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How often have you encountered some bizarre doctrine only to be stunned to hear a Bible verse quoted to support it? With new religious cults springing up almost daily and old ones growing rapidly, this is more and more common. How are they seemingly able to twist Scripture to mean something orthodox Christians have never believed it to mean in two thousand years? James Sire, author of *The Universe Next Door* and *How to Read Slowly*, has isolated twenty separate kinds of reading errors which are characteristically made by cultists as they interpret

the Bible. He covers the full range from simple misquotation to complex argumentation which links one slightly eccentric interpretation to another, mixes in a few orthodox readings and ends with a conclusion totally foreign to the biblical world view. Sire also handles twisted translation, overspecification, virtue by association, ignoring the context and other flawed interpretations. A book to help us all become better readers of the Scriptures.

Succinct chapters provide an excellent guide to understanding Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Taoism, Shintoism, and more.

Hank Hanegraaff documents the danger of look-

ing for God in all the wrong places and goes behind the scenes into the wildly popular and bizarre world of contemporary revivalism. Hanegraaff masterfully exposes the stark contrast between these deeds of the flesh and a genuine work of the Spirit by contrasting modern "revivals" with the scriptural examples of God's movement among His people.

In the sixties, Transcendental Meditation, a Hindu-based movement, became fashionable as a way to therapy and psychological well-being -- especially after being endorsed by the Beatles and the Beach Boys. Its influence waned, ironically, after the courts decided that TM was a religion

rather than a form of therapy, as TM had claimed. But its popularity helped open the doors to a wider acceptance of Eastern philosophy and religions in mainstream America. Another Americanized form of Hinduism is Hare Krishna. This volume and the volume on Buddhism in this series together present a comprehensive overview of Eastern religions, their views, and their impact on contemporary North America. Why this series? This is an age when countless groups and movements, old and new, mark the religious landscape in our culture, leaving many people confused or uncertain in their search for spiritual truth and meaning. Because few people have the time or opportunity to research these movements fully, these books provide essential information and insights for their spiritual journeys. All books but the summary volume, Truth and Error, contain five sections: -A concise introduction to the group being surveyed -An overview of the group's theology — in its own words -Tips for witnessing effectively to members of the group -A bibliography with sources for further study -A comparison chart that shows the essential differences

between biblical Christianity and the group -Truth and Error, the last book in the series, consists of parallel doctrinal charts compiled from all the other volumes. -Three distinctives make this series especially useful to readers: -Information is carefully distilled to bring out truly essential points, rather than requiring readers to sift their way through a sea of secondary details. -Information is presented in a clear, easy-to-follow outline form with "menu bar" running heads. This format greatly assists the reader in quickly locating topics and details of interest. -Each book meets the needs and skill levels of both nontechnical and technical readers, providing an elementary level of refutation and progressing to a more advanced level using arguments based on the biblical text. The writers of these volumes are well qualified to present clear and reliable information and help readers to discern truth from falsehood.

A definitive reference volume on cults, major fundamentalist religions, and non-Christian faiths includes coverage of the Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, and Hinduism, outlining their major be-

liefs while offering advice on countercult ministry. Jesus appears to be revealing Himself to Muslims through powerful dreams and visions throughout the Islamic world today, and the results are dramatic. Eleven years ago, Pastor Tom Doyle felt God calling him to leave the pastorate and become a full-time missionary in the Middle East and Central Asia. Through his extensive work in the region, which includes over 80 trips to places like Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, Egypt, Syria, Israel, Lebanon, and Turkey, Tom has met and recorded the stories of former Muslims who were first introduced to Jesus through either a dream or a vision that powerfully opened their hearts to become followers of Christ. Though they live in the most dangerous places in the world for people who leave Islam and embrace Christ, their passion for the Savior is contagious and inspirational. These are never-before-told stories from the front lines of the world of Islam. Through these unexplained supernatural occurrences, more Muslims have become believers in the last ten years than in the last 15 centuries of Islam. Why would God use dreams to reach

the Muslim world? Can dreams and visions be trusted? What happens after these people experience a dream or vision? In *Dreams and Visions*, Tom Doyle takes the reader deep into the heart of the Middle East to meet believers who have been directly touched by the very hand of God.

Cults and false religions are dangerous. They preach a false gospel and lead people into a false spirituality. Their victims are kept blinded from the true gospel of Christ, while they are held in bondage to whatever false belief system and legalistic practices they must maintain. Major Cults and False World Religions reveals several key characteristics that make them unbiblical. It also exposes several major false cults and religions that have the majority of the world's population deceived and headed for Hell. This book is the result of thirty-one years of evangelism work, studying comparative religions, and apologetic research and debate. It will equip you with a basic understanding of what each group believes and how to clearly discern and refute many of their unscriptural teachings and attacks.

A leading textbook for

world religion, this new edition is designed to help students in their study and research of the world's religious traditions. Known and valued for its balanced approach and its respected board of consulting editors, this text addresses ways to study religion, provides broad coverage of diverse religions, and offers an arresting layout with rich illustrations. The second edition has new and extended primary source readings, a stronger section on the Religions of South Asia, additional maps, a new full-color, student-friendly format, and more.

Almost every day you hear of a new religion--or rediscover an old one. It used to be that you only heard of these religions when missionaries spoke at your church. Now their followers send missionaries to our doorsteps. In *Cults, World Religions, and the Occult*--a revised and expanded version of the best-selling *Cults, World Religions, and You*--Ken Boa explains: - The history of each religious movement - The distinctive teachings of each - How their followers live - How you can respond to these spiritual counterfeits with biblical truth

and compassion It's all arranged in a handy easy-to-understand guide designed to provide precise and pertinent information when you need it.

Religions in today's culture seem to be multiplying. Have you ever wondered why certain religions believe and practice what they do? Or how they view the Bible? This volume delves into these and other engaging questions, such as: How can a Christian witness to people in these religions? Do these other religions believe in creation and a Creator? How do we deal with these religions from a biblical authority perspective? Many religions and cults discussed in this first volume openly affirm that the Bible is true, but then something gets in their way. And there is a common factor every time--man's fallible opinions. In one way or another the Bible gets demoted, reinterpreted, or completely ignored. Man's ideas are used to throw the Bible's clear teaching out the window while false teachings are promoted. This book is a must for laymen, church leaders, teachers, and students to understand the trends in our culture and around the world where certain religions dominate, helping you dis-

cern truth and guard your faith. When you understand a religion's origins and teachings, you are in a better position to know how to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ as you take the good news to those in false religions.

A novel attempt to make sense of our preoccupation with copies of all kinds—from counterfeits to instant replay, from parrots to photocopies. *The Culture of the Copy* is a novel attempt to make sense of the Western fascination with replicas, duplicates, and twins. In a work that is breathtaking in its synthetic and critical achievements, Hillel Schwartz charts the repercussions of our entanglement with copies of all kinds, whose presence alternately sustains and overwhelms us. This updated edition takes notice of recent shifts in thought with regard to such issues as biological cloning, conjoined twins, copyright, digital reproduction, and multiple personality disorder. At once abbreviated and refined, it will be of interest to anyone concerned with problems of authenticity, identity, and originality. Through intriguing, and at times humorous, historical analysis and case studies in contemporary culture, Schwartz investigates a

stunning array of simulacra: counterfeits, decoys, mannequins, and portraits; ditto marks, genetic cloning, war games, and camouflage; instant replays, digital imaging, parrots, and photocopies; wax museums, apes, and art forgeries—not to mention the very notion of the Real McCoy. Working through a range of theories on biological, mechanical, and electronic reproduction, Schwartz questions the modern esteem for authenticity and uniqueness. *The Culture of the Copy* shows how the ethical dilemmas central to so many fields of endeavor have become inseparable from our pursuit of copies—of the natural world, of our own creations, indeed of our very selves. The book is an innovative blend of microsociology, cultural history, and philosophical reflection, of interest to anyone concerned with problems of authenticity, identity, and originality. Praise for the first edition “[T]he author... brings his considerable synthetic powers to bear on our uneasy preoccupation with doubles, likenesses, facsimiles, replicas and re-enactments. I doubt that these cultural phenomena have ever been more comprehensively or more creatively

chronicled.... [A] book that gets you to see the world anew, again.” —The New York Times “A sprightly and disconcerting piece of cultural history” —Terence Hawkes, London Review of Books “In *The Culture of the Copy*, [Schwartz] has written the perfect book: original and repetitive at once.” —Todd Gitlin, Los Angeles Times Book Review

In this easy-to-read book, Ken Ham gives us a primer in Creation science evangelism using two very different sermons from the book of Acts that were designed to reach two different audiences — the churched and the unchurched. Jew and Gentile — to effectively reach the lost. Outlines the social and moral consequences that modern culture's war on the Bible is having on society Provides helpful insight into understanding how to evangelize to young people Offers guidance on how to ensure churches are properly equipping their members to defend their faith

Characterizing a faction as a religious gathering which claims approval by Christ and the Bible yet dismisses or mutilates the Gospel, Dr. Wylie talks about an assortment of religions, loathe gatherings,

and fake Christianity. Recognizing cliques and de-testing gatherings, fake Christianity is the thing required for clergy and lay people who will stand up to individuals from such religions. Inquiries in the content for every section make this a fundamental instrument for individual and gathering dialogues. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

This final book in the series focuses on the atheistic or humanistic type of religions. It would be one of the most valuable for the church in the Western World where anti-god and pro-evolution religions are beginning to explode, for it was written to refute those religions and show how they fail. Unlike most books on world religions, this title dives into the secular humanistic religions. The book starts with God's Word as the absolute authority. In doing so, God becomes our guide to refute false religions. Humanistic religions are all around us and we need to be able to spot their tenets and oppose them

instead of allowing them to subtly infiltrate our Christianity and undermine us from within. We need to know how to refute these humanistic religions. We need to know how to effectively present the gospel to people who have been deceived by humanistic religions.

"Throughout this book, we have suggested interesting Web sites where.

"The Christian church worldwide has been taken prisoner by Satan's counterfeit healing." This statement is based on the author's personal experience, modest exposure to the Toronto Blessing, observation of parachurch healing ministries, and extensive historical reconstructions. Satan's Counterfeit Healing presents and evaluates Satan's supernatural healing from the Paleolithic period (ca. 45000 BCE) to the contemporary church. The guiding thesis is that Satan and his demonic surrogates perform miracles which are evident as psi paranormal phenomena. These manifestations include physical and exorcistic supernatural healings. Paleolithic and Neolithic periods produced Great Mother goddess worship and healing, which have persisted ever since. These idolatries, combined

with OT nature gods, were a backdrop to Jesus' true miracles. For two thousand years of church history there's been a tug-of-war between true and false healing. Mother goddess as Mariological shrine healing joined with natural and demonic magic, and esoteric energy psi. Alongside these the Holy Spirit has raised up genuine healers and their ministries. Modern healing is marked by energy counterfeits and faith healing, the latter especially accompanied by trance, false prophecy, and psi transformations. True divine healing can be recovered when Christians repudiate nature gods, reject false prophecy, and restore proper eschatology.

New York Times bestseller What is Jesus worth to you? It's easy for American Christians to forget how Jesus said his followers would actually live, what their new lifestyle would actually look like. They would, he said, leave behind security, money, convenience, even family for him. They would abandon everything for the gospel. They would take up their crosses daily... But who do you know who lives like that? Do you? In Radical, David Platt challenges you to consider

with an open heart how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus actually said about being his disciple--then invites you to believe and obey what you have heard. And he tells the dramatic story of what is happening as a "successful" suburban church decides to get serious about the gospel according to Jesus. Finally, he urges you to join in The Radical Experiment -- a one-year journey in authentic discipleship that will transform how you live in a world that desperately needs the Good News Jesus came to bring. Almost every day you hear of a new religion-or rediscover an old one. It used to be that you only heard of these religions when missionaries spoke at your church. Now their followers send missionaries to our doorsteps. This book warns and informs readers about the fringe churches and groups that operate with abusive styles, creating emotional and spiritual perils for their adherents. John Benkovic illuminates the New Age Movement as a complex array of beliefs and programs that often masks its real intent. He paints it as Satan's counterfeit intent on the

destruction of Christianity. Approach the New Testament with confidence. Chronological and Background Charts of the New Testament will help students organize and synthesize the vast amount of biblical and extrabiblical information on the New Testament by providing a helpful visual overview of the data, chronology, historical background, and criticism. This format allows facts, relationships, parallels, and contrasts to be grasped quickly and easily. Perfect for enhancing every type of teaching and learning situation and style, including homeschooling curricula and tutoring, church classes and Sunday school. The 90 charts in this updated, expanded edition are divided into four broad categories: General material for reading and understanding the New Testament. Backgrounds to the New Testament, such as historical and cultural settings. The Gospels—information on their authors, differences, audiences, etc. The apostolic age—chronology, theology, history, interpretations, etc. These charts cover a wide range of topics, from basic information to extrabiblical data such as "The Roman Military

System," "Rabbinic Writings," and "The Five Gospels of the Jesus Seminar." ZondervanCharts are ready references for those who need the essential information at their fingertips. Accessible and highly useful, the books in this library offer clear organization and thorough summaries of issues, subjects, and topics that are key for Christian students and learners. The visuals and captions will cater to any teaching methodology, style, or program. The Tower of Babel: The Cultural History of Our Ancestors reveals our shared ancestry as never before! Many are familiar with the Biblical account of Babel, but after the dispersal, there was a void beyond Biblical history until empires like Rome and Greece arose. Now, discover the truth of these people groups and their civilizations that spread across the earth and trace their roots back to Babel as well as to the sons and grandsons of Noah. Many of today's scholars write off what occurred at the Tower of Babel as mythology and deny that it was a historical event. Beginning with the Biblical accounts, author Bodie Hodge researched ancient texts, critical clues, and rare historic records to

help solve the mystery of what became of the failed builders of Babel. For the purpose of defending the Bible, Hodge presents these and other vital historical facts surrounding this much-debated event. Teens and older can use this layman's reference for Biblical classes, ancient history, apologetics training, and to realize their own cultural connection to the Bible.

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how to effectively present the gospel to people who have been deceived by humanistic religions.

Scandal. Controversy. Massacres. Mystery... Christmas? This is a book about the real Christmas; the one that has been lost by being turned into a children's nativity play. The one that's been buried under made-up details about donkeys and innkeepers and kings. And this is a book about why what really happened at Christmas really matters today - about how these amazing events can transform people's lives and futures. Short, funny, friendly and easy-to-read, Christmas Uncut retells the Christmas story, and explains the gospel message as it does so. Perfect for giving away to unbelieving family and friends, whether they think they know the Christmas story, or know that they don't; and ideal for giving away at the end of Christmas church events. We have developed some Christmas Uncut themed promotional materials for evangelistic events. They are free to download and can be found under the 'Look-Inside' link on the left.

Historic heresies didn't die or fade away. Each generation boasts its own.

Even while these counterfeit teachings remain outside the accepted bounds of Christianity, modern-day versions plague churches. So how does a church leader or pastor understand and deal with these age-old controversies when they pop up in the congregation? In this book, Roger Olson describes the curses but also gifts that heresies bring the Church. While heresies can occasionally correct a version of orthodoxy, they are not simple confusions or misunderstandings about impenetrable mysteries of divine revelation. Instead they undermine the faith and are dangerous distortions. The author describes major heresies and how the church dealt with them, the players, and what pastors can do to address these faith issues in order to educate congregations about Jesus, God, and salvation. Also included are questions for individual or group study. Also available - a Leader guide with DVD in which Adam Hamilton hosts on-screen conversations with Roger Olson (9781501806360). Christianity, Cults and Religions helps Christians know what they believe and why. It helps clarify the differences between various religions, cults,

and religious movements and makes a great study guide for small groups, personal study, or Sunday school classes. A well-researched overview from a Christian viewpoint, it contains basic charts that compare world religions, cults and sects. Each world religion, sect, and/or cult is condensed to 100 words for a quick overview. The book explains the basics of the Christian faith and the differences between Christianity and world religions and sects. It includes an optional study guide for Bible studies and adult Sunday school classes. General editor Paul Carden is executive director of the Centers for Apologetics Research and former cohost of the Bible Answer Man radio program. World Religions Compared Buddhism Theravada (path of the elders) Mahayana (greater vehicle) Vajrayana (diamond vehicle) Hinduism Islam Judaism Kabbalah Hare Krishna Shaivism (theistic rather than impersonalistic) Shaktism (devotion to Shakti or the divine mother) Vaishnavism (worship of Vishnu) Sikhism Healthy, Happy, Holy (3HO) Radha Soami (Eckankar and MSIA Movement for Spiritual Inner Awareness) Nichiren Shoshu Buddhism Nation

of Islam Confucianism Taoism (Daoism) Shinto Transcendental Meditation (TM) Bahá'í World Faith Christianity and Offshoots Compared Christianity Mormonism (Latter-day Saints or Mormons) Jehovah's Witnesses Christian Science Unification Church (Sun Myung Moon) Unity School of Christianity Theosophy Anthroposophy New Age Movement Scientology (Dianetics) Other Groups Compared Wicca Religious Beliefs of World Religions and Cults Compared Founder, Date, Location Authoritative Writings Who is God? Who is Jesus? Who is the Holy Spirit? What happens after death? How does one gain Salvation? Other beliefs and practices Christianity, Cults and Religions Combines These Titles Christianity, Cults & the Occult Christianity & Eastern Religions Islam & Christianity 10 Questions and Answers on Jehovah's Witnesses 10 Questions and Answers on Mormonism 10 Keys to Witnessing to Cults World-renown cult experts Ron Carlson and Ed Decker combine their extensive knowledge to give readers quick, clear facts on the major cults and false teachings of today. Short, informative chapters contrast the

cults' theologies with the truth found in God's Word. Readers will discover the key facts on— Atheism Buddhism Evolution Hinduism Islam Satanism And more Fast Facts® on False Teachings is an easy-to-use resource that provides powerful insights for sharing the biblical gospel with people ensnared by false religions and philosophies.

The author of Prophecy 2000 shares his 39 years of research into the diabolical source of "flying saucers." Today our secularized society is so eager for quick, amazing answers. Will new hope arrive on these "chariots of the gods?" Psychics are channeling such exciting insights from alleged cosmic beings, detailing the "true" nature of God and alternate roads to salvation. Supermarket tabloids proclaim oddball messages from space. New Agers are captivated by the promise of alien cosmic enlightenment and higher intelligence from beyond the stars. So, what is really out there? Why are movies filled with wise aliens, Eastern mysticism, and New Age humanism such hits? Are we being set up for a new, false, extraterrestrial hope? Yet another alternative to the only true way -



Jesus Christ?

First published in 1924, this title explores the schools of religious thought and practice that sprung up towards the end of the nineteenth century and at the start of the twentieth: sects, mystics and spiritualists, theological sciences and scientific theologies, personal philosophies, and a huge range of new trajectories of thought within the established forms of Western European Christianity. In particular, the author explores the numerous ways in which 'Eastern' religious traditions, or at least spiritual patterns deriving inspiration from the Orient, gained a foothold among seekers in the West at a time of optimism and belief in progress.

This eye-opening first volume presents a clear and thorough analysis of "counterfeit" religions like Mormonism, Islam, Deism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Zoroastrianism, and many more.

Why are there so many religions? Do they basically teach the same thing? Bruce and Stan address these questions and more as they take a close look at some of the world's major religions and belief systems. From Islam to Jeho-

vah's Witnesses and from New Age Spirituality to Atheism, Darwinism, and Naturalism, *World Religions and Cults 101* features— key teachings of each religion quick-glance belief charts brief biographies of leaders study questions for group or individual use suggested reading Readers will also discover why spiritual searching is universal, how each religion compares to Christianity, the characteristics of cults, and what makes Christianity unique. Formerly titled *Bruce & Stan's® Guide to Cults, Religions, and Spiritual Beliefs*

*Bare-Faced Messiah* tells the extraordinary story of L. Ron Hubbard, a penniless science-fiction writer who founded the Church of Scientology, became a millionaire prophet and convinced his adoring followers that he alone could save the world. According to his 'official' biography, Hubbard was an explorer, engineer, scientist, war hero and philosopher. But in the words of a Californian judge, he was schizophrenic, paranoid and a pathological liar. What is not in dispute is that Hubbard was one of the most bizarre characters of the twentieth century. *Bare-Faced Messiah* exposes the myths surrounding

the fascinating and mysterious founder of the Church of Scientology - a man of hypnotic charm and limitless imagination - and provides the definitive account of how the notorious organisation was created.

Religions of the Far East like Hinduism, Buddhism, and New Age have been gaining a foothold in the Western world. We even see witchcraft on the rise and paganism infiltrating the minds of the next generation—even in Christian homes! Why is that? How can a Christian respond? We already know how the one true God has responded, and in this title you will learn: □How a Christian can effectively witness for ChristHow to refute these false religions—What it truly is that these religions teach and why The Christ follower should be set at ease knowing that all other gods are false as the all-knowing God of Scripture has revealed that He is the only God. Therefore, this volume dives into these styles of religions and looks at their origins and their basic tenets as well as why they fall so short. Understanding the basic tenets of these religions helps the Bible believer see the flaws in these

philosophies. In this way one can better discern how to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ while standing on the authority of the Bible.

Ruth A. Tucker's book is a comprehensive survey of all the major alternative religions in the United States, including the new groups since the 1960s.

The interfaith movement, which began with the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago, has grown worldwide. Although this movement has been largely unknown to the public, it now provides a spiritual face for globalization, the economic and political forces leading us all from nationalism to 'One World'. The most ambitious organization in today's interfaith movement is the United Religions Initiative (URI), founded by William Swing, the Episcopal Bishop of California. Investigative reporter Lee Penn, a Catholic ex-Marxist, exhaustively documents the history and beliefs of the URI and its New Age and globalist allies, the vested interests that support these movements, and the direction they appear to be taking. The interfaith movement is no longer merely the province of a coterie of little-headed religious idealists with gran-

diose visions. The URI's proponents have ranged from billionaire George Soros to President George W. Bush, from the far-right Rev. Sun Myung Moon to the liberal Catholic theologian Hans Küng, and from the Dalai Lama to the leaders of government-approved Protestant churches in the People's Republic of China. The interfaith movement, including the URI, is being promoted by globalist and New Age reformers who favor erosion of national sovereignty, marginalization of traditional religions, establishment of 'global governance', and creation of a new, Earth-based 'global spirituality'—in effect, a one-world religion. Therefore, the URI and the interfaith movement are poised to become the spiritual foundation of the New World Order: the 'new civilization' now proposed by Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union. In *The Reign of Quantity and the Signs of the Times*, French metaphysician René Guénon spoke of the 'anti-tradition' (the forces of materialism and secular humanism) finally giving way to the 'counter-tradition' (the satanic inversion of true spirituality), leading to the regime of An-

tichrist. The 'anti-tradition' weakens and dissolves traditional spiritualities, after which the 'counter-tradition' sets up a counterfeit in their place. Since Guénon's time, as is well known, anti-traditional forces have greatly advanced worldwide. It is less well-known that counter-traditional movements have also made great strides, and now stand closer to the centers of global political and religious power than ever before. The 'counter-tradition' is making inroads on the political and cultural Right, as much as it is doing on the Left. *False Dawn* painstakingly documents these trends, and speculates on their future development. In so doing, the author takes investigative reporting to the threshold of prophecy, and gives us a stunningly plausible picture of the global religious landscape of the 21st century. This extraordinary project is the literary equivalent of turning over a flat rock. There is much to be seen and learned here—all of it unsettling, disquieting, occasionally downright scary. 'William Murchison, Radford Distinguished Professor, Baylor University When a bishop of a Christian church happily worships alongside a Wiccan

invoking other gods, something has gone horribly wrong. In *False Dawn*, Lee Penn has produced a comprehensive and critical history of the United Religions Initiative. This book sounds a clear warning: Anyone who makes theological truth subservient to utopianism denigrates all religions. ¿Douglas LeBlanc, Editor, GetReligion.org

*The Twelve Pillars of Unbelief: Why the Arguments for Atheism Don't Work and Why the Ones for*

*Christianity Do.* By: Douglas Olsen About the Book This book summarizes the reasons atheism is logically faulty from a Christian perspective. The author incorporates his own examples, insights, and humor. According to the author we are living in an increasingly secular society, and there have been best-selling books by the so-called New Atheists, which need to be put in their place with a fresh approach to the beliefs of

Christianity. This book is different from other books attacking atheism in the inclusion of a chapter on heaven and hell with a nontraditional but Biblical view of hell and a section on evolution, Intelligent Design, and creationism. I hope the reader, who is more likely to be Christian rather than atheist, will be armed with arguments against atheism as well as thoughtful ideas about Christianity. Maybe some agnostics or seekers will find truth in it.