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what is a christian this is a truly vital question because never ending happiness or everlasting horror hinges upon understanding the correct biblical answer to it yet few questions have provoked so much confusion ryan mcgraw lays out what it means to be a christian in terms of what one believes what one experiences and what one does a full orb ed christianity of head heart and hands if you are investigating what it means to follow jesus christ if you are wrestling with the question of whether you are truly saved if you desire to grow as a christian by getting back to the basics or if you are seeking to help others here are simple and clear answers from the holy scriptures

mccollister examines such topics as snake handling in churches why women were once forbidden to sing in church choirs wedding traditions and other aspects of different religious denominations he does not debate the varied issues of christianity but instead explains why certain christians believe or behave as they do

for many years the secular world has treated the word faith as a jargon that cannot be proven by anything tangible people who still believe in god are considered unreasonable and lack understanding of the real world sadly some christians who join churches rely on blind faith with no or very minimal ability to defend their beliefs when they get cross examined by a non believer in reason of the hope author ronie f magcamit focuses on ten major faith related topics or issues asked by young christians and secular people he discusses the reliability of scriptures creation versus evolution end time events reformation ten commandments apologetics life and miracles of jesus teachings in parables the resurrection of christ and the second coming of jesus ronie presents some of the usual objections to christianity and provides practical responses for a new generation of christians reason of the hope encourages you to build your faith in christ and enables you to help others build their faith as well

not since c s lewis s mere christianity has such a wise and informed leader taken the time to explain what christianity is and how it is practiced in simply christian renowned biblical scholar and anglican bishop n t wright makes a case for christianity from the ground up walking the reader through the christian faith step by step and question by question wright s simply christian offers explanations for even the toughest doubt filled skeptics leaving believers with a reason for renewed faith

why jesus perhaps you have had the funny feeling that god wants to get your attention or maybe you re intrigued with what you ve heard about jesus or maybe you re simply looking for meaning and direction in your life john stott has spent a lifetime wrestling with questions about jesus both personally and in dialogue with skeptics and seekers around the globe now in why i am a christian he provides a compelling persuasive case for considering the christian faith if you take an honest look at jesus you will discover that following him gives you the purpose identity and freedom you ve been searching for and far more than you have ever imagined

now with a new chapter on why i am not a muslim by an ex muslim why i am a christian is an even more helpful resource in our global times

this book presents a correspondence between two friends who disagree about how to answer the question what does it mean to be a christian crosby argues that christians understand themselves as hearing a definitive word of revelation spoken by god and intended for all human beings but betty sees christianity as one of several options usually the preferred way for those

born in the faith but no more unique or special than hinduism or buddhism it is a debate over the kind of initiative the christian god takes or does not take toward human beings throughout the debate crosby alleges that betty s god is a very finite god an all too human god and for that very reason is something different from the god venerated by christians while betty maintains that his theism remains within the christian orbit and is a much needed corrective to a religion with exclusivist tendencies the debate between the two friends is presented here in the form of a correspondence they conducted over a period of two years and did not originally intend for publication it has undergone very little editing and revision the authors have wanted to preserve the spontaneous give and take of their exchange together they have produced a work of philosophical dialogue that is unusually fruitful in its ability to clarify some fundamental issues of religion

in after you believe award winning author and esteemed spiritual leader bishop n t wright simply christian surprised by hope addresses the often neglected question of how christians ought to live in the here and now newsweek calls bishop wright the world s leading new testament scholar and after you believe is essential reading for fans of c s lewis s mere christianity or anyone looking to understand more about christianity and life s real purpose today

argues for a reconstruction of christology and mission for the modern pluralistic world most impressive theology

no question should be off limits if it is asked with the intent of seeking truth but many christians do not know how to answer some of the hard questions about the bible and the christian faith could you answer these questions what would you do if you were asked one of these questions from an unsaved friend what would you do if your children asked you one of these questions 1 if god is real then why doesn t he show himself 2 if god is real then why does he allow suffering and evil to continue 3 how can god be real when secular science shows that everything has an explanation without god 4 if god is a merciful kind and forgiving god then why did he order the slaughter of whole people groups including men women children and their animals too 5 why would a loving god send anyone to an eternal hell 6 how can god be real since the bible says god is love but commands the barbaric death of innocent animals in the old testament and jesus says to eat his body and drink his blood and there are other weird things in the bible too 7 how can god be real since we don t see a difference between people who call themselves christians and the rest of the world this series is designed to equip christians to answer these types of hard questions in defending the bible and the christian faith we must be able to respond to these types of questions or else we will not be confident in our faith and therefore we will be weak in witnessing i want you to be able to answer these questions quickly and confidently to be an effective and passionate ambassador for christ

this reader friendly yet robust introduction to the christian faith explores the essentials of christianity and the impact they have on life worldview and witness written in an accessible and

engaging voice for college age readers the book connects the biblical plotline the apostles creed the comparative distinctiveness of christianity and life s big questions the author shows how the christian metanarrative speaks to questions about purpose worth ethics personhood and more and helps readers understand what it means to be a christian in a post christian world

rediscovering the radical transcendent and downright weird message of jesus how christians can succeed today is the third title in greg sheridan s bestselling trilogy about christianity in the modern world a grace filled god filled book of truth and wonder and the glorious mystical experience of faith stan grant inspiring and engrossing richard glover a trustworthy and encouraging blueprint for christians everywhere anthony fisher the first christians confronted a cultural environment vastly more hostile than today s they had no powerful backers very little money and numbered no more than a few hundred yet they revolutionised the ancient world and spread their movement far and wide there is a deep pervasive crisis of meaning and purpose across all western societies today greg sheridan encourages us to listen to the voices of the early christians and emulate their commitment integrity resilience and smarts he shows how early christians built communities met persecution with courage and grace dispensed universal mercy during plagues pioneered equality for women and redefined the nature and purpose of the human experience always with jesus christ at the centre of their lives he also charts the journeys of modern christians who live by those same values today leila and danny abdallah who met great suffering with great forgiveness young people making a radical commitment to faith country pastors and christians inspired to welcome and help the homeless he profiles cultural leaders who communicate christianity with great effect including marilynne robinson jordan peterson bishop robert barron pastor mark varughese former us vice president mike pence and dallas jenkins the creator of the chosen television series it s a powerful and inspiring message of what living jesus centric lives seeing god in every human being and finding access to the transcendent can mean for ordinary people it could once again transform our fractious polarised world a wonderful mix of historical observation social commentary and moving interviews michael bird a clarion call to return to the raw revolutionary faith of the early church russell evans

the question of realism that is whether god exists independently of human beings is central to much contemporary theology and church life it is also an important topic in the philosophy of religion this book discusses the relationship between realism and christian faith in a thorough and systematic way and uses the resources of both philosophy and theology to argue for a christocentric narrative realism many previous defences of realism have attempted to model christian belief on scientific theory but moore argues that this comparison is misleading and inadequate on both theological and philosophical grounds in dialogue with speech act theory and critiques of realism by both non realists and wittgensteinians a new account of the meaningfulness of christian language is proposed moore uses this to develop a regulative conception of realism according to which god s independent reality is shown principally in christ and then through christian practices and the lives of christians

this inviting book addresses the questions and concerns of newer believers and will inspire those looking for a refresher on what it means to be christian wherever the readers are in their faith journey they ll find their questions addressed with biblical theologically sound answers written in an engaging and conversational style the easy to use format allows readers to identify and find their most pressing faith concerns at the same time when read in its entirety being christian provides a solid topical introduction to christianity relevant bible passages are used throughout the book to enhance the reader s understanding of how scripture informs its answers among the subjects discussed and deeply explored are god the bible the church sin what it means to be saved by grace how to discern god s voice how to deal with guilt and much more designed for use by individuals it s also a great resource for small groups and new believers classes

with over twenty years in the classroom gail ramshaw frames this new introduction to christianity survey text around the basic questions students ask taking a broad social scientific approach and integrating historical context she anchors each chapter in phenomenological theory and teases out the answers to each chapters question by surveying the history doctrine practices and convictions of christianity written for students with little to no background in christianity the book contains student friendly learning helps including chapter summaries photos and charts i am a christian statements that illustrate the diversity of practice and belief study questions suggestions for further exploration in both books and film a glossary and an index

god is love is the radical claim of christianity writes frederick bauerschmidt at the beginning of this little meditation on the essentials of christian faith in a rich yet accessible style reminiscent of c s lewis and g k chesterton bauerschmidt breathes life back into that claim drawing from scripture great christian and non christian writers of the past and his own lived experience to show just how countercultural and subversive christianity is actually meant to be eschewing the abstract and dogmatic in favor of the relational and inviting he offers something for everyone from lifelong churchgoers and students of religion to the growing population of nones among younger generations who are increasingly seeking spiritual fulfillment outside of institutional christianity with further reading suggestions both scriptural and nonscriptural at the end of each chapter the love that is god is the perfect starting point of a spiritual journey into deeper relationship with god michael ramsey prize 2023

pastor and author martin thielen has compiled a list of ten things people need to believe and ten things they don t in order to be a christian this lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with with an accessible storytelling style that s grounded in solid biblical scholarship thielen shows how christians don t need to believe that sinners will be left behind to burn in hell or that it s heresy to believe in evolution and while we must always take the bible seriously we don t always have to take it literally at the same time christians do need to believe in jesus his life his teachings his death and resurrection and his vision for the world a great benefit of those beliefs is that they provide promising answers to life s most profound questions including where is god what matters most what brings fulfillment what about suffering is there

hope thielen articulates centrist mainline christianity in a way that s fresh and easy to understand and offers authentic christian insights that speak to our deepest needs this new edition includes a leader s guide previously only available online and a new introduction from the author that reflects on the book s reception the leader s guide features unique and easily implemented aids for carrying out a seven week congregation wide initiative that will help local churches reach out to their communities more information is available at thielen wjkbooks com

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