want to know reality.

Philosophy Made Slightly Less Difficult by Garrett DeWeese and J. P. Moreland, 180 pages

Metaphysics, epistemology, theological anthropology? Sometimes what we need is just a little plain English like: What's real?, How do I know?, What am I?, and How should I live? DeWeese and Moreland explain the basics of philosophical concepts in user-friendly language with everyday examples. Ideal for students, pastors, campus workers, and ordinary Christians involved in worldview discussions.

The Popular Handbook of Biblical Archeology by Norman Geisler and Joseph M. Holden, 224 pages

From two leading Christian apologists, here is a fascinating survey of the most important Old and New Testament archaeological discoveries through the ages. Biblical archaeology has always stirred excitement among believers and curiosity among unbelievers. The evidence dug up with a spade can speak volumes ... and serve as a powerful testimony of the reliability of Scripture. Norm Geisler and Joe Holden have put together an impressive array of finds that confirm the biblical peoples and events of ages past. In a user-friendly format written in popular style, they examine the latest finds and explain their significance, include dozens of photographs, provide an instructive chart of artifacts (along with fast facts), and sample a variety of finds (papyri, inscriptions, scrolls, ossuaries, and more). This one book covers this topic both concisely and comprehensively.

The Real Face of Atheism by Ravi Zacharias, 192 pages

Imagine living in a world filled with despair and darkness, without a trace of hope or fulfillment. That, says Ravi Zacharias, is precisely what nonbelievers experience. Atheism is a world without God. Its true nature – whether disguised in Eastern mysticism or American cynicism--is despair. In this thought-provoking and witty book, Ravi Zacharias provides Christians a clear apologetic for their faith. Formerly published as *A Shattered Visage*, *The Real Face of Atheism* systematically examines atheistic positions on human nature, the meaning of life, morality, the "First Cause," death, and more. With a new introduction and revisions throughout, this book is the perfect text for pastors, students, and thinking laypeople who want to improve their apologetic skill and reach out seekers and skeptics.

The Reason for God by Timothy Keller, 336 pages

Keller addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics and non-believers bring to religion. Using literature, philosophy, anthropology, pop culture, and intellectual reasoning, Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. To true believers he offers a solid platform on which to stand against the backlash toward religion spawned by the Age of Skepticism. To skeptics, atheists, and agnostics he provides a challenging argument for pursuing the reason for God.

Reasonable Faith, Third Edition by William Lane Craig, 448 pages

This is a deep philosophical look at apologetics, both in theory and practice, as presented by master apologist William Lane Craig. First penned in the 1980s, this book is now updated for the 21st century by Craig himself, digging even deeper into the nature of truth, reason, and Faith. Examining the broad topics of faith, man, God, creation and Christ, Craig elucidates biblical truths, logical proofs, and critiques of other relevant writers. The end of each chapter lists citations and recommended resources for deeper study, contributing to this multi-faceted resource book that is deep in philosophical logic as well as the biblical truth to put it all into the proper context. This updated edition by one of the world's leading apologists presents a systematic, positive case for Christianity that reflects the latest work in the contemporary hard sciences and humanities. It is brilliant and accessible.

Scaling the Secular City by J. P. Moreland, 275 pages

Here Moreland provides an intellectual defense for the basic truths of the Christian faith. He gives arguments for God's existence, Jesus' deity, and the historical accuracy of Jesus' resurrection. Perfect for a non-believer with questions about Christianity, or for helping you defend your faith to a cynical world.

The Son Rises by William Lane Craig, 156 pages

Is the Christian message of Jesus Christ and His resurrection true? Using ten lines of historical evidence, Dr. Craig defends the probability that Jesus was resurrected following His crucifixion. He examines the origins of the Christian movement, and more provocative subjects, such as the Shroud of Turin, parapsychological phenomena, and hallucinations.

Truth Decay by Douglas Groothuis, 212 pages

The concept of truth as absolute, objective, and universal has undergone serious deterioration in recent years. No longer is it a goal for all to pursue. Rather postmodernism sees truth as inseparable from culture, psychology, race, and gender. Ultimately, truth is what we make it to be. What factors have accelerated this decay of truth? Why are people willing to embrace such a devalued concept? How does this new view compare and contrast with a Christian understanding? While postmodernism contains some truthful insights (despite its attempt to dethrone truth), Groothuis sees its basic tenets as intellectually flawed and hostile to Christian views. In this spirited presentation of a solid Biblical and logical perspective, he unveils how truth has come under attack and how it can be defended in the vital areas of theology, apologetics, ethics, and the arts.

The Universe Next Door, Fifth Edition by James W. Sire, 300 pages

For more than thirty years, *The Universe Next Door* has set the standard for a clear, readable introduction to worldviews. In this new fifth edition James Sire offers additional student-friendly features to his concise, easily understood introductions to theism, deism, naturalism, Marxism, nihilism, existentialism, Eastern monism, New Age philosophy and postmodernism. Included in this expanded format is a new chapter on Islam. The book continues to build on Sire's refined definition of worldviews from the fourth edition and includes other updates as well, keeping this standard text fresh and useful. In a world of ever-increasing diversity, *The Universe Next Door* offers a unique resource for understanding the variety of worldviews that compete with Christianity for the allegiance of minds and hearts. *The Universe Next Door* has been translated into over a dozen languages and has been used as a text at over one hundred colleges and universities in courses ranging from apologetics and world religions to history and English literature. Sire's *Naming the Elephant: Worldview as a Concept* provides a useful companion volume for those desiring a more in-depth discussion of the nature of a worldview.

Who Made God? And Answers to over 100 Other Tough Questions of Faith by Ravi Zacharias and Norman L. Geisler, 224 pages

In the quest for the truth, you need to know what you believe and why you believe it. This book offers accessible answers to over 100 commonly asked apologetic questions. Bringing together the best in evangelical apologists, this guide is standard equipment for Christians who want to understand and talk about their faith intelligently. Part one answers tough questions about the Christian faith such as: Who made God?, How can there be three persons in one God?, What is God's ultimate purpose in allowing evil?, Where did the universe come from?, How long are the days of creation in Genesis?, Did Jesus rise from the dead?, Are the records of Jesus' life reliable?, and Does the Bible have errors in it? Part two answers tough questions about other faiths, including Islam, Mormonism, Hinduism, Transcendental Meditation, Yoga, Reincarnation, Buddhism, and Black Islam. Relevant stories, questions for reflection and discussion, and a comprehensive list of suggested resources help you dig deeper so you can be prepared to give careful answers that explain the reasons for your faith.

An online resource with free PDFs: www.eSeeker.org answers many of the most common questions asked by seekers and skeptics such as: Is God fair?, Is Jesus the only way?, What about the heathen?, What about good people?, Why do innocent people suffer?, Would a good God send someone to Hell?, Is His message trustworthy?, What about the hypocrites?, Are miracles real? Does God exist?, and more. This online resource, eSeeker.org, is provided by Acts One Eight, Inc.

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