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life on earth and we have not outgrown the need for religion but our concept of god needs to be more closely associated with what we learn from science and less tied to ancient stories smith is not suggesting a new religion we have active religions now and he hopes they will learn to cooperate in offering guidance on how to live on earth while continuing differing faith practices and hope after death he also thinks jesus message and example of how to love our neighbors and ourselves can enrich all religions a wide ranging argument by a renowned anthropologist that the capacity to believe is what makes us human why are so many humans religious why do we daydream imagine and hope philosophers theologians social scientists and historians have offered explanations for centuries but their accounts often ignore or even avoid human evolution evolutionary scientists answer with proposals for why ritual religion and faith make sense as adaptations to past challenges or as by products of our hyper complex cognitive capacities but what if the focus on religion is too narrow renowned anthropologist agustín fuentes argues that the capacity to be religious is actually a small part of a larger and deeper human capacity to believe why believe in religion economies love a fascinating intervention into some of the most common misconceptions about human nature this book employs evolutionary neurobiological and anthropological evidence to argue that belief the ability to commit passionately and wholeheartedly to an idea is central to the human way of being in the world many people today believe that christianity will not stand up to a scientific or intellectual investigation and that science has all the answers such an attitude shows an ignorance of the metrology

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to models of secularization and modernization inherent in religious revival innovation and politicization a concluding chapter by the editors looks at new trends and assesses their possible impact in coming years like its predecessor this outstanding collection is a significant contribution to the literature as well as a valuable resource for the classroom maybe christianity is actually true maybe it is what believers say it is but at least two problems make the thoughtful person hesitate first there are so many other options how could one possibly make one s way through them to anything like a rational and confident conclusion second why do so many people choose to be christian in the face of so many reasons not to be christian yes many people grow up in christian homes and in societies but many more do not yet christianity has become the most popular religion in the world why this book begins by taking on the initial challenge as it outlines a process how to think about religion in a responsible way rather than settling for such soft vagaries as faith and feeling it then clears away a number of misunderstandings from the basic story of the christian religion misunderstandings that combine to domesticate this startling narrative and thus to repel reasonable people who might otherwise be intrigued the second half of the book then looks at christian commitment positively and negatively why do two billion find this religion to be persuasive thus making it the most popular explanation of everything in human history at the same time how does christianity respond to the fact that so many people find it utterly implausible especially because so many christians insist that theirs is the only way to god and because of the problem of evil that seems to undercut everything christianity asserts

grounded in scholarship but never ponderous can i believe refuses to dodge the hard questions as it welcomes the intelligent inquirer to give christianity at least one good look is the universe on our side my own investigations over a period of many years have given me a quiet assurance that there is a god who has given us sufficient clues in life nature human thought beauty and art to satisfy the genuine inquirer that he exists and that he has expressed himself most meaningfully in jesus christ however you may come to a different conclusion at the end of this book and that is your right as a thinking responsible person all i can do is to invite you to join me in looking at the arguments again writing in a popular style but with careful reasoning george carey explains the traditional message of christianity in its stark confrontation with modern unbelief and indifference here is a brief aggressive but always warm and generous appeal to faith for modern readers abandon dead dry religious rule keeping and embrace the promise of being truly known and deeply loved jefferson bethke burst into the cultural conversation with a passionate provocative poem titled why i hate religion but love jesus the 4 minute video became an overnight sensation with 7 million youtube views in its first 48 hours and 23 million in a year bethke s message clearly struck a chord with believers and nonbelievers alike triggering an avalanche of responses running the gamut from encouraged to enraged in his new york times bestseller jesus religion bethke unpacks similar contrasts that he drew in the poem highlighting the difference between teeth gritting and grace law and love performance and peace despair and hope with refreshing candor he delves into the motivation behind his message

beginning with the unvarnished tale of his own plunge from the pinnacle of a works based fake smile existence that sapped his strength and led him down a path of destructive behavior along the way bethke gives you the tools you need to humbly and prayerfully open your mind understand jesus for all that he is view the church from a brand new perspective bethke is quick to acknowledge that he s not a pastor or theologian but simply an ordinary twenty something who cried out for a life greater than the one for which he had settled on this journey bethke discovered the real jesus who beckoned him with love beyond the props of false religion praise for jesus religion jeff s book will make you stop and listen to a voice in your heart that may have been drowned out by the noise of religion listen to that voice then follow it right to the feet of jesus bob goff author of new york times bestsellers love does and everybody always the book you hold in your hands is donald miller s blue like jazz meets c s lewis s mere christianity meets augustine s confessions this book is going to awaken an entire generation to jesus and his grace derwin l gray lead pastor of transformation church author of limitless life breaking free from the labels that hold you back the classic work on christian evidences how do we know there is a god how do we know the bible is his word what about other great religions and great books what about science and the bible in thirteen carefully written chapters the author shows with conciseness and clarity how thoroughly reasonable is the accuracy of the scriptures as the divinely inspired word of god it will strengthen your faith and arm you to meet skeptics with reliance on outside sources the work provides a solid foundation for discussions of the authenticity

accuracy and integrity of the bible one of the classic works in christian apologetics of all time 119 pages 9th edition available in hardcover and paperback this book invites us to consider ways to remain confident in our faith as we understand and appreciate the discoveries and advances of science how can christians integrate believe or accept all the teachings of science the bible and christian tradition how can we believe in both the discoveries of science and the bible are science and religion compatible or incompatible does the christian understanding that god created the universe exclude the findings and discoveries of science what is the role of faith in the world of education what can we believe about intelligent design if we believe in evolution can we believe in god does the big bang theory exclude god if we are christians can we support stem cell research and cloning can science help us understand the afterlife does science negate or support prayer what is the difference between faith and reason do they exclude or complement one another as paul stroble addresses these questions and others he helps us examine different possible ways that religion and science relate to each other and ways that science and religion provide meaning and value in our lives paul stroble is an elder of the illinois great rivers conference of the united methodist church he has served both as parish pastor and college instructor and currently teaches at the university of akron where he earned an excellence in teaching award he is a long time writer researcher for the united methodist curriculum faithlink and author of numerous articles and curricular materials among his eleven books are paul and the galatians and what do other faiths believe he is married to dr beth strobler

have a daughter emily the faithquestions study series is designed to meet the needs of people who have questions about the christian faith and who desire a deeper engagement with scripture and with discipleship as they explore studies of issues in theology ethics missions bible interpretation and church history it seeks to equip a new generation of church leaders to appreciate the eternal message of the gospel and to develop the skills to articulate its relevance in our contemporary context the series would be a good choice for users who have completed disciple this will be the ninth study in the series following what about the rapture what do other faiths believe what happens when we die what about divine healing what about the trinity what about forgiveness what about the devil what about reading the bible is our christianity that of the new testament god and men and their relation to each other this i believe to be all that really matters in the world and that is what i have written about here a w tozer like a physician running a biopsy on lifeless faith here a w tozer offers one of the most compelling critiques of feigned spirituality you may ever read in of god and men tozer exposes false religious notions and lifts up true new testament christianity a loving and gentle critique of culture and even the church it reveals lies we unknowingly believe godless practices we unknowingly do and treasures of christ we unknowingly ignore a manifesto of true religion of god and men will set your foot on the narrow path and lift your heart in soaring worship this volume offers patristic comment on the second half of the third article of the nicene creed readers will gain insight into the history and substance of what the early church believed about the nature of the church and the

consummation of all things we believe in the holy spirit is a collection of articles reflecting some of the most important ideas in pneumatology in recent years although the articles were not written to fit the articles of the nicene creed 381 linking these articles to the articles of the creed sheds imaginative light on the development of ideas in theologies of the spirit this is a book with the big answers to the big questions every person asks themselves about faith science and doubt it is perfect for individual or group study high school seniors and up why do you believe the things you believe do you remember events differently from how they really happened where do your superstitions come from how do morals evolve why are some people religious and others nonreligious everyone has thoughts and questions like these and now andrew newberg and mark waldman expose for the first time how our complex views emerge from the neural activities of the brain bridging science psychology and religion they demonstrate in simple terminology how the brain perceives reality and transforms it into an extraordinary range of personal ethical and creative premises that we use to build meaning value spirituality and truth into our lives when you come to understand this remarkable process it will change forever the way you look at the world and yourself supported by groundbreaking research including brain scans of people as they pray meditate and even speak in tongues newberg and waldman propose a new model for how deep convictions emerge and influence our lives you will even glimpse how the mind of an atheist works when contemplating god using personal stories moral paradoxes and optical illusions the authors demonstrate how our brains construct our

assumptions about reality offering recommendations for exercising your most important muscle in order to develop a more life affirming flexible range of attitudes you ll discover how to recognize when your beliefs are altered by others guard against mental traps and prejudicial thinking distinguish between destructive and constructive beliefs cultivate spiritual and ethical ideals ultimately we must always return to our beliefs from the ordinary to the extraordinary they give meaning to the mysteries of life providing us with our individual uniqueness and the ability to fill our lives with joy most important though they give us inspiration and hope beacons to guide us through the light and dark corners of the soul a new edition covering the latest scientific research on how the brain makes us believers or skeptics recent polls report that 96 percent of americans believe in god and 73 percent believe that angels regularly visit earth why is this why despite the rise of science technology and secular education are people turning to religion in greater numbers than ever before why do people believe in god at all these provocative questions lie at the heart of how we believe an illuminating study of god faith and religion bestselling author michael shermer offers fresh and often startling insights into age old questions including how and why humans put their faith in a higher power even in the face of scientific skepticism shermer has updated the book to explore the latest research and theories of psychiatrists neuroscientists epidemiologists and philosophers as well as the role of faith in our increasingly diverse modern world whether believers or nonbelievers we are all driven by the need to understand the universe and our place in it how we believe this metrology

scientific tour of this ancient and mysterious desire even more timely than when it first appeared this bilingual tenth anniversary edition provides the faithful with a powerful instrument for opening wide the doors of christ how can christianity touch the imagination of our contemporaries when ever fewer people in the west identify as religious timothy radcliffe argues we must show how everything we believe is an invitation to live fully god says i put before you life and death choose life anyone who understands the beauty and messiness of human life novelists poets filmmakers and so on can be our allies whether they believe or not the challenge is not today s secularism but its banality we accompany the disciples as they struggle to understand this strange man who heals casts out demons and offers endless forgiveness in the face of death he teaches them what it means to be alive in god then he embraces all that afflicts and crushes humanity finally radcliffe explores what it means for us to be alive spiritually physically sacramentally justly and prayerfully the result is a compelling new understanding of the words of jesus i came that they may have life and have it abundantly we live in a time where many want to avoid theology thinking that it is not necessary for the christian life this cannot be further from the truth theology the study of god is necessary for every christian to understand not only god but how he wants us to live theology is not something for the ivory towers the deeper our theology the deeper our love for god will be and our desire to live for him what do we believe is a great systematic theology starter for new believers yet still has so much theology that it will quickly become a quick reference resource for many mature christians this book is organized

so that any reader can quickly get answers they might need when looking for answers to theological questions why do some beliefs become extinct while others adapt and flourish james shows us how genetic evolution and cultural evolution though operating at different rates are one and the same recent science has gone a long way toward explaining the origin of religious belief in evolutionary terms but craig james has cracked open the mystery of its tenacity religion does not exist for us it exists for its own sake like a selfish gene or a parasite the religion virus catches a free ride in the minds of our species infecting our history and culture this ambitious interdisciplinary book seeks to explain the origins of religion using our knowledge of the evolution of cognition a cognitive anthropologist and psychologist scott atran argues that religion is a by product of human evolution just as the cognitive intervention cultural selection and historical survival of religion is an accommodation of certain existential and moral elements that have evolved in the human condition where do our beliefs come from during prayer or meditation are we communicating with god or does the concept of god originate in our own minds in this wide ranging book dr robert buckman takes us on a journey through the history of human belief combining philosophy theology and new scientific research to discover the origins of religious faith and explore the dilemmas and contradictions of religion in the modern world buckman also examines the relationship between beliefs and ethics many of us use rules set by our religion to guide our behavior yet now more than ever religious doctrine can seem out of alignment with our sense of ethical conduct if you don't believe in god can you still behave decently

this revised and updated edition helps us understand not just why we believe but how our beliefs affect our actions and how a code of ethics can exist without a deity at its center a fresh new look at the fatal flaws in religious belief over 3 million copies sold essential reading for catholics of all walks of life here it is the first new catechism of the catholic church in more than 400 years a complete summary of what catholics around the world commonly believe the catechism draws on the bible the mass the sacraments church tradition and teaching and the lives of saints it comes with a complete index footnotes and cross references for a fuller understanding of every subject the word catechism means instruction this book will serve as the standard for all future catechisms using the tradition of explaining what the church believes the creed what she celebrates the sacraments what she lives the commandments and what she prays the lord s prayer the catechism of the catholic church offers challenges for believers and answers for all those interested in learning about the mystery of the catholic faith the catechism of the catholic church is a positive coherent and contemporary map for our spiritual journey toward transformation with so many questions concerning religion we all have a yearning to believe in something after being in church for over thirty years i had questions that pastors overseers and bishops could not answer there are over sixty different denominations with an estimated forty five thousand churches in each all carrying the same bible and claiming the same jesus but each having different beliefs after much research and world religious studies i come to the conclusion that when we americanize the bible the metrology

lack of understanding in our belief which causes us to mislead others the only way to find truth was to visit the land i walked and talked with religious leaders as we followed the footsteps of jesus we traveled the length and width of the land leaving no stone unturned while uncovering so many extraordinary truths after my visit to qumran and the shrine of the book in jerusalem 50 percent of my questions were answered i say this with sincere humbleness and confidence the bible is a reliable source it is a collection of historical documents written by eyewitnesses who were living during the time of other eyewitnesses and its findings were divine rather than human in origin its prophetic message comes to pass and its words can be proven by multidimensional prophetic interpretation we sing songs about three wise men was it really three how many seeds are in the pomegranate and what does it mean should we name our church carmel find answers to these questions and more as leaders we can change the atmosphere we occupy when we understand its land customs and culture it s very important to connect our belief to the christian story by digging deeper into the origin of belief we believe is a response to a letter the prophet joseph smith received from a news paper editor wanting to know directly what the mormons members of the church of jesus christ of latter day saints believed in joseph knew the audience reading the article would generally be non mormon the prophet then began to list the beliefs of the church that christians of that particular era could easily understand these articles of faith are very basic beliefs but are not all inclusive joyce a curtis the cognitive science of religion is a rapidly growing field whose practice

insights from advances in cognitive science in order to provide a better understanding of religious impulses beliefs and behaviors in this book ilkka pyysi inen shows how this methodology can profitably be used in the comparative study of beliefs about superhuman agents he begins by developing a theoretical outline of the basic modular architecture of the human mind and especially the human capacity to understand agency he then goes on to discuss examples of supernatural agency in detail arguing that the human ability to attribute beliefs and desires to others forms the basis of conceptions of supernatural agents and of such social cognition in which supernatural agents are postulated as interested parties in social life beliefs about supernatural agency are natural says pyysi inen in the sense that such concepts are used in an intuitive and automatic fashion two dots and a straight line below them automatically trigger the idea of a face for example given that the mind consists of a host of such modular mechanisms certain kinds of beliefs will always have a selective advantage over others abstract theological concepts are usually elaborate versions of such simpler and more contagious folk conceptions pyysi inen uses ethnographical and survey materials as well as doctrinal treatises to show that there are certain recurrent patterns in beliefs about supernatural agents both at the level of folk religion and of formal theology

How We Believe 2000-11

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Why We Believe in God(s) 2014-07-01

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Why We Believe in God and Why We Need a Common Goal 2018-03-09

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Why We Believe 2019-09-24

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Lies We Believe About God

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The Religion Virus 2013-04

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We Believe 2015-11-01

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Is Our Vision of God Obsolete? **2010-01-15**

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Does It Really Matter What I Believe about God? 2007-06-01

in his book does it really matter what i believe about god author david h maxfield explores all the possibilities and raises an additional question what if it matters to god what you believe the author guides us through the maze of various beliefs as he reveals the source of confusion

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As You Believe... 2001

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Religion As Make-Believe 2023

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In Gods We Trust 2017-07-12

much has changed since publication of the first edition of this established text in the sociology of religion revised and expanded this edition emphasizes new patterns of religious change and conflict emerging in the united states in the latter part of the twentieth century leading scholars describe and analyze developments in five main areas the fundamentalist and evangelical revival challenge and renewal in mainline churches spiritual innovation and the so called new age women s movements and issues and their impact and politics and civil religion chapters include an examination of religious movements responses to aids christian schools quasi religions healing rites and goddess worship recruitment of women to charismatic and hassidic groups televangelists and the christian right racist rural populism contemporary mormonism and its growth cults and brainwashing jonestown dissidence in the catholic church and trance channeling among other topics a new introductory chapter by the editors establishes an integrating framework in terms of three themes increasing conflict and controversy associated with american religion increasing focus on various forms of power in american religion and challenges to models of secularization and modernization inherent in religious revival innovation and politicization a concluding chapter by the editors looks at new trends and assesses their possible impact in coming years like its predecessor this outstanding collection is a significant contribution to the literature as well as a valuable resource for the classroom

Can I Believe? 2020-08-21

maybe christianity is actually true maybe it is what believers say it is but at least two problems make the thoughtful person hesitate first there are so many other options how could one possibly make one s way through them to anything like a rational and confident conclusion second why do so many people choose to be christian in the face of so many reasons not to be christian yes many people grow up in christian homes and in societies but many more do not yet christianity has become the most popular religion in the world why this book begins by taking on the initial challenge as it outlines a process how to think about religion in a responsible way rather than settling for such soft vagaries as faith and feeling it then clears away a number of misunderstandings from the basic story of the christian religion misunderstandings that combine to domesticate this startling narrative and thus to repel reasonable people who might otherwise be intrigued the second half of the book then looks at christian commitment positively and negatively why do two billion find this religion to be persuasive thus making it the most popular explanation of everything in human history at the same time how does christianity respond to the fact that so many people find it utterly implausible especially because so many christians insist that theirs is the only way to god and because of the problem of evil that seems to undercut everything christianity asserts grounded in scholarship but never ponderous can i believe refuses to dodge the hard questions as it welcomes the intelligent inquirer to give christianity at least one good look

Why I Believe in a Personal God

2000-03-07

is the universe on our side my own investigations over a period of many years have given me a quiet assurance that there is a god who has given us sufficient clues in life nature human thought beauty and art to satisfy the genuine inquirer that he exists and that he has expressed himself most meaningfully in jesus christ however you may come to a different conclusion at the end of this book and that is your right as a thinking responsible person all i can do is to invite you to join me in looking at the arguments again writing in a popular style but with careful reasoning george carey explains the traditional message of christianity in its stark confrontation with modern unbelief and indifference here is a brief aggressive but always warm and generous appeal to faith for modern readers

Jesus > Religion 2013-10-14

abandon dead dry religious rule keeping and embrace the promise of being truly known and deeply loved jefferson bethke burst into the cultural conversation with a passionate provocative poem titled why i hate religion but love jesus the 4 minute video became an overnight sensation with 7 million youtube views in its first 48 hours and 23 million in a year bethke s message clearly struck a chord with believers and nonbelievers alike triggering an avalanche of responses running the gamut from encouraged to enraged in his new york times bestseller jesus religion

bethke unpacks similar contrasts that he drew in the poem highlighting the difference between teeth gritting and grace law and love performance and peace despair and hope with refreshing candor he delves into the motivation behind his message beginning with the unvarnished tale of his own plunge from the pinnacle of a works based fake smile existence that sapped his strength and led him down a path of destructive behavior along the way bethke gives you the tools you need to humbly and prayerfully open your mind understand jesus for all that he is view the church from a brand new perspective bethke is quick to acknowledge that he s not a pastor or theologian but simply an ordinary twenty something who cried out for a life greater than the one for which he had settled on this journey bethke discovered the real jesus who beckoned him with love beyond the props of false religion praise for jesus religion jeff s book will make you stop and listen to a voice in your heart that may have been drowned out by the noise of religion listen to that voice then follow it right to the feet of jesus bob goff author of new york times bestsellers love does and everybody always the book you hold in your hands is donald miller s blue like jazz meets c s lewis s mere christianity meets augustine s confessions this book is going to awaken an entire generation to jesus and his grace derwin l gray lead pastor of transformation church author of limitless life breaking free from the labels that hold you back

Why We Believe the Bible 1990

the classic work on christian evidences how do we know there is a god how do we know the bible is his word what about other great religions and great books what about science and the bible in thirteen carefully written chapters the author shows with conciseness and clarity how thoroughly reasonable is the accuracy of the scriptures as the divinely inspired word of god it will strengthen your faith and arm you to meet skeptics with reliance on outside sources the work provides a solid foundation for discussions of the authenticity accuracy and integrity of the bible one of the classic works in christian apologetics of all time 119 pages 9th edition available in hardcover and paperback

FaithQuestions - What About Religion and Science? 2010-09-01

this book invites us to consider ways to remain confident in our faith as we understand and appreciate the discoveries and advances of science how can christians integrate believe or accept all the teachings of science the bible and christian tradition how can we believe in both the discoveries of science and the bible are science and religion compatible or incompatible does the christian understanding that god created the universe exclude the findings and discoveries of science what is the role of faith in the world of education what can we believe about intelligent design if we believe in evolution can we believe in god does the big bang theory exclude god if we are

christians can we support stem cell research and cloning
can science help us understand the afterlife does science
negate or support prayer what is the difference between
faith and reason do they exclude or complement one another
as paul stroble addresses these questions and others he
helps us examine different possible ways that religion and
science relate to each other and ways that science and
religion provide meaning and value in our lives paul stroble
is an elder of the illinois great rivers conference of the
united methodist church he has served both as parish pastor
and college instructor and currently teaches at the
university of akron where he earned an excellence in
teaching award he is a long time writer researcher for the
united methodist curriculum faithlink and author of
numerous articles and curricular materials among his
eleven books are paul and the galatians and what do other
faiths believe he is married to dr beth stroble and they have
a daughter emily the faithquestions study series is designed
to meet the needs of people who have questions about the
christian faith and who desire a deeper engagement with
scripture and with discipleship as they explore studies of
issues in theology ethics missions bible interpretation and
church history it seeks to equip a new generation of church
leaders to appreciate the eternal message of the gospel and
to develop the skills to articulate its relevance in our
contemporary context the series would be a good choice for
users who have completed disciple this will be the ninth
study in the series following what about the rapture what do
other faiths believe what happens when we die what about
divine healing what about the trinity what about forgiveness
what about the devil what about reading the bible

Of God and Men 2015-09-22

is our christianity that of the new testament god and men and their relation to each other this i believe to be all that really matters in the world and that is what i have written about here a w tozer like a physician running a biopsy on lifeless faith here a w tozer offers one of the most compelling critiques of feigned spirituality you may ever read in of god and men tozer exposes false religious notions and lifts up true new testament christianity a loving and gentle critique of culture and even the church it reveals lies we unknowingly believe godless practices we unknowingly do and treasures of christ we unknowingly ignore a manifesto of true religion of god and men will set your foot on the narrow path and lift your heart in soaring worship

We Believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church 2010-01-29

this volume offers patristic comment on the second half of the third article of the nicene creed readers will gain insight into the history and substance of what the early church believed about the nature of the church and the consummation of all things

We Believe in the Holy Spirit 2023-07-07

we believe in the holy spirit is a collection of articles

reflecting some of the most important ideas in pneumatology in recent years although the articles were not written to fit the articles of the nicene creed 381 linking these articles to the articles of the creed sheds imaginative light on the development of ideas in theologies of the spirit

These Things We Believe 2010-03

this is a book with the big answers to the big questions every person asks themselves about faith science and doubt it is perfect for individual or group study high school seniors and up

We Believe in One God 1979

why do you believe the things you believe do you remember events differently from how they really happened where do your superstitions come from how do morals evolve why are some people religious and others nonreligious everyone has thoughts and questions like these and now andrew newberg and mark waldman expose for the first time how our complex views emerge from the neural activities of the brain bridging science psychology and religion they demonstrate in simple terminology how the brain perceives reality and transforms it into an extraordinary range of personal ethical and creative premises that we use to build meaning value spirituality and truth into our lives when you come to understand this remarkable process it will change forever the way you look at the world and yourself supported by groundbreaking research including brain scans of people as they pray meditate and even speak in tongues newberg and

waldman propose a new model for how deep convictions emerge and influence our lives you will even glimpse how the mind of an atheist works when contemplating god using personal stories moral paradoxes and optical illusions the authors demonstrate how our brains construct our fondest assumptions about reality offering recommendations for exercising your most important muscle in order to develop a more life affirming flexible range of attitudes you ll discover how to recognize when your beliefs are altered by others guard against mental traps and prejudicial thinking distinguish between destructive and constructive beliefs cultivate spiritual and ethical ideals ultimately we must always return to our beliefs from the ordinary to the extraordinary they give meaning to the mysteries of life providing us with our individual uniqueness and the ability to fill our lives with joy most important though they give us inspiration and hope beacons to guide us through the light and dark corners of the soul

What We Believe in 2018

a new edition covering the latest scientific research on how the brain makes us believers or skeptics recent polls report that 96 percent of americans believe in god and 73 percent believe that angels regularly visit earth why is this why despite the rise of science technology and secular education are people turning to religion in greater numbers than ever before why do people believe in god at all these provocative questions lie at the heart of how we believe an illuminating study of god faith and religion bestselling author michael shermer offers fresh and often startling insights into age old

questions including how and why humans put their faith in a higher power even in the face of scientific skepticism. P. D. Schermer has updated the book to explore the latest research and theories of psychiatrists, neuroscientists, epidemiologists, and philosophers as well as the role of faith in our increasingly diverse modern world. Whether believers or nonbelievers, we are all driven by the need to understand the universe and our place in it. *How We Believe* is a brilliant scientific tour of this ancient and mysterious desire.

Why We Believe What We Believe **2006-09-12**

even more timely than when it first appeared, this bilingual tenth anniversary edition provides the faithful with a powerful instrument for opening wide the doors of Christ.

How We Believe 2003-10-01

How can Christianity touch the imagination of our contemporaries when ever fewer people in the West identify as religious? Timothy Radcliffe argues we must show how everything we believe is an invitation to live fully. God says: I put before you life and death; choose life. Anyone who understands the beauty and messiness of human life—novelists, poets, filmmakers, and so on—can be our allies, whether they believe or not. The challenge is not today's secularism but its banality. We accompany the disciples as they struggle to understand this strange man who heals, casts out demons, and offers endless forgiveness in the face

of death he teaches them what it means to be alive in god then he embraces all that afflicts and crushes humanity finally radcliffe explores what it means for us to be alive spiritually physically sacramentally justly and prayerfully the result is a compelling new understanding of the words of jesus i came that they may have life and have it abundantly

Go and Make Disciples 2002

we live in a time where many want to avoid theology thinking that it is not necessary for the christian life this cannot be further from the truth theology the study of god is necessary for every christian to understand not only god but how he wants us to live theology is not something for the ivory towers the deeper our theology the deeper our love for god will be and our desire to live for him what do we believe is a great systematic theology starter for new believers yet still has so much theology that it will quickly become a quick reference resource for many mature christians this book is organized so that any reader can quickly get answers they might need when looking for answers to theological questions

Alive in God 2019-10-03

why do some beliefs become extinct while others adapt and flourish james shows us how genetic evolution and cultural evolution though operating at different rates are one and the same recent science has gone a long way toward explaining the origin of religious belief in evolutionary terms but craig james has cracked open the mystery of its tenacity

religion does not exist for us it exists for its own sake like a selfish gene or a parasite the religion virus catches a free ride in the minds of our species infecting our history and culture

We Believe 2004

this ambitious interdisciplinary book seeks to explain the origins of religion using our knowledge of the evolution of cognition a cognitive anthropologist and psychologist scott atran argues that religion is a by product of human evolution just as the cognitive intervention cultural selection and historical survival of religion is an accommodation of certain existential and moral elements that have evolved in the human condition

What Do We Believe Workbook 2020-10-28

where do our beliefs come from during prayer or meditation are we communicating with god or does the concept of god originate in our own minds in this wide ranging book dr robert buckman takes us on a journey through the history of human belief combining philosophy theology and new scientific research to discover the origins of religious faith and explore the dilemmas and contradictions of religion in the modern world buckman also examines the relationship between beliefs and ethics many of us use rules set by our religion to guide our behavior yet now more than ever religious doctrine can seem out of alignment with our sense

of ethical conduct if you don't believe in god can you still behave decently and ethically this revised and updated edition helps us understand not just why we believe but how our beliefs affect our actions and how a code of ethics can exist without a deity at its center

The Religion Virus[not for sale on Google Play] 2010-03

a fresh new look at the fatal flaws in religious belief

In Gods We Trust 2004-12-09

over 3 million copies sold essential reading for catholics of all walks of life here it is the first new catechism of the catholic church in more than 400 years a complete summary of what catholics around the world commonly believe the catechism draws on the bible the mass the sacraments church tradition and teaching and the lives of saints it comes with a complete index footnotes and cross references for a fuller understanding of every subject the word catechism means instruction this book will serve as the standard for all future catechisms using the tradition of explaining what the church believes the creed what she celebrates the sacraments what she lives the commandments and what she prays the lord's prayer the catechism of the catholic church offers challenges for believers and answers for all those interested in learning about the mystery of the catholic faith the catechism of the catholic church is a positive coherent and contemporary

map for our spiritual journey toward transformation

Can We Be Good Without God 2004

with so many questions concerning religion we all have a yearning to believe in something after being in church for over thirty years i had questions that pastors overseers and bishops could not answer there are over sixty different denominations with an estimated forty five thousand churches in each all carrying the same bible and claiming the same jesus but each having different beliefs after much research and world religious studies i come to the conclusion that when we americanize the bible it causes a lack of understanding in our belief which causes us to mislead others the only way to find truth was to visit the land i walked and talked with religious leaders as we followed the footsteps of jesus we traveled the length and width of the land leaving no stone unturned while uncovering so many extraordinary truths after my visit to qumran and the shrine of the book in jerusalem 50 percent of my questions were answered i say this with sincere humbleness and confidence the bible is a reliable source it is a collection of historical documents written by eyewitnesses who were living during the time of other eyewitnesses and its findings were divine rather than human in origin its prophetic message comes to pass and its words can be proven by multidimensional prophetic interpretation we sing songs about three wise men was it really three how many seeds are in the pomegranate and what does it mean should we name our church carmel find answers to these questions and more as leaders we can

change the atmosphere we occupy when we understand its land customs and culture it s very important to connect our belief to the christian story by digging deeper into the origin of belief

In God We Trust *1996-09-01*

we believe is a response to a letter the prophet joseph smith received from a news paper editor wanting to know directly what the mormons members of the church of jesus christ of latter day saints believed in joseph knew the audience reading the article would generally be non mormon the prophet then began to list the beliefs of the church that christians of that particular era could easily understand these articles of faith are very basic beliefs but are not all inclusive joyce a curtis

Catechism of the Catholic Church *2003-03-04*

the cognitive science of religion is a rapidly growing field whose practitioners apply insights from advances in cognitive science in order to provide a better understanding of religious impulses beliefs and behaviors in this book ilkka pyysi inen shows how this methodology can profitably be used in the comparative study of beliefs about superhuman agents he begins by developing a theoretical outline of the basic modular architecture of the human mind and especially the human capacity to understand agency he then goes on to discuss examples of supernatural agency in detail

arguing that the human ability to attribute beliefs and desires to others forms the basis of conceptions of supernatural agents and of such social cognition in which supernatural agents are postulated as interested parties in social life beliefs about supernatural agency are natural says pyysi inen in the sense that such concepts are used in an intuitive and automatic fashion two dots and a straight line below them automatically trigger the idea of a face for example given that the mind consists of a host of such modular mechanisms certain kinds of beliefs will always have a selective advantage over others abstract theological concepts are usually elaborate versions of such simpler and more contagious folk conceptions pyysi inen uses ethnographical and survey materials as well as doctrinal treatises to show that there are certain recurrent patterns in beliefs about supernatural agents both at the level of folk religion and of formal theology

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