



Resource List: Cults, World Religions, & Apologetics

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Books

10 Most Common Objections to Christianity by Alex McFarland (2007) • 9780764215162 •

Believers are called to share their faith with the world, but many don't know answers to basic questions from unbelievers. This apologetics primer offers answers to even the toughest objections to Christianity.

801 Questions Kids Ask About God Focus on the Family (2000) • 9780842337885 • ages 2-10

"With Answers From the Bible"

Abandoned Faith by Alex McFarland and Jason Jimenez (2017) • 9781589978829 •

"Why Millennials Are Walking Away and How You Can Lead Them Home"

Atheism Remix: A Christian Confronts the New Atheists by Al Mohler (2008) • 9781433504976 •

Mohler offers insights for understanding the cultural conditions helping atheism spread, and he explains what Christians can do to lovingly challenge and counter the trend.

Basic Christianity by John Stott (2007) • 9780830834136 •

Stott addresses the claims, character, and resurrection of Christ; the fact, nature, and consequence of sin; responding to Christ's death; counting the cost of following Christ; reaching a decision to accept Jesus as Lord; and growing as a Christian.

The Case for a Creator by Lee Strobel (2009) • 9780310339281 •

Strobel reexamines theories that once led him away from God. He shares discoveries in cosmology, cellular biology, DNA, and other areas of study that give undeniable evidence of our Creator.

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel (1998) • 9780310345862 •

A seasoned journalist in search of the truth, Strobel recounts his spiritual journey from atheism to faith. He offers a compelling look at the credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth was—and is—the Son of God!

The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel (2000) • 9780310339298 •

Strobel investigates the toughest objections to Christianity—"heart barriers" to faith. Written primarily for skeptics, it will also help deepen believers' convictions and give them fresh confidence in discussing Christianity with others.

The Case for the Real Jesus by Lee Strobel (2009) • 9780310339267 •

The historic picture of Jesus is under an intellectual onslaught and this attack has confused seekers and created doubt among Christians. Strobel arms readers with the truth to defend Christianity in an increasingly hostile world.

The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus by Gary R. Habermas and Michael R. Licona (2004) • 9780825427886 •

The authors develop principles by which an historical event can be accepted as true, then apply them to belief in Christ's rising from the dead. Learn to make a compelling argument for the historicity of Christ's resurrection.

Cold-Case Christianity by J. Warner Wallace (2012) • 9781434704696 •

"A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels"

The Crescent Through the Eyes of the Cross: Insights From an Arab Christian by Dr. Nabeel Jabbour (2008) • 9781600061950 •

Jabbour aims to help Western Christians build and strengthen relationships with Muslims. Move beyond mere tolerance to compassion, and consider Christ's commission to share the Gospel with *all* people.

Defending Your Faith: An Introduction to Apologetics by R.C. Sproul (2009) • 9781433503153 b

Christian beliefs are undermined daily. Outlining the history and fundamentals of apologetics, Sproul explains how reason and scientific inquiry offer strong allies for defending your faith.

The End of Reason: A Response to the New Atheists by Ravi Zacharias (2008) • 9780310282518 •

With clarity and hope, Zacharias underscores the dependability of Scripture as he refutes claims that God is nothing more than a figment of imagination and that Christians only practice hatred and intolerance.

The Faith: What Christians Believe, Why They Believe It, and Why It Matters by Charles Colson and Harold Fickett (2008) • 9780310342311 •

Colson and Fickett identify Christianity's two great contemporary threats—anti-theism and radical Islam—and a third challenge: Christians who no longer understand their faith or the biblical truths upon which it's founded.

Finding Truth by Nancy Pearcey (2015) • 9780781413084 •

"5 Principles for Unmasking Atheism, Secularism, and Other God Substitutes"

The Grace of God by Andy Stanley (2011) • 9780849947162 •

"The Gift We Don't Deserve. The Love We Can't Believe"

I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist by Norman L. Geisler and Frank Turek (2004) • 9781581345612 •

Truth is absolute, exclusive, and knowable. And the cardinal Christian doctrines are true beyond reasonable doubt—actually requiring a leap of negative "faith" for an atheist to *disbelieve* them.

Jesus Among Other Gods by Ravi Zacharias (2002) • 9780849943270 •

Zacharias defends the uniqueness of Jesus in a postmodern culture that willingly embraces other religions.

Killing Christians by Tom Doyle (2015) • 9780718030681 •

"Living the Faith Where It's Not Safe to Believe"

Making Sense of God by Timothy Keller (2016) • 9780525954156 •

"An Invitation to the Skeptical"

Mere Apologetics by Alister McGrath (2011) • 9780801014161 •

"How to Help Seekers & Skeptics Find Faith"

The Mind of Terror by Tass Saada (2016) • 9781496411877 •

"A former Muslim sniper explores what motivates ISIS and other extremist groups (and how best to respond)."

More Than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell and Sean McDowell (2009) • 9781414326276 •

"His Story Might Change Yours"

The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict by Josh McDowell (1999) • 9780785243632 • (not currently available through Focus on the Family)

"*Evidence I & II*. Fully updated in one volume to answer questions challenging Christians in the 21st century."

Once an Arafat Man by Tass Saada (2010) • 9781414334448 •

"The True Story of How a PLO Sniper Found a New Life"

Onward: Engaging the Culture Without Losing the Gospel by Russell Moore (2015) • 9781433686177 •

Moore discusses western Christianity's shift from *moral majority* to *prophetic minority*. He encourages a renewed focus on seeking God's Kingdom so that we can speak His truth about issues of our day.

Persecuted: The Global Assault on Christians by Paul Marshall, Lela Gilbert, and Nina Shea (2013) • 9781400204410 •

Understand widespread persecution happening around the world, and learn how to better pray and take action.

The Reason for God: Belief in God in an Age of Skepticism by Timothy Keller (2009) • 9781594483493 •

How could a loving God send people to hell? Why does He allow suffering? Can one religion be “right” and the others “wrong”? Keller explains how faith in a Christian God is a rational belief.

The Reason Why Faith Makes Sense by Mark Mittelberg (2011) • 9781414315812 •

Does God exist? Is the Bible true? Mittelberg offers clear answers to questions believers and seekers ask when countering New Atheism arguments against God.

Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth and Apologetics by William Lane Craig (2008) • 9781433501159 •

“Perfect as a textbook yet excellent for lay readers, this updated edition builds a positive case for Christianity by applying the latest thought to core theological themes.”

Renaissance: The Power of the Gospel However Dark the Times by Os Guinness (2014) • 9780830836710 •

Throughout history, Christianity has reflected God’s truth and love in all facets of life, and God has worked through His people to transform cultures. Guinness calls for a new Christian renaissance in *our* day.

Scaling the Secular City: A Defense of Christianity by J.P. Moreland (1987) • 9780801062223 •

“This volume offers up-to-date arguments for God’s existence and for Jesus’ deity and resurrection, answers to objections to Christian theism, and discussions of key issues.”

So What’s the Difference? by Fritz Ridenour (2001) • 9780764215643 •

“A Look at 20 Worldviews, Faiths and Religions and How They Compare to Christianity: Buddhism, Mormonism, Humanism, Witchcraft, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Postmodernism, Evolutionism, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, New Age, and More”

Standing in the Fire by Tom Doyle (2017) • 9780718088620 •

“Courageous Christians Living in Frightening Times”

Understanding World Religions by Len Woods (2013) • 9781624166594 • (not currently available through Focus on the Family)

“A Bible-Based Review of 50 Faiths”

Who Is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus by John Ortberg (2012) • 9780310340492 •

Ortberg examines the powerful impact that Jesus had, and continues to have, on human history. Jesus’ influence extends to all areas of culture—and His teachings on dignity, compassion, forgiveness, and hope remain our model of a life well lived.

Who Made God? by Ravi Zacharias and Norman Geisler (2003) • 9780310247104 •

“And Answers to Over 100 Other Tough Questions of Faith”

Broadcasts & Other Audio

Addressing Skeptics, Sharing Christ (Dr. Timothy Keller) • 2350000010942 •

Keller explains why people walk away from God, why secularists want scientific rationale, and why this fails. Our search for meaning, happiness, and identity go unsatisfied without seeking God in the process.

Adventures in Odyssey #58: The Ties that Bind • 9781589977938 •

The Ties that Bind contains 12 episodes exploring questions about God’s design for marriage and family, loyalty, redemption, commitment, and love.

Building a Biblical Worldview of Marriage and Family (John Stonestreet) • 9781624717994 •

Stonestreet, of the Colson Center for Worldview, examines the deterioration of morals in the present culture. He encourages Christians to better understand and consistently model biblical truth to a desperate world.

Digging Deeper Into the Easter Story (Lee Strobel) • 9781624713521 •

When his wife became a Christian, Strobel started an investigative journey to discover if the resurrection of Jesus could be verified. Here he discusses what he found as he examined evidence for the Resurrection.

Discovering God Through an Analysis of Worldviews (Nancy Pearcey) • 9781683320234 •

Pearcey talks about her struggle as an agnostic searching for truth among different worldviews and her journey to Christianity. She shares five scriptural principles to help determine whether a worldview can be trusted.

Engaging Today's Culture With the Gospel (Dr. Russell Moore) • 9781624719271 •

Moore suggests that the Church has always been a minority, but we didn't realize it. As we see freedoms erode and our nation become secularized, Moore gives hope for the future of Christianity and the Church—even if the culture dismisses our faith.

Fulfilling the Mission of Jesus (Ray Vander Laan) • 235000009366 •

Vander Laan inspires Christians to engage the culture by looking at Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. He explains what it all meant in first-century Rome.

Helping Your Millennial Child Reconnect With God (Alex McFarland and Jason Jimenez) • 2350000010553 •

McFarland and Jimenez, worldview and apologetics experts, discuss cultural forces that shape Millennials. They share how to model Christianity so that young adults grow into adulthood with a thriving faith.

How Jesus Impacted the World (Pastor John Ortberg) • 9781624712692 •

Even for those who may not yet proclaim Him as their Savior, Jesus' impact on the ancient and modern world is undeniable and incalculable. Ortberg offers insights about Jesus' teachings and the Early Church's approach to effectively engage the culture—a movement that grew out of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jesus: The Lamb of God (Reverend Ray Vander Laan) • 9781683320258 •

Vander Laan provides historical context for first-century Jerusalem, when Jesus entered the city for Passover shortly before His crucifixion. He shares that Jesus came for *all* people—to offer living water and to bring peace and harmony out of chaos.

A Jewish Believer's Story (Dr. Lon Solomon) • 9781624719639 •

Solomon tells about his Jewish heritage and upbringing, his rebellion in college, and the turning point when he realized he was self-centered. Solomon began a search for meaning, turning to Eastern religions and later a rabbi. Nothing dealt with his pain until a street evangelist presented the Gospel and gave him a Bible. Jesus' words in Matthew spoke to Solomon, and he prayed a prayer of salvation and was later baptized. He describes his family's negative reaction to his conversion and his father's later acceptance of Christ a week before he died. Solomon notes that assurance, contentment, and peace are only found through a personal relationship with Christ, the Messiah.

Living and Dying As a Witness for Christ (Tom Doyle) • 2350000010089 •

Doyle talks about his work as a missionary in the Middle East. Christians face incredible risks as they live out their faith in parts of the world filled with persecution, terrorism, and war.

Praying for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East (Tom and JoAnn Doyle) • 2350000011499 •

The Doyles share stories of bold believers in the Middle East who courageously share their faith despite daily risk of persecution and death. They remind us to engage with these issues and trust God.

Reasons to Believe in Jesus (Reverend Canon J. John) • 2350000010645 •

J. John highlights a few of the reasons Christianity is attractive: its historical accuracy, the opportunity to be forgiven, and the fact that the Christian faith really works.

Religious Liberties Around the World (Frank Wolf) • 9781624719424 •

First aired in 2015, former Congressman Frank Wolf speaks about the current threat to religious liberties around the world, including the eradication of religious minorities in Iraq and the ISIS terrorism outbreak. He encourages listeners to become active on behalf of religious freedom and to pray for persecuted Christians.

Reviving the Church to Change the World (Dr. Os Guinness) • 9781624718854 •

Guinness calls the current generation the "crunch generation" because many challenges are converging quickly and need resolution. He advises believers to think deeply about their own relationship with God. When witnessing, they must ask questions rather than make statements, allowing non-believers to come to their own discovery of salvation in Jesus.

Understanding and Responding to the Threat of Terrorism (Tass Saada) • 2350000009694 •

Saada explains what motivates ISIS and other extremist groups to perform acts of terrorism, and he suggests ways Christians should respond.

Understanding God's Transforming Grace (Pastor Andy Stanley) • 9781624717642 •

Christians may *know* they are saved through God's grace, as Scripture makes clear (Ephesians 2:8-9), but they may *feel* they're unacceptable to God. Be encouraged to embrace the truth that God's grace is a free, unmerited gift.

What We Believe (Frank Peretti) • 9781624717826 •

Peretti brings the foundational truths of Scripture to life, illustrating the Lord's unique and unchanging characteristics, and sharing how the Judeo-Christian worldview stands apart in a culture of moral confusion.

Who Is Jesus? (Dr. Del Tackett) • 9781624715280 •

Through excerpts from the *TrueU* DVD series, as well as a recorded portion of his talk at a 2013 event, Tackett shares about the importance of the Word of God and the historical veracity of the life of Jesus Christ.



The Truth Project (Focus on the Family) • 2350000000493 •

Through home-based small groups, participants journey through 13 one-hour lessons about the relevance and importance of living out a Christian worldview.

Who Is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus (John Ortberg) • 9780310340492 •

In this five-session curriculum, Ortberg examines the powerful impact Jesus had and continues to have on human history. Jesus' influence extends to all areas of culture—and His teachings on dignity, compassion, forgiveness, and hope continue to be our model of a life well lived.

Focus on the Family's The Truth Project® presents TrueU™

Set 1: Does God Exist? • 9781589973398 •

Dr. Stephen Meyer discusses opposing worldviews and provides tools teens need as they prepare to enter college and a culture that can be hostile to the Christian faith.

Set 2: Is the Bible Reliable? • 9781589975699 •

For centuries, intellectuals and critics have questioned inconsistencies in the Bible. Dr. Meyer examines ancient texts and archeological evidence to build a case for the accuracy and trustworthiness of Scripture.

Set 3: Who Is Jesus? Building a Comprehensive Case • 9781589977235 •

Dr. Del Tackett and guest experts explore Jesus' ancestry and prophetic mission; His words, works, and character; His death and resurrection; and whether Jesus is the only way to God.

That the World May Know® by Ray Vander Laan (Focus on the Family)

Vander Laan weaves together the Bible's historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts. He offers insights into Scripture's significance for believers today.

The True Christmas Story • 9781624053948 •

The True Easter Story • 9781624052422 •

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| #1: Promised Land | • 9780310878766 • | #9: Fire on the Mountain | • 9780310879800 • |
| #2: Prophets and Kings | • 9780310878803 • | #10: With All Your Heart | • 9780310879848 • |
| #3: Life and Ministry of the Messiah | • 9780310878841 • | #11: The Path to the Cross | • 9780310880608 • |
| #4: Death and Resurrection of the Messiah | • 9780310878889 • | #12: Walking With God in the Desert | • 9780310880646 • |
| #5: The Early Church | • 9780310879640 • | #13: Israel's Mission | • 9780310811978 • |
| #6: In the Dust of the Rabbi | • 9780310879688 • | #14: The Mission of Jesus | • 9780310812586 • |
| #7: Walk As Jesus Walked | • 9780310879725 • | #15: A Clash of Kingdoms | • 9780310085775 • |
| #8: God Heard Their Cry | • 9780310879763 • | #16: Cultures in Conflict | • 9780310085942 • |

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Resource Lists

- focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a/resources-and-referrals

Find recommended resources and referrals listed by topic, including the following.

- **Christian Growth for Adults** • RL022 •
- **Christian Growth for Children & Teens** • RL022A •
- **Evangelism** • RL074 •
- **Social Issues** • RL008 •

Q&As

- focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a

Browse our Q&As for advice and encouragement.

Referrals

Focus on the Family Counseling Consultation Line

If you need someone to talk to, [Focus on the Family offers a free phone counseling consultation with a licensed counselor](#). Call 1-855-771-HELP (4357), Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM (MT). Our staff may need to call you back, but they'd love to speak with you.

Focus on the Family's Christian Counselor Network

Search for licensed Christian counselors in your area: FocusOnTheFamily.com/FindACounselor

Answers in Genesis

P.O. Box 510

Hebron, KY 41048

859/727-2222

answersingenesis.org

- This apologetics ministry helps Christians bolster their faith and develop a biblical worldview.

Christian Research Institute

Hank Hanegraaff, President

P.O. Box 8500

Charlotte, NC 28271

888/700-0274

equip.org

- This information and referral source offers broadcasts, articles, and resources to help believers stand firm in the face of teachings that undermine biblical Christianity.

Dare 2 Share Ministries

P.O. Box 745323

Arvada, CO 80006

800/462-8355

dare2share.org

- Dare 2 Share Ministries is designed to evangelize teens, solidify their faith, and motivate them to share that faith with others.

Discovery Institute

208 Columbia Street
Seattle, WA 98104
206/292-0401

discovery.org

- Discovery Institute seeks “to advance a culture of purpose, creativity and innovation.”

Institute for Creation Research

P.O. Box 59029
Dallas, TX 75229
800/337-0375

icr.org

- This organization offers a variety of resources about science and creation.

Ravi Zacharias International Ministries

4725 Peachtree Corners Circle, Suite 250
Norcross, GA 30092
800/448-6766

rzim.org

- Through forums, community outreach, and various media venues, this ministry provides information on apologetics, world culture, and the credibility of Jesus Christ.

World Magazine

worldmag.com

- *World* magazine is designed to help Christian families analyze global news from a Christian worldview.