

God Faith And Reason

Lived faith involves doctrines, evidences and rational coherence—but it includes much more. 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 grounds for faith, he shows how the personal and experiential aspects of belief play an important part in coming to faith and in remaining a believing person.

Richard Swinburne presents a new edition of the final volume of his acclaimed trilogy on philosophical theology. Faith and Reason is a self-standing examination of the implications for

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religious faith of Swinburne's famous arguments about the coherence of theism and the existence of God. By practising a particular religion, a person seeks to achieve some or all of three goals - that he worships and obeys God, gains salvation for himself, and helps others to attain their salvation. But not all religions commend worship, and different religions have different conceptions of salvation. Faced with these differences, Richard Swinburne argues that we should practice that religion which has the best goals and is more probably true than the creeds of other religions. He proposes criteria by which to determine the probabilities of different religious creeds, and he argues that, while requiring total commitment, faith does not demand fully convinced belief. While maintaining the same structure and conclusions as the original classic, this

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second edition has been substantially rewritten, both in order to relate its ideas more closely to those of classical theologians and philosophers and to respond to more recent views. In particular he discusses, and ultimately rejects, the view of Alvin Plantinga that the 'warrant' of a belief depends on the process which produced it, and John Hick's contention that all religions offer valid paths to salvation.

Empower Your Kids to Respond Well to the Hard Questions That Threaten Their Faith It's no secret that children of all ages are being exposed to negative criticism of Christianity as they spend time at school, with friends, or online. Are you prepared to talk with your kids about how they can effectively answer the tough questions that come their way? In *Keeping Your Kids on God's Side*, you'll find 40 of the most common challenges kids

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face—along with clear, easy-to-understand responses you can discuss together. This book will help you... encourage open dialogue on issues your kids might hesitate to talk about replace your children's doubts with the confidence only God's truth can give equip your kids to build the good thinking skills essential for today "I almost wish my children were young again so I could use Natasha Crain's book with them." Nancy Pearcey Bestselling author of Total Truth

The Tenacity of Unreasonable Beliefs examines how and why Jewish, Christian, and Muslim fundamentalists defend their belief in the divine authorship of the Bible and the Koran against evidence to the contrary from scholarship and science, and the harmful and dangerous consequences of their beliefs. On Faith and Reason

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Foundations of Christian Theology

Reason and Belief in God

Thomas Aquinas

The God of Faith and Reason

God and the Philosophers

Publisher Description

He argues that the reasonableness of faith depends not only on beliefs about the world but also on beliefs about oneself (for instance about what one wants, about one's hopes and fears) and on what one is willing to trust. Helm goes on to look at the relations between belief and trust, and between faith

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and virtue, and concludes with an exploration of one particular type of belief about oneself, the belief that one is oneself a believer. This is a book for anyone interested in the basis of religious faith."--BOOK JACKET.

Faith and Rationality investigates the rich implications of what the contributors call "Calvinistic" or "Reformed epistemology." This is the view of knowledge--enunciated by Calvin, further developed by Barth--that sees belief in God as its own foundation; in the contributors' terms, it is properly "basic" in itself.

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Do you value reason, science, and independent thinking, yet you hope there could be a greater purpose to the universe? Beginning with his own story of losing the belief in any ultimate purpose in life, philosopher Joshua Rasmussen builds a bridge to faith. Using only the instruments of reason and common experience, Rasmussen constructs a pathway that he argues can lead to meaning and, ultimately, a vision of God.

The Reconciliation of Faith and Reason
Refuting Alleged Bible Contradictions
Religion and Rationality

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Critiques of God

Fundamentalism and the Fear of Truth

Reflections on the God Debate

Reason and Faith

A series of philosophers reflect upon the status and sources of their religion and spiritual sympathies. They rise above the rancour of recent debates fuelled by secular critics such as Dawkins, Dennett and Hitchens to reclaim the essential capacity of religion to touch the hearts and minds of a diverse global audience.

On the one hand, Eagleton demolishes what he calls the "superstitious" view of God held by most atheists and

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agnostics and offers in its place a revolutionary account of the Christian Gospel. On the other hand, he launches a stinging assault on the betrayal of this revolution by institutional Christianity. There is little joy here, then, either for the anti-God brigade -- Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens in particular -- nor for many conventional believers. --Résumé de l'éditeur.

Is it possible to think about religious beliefs philosophically? Should religious beliefs be viewed as a flight from reason or as capable of rational support? Can theologians learn from philosophers? Can philosophers learn from theologians? Is it possible to be both a good Christian and a good thinker? Can there be such a thing as reasonable faith? This book is chiefly

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concerned with these questions and others related to them. A collection of previously unpublished papers written by the late Herbert McCabe O.P., it examines the nature of religious belief, especially belief in God, with an eye on both theological and philosophical arguments. Some thinkers have sought to drive a wedge between philosophy and theology. Like Thomas Aquinas, whose writings he especially admired, McCabe seeks to show how the two can be systematically connected. Some religious truths, he argues, may defy our understanding. But this does not mean that they cannot be reasonably discussed.

We live in an age of skepticism. Our society places such faith in empirical reason, historical progress, and heartfelt emotion

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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.

Reason, Faith, and the Struggle for Western Civilization
At the Frontiers of Faith and Reason

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How Reason Can Lead to God

Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision

Faith and Rationality

Reason and the Reasons of Faith

Themes from Richard Swinburne

The purpose of the book is to examine the theological claims of ethics, faith and belief from a philosophical perspective. The Abrahamic and Mosaic covenants of the Old Testament, Jesus of the synoptic gospels, and Paul's writings serve as the frame of reference in examining a biblical expression of reason and structured logic. The

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message of Jesus centered on the Kingdom of God, defined the meaning of faith and belief, established a new ethic, and framed the message in logic forms. The life and death of Jesus brought the realization of God's final covenant as prophesied by the Old Testament. However, Paul appropriated and developed the Jesus of history into the mythological eschatological Christ figure. The clash of philosophy and theology is evident with theological presuppositions that are based on spiritual insight and divine revelation. Logic in scripture employs propositions based primarily on

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revealed proof that is within the context of that which cannot be proven absolutely. Uncovering the identity of YHWH in the manuscripts and religious practices of Canaanite culture clearly associated YHWH with the polytheism of the Ugarit texts. YHWH was one of the seventy sons of the Canaanite Most High God El and took on a unique identity that was rooted in El and the polytheistic nature of the pantheon of gods. Theological truths stand within the context of faith and reason stands apart from faith and infers only that which can be proven based on evidence. That

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which is knowable by faith cannot be known by reason since reason cannot validate that which is not proven to exist.

“A brilliant, wide ranging and powerful series of readings on the possibilities, problems and mysteries of faith. This book belongs on the shelf of every believer—and every serious skeptic.” — Rabbi David Wolpe, author of Why Faith Matters

“This life-giving, faith-filled and hard-nosed collection reveals why, as St. Anselm wrote, true faith always seeks to understand.” — Rev. James Martin, author of My Life with the Saints From Dr.

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Francis Collins, New York Times bestselling author of The Language of God, comes the definitive reader on the rationality of faith.

Steve Wilkens edits a debate between three different understandings of the relationship between faith and reason, between theology and philosophy. The three views include: Faith and Philosophy in Tension, Faith Seeking Understanding and the Thomistic Synthesis. This introduction to a classic problem is an essential resource for students.

A distinguished group of scholars examines the

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crisis of faith in reason and reason in faith.

Faith with Reason

Exploring Faith and Reason

Philosophers Explain Their Turn to Catholicism

How Faith and Reason Work Together to Point to a Rational GOD

Essays on Reason, God and Modernity

Faith Beyond Reason

Belief in an Age of Skepticism

The past fifty years have been an enormously fruitful period in the field of philosophy of religion, and few have done more to advance its

development during this time than Richard Swinburne. His pioneering work has systematically developed a comprehensive set of positions within this field, and made major contributions to fields such as metaphysics, epistemology, and philosophy of science. This volume presents a collection of ten new essays in philosophy of religion that develop and critically engage themes from Swinburne's work. Written by some of the leading figures in the field, these essays focus on issues in both natural theology (dealing with what can be known about God and his relation to the world independently of

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any particular religious tradition or revelation) and philosophical theology (reflecting critically on the doctrines associated with particular religious traditions).

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

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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

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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

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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.

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This book gives readers intellectually solid answers to the more important questions that link philosophy and religion. A classic apologetics text, now in soft cover.

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

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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.

The Reconciliation of Faith and Reason in a Postsecular World

The Tenacity of Unreasonable Beliefs

Searching for a Rational Faith

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With God Nothing is Impossible

The Reconciliation of Christianity and Biological Evolution

Conversations on Faith and Life

Existential Reasons for Belief in God

This Discussion Guide and accompanying DVD will help you and your group learn how to engage others in dialogue on six common objections to Christianity.

Whether in a group setting or individual conversation, The Reason for God is a resource for what to say in response to these objections, and a model for how to say it. [Session Titles] *Discussion 1. Isn't the Bible*

a Myth? Hasn't Science Disproved Christianity? Discussion 2. How Can You Say There Is Only One Way to God? What About Other Religions? Discussion 3. What Gives You the Right to Tell Me How to Live My Life? Why Are There So Many Rules? Discussion 4. Why Does God Allow Suffering? Why Is There So Much Evil in the World? Discussion 5. Why Is the Church Responsible for So Much Injustice? Why Are Christians Such Hypocrites? Discussion 6. How Can God Be Full of Love and Wrath at the Same Time? How Can God Send Good People to Hell?

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Faith and Reason are not opposites. They go together. Why does reason work and why do we generally trust in it? What is its relationship to faith? Why do we expect things to make sense, and why does anything make sense at all? Among other qualities, our innate capacities for faith and reasoning are among the defining attributes of humanness. The uniquely human powers of faith and reason are some of the fundamental things that allow us to function as humans instead of as animals. Conversely, it's the absence of these capacities that defines animals and causes them to behave as they do. Is faith involved in

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reason? Scott Cherry argues yes, and that they are interdependent. Faith fuels reason, and vice-versa. But the emphasis of this book is on reason: Because reason exists, God exists. Thankfully, we can reason about both reason and faith and reflect on their qualities and functions. It's not that through our powers of reason we can be certain of the existence of God, but that the very existence of reason and logic points to a rational God. Reason and faith work together. Contents: Prologue, The Universe and Reason; Preface, In Praise of Reason and Reasonable Faith; (1) A Child's Reason and Logic;

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*(2) The Logos Principle--Active Ingredients; (3) Meta-Cognition: Reasoning about Reason; (4) The Complementary Nature of Reason; (5) Reason, Revelation and Purpose; (6) Reason, Revelation and Validation; (7) The Logic of Reason and Laws of Logic; (8) Objections to the Logos Principle, part 1; (9) Objections to the Logos Principle, part 2; (10) The Reciprocity of Reason and Logic; (11) The Sheer Wonder of Intelligibility; (12) Intelligibility of a Mosque, a Parable; (13) Peony Gardens, Butterflies and Design; (14) Conclusions to the Logos Principle; (15) God, the Logos, and the Trinity. *This book is a*

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retitled version of the author's previously published book, "The Reason of Reason" and is almost identical. So if the reader has read the latter they need not read this.

An anthology of selections drawn from a variety of Aquinas' works with a focus on the role of reason and faith in philosophy and theology. Other themes covered include: the life of God; the knowledge of God and His attributes attainable through natural reason; and the Trinity and the Incarnation. Brown (theology, Boston College) supplies a general introduction and an introduction to each selection. No

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Renowned scholar William Lane Craig offers a readable, rich training manual for defending the Christian faith. This concise guide is filled with illustrations, sidebars, and memorable 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 doesn't work. Along

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the way, he shares his story of following God's call in his own life. This one-stop, 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 forever.

Keeping Your Kids on God's Side

Three Views

Saving America from the Liberal Assault on Our Borders, Language and Culture

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*Questions I-IV of His Commentary on the De Trinitate
of Boethius*

Faith Within Reason

The Reason for God

Keeping Faith in an Age of Reason

God's WarCenter Street

Essays on atheism by Kurt Baier, John Dewey, Paul Edwards,
Antony Flew, Sigmund Freud, Erich Fromm, Sidney Hook,
Walter Kaufmann, Corliss Lamont, Wallace I. Matson, H.J.
McCloskey, Ernest Nagel, Kai Nielsen, Richard Robinson,
Bertrand Russell, and Michael Scriven.

“You can’t trust the Bible — it’s full of hundreds of

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contradictions.” Really? Just because the critic mindlessly declares it so? Don’t be so fast to believe everything you hear! In this book Dr. Jason Lisle examines 420 claims of Bible contradictions and sets the record straight. Contradiction #139 Was Abraham justified by faith or by works? Romans 4:2 - says by faith VS. James 2:21 - says by works Bifurcation fallacy. Abraham was justified both by faith and by works (James 2:24, 26). To “justify” means either to be in right moral standing or to show that one is (morally) in right standing. Abraham was justified by faith before God since God knows all things — including Abraham’s faith (James 2:23). God sees our hearts (1 Samuel 16:7), so we are justified before God by our faith alone, which God can see. But men cannot see another

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man's faith. They only see the outward works that follow from inward faith. Therefore, Abraham was justified before men by the works that followed from his faith, since men cannot see faith but can see works. James explicitly teaches this (James 2:18–26).

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*, you will 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.

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Of course many people-Christians and non-Christians alike-think that Christianity and evolution are opposing concepts. They perceive several specific points of conflict between them. Bruce Glass addresses each of these 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, readers will gain a greater appreciation of the power and the capabilities of a living God that transcends space and time, as this insight is united with the findings of science. Kirkus Reviews described Exploring Faith and Reason this way: "Smart, well-informed... lucid, engaging... Glass delivers a superb exposition of Darwinian theory and a meticulous,

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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." Tremper Longman III, Ph.D., Robert H. Gundry Professor of Biblical Studies at Westmont College said, "As a non-scientist, I found that Exploring Faith and Reason presents an accessible, fascinating, and compelling presentation of evolution. As a biblical scholar, I appreciate Glass' grasp of theological issues and the biblical text. His conclusion that evolution and Christianity are compatible is a crucial message for the church today." Peter Enns, Ph.D., Professor of Christian Studies at Eastern University said, "Glass has provided a thorough look at the evidence and the processes of evolution, along side a

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compelling case for its compatibility with Christianity. His theological analysis is very sound as he addresses several of the commonly perceived points of tension between the Christian faith and evolution. For a thorough understanding of these issues, this book is among the very best resources available." Reverend Jordan Ogden, Lead Pastor at Antioch Community Church in Dallas, said: "Mr. Glass tackles a 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." Reverend Dr. Kristin Huffman, Associate Pastor at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston, said: "Bruce Glass has provided a thought provoking look at the most significant

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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 it 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.

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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."

Faith, Reason and Theology

An Invitation to the Skeptical

The Death and Return of God in Modern German Thought

Faith and Reason

Readings on the Reason for Faith

On Guard

A Defense of Desires & Emotions for Faith

Faith Beyond Reason, a book by A.W. Tozer, is a

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compilation of sermons on the book of John. It is within this series of sermons that you will find A.W. Tozer addressing the whole truth that all things are possible with God. Tozer takes us in Faith Beyond Reason to a new understanding of our spiritual birth and human conscience and addresses our enlightened spirit, inner knowledge and the resurrection. IT is these truths that sustain us in our Christian walk. Faith Beyond Reason comes to us with insights of faith and Tozer takes an in depth look and what it stands on. In Tozer's typical fashion and style,

he explores the things that are beyond or frail human understanding. Faith Beyond Reason will leave you with a new and empowering sense of the faith while subtly revealing the power of God in our lives. The question every Christian must ask as they prepare to walk with God is, do they really believe that the God they worship will move heaven and earth for them if they truly trust in Him? The whole premise of this book is that with God nothing is impossible especially when it comes to His children. We must act with faith and do what is needed.

The topics of Questions i-iv of St. Thomas Aquinas' Commentary on the De Trinitate of Boethius are of vital interest to the Christian philosopher and theologian. Written while Aquinas was a youthful Master of Theology, the Questions show his solidarity with Christian tradition, his wide acquaintance with Scripture and the Fathers of the Church, and his creative use of philosophy in addressing theological issues. Question i treats of the possibility of our knowing God, and the human limitations of this knowledge. Question ii concerns theology as a

science which reaches out to God by faith in his revealed word and uses philosophical reasoning to throw light on the contents of revelation. In Question iii Aquinas takes up the nature of faith, showing its relation to religion and its necessity for the welfare of the human race. He argues for the catholicity or universality of the Christian faith and defends the orthodox teaching of the trinity of Persons in the one God. Question iv turns to a set of philosophical problems occasioned by Boethius' treatise on the Trinity: the factors that cause a plurality in genera,

species and individuals. In this connection Aquinas makes one of his most controversial statements of the principle of individuation. This important new volume brings together Habermas' key writing on religion and religious belief. Habermas explores the relations between Christian and Jewish thought, on the one hand, and the Western philosophical tradition on the other. In so doing, he examines a range of important figures, including Benjamin, Heidegger, Johann Baptist Metz and Gershom Scholem. In a new introduction written especially

for this volume, Eduardo Mendieta places Habermas' engagement with religion in the context of his work as a whole. Mendieta also discusses Habermas' writings in relation to Jewish Messianism and the Frankfurt School, showing how the essays in Religion and Rationality, one of which is translated into English for the first time, foreground an important, yet often neglected, dimension of critical theory. The volume concludes with an original extended interview, also in English for the first time, in which Habermas develops his

current views on religion in modern society. This book will be of great interest to students and scholars in theology, religious studies and philosophy, as well as to all those already familiar with Habermas' work.

Brings together a series of essays by a group of highly regarded philosophers on the role of God and spirituality in their lives and in their philosophies.

Encyclical Letter, Fides Et Ratio, of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II

40 Conversations to Help Them Build a Lasting

Faith

God: The Evidence

God's War

Philosophers and God

The Savage Nation

The Impact Of Reason On Faith, Ethics And Belief

This book offers an introduction to the thought of Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), who is one of the most significant Christian writers of the Middle Ages. Written in a manner that is accessible to beginners, yet still of interest to specialists, it pays particular attention to the

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Aquinas's context as a Dominican friar, devoted to the task of preaching the Christian gospel.

The contemporary theologian Hans Küng has asked if the "death of God," proclaimed by Nietzsche as the event of modernity, was inevitable. Did the empowering of new forms of rationality in Western culture beginning around 1500 lead necessarily to the reduction or privatization of faith? In *Dialogues between Faith and Reason*, John H. Smith traces a major line in the history of theology and the philosophy of religion down the "slippery slope" of secularization—from Luther and Erasmus, through Idealism, to Nietzsche, Heidegger, and contemporary theory such as that of Derrida,

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Habermas, Vattimo, and Asad. At the same time, Smith points to the persistence of a tradition that grew out of the Reformation and continues in the mostly Protestant philosophical reflection on whether and how faith can be justified by reason. In this accessible and vigorously argued book, Smith posits that faith and reason have long been locked in mutual engagement in which they productively challenge each other as partners in an ongoing "dialogue." Smith is struck by the fact that although in the secularized West the death of God is said to be fundamental to the modern condition, our current post-modernity is often characterized as a "postsecular" time. For Smith, this means not only that we are

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experiencing a broad-based "return of religion" but also, and more important for his argument, that we are now able to recognize the role of religion within the history of modernity. Emphasizing that, thanks to the logos located "in the beginning," the death of God is part of the inner logic of the Christian tradition, he argues that this same strand of reasoning also ensures that God will always "return" (often in new forms). In Smith's view, rational reflection on God has both undermined and justified faith, while faith has rejected and relied on rational argument. Neither a defense of atheism nor a call to belief, his book explores the long history of their interaction in modern religious and philosophical thought.

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Everyone wants to believe in something beyond or someone bigger than themselves, but nobody wants to be duped. In order to provide answers to people who are seeking the truth, Mark Mittelberg updates for today the classic book by Robert Laidlaw that sold millions, *The Reason Why*. This short book gives clear, concise reasons why belief in God makes sense.

"Gregg's book is the closet thing I've encountered in a long time to a one-volume user's manual for operating Western Civilization." –*The Stream* "Reason, Faith, and the Struggle for Western Civilization offers a concise intellectual history of the West through the prism of the relationship between faith and reason." –*Free Beacon*

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The genius of Western civilization is its unique synthesis of reason and faith. But today that synthesis is under attack—from the East by radical Islam (faith without reason) and from within the West itself by aggressive secularism (reason without faith). The stakes are incalculably high. The naïve and increasingly common assumption that reason and faith are incompatible is simply at odds with the facts of history. The revelation in the Hebrew Scriptures of a reasonable Creator imbued Judaism and Christianity with a conviction that the world is intelligible, leading to the flowering of reason and the invention of science in the West. It was no accident that the Enlightenment took place in the culture formed by the

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Jewish and Christian faiths. We can all see that faith without reason is benighted at best, fanatical and violent at worst. But too many forget that reason, stripped of faith, is subject to its own pathologies. A supposedly autonomous reason easily sinks into fanaticism, stifling dissent as bigoted and irrational and devouring the humane civilization fostered by the integration of reason and faith. The blood-soaked history of the twentieth century attests to the totalitarian forces unleashed by corrupted reason. But Samuel Gregg does more than lament the intellectual and spiritual ruin caused by the divorce of reason and faith. He shows that each of these foundational principles corrects the other ' s excesses and

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enhances our comprehension of the truth in a continuous renewal of civilization. By recovering this balance, we can avoid a suicidal winner-take-all conflict between reason and faith and a future that will respect neither.

To the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the
Relationship Between Faith and Reason
Belief

Faith, Reason and the Existence of God

The Reason Why

Dialogues between Faith and Reason

Making the Case Against Belief in God

Making Sense of God

GOD'S WAR is a testament to the greatness of God and

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the significance of faith in an individual's life and the life of our nation. Michael Savage will unabashedly discuss how America is a country founded by faith and how a loss of it has horrible consequences.

Michael Savage attacks big government and liberal media bias. The son of immigrants, Savage shows how traditional American freedoms are being destroyed from the outside and undermined from within-not just our own government, but also from alien forces within our own society. Savage argues that if the price of liberty is eternal vigilance, then only a more "savage nation" will enjoy these liberties. Savage's high ratings and the rapid growth of his program prove he is in

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touch with the concerns of the average American. How is it that Christian faith can be said to be in accordance with reason and at the same time to transcend reason? On the one hand, the concordance of faith with reason appears to reduce faith to rational thinking and to natural human experience; on the other hand, the difference between faith and reason seems to make belief unreasonable and arbitrary. In *The God of Faith and Reason*, Robert Sokolowski treats this theological difficulty not by speaking directly about faith and reason, but through an examination of the Christian understanding of God that focuses on God the creator and the world as created. In so doing, he

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demonstrates how the Christian concept of God preserves both the integrity of reason and the distinctiveness of faith. Sokolowski begins with a statement of the Christian understanding of God developed in terms provided by St. Anselm, in whose writings the issue of faith and reason surfaces in an historically significant way. He next brings to light the special character of the Christian understanding of God by contrasting it with the pagan understanding of the divine. While pagan and other natural religions see god as the most powerful part of the world, Christianity understands God to be separate from the world, not added to in any way by the act of creating it. This

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understanding of God and the world lies behind the belief in Creation, and is shown to provide the context for the other Christian mysteries, such as the Incarnation, Redemption, the Church, grace, and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The author also shows how the Christian understanding of God and the world helps clarify the difference between natural human virtues and the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. In an appendix, he deals with the relationship between political philosophy and Christian revelation, and, through a discussion of the ideas of Leo Strauss, speaks of the place of politics and political reason in Christian belief. Throughout the book

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