

Recommended Apologetics Book Directory

Many have asked for a list of recommended apologetics books. This list is an attempt to provide a quick and helpful reference for apologetics reading. Each category is listed in the order in which the books are recommended.

- An *asterisk indicates a high recommendation.
- Apologetics 315 reviews are also linked here.

Keep in mind this is by no means intended to be a comprehensive list. Comment with your own recommendations.

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Beginner Apologetics

Know Why You Believe - Paul Little (review)

*On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision - William Lane Craig

*The Case for Christ - Lee Strobel

*A Little Primer on Humble Apologetics - James Sire (review)

*5 Minute Apologist - Rick Cornish

No Other Gods - Phil Fernandes (review)

The Big Argument: Does God Exist (review)

The Reason Why Faith Makes Sense - Mark Mittelberg

Apologetic Foundations

*Love Your God With All Your Mind - J.P. Moreland

*Mere Christianity - C.S. Lewis

*Testing Christianity's Truth Claims - Gordon Lewis (review)

*Trilogy - Francis Schaeffer (review)

Contend Earnestly for the Faith - Phil Fernandes

The Kingdom Triangle - J.P. Moreland (review)

Choosing Your Faith ... In a World of Spiritual Options - Mark Mittelberg

General Apologetics

*I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be An Atheist - Geisler & Turek (review)

*Without a Doubt - Kenneth Samples

*Contending with Christianity's Critics - Copan & Craig

Hard Questions, Real Answers - William Lane Craig (review)

True For You But Not For Me - Paul Copan

Who Made God?: Answers to Over 100 Other Tough Questions of Faith - Zacharias & Geisler

When Skeptics Ask: A Handbook on Christian Evidences - Norman Geisler and R. Brook

The Case for Faith - Lee Strobel

The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism - Tim Keller

What's So Great About Christianity - Dinesh D'Souza
Intellectuals Don't Need God and Other Modern Myths - Alister McGrath
To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian Worldview - Moreland,
Craig, & Beckwith
Why I Am a Christian - edited by Geisler & Hoffman
Reasons for Faith - edited by Geisler & Meister
That's Just Your Interpretation - Paul Copan
How Do You Know You're Not Wrong? - Paul Copan
Passionate Conviction - edited by Copan and Craig
Unshakable Foundations - Geisler & Bocchino
The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask (with answers) - Mark
Mittelberg

Jesus

*The Historical Jesus - Gary Habermas (review)
*The Case for the Real Jesus - Lee Strobel
Fabricating Jesus - Craig Evans
Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus - Wilkins
& Moreland
Putting Jesus in His Place: The Case for the Deity of Christ - Bowman and
Komoszewski
What Have They Done with Jesus? - Ben Witherington III
Reinventing Jesus - Komoszewski, Sawyer, Wallace

Resurrection of Jesus

*The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus - Habermas & Licona (review)
Evidence for the Resurrection - Josh & Sean McDowell
*The Resurrection of the Son of God - N.T. Wright (review)
The Son Rises - William Lane Craig
Did the Resurrection Happen? - Gary Habermas & Antony Flew
The Risen Jesus and Future Hope - Gary Habermas
Jesus' Resurrection: Fact or Figment?: A Debate Between Craig Ludemann

Miracles

*Hume's Abject Failure - John Earman
*In Defense of Miracles - Habermas & Geivett
Miracles - C.S. Lewis
Miracles & the Modern Mind: A Defense of Biblical Miracles - Norman Geisler

Intermediate Apologetics

*Reasonable Faith - William Lane Craig (review)
*Christian Apologetics - Norman Geisler (review)
*Scaling the Secular City - J.P. Moreland (review)
The Rationality of Theism - Copan & Moser

Advanced Apologetics

*The Blackwell Companion to Natural Theology - Craig & Moreland

Naturalism: A Critical Analysis - Craig & Moreland
Cosmological Argument from Plato to Leibniz - William Lane Craig
The Kalam Cosmological Argument - William Lane Craig
Creation out of Nothing: A Biblical, Philosophical, and Scientific Exploration -
Craig & Copan

Reliability of the Bible

*Can We Trust the Gospels? - Mark D. Roberts (review)
*The Historical Reliability of the Gospels - Craig Blomberg (review)
*The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable? - F.F. Bruce (review)
The Canon of the New Testament - Bruce Metzger (review)
Is the New Testament Reliable? - Paul Barnett (review)
The Testimony of the Evangelists - Simon Greenleaf (review)
Inerrancy - Edited by Norman Geisler (review)
The Canon of Scripture - F.F. Bruce (review)
From God To Us - Geisler & Nix (review)
Jesus and the Eyewitnesses - Richard Baukham
Misquoting Truth - Timothy Paul Jones
The Old Testament Documents: Are They Reliable and Relevant? - Walter
Kaiser
General Introduction to the Bible - Norman Geisler

Problem of Evil

*The Problem of Pain - C.S. Lewis
The End of Christianity: Finding a Good God in an Evil World - William
Dembski
The Many Faces of Evil - John Feinberg
When God Weeps - Joni Eareckson Tada & Steven Estes
Till We Have Faces - C.S. Lewis
Evil and the Evidence for God - Douglas Geivett

Doubt

*Doubting: Growing Through the Uncertainties of Faith - Alister McGrath
Faith and Doubt - John Ortberg
In Search of a Confident Faith - Moreland and Issler

Science

A Fine-Tuned Universe: The Quest for God in Science and Theology - Alister
McGrath
Science and Christianity: Conflict or Coherence? - Henry F. Schaefer III
The Creator and the Cosmos - Hugh Ross
Why The Universe Is The Way It Is - Hugh Ross
The Fingerprint of God - Hugh Ross
Theism, Atheism, and Big Bang Cosmology - William Lane Craig & Quentin
Smith

Philosophy

*Philosophy of Religion - C. Stephen Evans

**Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview - Craig & Moreland (review)

*Philosophy of Religion - Norman Geisler and Winfried Corduan (review)

Reason for the Hope Within - Murray (review)

Faith and Reason - Ronald Nash

Life's Ultimate Questions: An Introduction to Philosophy - Ronald Nash

Loving Wisdom: Christian Philosophy of Religion - Paul Copan

Introduction to Philosophy - Geisler & Feinberg (review)

An Introduction to Christian Philosophy - Gordon H. Clark and John W. Robbins

Philosophy Made Slightly Less Difficult - Moreland and DeWeese

Longing To Know - Esther Meek

Thinking About God - Gregory Ganssle

Epistemology: Becoming Intellectually Virtuous - W. Jay Wood

Metaphysics: Constructing a Worldview - William Hasker (review)

Philosophy of Religion: A Reader and Guide - William Lane Craig

The Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of Religion - William Mann

In Defense of Natural Theology - James Sennett & Douglas Groothuis (review)

On Pascal - Douglas Groothuis (review)

Warranted Christian Belief - Alvin Plantinga

God, Freedom & Evil - Alvin Plantinga

Faith & Rationality - Alvin Plantinga

Warrant & Proper Function - Alvin Plantinga

The Nature of Necessity - Alvin Plantinga

The Elusive God: Reorienting Religious Epistemology by Paul Moser (review)

Ethics

Ethics: Approaching Moral Decisions - Arthur F. Holmes

Ethics: Options & Issues - Norman Geisler

The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics - Hauerwas and Wells

Moral Choices - Scott Rae

Ethix - Sean McDowell

Abortion

The Case for Life - Scott Klusendorf

Pro-Life 101 - Scott Klusendorf

Defending Life - Francis Beckwith

Pro-Life Answers to Pro-Choice Arguments - Randy Alcorn

Why Pro-Life? - Randy Alcorn

Existence of God

*20 Compelling Evidences that God Exists - Ken Boa & Rob Bowman (review)

*The Case for a Creator - Lee Strobel

The God Who Sits Enthroned - Phil Fernandes (review)

The Existence of God - Richard Swinburne (review)

The Existence of God edited by John Hick (review)
Does God Exist: The Craig-Flew Debate
Does God Exist? - J.P. Moreland and Kai Nielsen

Logic

*A Rulebook for Arguments - Anthony Weston (review)
*Being Logical - D.Q. McInerney (review)
**Asking the Right Questions - Neil Browne & Stuart M. Keely (review)
*Nonsense: A Handbook of Logical Fallacies - Robert Gula (review)
Informal Logic - Douglas Walton (review)
Come Let Us Reason - Geisler & Brookes (review)
Introduction to Logic - Irving Copi (review)
Logic - Gordon Clark (review)
Biblical Logic - Joel McDurmon
Socratic Logic - Peter Kreeft
A Concise Introduction to Logic – Hurley

History of Apologetics

*A History of Apologetics - Avery Dulles (review)
*Classical Readings in Christian Apologetics - L. Rush Bush (review)
Christian Apologetics Past & Present: A Primary Source Reader - Edgar & Oliphint
Faith in the Age of Reason - Jonathan Hill (review)

Apologetics Reference Books

*Pocket Dictionary of Apologetics & Philosophy of Religion - C. Stephen Evans (review)
*Pocket Handbook of Christian Apologetics - Kreeft & Tacelli
*Handbook of Christian Apologetics - Kreeft & Tacelli
Holman QuickSource Guide to Christian Apologetics - Doug Powell
Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics - Norman Geisler
New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics - Evans, Campbell-Jack, McGrath
Evidence That Demands a Verdict - Josh McDowell
Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties - Gleeson Archer
Big Book of Bible Difficulties - Geisler & Howe
Charts of Apologetics and Christian Evidences - House & Holden
The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics - Hindsun & Caner
Hard Sayings of the Bible - Kaiser, Davids, Bruce, Brauch

Apologetics Study Bibles

*The Apologetics Study Bible
Apologetics Study Bible for Students

Books on Methodology

*Faith Has Its Reasons - Ken Boa & Robert Bowman
*5 Views on Apologetics - Cowan, Gundry, Habermas, Craig

The Apologetics of Jesus - Geisler & Zukeran
Classical Apologetics - R.C. Sproul

Presuppositional Apologetics

*Apologetics to the Glory of God: An Introduction - John Frame
*Always Ready - Greg Bahnsen
*Presuppositional Apologetics Stated and Defended - Greg Bahnsen
The Portable Presuppositionalist - Jamin Hubner
Pushing the Antithesis: The Apologetic Methodology - Greg Bahnsen
Van Til's Apologetic: Readings and Analysis - Greg Bahnsen
The Defense of the Faith - Cornelius Van Til
Christian Apologetics - Cornelius Van Til
Cornelius Van Til: An Analysis of His Thought - John Frame
Every Thought Captive: A Study Manual for the Defense of Christian Truth - Jr. Richard L. Pratt

Cults

*Kingdom of the Cults - Walter Martin
The Kingdom of the Occult - Walter Martin
Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Mormons - Rhodes & Bodine
Reasoning from the Scriptures with Muslims - Ron Rhodes
Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Jehovah's Witnesses - Ron Rhodes
Reasoning from the Scriptures with Masons - Ron Rhodes
The Challenge of the Cults and New Religions - Ron Rhodes
Angels Among Us: Separating Fact from Fiction - Ron Rhodes
The New Mormon Challenge - Beckwith, Mosser, Owen
Unmasking the New Age - Douglas Groothuis

Atheism

*God's Undertaker: Has Science Buried God? - John Lennox
* God is Great, God is Good - edited by William Lane Craig & Chad Meister
(review)
*The Devil's Delusion: Atheism and Its Scientific Pretensions - David Berlinski
If There is a God, Why Are There Atheists? - R.C. Sproul
A Sceptic's Guide to Atheism - Peter S. Williams
Atheism Remix - Albert Mohler
The Dawkins Delusion - Alister McGrath
The Dawkins Letters - David Robertson
The Real Face of Atheism - Ravi Zacharias
The End of Reason - Ravi Zacharias (review)
The Twilight of Atheism - Alister McGrath
The Future of Atheism - Alister McGrath & Daniel Dennett
Faith of the Fatherless - Paul Vitz
The Atheist Delusion - Phil Fernandes
Atheism & Theism - Smart & Haldane
There Is a God: How the World's Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind -

Antony Flew (review)

The Truth Behind the New Atheism - David Marshall

Apologetics and Evangelism

**Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions - Greg Koukl (review)

*On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision - William Lane Craig

*Questioning Evangelism - Randy Newman

*The God Question: An Invitation to a Life of Meaning - J.P. Moreland

How to Argue Like Jesus - Carter & Coleman

Corner Conversations - Randy Newman

When God Goes to Starbucks: A Guide to Everyday Apologetics - Paul Copan

Why Good Arguments Often Fail - James Sire

Conversational Evangelism - David Geisler

The God Conversation - Moreland & Muehlhoff

Dialogical Apologetics: A Person-Centered Approach to Christian Defense - David Clark

Humble Apologetics - John Stackhouse

Reasons of the Heart: Recovering Christian Persuasion - William Edgar

Apologetics for a New Generation - Sean McDowell

Intelligent Design

*Understanding Intelligent Design: Everything You Need to Know in Plain Language - Dembski & McDowell

*The Politically Incorrect Guide to Darwinism and Intelligent Design - Jonathan Wells

*The Edge of Evolution - Michael Behe

*The Design Inference - William Dembski

Icons of Evolution - Jonathan Wells

Evolution: A Theory in Crisis - Michael Denton

*Signature in the Cell - Stephen Meyer

Intelligent Design: The Bridge Between Science and Theology - Dembski & Behe

The Design Revolution - William Dembski

The Cell's Design - Fazale Rana

The Privileged Planet - Guillermo Gonzalez and Jay Richards

Science and Evidence for Design in the Universe - Behe, Dembski, Meyer

Darwin Strikes Back: Defending the Science of Intelligent Design - Thomas Woodward

Billions of Missing Links: A Rational Look at the Mysteries Evolution Can't Explain - Geoffrey Simmons

Darwin's Black Box - Michael Behe

Darwin on Trial - Phillip Johnson

The Design Matrix: A Consilience of Clues - Mike Gene

Worldviews

- *World of Difference: Putting Christian Truth-Claims to the Worldview Test - Ken Samples
- *Naming the Elephant: Worldview as a Concept - James Sire
- *Total Truth - Nancy Pearcey
- Worldviews in Conflict - Ronald Nash
- The Universe Next Door - James Sire

Postmodernism / Relativism

- *Relativism - Koukl & Beckwith
- Truth Decay - Douglas Groothuis
- A Refutation of Moral Relativism - Peter Kreeft

Classics in Apologetics

- The First Apology of Justin - Justin Martyr
- Irenaeus Against Heresies - Irenaeus
- The Apology - Tertullian
- Against Celsus - Origen
- *Confessions - Augustine
- *The City of God - Augustine
- Monologium & Proslogium - Anselm
- Summa Contra Gentiles - Thomas Aquinas
- *Summa Theologica - Thomas Aquinas
- *Institutes of the Christian Religion - John Calvin
- The Analogy of Religion - Joseph Butler
- *Natural Theology - William Paley (review)
- A View of the Evidences of Christianity - William Paley
- **Pensées - Blaise Pascal (review)

DVDs

- The Lee Strobel Film Collection
- *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed
- The Privileged Planet
- Unlocking the Mystery of Life
- Darwin's Dilemma (review)
- Icons of Evolution
- Collision (Wilson & Hitchens)