

To Believe In God

Unveiling the Power of Verbal Beauty: An Psychological Sojourn through **To Believe In God**

In a world inundated with displays and the cacophony of quick connection, the profound power and mental resonance of verbal art often fade in to obscurity, eclipsed by the constant onslaught of sound and distractions. However, located within the musical pages of **To Believe In God**, a charming function of fictional beauty that impulses with fresh thoughts, lies an unforgettable journey waiting to be embarked upon. Composed by way of a virtuoso wordsmith, this magical opus manuals visitors on a psychological odyssey, delicately revealing the latent potential and profound affect embedded within the elaborate web of language. Within the heart-wrenching expanse of the evocative examination, we shall embark upon an introspective exploration of the book is central subjects, dissect its interesting writing type, and immerse ourselves in the indelible impression it leaves upon the depths of readers souls.

Lies We Believe About God Wm. Paul Young
2017-03-07 From the author of the bestselling novel *The Shack* and the New York Times bestsellers *Cross Roads* and *Eve* comes a compelling, conversational exploration of twenty-eight assumptions about God—assumptions that just might be keeping us from experiencing His unconditional, all-encompassing love. In his wildly popular novels, Wm. Paul Young portrayed the Triune God in ways that challenged our thinking—sometimes upending long-held beliefs, but always centered in the eternal, all-encompassing nature of God’s love. Now, in Wm. Paul Young’s first nonfiction book, he invites us to revisit our assumptions about God—this time using the Bible, theological discussion, and personal anecdotes. Paul encourages us to think through beliefs we’ve presumed to be true and consider whether some might actually be false. Expounding on the compassion fans felt from the “Papa” portrayed in *The Shack*—now a major film starring Sam Worthington and Octavia Spencer—Paul encourages you to think anew about important issues including sin, religion, hell, politics, identity, creation, human rights, and helping us discover God’s deep and abiding love.

How to Believe God for a House Study Notes
George Pearsons 2014-09 He put your feet on a wonderful road that took you straight to a good place to live (Psalm 107:7, *The Message*). There’s no place like home! Philippians 4:19 (*The Amplified Bible*) tells us, My God will liberally

supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. This liberal supply includes your beautiful, debt-free house. It is important to God that you live in a place where you can rest, refresh and receive. In Isaiah 32:18 (New International Version), God says, My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest. Consider the Garden of Eden! It was the original intent for our earthly dwellings. Begin your journey with this series by Pastor George Pearsons and Gloria Copeland as they teach you *How to Believe God for a House*. Dig into the Word and start feeding your faith today! Includes Bonus Teaching: *How to Believe God for a House: Our Personal Journey* with Pastors George and Terri Pearsons; Also includes a chapter excerpt from Gloria Copeland's "God's Will Is Prosperity" and "Faith Scriptures for Your New Home."

Born to Believe Andrew Newberg 2007-10-02
Born to Believe was previously published in hardcover as *Why We Believe What We Believe*. Prayer...meditation...speaking in tongues. What do these spiritual activities share and how do they differ? Why do some people believe in God, while others embrace atheism? From the ordinary to the extraordinary, beliefs give meaning to the mysteries of life. They motivate us, provide us with our individual uniqueness, and ultimately change the structure and function of our brains. In *Born to Believe*, Andrew Newberg, MD, and Mark Waldman reveal -- for the very first time -- how our complex views,

memories, superstitions, morals, and beliefs are created by the neural activities of the brain. Supported by groundbreaking original research, they explain how our brains construct our deepest convictions and fondest assumptions about reality and the world around us. Using science, psychology, and religion, the authors offer recommendations for exercising your brain in order to develop a more life-affirming, flexible range of attitudes. Knowing how the brain builds meaning, value, spirituality, and truth into your life will change forever the way you look at yourself and the world.

Can You Still Trust God? Charles F. Stanley 2021-03-16 When things are going your way, trusting the Lord is easy. But when painful trials, unmet needs, or lost dreams assail, do you wonder if God can still be trusted? What do you do when facing a challenge that seems insurmountable? Do you believe God can be trusted? In *Can You Still Trust God?*, Dr. Charles Stanley reveals three essential beliefs for trusting God: God is perfect in His love. God is infinite in wisdom. God is absolutely sovereign. *Can You Still Trust God?* is a message of: hope for anyone struggling to reconcile the suffering and turmoil in the world with a loving God. truth for pastors, ministers, and Bible study leaders searching for a resource to teach their communities about God's promises and how to deepen trust in Him. Even when you cannot understand why God would allow certain situations to occur, these core beliefs form the basis for trusting Him. Your ability to receive the blessings God has for you is determined by the degree to which these wise truths are embedded in your soul.

What's the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian? Martin Thielen 2013-01-01 Pastor and author Martin Thielen has compiled a list of ten things people need to believe, and ten things they don't, in order to be a Christian. This lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with. With an accessible, storytelling style that's grounded in solid biblical scholarship, Thielen shows how Christians don't need to believe that sinners will be "left behind" to burn in hell or that it's heresy to believe in evolution. And while we must always take the

Bible seriously, we don't always have to take it literally. At the same time, Christians do need to believe in Jesus--his life, his teachings, his death and resurrection, and his vision for the world. A great benefit of those beliefs is that they provide promising answers to life's most profound questions, including: Where is God? What matters most? What brings fulfillment? What about suffering? Is there hope? Thielen articulates centrist, mainline Christianity in a way that's fresh and easy to understand, and offers authentic Christian insights that speak to our deepest needs. This new edition includes a leader's guide, previously only available online, and a new introduction from the author that reflects on the book's reception. The leader's guide features unique and easily implemented aids for carrying out a seven-week, congregation-wide initiative that will help local churches reach out to their communities. More information is available at thielen.wjkbooks.com.

Can We Still Believe in God? Craig L. Blomberg 2020-06-16 People regularly give certain reasons for not believing in God, but they are much less aware of what the New Testament actually teaches. Although challenges to Christianity are perennial and have frequently been addressed, they are noticeably more common today and are currently of particular interest among evangelicals. Skeptics of Christianity often ask highly regarded biblical scholar and popular speaker Craig Blomberg how he can believe in a faith that seems so problematic. How can God allow evil and suffering? Isn't the Bible anti-women, anti-gay, and pro-slavery? Isn't the New Testament riddled with contradictions? What about the nature of hell, violence in Scripture, and prayer and predestination? Following the author's successful *Can We Still Believe the Bible?*, this succinct and readable book focuses on what the New Testament teaches about 10 key reasons people give for not believing in God.

I Believe in God a Meditation on the Apostles Creed Paul Claudel 2016-06-21 This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work was reproduced from the original artifact, and remains as true to the original work as possible. Therefore, you will see the original

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Catechism of the Catholic Church U.S. Catholic Church 2003-03-04 Over 3 million copies sold! Essential reading for Catholics of all walks of life. Here it is - the first new Catechism of the Catholic Church in more than 400 years, a complete summary of what Catholics around the world commonly believe. The Catechism draws on the Bible, the Mass, the Sacraments, Church tradition and teaching, and the lives of saints. It comes with a complete index, footnotes and cross-references for a fuller understanding of every subject. The word catechism means "instruction" - this book will serve as the standard for all future catechisms. Using the tradition of explaining what the Church believes (the Creed), what she celebrates (the Sacraments), what she lives (the Commandments), and what she prays (the Lord's Prayer), the Catechism of the Catholic Church offers challenges for believers and answers for all those interested in learning about the mystery of the Catholic faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a positive, coherent and contemporary map for our spiritual journey toward transformation.

You Believe In God, But You Don't Trust

Him Jacobs Obamedo 2023-02-27 Do you know that without faith, your existence has no place in God? Doubt's desire is to void your destiny with God. Until your faith is the same under all circumstances, there will still be room for doubt and anxiety in your life. How are you with His Word? Are you still wrestling with doubt, fear,

anxiety, or unbelief? You need to urgently break the backbone of doubt and unbelief in your walk of faith. Doubt is a thief of your blessings and an enemy of your destiny. Doubt and worry are offensive to God and spiritually oppressive to His children. The only way to change a person is to change the way he thinks and eats. Think on the Word and learn to eat His Word. About the Author Dr. Jacobs Obamedo is a graduate from the University of Nigeria-Nsukka with a bachelor of science degree in economics/sociology. He attended Hampstead Bible School-London and was pastor of Hither Green Gospel Assembly Lewisham in London, England. He holds a master's degree in theology from Lighthouse Christian College in Beebe, Arkansas, and a doctoral degree in theology from Christian Outreach Bible Institute College Seminary in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He is married to Felicia with four adult sprit-filled children.

God Is Not Great Christopher Hitchens

2008-11-19 Christopher Hitchens, described in the London Observer as "one of the most prolific, as well as brilliant, journalists of our time" takes on his biggest subject yet—the increasingly dangerous role of religion in the world. In the tradition of Bertrand Russell's *Why I Am Not a Christian* and Sam Harris's recent bestseller, *The End Of Faith*, Christopher Hitchens makes the ultimate case against religion. With a close and erudite reading of the major religious texts, he documents the ways in which religion is a man-made wish, a cause of dangerous sexual repression, and a distortion of our origins in the cosmos. With eloquent clarity, Hitchens frames the argument for a more secular life based on science and reason, in which hell is replaced by the Hubble Telescope's awesome view of the universe, and Moses and the burning bush give way to the beauty and symmetry of the double helix.

Why We Believe in God(s) J. Anderson

Thomson 2014-07-01 In this groundbreaking volume, J. Anderson Thomson, Jr., MD, with Clare Aukofer, offers a succinct yet comprehensive study of how and why the human mind generates religious belief. Dr. Thomson, a highly respected practicing psychiatrist with credentials in forensic psychiatry and evolutionary psychology, methodically investigates the components and causes of

religious belief in the same way any scientist would investigate the movement of astronomical bodies or the evolution of life over time—that is, as a purely natural phenomenon. Providing compelling evidence from psychology, the cognitive neurosciences, and related fields, he, with Ms. Aukofer, presents an easily accessible and exceptionally convincing case that god(s) were created by man—not vice versa. With this slim volume, Dr. Thomson establishes himself as a must-read thinker and leading voice on the primacy of reason and science over superstition and religion.

Determined to Believe? John C. Lennox
2018-03-27 A serious biblical and philosophical investigation of theological determinism: the idea that everything that happens has already been decided by God, including who will and won't be saved. This book was written for those who are interested in, or troubled by, questions about God's sovereignty and human freedom and responsibility. Christian apologist John Lennox writes in the spirit of helping people understand the biblical treatment of these concepts. In this mind-bending review of the topics of theological determinism, predestination, election, and foreknowledge, Lennox: Defines the problem, considering the concept of freedom, the different kinds of determinism, and the moral issues these pose. Explores the range of theological opinion and unpacks what the Bible—especially the gospels and Paul's letter to the Romans—teaches about human and sovereign will. Addresses the question of Christian assurance: how can I know if I have salvation? This nuanced and detailed study challenges some of the widely held assumptions about theological determinism and brings a fresh perspective to the debate. This book is for anyone who's asked questions like: Is my decision to believe or disbelieve in Jesus actually my decision? Is it possible for a genuine believer to lose their salvation? How much free will do I really have? By the author of *Seven Days that Divide the World* and *2084: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity*, *Determined to Believe?* will launch your consciousness into a fresh understanding and appreciation of this important Christian debate and help you think both biblically and logically about the human condition.

Why Would Anyone Believe in God? Justin L.

Barrett 2004 Because of the design of our minds. That is Justin Barrett's simple answer to the question of his title. With rich evidence from cognitive science but without technical language, psychologist Barrett shows that belief in God is an almost inevitable consequence of the kind of minds we have. Most of what we believe comes from mental tools working below our conscious awareness. And what we believe consciously is in large part driven by these unconscious beliefs. Barrett demonstrates that beliefs in gods match up well with these automatic assumptions; beliefs in an all-knowing, all-powerful God match up even better. Barrett goes on to explain why beliefs like religious beliefs are so widespread and why it is very difficult for our minds to think without them. Anyone who wants a concise, clear, and scientific explanation of why anyone would believe in God should pick up Barrett's book.

Tame Your Fears Carol Kent 2014-02-27 This Bible study examines 10 fears common to most women and suggests ways to overcome such fears by using them as stepping stones to deeper faith, renewed confidence, and sincere reverence for a powerful and loving God.

Can a Smart Person Believe in God? Michael Guillen 2006-09-03 As Christians, we are often urged to turn away from scientific discovery and rely solely on the Bible as the source of our faith. On the other hand, many people in areas such as science, law, and education insist that Christian faith is lowbrow or unintelligent. But is it possible to reconcile science with what you believe about God? As someone who has grappled with the issues of science and faith in the public eye for more than a decade as a television journalist, Dr. Michael Guillen believes it is possible. In fact, by embracing the discoveries of science we can see God, the universe, and humanity in full, multidimensional glory. Fortunately, you don't have to be a genius to enjoy this book. The bite-sized chapters are full of fascinating scientific tidbits in an easy-to-understand format. Captivating stories of the author's childhood in the Mexican barrio of East L.A. and his work in television and research are woven throughout. There is even an entertaining SQ (Spiritual Quotient) test for readers to take.

America's Four Gods Paul Froese 2010-10-07 Despite all the hype surrounding the "New

Atheism," the United States remains one of the most religious nations on Earth. In fact, 95% of Americans believe in God--a level of agreement rarely seen in American life. The greatest divisions in America are not between atheists and believers, or even between people of different faiths. What divides us, this groundbreaking book shows, is how we conceive of God and the role He plays in our daily lives. America's Four Gods draws on the most wide-ranging, comprehensive, and illuminating survey of American's religious beliefs ever conducted to offer a systematic exploration of how Americans view God. Paul Froese and Christopher Bader argue that many of America's most intractable social and political divisions emerge from religious convictions that are deeply held but rarely openly discussed. Drawing upon original survey data from thousands of Americans and a wealth of in-depth interviews from all parts of the country, Froese and Bader trace America's cultural and political diversity to its ultimate source--differing opinions about God. They show that regardless of our religious tradition (or lack thereof), Americans worship four distinct types of God: The Authoritative God--who is both engaged in the world and judgmental; The Benevolent God--who loves and helps us in spite of our failings; The Critical God--who catalogs our sins but does not punish them (at least not in this life); and The Distant God--who stands apart from the world He created. The authors show that these four conceptions of God form the basis of our worldviews and are among the most powerful predictors of how we feel about the most contentious issues in American life. Accessible, insightful, and filled with the voices of ordinary Americans discussing their most personal religious beliefs, America's Four Gods provides an invaluable portrait of how we view God and therefore how we view virtually everything else.

Five Proofs for the Existence of God Edward Feser 2017-08-18 Five Proofs of the Existence of God provides a detailed, updated exposition and defense of five of the historically most important (but in recent years largely neglected) philosophical proofs of God's existence: the Aristotelian proof, the Neo-Platonic proof, the Augustinian proof, the Thomistic proof, and the Rationalist proof. This book also offers a

detailed treatment of each of the key divine attributes -- unity, simplicity, eternity, omnipotence, omniscience, perfect goodness, and so forth -- showing that they must be possessed by the God whose existence is demonstrated by the proofs. Finally, it answers at length all of the objections that have been leveled against these proofs. This book offers as ambitious and complete a defense of traditional natural theology as is currently in print. Its aim is to vindicate the view of the greatest philosophers of the past -- thinkers like Aristotle, Plotinus, Augustine, Aquinas, Leibniz, and many others -- that the existence of God can be established with certainty by way of purely rational arguments. It thereby serves as a refutation both of atheism and of the fideism which gives aid and comfort to atheism. Believing God Beth Moore 2005-01-31 Includes one member book, one leader guide, and 6 DVD's.

Why I Believe God Exists Andrew Phiri 2015-07-10 Many have for long contended that science disapproves the existence of God. The current unprecedented levels of religious violence seem to further portray faith as a vice and not a virtue. The God-debate is slowly warming up even in deeply religious nations. Zambia is one such country that was one day awakened to this reality when an atheist medical practitioner freely expressed his atheistic views on TV. This was too controversial for many viewers. Sadly, much of the clerical responses to the atheist's arguments were mere rhetoric, lacking intellectual rigor. In "Why I Believe God Exists" Andrew admonishes Christians to give heed to the Biblical admonition to "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15). He defends the existence of God by responding to the following challenges often raised by atheists: "Faith is evil as it has brought more harm to society - there would have never been 9/11, al Qaeda, or ISIS, had religion not existed". "Postulating God as the creator only raises the question of 'Who created the creator?'" "There is no scientific evidence for the existence of God". "How can a perfect God create an imperfect world filled with the evil of pain and suffering?" This book is intended to

strengthen a believer's faith and also present an opportunity to a person who may want to believe in God but finds his intellect stultifying him.

Learning by Heart Corita Kent 2008-10-14 Tap into your natural ability to create! Engaging, proven exercises for developing creativity Priceless resource for teachers, artists, actors, everyone Artist and educator Corita Kent inspired generations of artists, and the truth of her words "We can all talk, we can all write, and if the blocks are removed, we can all draw and paint and make things" still shines through. This revised edition of her classic work *Learning by Heart* features a new foreword and a chart of curriculum standards. Kent's original projects and exercises, developed through more than 30 years as an art teacher and richly illustrated with 300 thought-provoking images, are as inspiring and as freeing today as they were during her lifetime. Learn how to challenge fears, be open to new directions, recognize connections between objects and ideas, and much more in this remarkable, indispensable guide to freeing the creative spirit within all of us. With new material by art world heavyweights Susan Friel and Barbara Loste, *Learning by Heart* brings creative inspiration into the 21st century!

I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist

Norman L. Geisler 2021-05-17 To some, the concept of having faith in a higher power or a set of religious beliefs is nonsensical. Indeed, many view religion in general, and Christianity in particular, as unfounded and unreasonable. Norman Geisler and Frank Turek argue, however, that Christianity is not only more reasonable than all other belief systems, but is indeed more rational than unbelief itself. With conviction and clear thinking, Geisler and Turek guide readers through some of the traditional, tested arguments for the existence of a creator God. They move into an examination of the source of morality and the reliability of the New Testament accounts concerning Jesus. The final section of the book deals with a detailed investigation of the claims of Christ. This volume will be an interesting read for those skeptical about Christianity, as well as a helpful resource for Christians seeking to articulate a more sophisticated defense of their faith.

How to Believe in God Clark Strand

2009-03-03 In *How to Believe in God*, Clark Strand, an accomplished master of both Eastern and Western mystical practices, takes on the most troublesome and provocative passages from Judeo-Christian scripture, transforming the Bible into a manual of spiritual liberation for the twenty-first-century seeker. Offering a revolutionary new model of approaching the Bible, he frees those sacred scriptures from superstition, dogma, and tribalism, and in the process recovers their universal teaching on salvation and belief. Drawing on his personal experiences, including his Bible Belt upbringing, his years as a Buddhist monk, and his life as a father and husband in a small rural community, Strand makes even the most subtle spiritual teaching heartfelt and accessible. *How to Believe in God* illuminates a clear path to reclaiming a God that leaves nothing out and leaves no one behind. His open, gentle, pioneering approach to faith allows everyone—from churchgoing Christians to those with no religious affiliation at all—to experience the Bible in new and exciting ways.

Believe In The God Who Believes In You

Robert H Schuller 2006-10 Congratulations! Bravo for you!! You are terrific! You are honored in your community You are respected by the people you respect You are seldom or never the subject of negative gossip You are a much admired person, despite your faults You are held in high esteem You are dependable. Your word is as good as gold. Stretch your thinking, break loose, and move out and become the person you have always wanted to be. Your dreams are not unattainable. 'Whoever dares to try can never be a total failure,' writes Robert H. Schuller, the world's leading proponent of Possibility Thinking. 'What you are going to be, is a decision you make. Believe in yourself.' Accept this positive faith-building challenge and make the most out of your life. Discover the power of self-confidence, dignity and pride to achieve the impossible.

My God, My God Michael P. Jensen 2013-06-14

Once upon a time, it was not so difficult to believe. Believing in God was like breathing. It was a second sense of which people were hardly aware. But in an age when our faith is mainly in science and technology, is it possible to believe anymore? Michael P. Jensen takes a searching

look at what makes us believe--or not believe--in God in this contemporary world. He converses with troubled souls, cranks, crackpots, and conspiracy theorists, and even with the devil himself. This entertaining and stimulating journey through the underworld of our beliefs will have you wondering whether things are always what they seem.

God Can't Thomas Jay Oord 2019-01-05 Hurting people ask heart-felt questions about God and suffering. Some "answers" they receive appeal to mystery: "God's ways are not our ways". Some answers say God allows evil for a greater purpose. Some say evil is God's punishment. The usual answers fail. They don't support the truth that God loves everyone all the time. *God Can't* gives a believable answer to why a good and powerful God doesn't prevent evil. Author Thomas Jay Oord says God's love is inherently uncontrolling. God loves everyone and everything, so God can't control anyone or anything. This means God cannot prevent evil singlehandedly. God can't stop evildoers, whether human, animal, organism, or inanimate objects and forces. In *God Can't*, Oord gives a plausible reason why some are healed, but many others are not. God always works to heal everyone, but sometimes our bodies, organisms, or other creatures do not cooperate with God's healing work. Or the conditions of creation are not right for the healing God wants to do. Some people think God causes or allows suffering to teach us lessons or build our character. *God Can't* disagrees. Oord says God squeezes good from the evil God didn't want in the first place. God uses pain and suffering without willing or even allowing it. Most people think God can overcome evil singlehandedly. In *God Can't*, Oord says God needs cooperation for love to reign now and later. This leads to a better view of the afterlife called "relentless love." It rejects traditional ideas of heaven, hell, and annihilation. Relentless love holds to the possibility all creatures and all creation will respond to God's love. *God Can't* is written in understandable language. As a world-renown theologian, Thomas Jay Oord brings credibility to the book's radical ideas. He explains these ideas through true stories, illustrations, and scripture. *God Can't* is for those who want answers to tragedy, abuse, and other evils that make sense!

What They're Saying... "If conventional notions of God make less and less sense to you, you'll find Thomas Jay Oord's new book a breath of fresh air. Simply put, "*God Can't*" presents an understanding of God that thoughtful, ethical people can believe in." -- Brian D. McLaren, author of *The Great Spiritual Migration* "I did not want this book to end. I wish Dr. Oord had written it 100 years ago, or 1000 years ago... To find your understanding of life and your love for God renewed, read this book." -- Dr. Karen Strand Winslow, Ph.D., Biblical and Jewish Studies Professor of Bible, Azusa Pacific University "As a clinical psychologist working with people in trauma, I owe Thomas Jay Oord an enormous debt of gratitude for recasting the so-called problem of evil in terms that are conceptually satisfying, theologically consistent, and pastorally liberating." -- Dr Roger Bretherton- Principal Lecturer at the University of Lincoln (UK), Chair of the British Association of Christians in Psychology "Victims of trauma sometimes hear theological responses that imply their suffering is somehow "God's will." A more careful theological reflection on the nature of the power of a God who is love can help. Oord gives us a clear and compelling alternative in this profoundly insightful and admirably concrete and accessible book." -- Dr. Anna Case-Winters, Professor of Theology at McCormick Theological Seminary "I know of no book that speaks to suffering with the depth of theological sophistication and psychological sensitivity as *God Can't*. This book is a rare combination of depth and accessibility, truly written for the wounded. I recommend it to my students, parishioners, and therapy clients." -- Dr. Brad D. Strawn, Professor of the Integration of Psychology and Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary

Can You Believe in God and Evolution? Dr. Ted Peters 2010-10-01 Named a 2007 Book of Distinction by the Sir John Templeton Foundation. The special edition of this award winning book celebrates the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin. Since, even before, the publication of Darwin's seminal work on evolution, science and religion have often been at odds. Even today culture wars continue to rage. How can I be faithful to God and fully enjoy the progress of science? Who is Charles

Darwin and what did he actually say? Can you believe in God and evolution? Does teaching evolution corrupt our social values? How can you connect science and faith? Can science be a Christian vocation? So how can we interpret the creation story in the Bible? Authors Ted Peters and Martinez Hewlett give a balanced discussion of the impact of evolution to help church leaders understand the values at stake. They make the convincing case that Christians can connect their faith in God with a scientific understanding of evolution with integrity

Finish Me Kevin A. Johnson 2012-05 God has the ability to take the pure chaos of a life filled with divorce, drug addictions, sexual misconduct, mental depression, and every negative experience known to humans, and make a life filled with unending peace and power. He alone has the power to change an unchangeable thing into something that it could never have become by itself. In *Finish Me: A Beautiful Revelation of the "Finished" You*, Kevin A. Johnson shows that God has a finished plan for our lives, although our imperfect circumstances seem to dictate differently. Just as God took seven days to complete His creation as shown in the Book of Genesis, God works faithfully in the lives of Christian believers to bring them to the "finish" He desires for them. Apostle Johnson demonstrates, through sound wisdom, that the sum total of our lives is not in the way in which our lives might have begun, but is fully discovered in the way in which our lives are finished. He wants us to realize that dealing with the experiences of poverty, sexual abuse, verbal abuse, depression, or rape does not mean that our lives are over. Rather, he implores us to believe that God has a far more perfect finish for us, even though Satan has hit us with such darkened chaos. The author also wishes for us to understand that God has millions of days of continuous sunshine for every infrequent scary and dark moment of our lives. Author Kevin A. Johnson, of Nashville, Tennessee, is a popular speaker and is the author of other books on living a Christian life of vision, purpose, and joy. He is a passionate servant of his God and Savior, Jesus Christ. We must know that even in the midst of our worst chaos, there exists an unseen "supernatural blueprint" of what we are truly meant to become. Kevin A. Johnson's *Finish Me:*

A Beautiful Revelation of the "Finished" You inspires us to believe in and completely accept this truth.

[Making Sense of God](#) Timothy Keller 2016-09-20

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.

[How Jesus Became God](#) Bart D. Ehrman

2014-03-25 New York Times bestselling author and Bible expert Bart Ehrman reveals how Jesus's divinity became dogma in the first few centuries of the early church. The claim at the heart of the Christian faith is that Jesus of Nazareth was, and is, God. But this is not what the original disciples believed during Jesus's lifetime—and it is not what Jesus claimed about himself. *How Jesus Became God* tells the story of an idea that shaped Christianity, and of the evolution of a belief that looked very different in the fourth century than it did in the first. A master explainer of Christian history, texts, and traditions, Ehrman reveals how an apocalyptic prophet from the backwaters of rural Galilee crucified for crimes against the state came to be thought of as equal with the one God Almighty, Creator of all things. But how did he move from being a Jewish prophet to being God? In a book that took eight years to research and write, Ehrman sketches Jesus's transformation from a human prophet to the Son of God exalted to divine status at his resurrection. Only when some of Jesus's followers had visions of him after his death—alive again—did anyone come to think that he, the prophet from Galilee, had become God. And what they meant by that was not at all what people mean today. Written for secular historians of religion and believers alike, *How*

Jesus Became God will engage anyone interested in the historical developments that led to the affirmation at the heart of Christianity: Jesus was, and is, God.

What Can You Believe If You Don't Believe In God? Michael Werner 2018-03-28 This book is intended to help you live your life, and to shed some light on your own values and ethics, if you don't believe in God. More than just a primer on Humanism, but not quite a full-blown treatise on philosophy, it offers some answers to those crucial questions Socrates asked: What is true? And how shall we live our lives? Those of us who don't believe in the supernatural sometimes struggle to understand how we can ground ourselves ethically, and how to find truth, meaning, purpose and joy. This book offers ideas about how to know, without depending on Holy Scriptures or guidance from a deity, what it means to lead a good and ethical life.

"Humanism is a value system whose time has come: a positive philosophy for the surging proportion of the world's population who indicate 'None' as their religion but seek meaning, morality, and purpose in their lives. Michael Werner's statement of Humanism is clear, effective, and graceful, just right for our times." Steven Pinker, professor of psychology, Harvard University author, "The Better Angels of Our Nature" and "How the Mind Works."

"Mike Werner captures the depth and breadth of Humanism in his latest work. He shows us what love, reason, imagination and science can have in common. In doing so, he demonstrates what we all have to live for, strive for, and believe in." Roy Speckhardt, executive director, American Humanist Association "Outstanding and a must read for everyone who takes life seriously." Rev. William R. Murry, former president, Meadville Lombard Theological School, University of Chicago

50 Reasons People Give for Believing in a God Guy P. Harrison 2009-09-18 Many books that challenge religious belief from a skeptical point of view take a combative tone that is almost guaranteed to alienate believers or they present complex philosophical or scientific arguments that fail to reach the average reader. This is undoubtedly an ineffective way of encouraging people to develop critical thinking about religion. This unique approach to

skepticism presents fifty commonly heard reasons people often give for believing in a God and then raises legitimate questions regarding these reasons, showing in each case that there is much room for doubt. Whether you're a believer, a complete skeptic, or somewhere in between, you'll find this review of traditional and more recent arguments for the existence of God refreshing, approachable, and enlightening. From religion as the foundation of morality to the authority of sacred books, the compelling religious testimony of influential people, near-death experiences, arguments from Intelligent Design, and much more, Harrison respectfully describes each rationale for belief and then politely shows the deficiencies that any good skeptic would point out. As a journalist who has traveled widely and interviewed many highly accomplished people, quite a number of whom are believers, the author appreciates the variety of belief and the ways in which people seek to make religion compatible with scientific thought. Nonetheless, he shows that, despite the prevalence of belief in God or religious belief in intelligent people, in the end there are no unassailable reasons for believing in a God. For skeptics looking for appealing ways to approach their believing friends or believers who are not afraid to consider a skeptical challenge, this book makes for very stimulating reading.

The Reason for God Timothy Keller 2008-02-14 A New York Times bestseller people can believe in—by "a pioneer of the new urban Christians" (Christianity Today) and the "C.S. Lewis for the 21st century" (Newsweek). Timothy Keller, the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent believers, have about religion. Using literature, philosophy, real-life conversations, and potent 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 their ground against the backlash to religion created by the Age of Skepticism. And to skeptics, atheists, and agnostics, he provides a challenging argument for pursuing the reason for God.

Meaning and Mystery David M. Holley 2010-01-11

When Godly People Do Ungodly Things Beth

Moore 2002-04-01 It is reported in the headlines, confessed in the pulpits, and hidden in the pews in churches around the world. The seduction of God's people by the deceiver is a tale as old as the garden, but we are always surprised when it happens. We must realize that Satan is a lion on the prowl and we are his prey. Beth writes with a passion fueled by the Biblical warnings of the schemes of Satan's seductive activity and the broken-hearted concern of a teacher who receives countless letters from repentant Christians limping on the road to finding restoration. Delivering dire warnings to Christians to safeguard themselves against Satan's attacks, Beth also reveals how you can know if someone is vulnerable. Beth writes, "We, Christ's church, are in desperate need of developing His heart and mind in issues like these." She fears that often God is far more merciful than the Body of Christ is with the deeply repentant and those desperate to find their way home. When Godly People Do Ungodly Things will be a guide to authentic repentance and restoration.

To Believe in God Joseph Pintauro 2020-12-24

Believing God Beth Moore 2015-04 "Is it working? Your belief system, that is. Is it really working? God's intention all along has been for the believer's life to work. From divine perspective toward terrestrial turf, God meant for his children to succeed. . . Are our Christian lives successful? Are they achieving and experiencing what Scripture said they would? In a recent sermon my son-in-law preached, Curt told us the only way we were going to impact the world and the next generation is to prove that our faith in Christ is real and that it works. For countless Christians I'm convinced it's real. My concern is whether or not we have the fruit to suggest it works."—Beth Moore; **Believing God**

Why I Believe in God Cornelius Van Til 1966*
Is it Reasonable to Believe in God? J. Houston 1984

You Can Have Living Faith United Church of God 2010-09-08 What is faith, and how do we receive it and grow in it? We live in a society that is virtually devoid of faith. Since most people don't read the Bible, they don't know much about God or believe He even exists. What about you - do you lack the faith to believe in God? Having true faith will help you make sense

out the troubling and confusing world you live in. It will give you the confidence you need to move forward with your life despite trials and setbacks. How do you get faith? Growing in faith requires believing in God and maintaining a close relationship with Him. You can have this relationship with God through daily prayer, Bible study and applying what God says in the Scriptures in your personal life. Learn more about how to grow in Christian faith by reading this Bible study aid ebook, *You Can Have Living Faith*, and start building that close relationship with God today! Chapters in this ebook: -- Introduction: *You Can Have Living Faith* -- What Is Faith? -- The Meaning of Faith -- The Book of James: An 'Epistle of Straw'? -- Examples of Living Faith -- When It Seems God Doesn't Hear or Answer -- Enemies of Faith -- Growing in Faith Inside this Bible Study Aid ebook: "Lack of faith—an active, living trust in and relationship with God—is a widespread problem affecting every nation and virtually every individual." "If we want to better our lives, our model for living faith should be Jesus Christ." "Many people don't have the faith described in the Bible because they do not believe or practice what Jesus said: "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15)." "The Bible tells us salvation is by God's grace and is not earned by good works "lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). But we are saved by grace through faith. The danger we face is that our faith will die if we neglect our salvation by not living a life of obedience to God (Hebrews 2:1-3)." "The examples and testimonies of the men and women we read about in Hebrews 11 show us we can believe God." "We should pray to God for faith, and we should pray often for it (Luke 18:1)." "Living a life of prayer, Bible study and humble obedience to God clarifies and strengthens our faith."

Good Without God Greg Epstein 2010-10-26 An inspiring and provocative exploration of an alternative to traditional religion Questions about the role of God and religion in today's world have never been more relevant or felt more powerfully. Many of us are searching for a place where we can find not only facts and scientific reason but also hope and moral courage. For some, answers are found in the divine. For others, including the New Atheists, religion is an "enemy." But in *Good Without God*,

Greg Epstein presents another, more balanced and inclusive response: Humanism. He highlights humanity's potential for goodness and the ways in which Humanists lead lives of purpose and compassion. Humanism can offer the sense of community we want and often need in good times and bad—and it teaches us that we can lead good and moral lives without the supernatural, without higher powers . . . without God.

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