

In this groundbreaking book, Dr. Jeff Levin explores the latest compelling evidence of the connection between health and an array of spiritual beliefs and practices, including prayer, attending religious services, meditation, and faith in God. Drawing on his own and other published studies, Dr. Levin shows how religion's emphasis on healthy behaviors and supportive relationships influences one's overall health and how the optimism and hopefulness of those who profess faith promote the body's healing responses. Filled with dramatic personal stories, God, Faith, and Health will alter the way you think about your body and your faith and will show you the path to improving your own health through spiritual practice. "Jeff Levin writes with incredible clarity, style, and passion. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the religion-health connection, especially those wondering if such a connection exists at all." –Harold G. Koenig, M.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Medicine, Duke University Medical Center, and author of The Healing Power of Faith "Beautifully written and packed with compelling scientific evidence for the spirituality-health connection With the precision of a scientist, the courage of a true pioneer, and the artistry of a storyteller, Levin reminds us of what we can no longer afford to ignore: that our spiritual life matters mightily to our health and well-being at every level." –Janet F. Quinn, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Professor, University of Colorado School of Nursing Without even realizing it, many people believe lies about God, such as: “God’s love must be earned.” “God has lost control of everything.” “God gives us everything we want in life.” In The Lies We Believe about God, psychologist Chris Thurman explores the influences that affect everyone’s view of God, the cost of not knowing God for who He really is, and how knowing God more intimately can bring greater meaning and joy to life. This engaging, biblically rooted book calls readers to see the truth of who God is—truth that can set them free to enjoy a deeper relationship with Him.

“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

In this ten-session video-based small group Bible study, Faith Under Fire: Exploring Christianity's Toughest Questions, Lee Strobel hosts interviews and debates between knowledgeable and passionate experts discussing what they believe and why they believe it.This dynamic study answers tough questions about the existence of God, Christianity and Islam, the reliability of the Bible, faith and science, and many others issues.In it, best-selling author Lee Strobel hosts spirited discussions between well-respected Christians, people of other faiths, and people with no faith at all, on the some of the most important spiritual and social issues of our time.The Participant's Guide will help you and your group sift through and gain understanding on controversial and relevant issues that surround the Christian faith and many of its most pertinent cultural issues.Each video session features lively but fair debate from both leading Christian and non-Christian voices. This pack includes one Participant Guide and one DVD.Sessions include:1. Is the Supernatural Real?2. Is Jesus a Prophet or the Son of God?3. Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?4. Do All Roads Lead to God?5. Is the Bible Bogus?6. Does Science Point to a Creator?7. Is Anything Beyond Forgiveness?8. Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?9. The Mystery of the Trinity?10. Do Christians and Muslims Worship the Same God?

A Teen's Guide to Exploring a Life Without Religion

God-Faith

Wild at Heart

Critiques of God

When You Believe in God But Live as if He Doesn’t Exist

God, Faith, and Health

Tweeting with God Manual

Exploring the Bible with 5-7s

Meaning and Mystery offers a challenge to the way Philosophyhas traditionally approached the issue of belief in God as atheoretical problem, proposing instead a form of reflection moreappropriate to the practical nature of the issue. Makes use of abundant illustrative material, from bothliterature, such as Les Misérables, Edwin Abott ’ sFlatland, Yann Martel ’ s Life of Pi and LeoTolstoy ’ s A Confession, and popular culture, such asadvertisements, the television series Joan of Arcadia andthe film Stranger Than Fiction Uses imaginative scenarios to offer explanations of centralconcepts Incorporates theories on human thought and behavior inexploring the formation of religious belief Written in a style that is accessible to readers with littlebackground knowledge of philosophy

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.

Philosopher Clifford Williams puts forth an argument as to why certain needs, desires and emotions have a legitimate place in drawing people into faith in God. Addressing the strongest objections to these types of reasons, he shows how the personal and experiential aspects of belief play an important part in coming to faith and in remaining a believing person. John Polkinghorne is a major figure in today ’ s debates over the compatibility of science and religion. Internationally known as both a theoretical physicist and a theologian—the only ordained member of the Royal Society—Polkinghorne brings unique qualifications to his inquiry into the possibilities of believing in God in an age of science. In this thought-provoking book, the author focuses on the collegiality between science and theology, contending that these "intellectual cousins" are both concerned with interpreted experience and with the quest for truth about reality. He argues eloquently that scientific and theological inquiries are parallel. The book begins with a discussion of what belief in God can mean in our times. Polkinghorne explores a new natural theology and emphasizes the importance of moral and aesthetic experience and the human intuition of value and hope. In other chapters, he compares science ’ s struggle to understand the nature of light with Christian theology ’ s struggle to understand the nature of Christ. He addresses the question, Does God act in the physical world? And he extends his ideas about the role of chaos theory, surveys the prospects for future dialogue between scientific and theological thinkers, and defends a critical realist understanding of the activities of both disciplines. Polkinghorne concludes with a consideration of the nature of mathematical truths and the links between the complementary realities of physical and mental experience.

Believing in God

Exploring the Spirituality-Healing Connection

Satan and His Kingdom

Belief in an Age of Skepticism

How to Believe in God

Explore the Names of God to Grow in Faith and Get to Know Him Better

Existential Reasons for Belief in God

An Invitation to the Skeptical

Whether you want to explore Christianity for the first time or to deepen and enrich your understanding of the faith, Exploring the Christian Faith is an accessible, authoritative guide to the entire tapestry of Christian belief and to Christianity as a way of life.

In the modern age science has been winning its centuries-old battle with religion for the mind of man. The evidence has long seemed incontrovertible: Life was merely a product of blind chance—a cosmic roll of an infinite number of dice across an eternity of time. Slowly, methodically, scientists supplied answers to mysteries insufficiently explained by theologians. Reason pushed faith off into the shadows of mythology and superstition, while atheism became a badge of wisdom. Our culture, freed from moral obligation, explored the frontiers of secularism. God was dead. "Glynn's arguments for the existence of God put the burden of disproof on those intellectuals who think that the question has long since been settled." – Andrew M. Greeley But now, in the twilight of the twentieth century, a startling transformation is taking place in Western scientific and intellectual thought. At its heart is the dawning realization that the universe, far from being a sea of chaos, appears instead to be an intricately tuned mechanism whose every molecule, whose every physical law, seems to have been design from the very first nanosecond of the big bang toward a single end—the creation of life. This intellectually and spiritually riveting book asks a provocative question: Is science, the long-time nemesis of the Deity, uncovering the face of God? Patrick Glynn lays out the astonishing new evidence that caused him to turn away from the atheism he acquired as a student at Harvard and Cambridge. The facts are fascinating: Physicists are discovering an unexplainable order to the cosmos; medical researchers are reporting the extraordinary healing powers of prayer and are documenting credible accounts of near-death experiences; psychologists, who once considered belief in God to be a sign of neurosis, are finding instead that religious faith is a powerful elixir for mental health; and sociologists are now acknowledging the destructive consequences of a value-free society. God: The Evidence argues that faith today is not grounded in ignorance. It is where reason has been leading us all along.

Is God really real? And how can we know if anyone's experience of God is actually valid? Skeptics today are increasingly vocal in their assertion not only that God is unverifiable, but also that believing in God is irrational and even dangerous. Even those who believe wonder if they can speak objectively about the actual reality of God or if they can only appeal to a subjective belief in God. Amy Orr-Ewing addresses key questions and objections that many people today have about God. She explores whether our understanding of God is delusional or merely a psychological crutch. She probes whether the Christian claim to a unique personal relationship with God is plausible in light of other world religions, and how anyone can continue to believe in God in a world of pain and suffering. If you have questions about God, you're not alone. Come consider some possible answers.

Have you ever wondered if it is possible to be a conservative evangelical Christian and also believe in biological evolution-believe that the Earth is 4.5 billion years old and that human beings share a common ancestor with not only chimpanzees, but also with mice and even earthworms? In Exploring Faith and Reason, we find that it is not only possible, it is an essential element of how many Christians come to more fully appreciate the complexity and the great glory of God's creation. Of course, many people-Christians and non-Christians alike-believe that Christianity and evolution are opposing concepts. They perceive several specific points of conflict between them. Bruce Glass addresses each of those concerns by citing Scripture and the world's most respected theologians and by the application of reason. Revealed is a deeper and richer understanding of Biblical Scripture and its history. But most importantly, the book encourages a greater appreciation of the power and the capabilities of a living God that transcends space and time-all the while, uniting this insight with the findings of science. Assigned in classes at both Christian and secular universities, Exploring Faith and Reason is an examination of the intersection of mainstream science and mainstream Christianity. Kirkus Reviews described Exploring Faith and Reason as: "Smart, well-informed... lucid, engaging... Glass delivers superb exposition of Darwinian theory and a meticulous, sharply reasoned discussion of the evidence that supports it. His logic is impeccable when he insists that evolutionary theory does not rule out the existence of God." Reverend Jordan Ogden, Lead Pastor at Antioch Community Church in Dallas, said that: "Mr. Glass tackles an historically controversial topic with finesse. Wherever one may be on the issue of evolution, Glass' superb scholarship and unbiased commentary on issues of faith does not disappoint." The Reverend Dr. Kristin Huffman, associate Pastor at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston, put it this way: "Bruce Glass has provided a thought provoking look at the most significant theological issues arising from the advent of evolutionary science. Whatever their conclusions, readers will find Mr. Glass' treatment a welcome reminder of the richness and depth of God's Word, as well as a fresh perspective on God's glorious creation." ForeWord Clarion Reviews described the book as: "Well written, thoroughly researched, and honestly fair... The book's thorough and eminently readable scientific explanations provide general science readers with a lucid understanding of this complex subject." Reverend Michael Dowd, author of Thank God for Evolution, endorsed by six Nobel Prize-winning scientists and by religious leaders across the spectrum, said that: "In Exploring Faith and Reason, Bruce Glass has emerged as a fresh voice for the reconciliation of head and heart. Couched in the language and theology of conservative evangelical Christianity, Mr. Glass' book provides a welcomed bridge between an evidential worldview and traditional Christian conviction. Believers and non-believers alike will find much of value in these pages."

Explore the Beliefs, Traditions, and Cultures of Ancient and Modern Religions

A Novel Exploring the Concepts of Faith and Free Will

Exploring Faith and Reason

A Human History

Common Sense and an Uncommon God

The Origins of the Great Religions and the Evolution of Belief

God

Meaning and Mystery

In A Geography of God, popular author and preacher Michael Lindvall describes the life of a Christian as a journey with three parts: "Leaving for Home," "The Way," and "Life on the Road." The first part of the journey struggles with the question, why go anywhere at all, spiritually speaking? The second part names the road, the way found in the ancient map of God called the Trinity. The third part describes life on the road as many others have known it: full of mile markers, road signs, warnings of perilous curves, refreshments for the weary, and notices of lively things to be seen along the way. This wonderfully written book provides readers with some hints about what they may experience during their individual journeys. This book is ideal as devotional reading for all Christians, and it provides helpful explanations of many of Christianity's foundational beliefs for those new to the Christian faith. Educators and pastors will also welcome the book as a help for sermon illustrations and adult and young adult study classes.

☐Encouraging to fellow believers and a revelation to skeptics . . . a fascinating read.☐ ☐Jerry B. Jenkins, #1 New York Timesbestselling coauthor of the Left Behind series ☐I'm often asked to describe what happened during the months I spent researching these issues. They want to know what facts were so persuasive that an atheist attorney would become a believer in God. But I never felt I could respond in a way that told the true story. No short answer seemed sufficient. So now, in the following pages, I'll describe for the first time the specifics of what jolted me out of my atheism . . . Michael felt he was living the American dream. For a number of years he'd been reaping the professional and financial rewards of being a commercial litigation attorney. To him, life was great and getting better all the time. He first gained notoriety around his hometown as a nationally ranked tennis player. But now, years later, he was becoming known for his skills as a lawyer and as the youngest elected official in the area. And then, in his late twenties, Michael unexpectedly discovered something that turned his world and his entire idea of life upside down. In response to a challenge from a friend, Michael agreed to investigate issues relating to science, philosophy, and the Scriptures. Comfortable with his life as an atheist, he began reading with an indifferent attitude. But what started as a casual inquiry soon turned into a time of intense research. This is the story of Michael's journey in his own words, his thoughts and reactions to the evidence he discoveredand the new life that soon followed.

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.

Just as gendered, cultural, and geographical perspectives have illuminated and advanced theological thought, the contributions of twentieth-century science have much to offer theology. In his latest book, physicist-theologian John Polkinghorne, renowned as one of the world's foremost thinkers on science and religion, offers a lucid argument for developing the intersection of the two fields as another form of contextual theology. Countering recent assertions by new atheists that religious belief is irrational and even dangerous, Polkinghorne explores ways that theology can be open to and informed by science. He describes recent scientific discourse on such subjects as epistemology, objectivity, uncertainty, and rationality and considers the religious importance of the evolution in these areas of scientific thought. Then, evaluating such topics as relativity, space and time, and evolutionary theory, he uses a scientific style of inquiry as a foundation on which to build a model of Christian belief structure. Science and theology share in the great human quest for truth and understanding, says Polkinghorne, and he illustrates how their interaction can be fruitful for both.

An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion

The Reason for God

Knowing God for Who He Really Is

How We Believe

The Search for God in an Age of Science

Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul

Discovering God

Exploring Christianity's Ten Toughest Questions

Belief in God answers two questions: What, if anything, is it that Jews, Christians, and Muslims are agreeing about when they join in claiming that there is a God? and What, if any, prospects are there for rationally defending or attacking this claim? A highly accessible and engaging introduction to the philosophy of religion, this book offers full coverage of the key issues, from ideas about God's nature and character to arguments for and against his existence. Author T. J. Mawson makes striking new claims and defends or attacks established positions in original ways. His conversational style, lively wit, and enlightening examples make Belief in God simultaneously instructive, thought-provoking, and enjoyable to read.

This highly readable--and useful--examination of Satan and spiritual warfare was written out of necessity. In recent years, pastor and teacher Dennis McCallum found himself fielding more and more questions about Satan. He wanted to recommend a book on the subject, but those he found either reflected extreme beliefs, contained little biblical instruction, used fear tactics, or were poorly written. In Satan and His Kingdom, McCallum clarifies what is true and what is false about Satan, demons, and demonic control--both historically and today. He shows readers how to effectively battle the enemy individually and corporately, all the while keeping their focus on Christ, not Satan. A reliable resource for pastors, lay leaders, and any Christian wanting to know more about evil in the world.

In his second collection, including the iconic and much-referenced title story featured in the Academy Award-winning film Birdman, Carver establishes his reputation as one of the most celebrated short-story writers in American literature—a haunting meditation on love, loss, and companionship, and finding one ' s way through the dark.

A Defense of Desires and Emotions for Faith