

## AN ANOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

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### General

Beckwith, Francis J., William Lane Craig, and J. P. Moreland, eds. *To Everyone and Answer: A Case for the Christian Worldview*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004. A collection of articles in honor of Norman L. Geisler addressing the latest aspects of the debate. Deals with faith and reason, God's existence, the case for Jesus, the problem of evil, postmodernism, religious pluralism and Christian exclusivism, and more. (396 pp., bio on Geisler with a bibliography of his works, footnotes, name, subject and scripture indices.)

Boa, Kenneth D., and Robert M. Bowman, Jr. *Faith Has Its Reasons: An Integrative Approach to Defending Christianity*. Second Edition. Colorado Springs: Navpress, 2005. Deals with the major themes in apologetics, with the added touch of covering various approaches to the apologetic task by different apologists throughout history. (658 pp., bibliography, chapter endnotes, list of tables and charts, name, subject and scripture indices)

Campbell-Jack, Campbell, and Gavin J. McGrath. *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*. Leicester, England: Inter-Varsity Press; Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2006. The latest installment of articles on a wide array of topics from a great number of contributors, many of whom are not seen in other standard works of this type since they hail from Europe. There is a curious absence of any acknowledgment of the contribution of Norman L. Geisler (nor is he even a contributor) to apologetics, even when it would be most expected. (779 pp., name, subject, article indices).

Copan, Paul. *That's Just Your Interpretation: Responding to Skeptics Who Challenge Your Faith*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 2001. "*That's Just Your Interpretation*' provides incisive answers to Challenges related to truth and reality, worldviews, and Christian doctrine. ... This book ... will help you defend your faith, even when confronted with the toughest questions." [from the cover] (240 pp., end notes, bibliography)

\_\_\_\_\_. *True for You, But Not for Me: Deflating the Slogans that Leave Christians Speechless*. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1998. A straightforward response to such criticisms as "Who are you to judge?" "If you grew up in India, you'd be a Hindu!" "People claim that Elvis and JFK are alive too!" and more. (192 pp., end notes, discussion questions)

Corduan, Winfried. *No Doubt About It: The Case for Christianity*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1997. A thorough Christian apologetic by a contemporary Christian philosopher. (279 pp., subject, scripture, name indices, chapter resources and study guides)

Craig, William Lane. *Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth and Apologetics*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1984. Originally published by Moody press as *Apologetics An Introduction*, this works is a scholarly apologetic introduction dealing with faith and

reason, the existence of God, the problem of miracles, the problem of historical knowledge, and the resurrection. (349 pp. bibliography, endnotes, index)

Dembski, William A. and Michael R. Licona, eds. *Evidence for God: 50 Arguments for Faith from the Bible, History, Philosophy, and Science*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2010. Includes contributions from L. Russ Bush III, Paul Copan, William A. Dembski, Gary R. Habermas, and others. (272 pp., endnotes)

Feser, Edward. *The Last Superstition: A Refutation of the New Atheism*. South Bend: St. Augustine's Press, 2008. A hard-hitting response to the "new" atheism bring to bear the philosophical perspectives and arguments from the Aristotelian/Thomistic perspective. (299 pp., endnotes, index)

Geisler, Norman L. *Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1999. Geisler's *magnum opus*, probably the single best investment one can make in apologetic books. (841 pp., bibliography, article index, scripture index)

Geisler, Norman L. and Paul K. Hoffman. *Why I Am a Christian: Leading Thinkers Explain Why They Believe*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2001. "Offers compelling answers that will help free Christians from doubt and clear away obstacles to faith for unbelievers." [from the cover] Includes essays from William Lane Craig, Barry R. Leventhal, J. Budziszewski, J. P. Moreland and more. (318 pp., end notes)

Geisler, Norman L. and Chad Meister, eds. *Reasons for Faith: Making a Case for the Christian Faith*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2007. A festschrift in honor of Bob and Gretchen Passantino. Contributors include Josh McDowell, John Warwick Montgomery, H. Wayne House, E. Calvin Beisner, J. P. Moreland, Francis J. Beckwith, Winfried Corduan, R. Douglas Geivett, Richard G. Howe, Gary R. Habermas, Ron Rhodes, and Douglas Groothuis.

Geisler, Norman L. and Frank Turek. *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2004. An easily read work covering an amazing amount of ground. This book constitutes a fleshing out of Geisler and Turek's talk "12 Points that Prove Christianity is True." (447 pp., end notes, general and scripture indices)

Hindson, Ed and Ergun Canner, eds. *The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics: Surveying the Evidence for the Truth of Christianity*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2008. A handy, concise guide to a wide range of apologetic topics and figures. Over sixty contributors including David Beck, Norman Geisler, Gary Habermas, Richard Howe, Tom Howe, Barry Leventhal, and Michael Licona.

Kreeft, Peter. *Between Heaven and Hell: A Dialog Somewhere Beyond Death With John F. Kennedy, C. S. Lewis and Aldous Huxley*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1982, expanded edition, 2008. A very delightful, imaginary conversation between C. S. Lewis, John F. Kennedy, and Aldous Huxley (the Christian, the Humanist, and the Pantheist) on

- God, the Bible, and Jesus Christ. Written in a "Socratic" dialogue. Excellent apologetic on the differences between Christianity and eastern religions (the New Age Movement). (144 pp., appendices, index)
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- Moreland, J. P. *Scaling the Secular City: A Defense of Christianity*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1987. Probably one of the best single apologetics book available. Deals with the most current objections to the faith. Must reading. (267 pp., footnotes, bibliography)
- Nash, Ronald H. *The Gospel and the Greeks*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan/Probe, 1984. Originally titled *Christianity and the Hellenistic World*, this work examines the charges that Christianity borrowed its teachings from Greek philosophy and early pagan and mystery religions. The best book written that deals with this topic. (318 pp., end notes)
- Pearcey, Nancy. *Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2004. Probably the most thorough critique of the fact/value dichotomy and its devastating effect on contemporary culture available today. However, given that her thesis is adopted from her mentor Francis Shaeffer, students of philosophy may object to her explanation of how our culture got where it is today, especially in her treatment of Thomas Aquinas. This should not detract too much from the book's valuable contributions. (479 pp., bibliography, end notes, index, appendices)

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Feser, Edward. *Aquinas: A Beginner's Guide*. Oxford: Oneworld, 2009. A very helpful introduction to the major aspects of Aquinas' thought. Feser is one of the best at explaining complex ideas in very accessible ways. (205 pp., endnotes, bibliography, index)

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Is Man the Measure? An Evaluation of Contemporary Humanism*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1983. A thorough examine of various versions of humanism. (201 pp., footnotes, bibliography)

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- Geisler, Norman L. and William D. Watkins. *Worlds Apart: A Handbook on World Views*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989. [Originally titled *Perspectives: Understanding and Evaluating Today's World Views*. Here's Life Publishers, 1984.] A handy reference to various world views and how they differ from the Christian world view. Helps Christians understand ". . . where others are coming from." Deals with atheism, polytheism, pantheism, panentheism, finite godism, and deism. (268 pp., chapter end notes, index, bibliography, glossary)
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work that assumes knowledge of quantum physics to fully appreciate. (342 pp., subject index)

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Day, Vox. *The Irrational Atheist: Dissecting the Unholy Trinity of Dawkins, Harris, and Hitchens*. Dallas: Benbella Books, 2008. "In this devastating critique of the anti-theistic arguments ... Day skillfully demonstrates to even the most skeptical reader that the New Atheists are no champions of Reason, but rather abandon Reason in their arguments against religion." [from the flyleaf] (305 pp., footnotes, appendices, bibliography)

Feser, Edward. *The Last Superstition: A Refutation of the New Atheism*. South Bend: St. Augustine's Press, 2008. A powerful philosophical critique of the bankruptcy of contemporary mechanistic science and its role in the rising of the New Atheism. (299 pp., end notes, index)

Ganssle, Gregory E. *Thinking about God: First Steps in Philosophy*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004. An excellent introduction to philosophy of religion. Ganssle covers issues such as the existence and attributes of God and the problem of evil. He also lays out the elements of the current open theism debate. (187 pp., bibliography, index)

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- Geisler, Norman L. and William E Nix. *A General Introduction to the Bible*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1986. One of the best books available that deals with such areas as inspiration (Who wrote the Bible?), canonization (Which books belong in it?), transmission (Has it been accurately preserved?), and translation (Has it been accurately translated?) (724 pp., subject, person, and scripture indices, bibliography)
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