

Defending The Faith

Apologetics? What is that? Isn't that for theologians and pastors? These are the rebuttals one might receive when encouraging Christians to learn and engage in apologetics, the defense of the Christian faith. This book isn't about apologetics per se. Instead, it reviews the many benefits for Christians engaging in apologetics and learning about it. Dr. Almodovar reviews what aspects of the field helped strengthen her own faith and brought excitement in bringing the good news of the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ as she spoke with those who aren't Christians. Over the past years, Dr. Almodovar has actively engaged in encouraging Christians to actually do apologetics and many have come back to her saying it not only helped them answer the questions of non-believers but strengthened their own faith knowing now the great amount of evidence there is for the Christian religion. If you've never engaged in defending the faith, now is the time to learn how it will benefit you in your walk with Christ and perhaps excite you to dig a little deeper so you too can answer their questions about Jesus, his life, death, and resurrection for the forgiveness of all our sins.

A definitive master work from the world's leading Christian apologist. Respected apologist Ravi Zacharias was once sharing his faith with a Hindu when the man asked: "If the Christian faith is truly supernatural, why is it not more evident in the lives of so many Christians I know?" The question hit hard, and this book is an answer. Its purpose is to equip Christians everywhere to simultaneously defend the faith and be transformed by it into people of compassion. In addition to writing several chapters himself, Ravi Zacharias brings together many of today's leading apologists and Christian teachers, including Alister McGrath and John Lennox, to address topics present in the very future of worldwide Christianity—from the process of spiritual transformation to the challenges posed by militant atheism and a resurgent Islam. Destined to become a classic, *Beyond Opinion* is a touchstone that will affect Christians around the world.

Real answers for the tough questions today's Christians face Whether you want to grow in your own understanding of Christianity or need trustworthy responses to the questions of friends, Dan Story has the answers. *Defending Your Faith* helps Christians see that their faith is reasonably and intelligently grounded on objective, verifiable evidence. And it equips readers to share these answers with family, friends, and coworkers who have questions about Christianity. Story's book has filled a valuable niche in apologetics for the past twenty years. He has helped countless readers answer confrontational questions such as: · How do I know that God exists? · Can I trust the Bible? · Why is there evil and suffering in the world? · Is God an environmentalist? · Are the Bible and science in conflict? In this revised and expanded edition, Dan Story goes even further. With the latest apologetic evidence and tactics, he not only answers those age-old questions but also deals with new challenges to Christianity that have emerged over the last two decades, including the ubiquitous presence of social media. He also responds head-on to the new breed of vocal, aggressive, man-on-the-street atheists. With culturally relevant strategies and a firm foundation of truth, *Defending Your Faith* will challenge you to share your faith with others while knowing that you are not alone as you witness for Christ.

R. C. Sproul surveys the history and fundamentals of apologetics to show that reason and scientific inquiry can be strong allies in defending the existence of God and the authority of the Bible.

The revered Christian author whose bestselling classics include *The Divine Conspiracy* and *The Spirit of the Disciplines* provides a new model for how we can present the Christian faith to others. When Christians share their faith, they often appeal to reason, logic, and the truth of doctrine. But these tactics often are not effective. A better approach to spread Christ's word, Dallas Willard suggests, is to use the example of our own lives. To demonstrate Jesus's message, we must be transformed people living out a life reflective of Jesus himself, a life of love, humility, and gentleness. This beautiful model of life—this allure of gentleness—Willard argues, is the foundation for making the most compelling argument for Christianity, one that will convince others that there is something special about Christianity and the Jesus we follow.

Challenging the dominant Van Tillian approach in Reformed apologetics, this book by a leading expert in contemporary Reformed theology sets forth the principles that undergird a classic Reformed approach. J. V. Fesko's detailed exegetical, theological, and historical argument takes as its starting point the classical Reformed understanding of the "two books" of God's revelation: nature and Scripture. Believers should always rest on the authority of Scripture but also can and should appeal to the book of nature in the apologetic task.

Why do Christians believe what they believe? What is it about Christianity that makes us believe we have the one and only way to heaven? After all, would a loving and caring God actually send somebody to hell just because they happened to follow a teacher who got a few facts wrong? What about the area of science? How can we claim with confidence that the universe had a beginning and will have an end when renowned scientists and physicists have claimed that the universe is eternal? If there is no God, where do ethics and morality come from, and on what do we base our concept of right and wrong? In *Why? A Believer's Guide to Defending the Faith*, author Doug Taylor helps Christians find the answers to those and other questions. This guide is divided into six main sections: understanding the Apologetics; determining if the Bible supports or prohibits us from looking for evidences of God and His work; basic differences between the occult, cults, and false religions; how the church and atheism are obstacles to Apologetics today; and a look at positive supports for the Christian worldview and Christianity at large. The final section is a recap and challenge to the reader moving forward. Written in easy-to-understand, unintimidating language, *Why?* is designed for new and veteran Christians. It will help prepare all Christians to explain to others the truths of their faith.

Christian Apologetics

In an age of increasing moral and spiritual relativism, many people struggle with the reliability of the Scriptures, the historicity of Jesus, or the problem of pain and suffering. Knowing the basics of these issues and their biblical solutions will help you understand the worldview and beliefs of others and defend your faith in a fun and engaging way.

When defending the faith, it is not sufficient to merely go after a few surface issues. The real battle goes much deeper. The defender of the historic Christian faith must blast deep into the foundations of the enemy's worldview by exposing and destroying his presuppositions. The battle for truth cannot be won apart from destroying the false presuppositions held by those who reject the gospel.

At the dawn of the 20th Century, several writers who were to become famous under the title of "Modernists" were advancing a deep agenda for reform in the faith and praxis of the Roman Catholic Church. But their agenda met with serious and scholarly opposition from another group of writers, whose essays are here made available in English. They include the historian and university rector Pierre Battifol, the biblical exegete M.J. Lagrange, OP, the Jesuit historical theologians Eugène Portalié and Léonce de Grandmaison, and the philosophers Eugène Franon and Joannès Wehrlé. All welcomed the historico-critical methods of research, and far from thinking them fatal to orthodoxy (as the Modernists did), they thought the Church's faith would survive and be strengthened by rigorous scholarship. These thinkers, then, are the true predecessors of Pius XII (Divino afflante Spiritu) and Vatican II (Dei Verbum). At the same time, these men thought outside the boxes drawn by 19th Century Positivism (Loisy), anti-intellectualist pragmatism (LeRoy), and romantic mysticism (Tyrrell). Their concerns hold new significance in the light of John Paul II's 1990 encyclical Fides et Ratio. Reading these too-long forgotten writers, then, deepens in a new way one's understanding of the Catholic Church's decision to decline and even condemn the Modernists' agenda, whether one ultimately applauds that decision or deplors it.

Everyday Apologetics is a 100-day devotional book that introduces the reader to various concepts in defending the Christian faith. This book is designed to be read daily, and the short devotional thoughts are meant to challenge the reader in their understanding of apologetics while encouraging the reader in their daily walk as a Christian. Everyday Apologetics is designed to be an easy to read devotional which promotes the concept that apologetics is for every believer and can be used every day in our walk with Christ. This book can be used for personal devotion or can be a helpful gift for anyone who is struggling to defend their faith or are needing effective and compelling reasons for the validity of the Christian experience.

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This book explores how conflicts between secular worldviews and religions shaped the history of the 20th century. For many of today's Christians their go-to style of proclaiming the faith is to share their own experiences. While this may be a stepping stone to the conversation, we should not remain on our subjective and unprovable experiences. Rather, Christians should use the pattern set forth in the New Testament by the apostles and evangelists: the gospel of Jesus who died, was buried, and rose to life on the third day according to the Scriptures. In this book the sermons of the apostles and evangelists will be looked into to see how they both proclaimed and defended the Christian faith, giving all Christians the pattern to follow in their own opportunities to share the one true faith.

L. Russ Bush (1944-2008) was a leading Southern Baptist philosopher, apologist, and professor whose landmark book *Baptists and the Bible* helped fuel his denomination's conservative resurgence and decisive emphasis on the inerrancy of Scripture. In *Defending the Faith, Engaging the Culture*, his colleagues pay tribute by writing about the topics that inspired Bush and excerpting from his published and previously unpublished works to support their message. Themes include Christianity and the Bible (with essays by Tom Nettles and Daniel L. Akin), Christian Apologetics (Gary Habermas, Norman Geisler), Christianity and Science, as well as Faith and Culture. Editor Bruce A. Little, director of the L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, gives an inspiring testimony to the ongoing legacy of Dr. Bush in the book's afterword.

Study guide for *Defending Your Faith* includes lesson objectives, message outline, study questions, and discussion questions. Suitable for individual or group study.

A brand-new book from the father of the modern creation movement, this insightful work offers a fresh look at Satan's age-old war against God. By exposing the fragility of evolutionary theory, and the real harm it has had for society and the Church, Dr. Morris gives pause to those who believe evolution and Christianity can co-exist. For over six decades, Dr. Morris has explored the evil fruits of evolution. In *Defending the Faith*, he shows Christians the danger in compromising with a philosophy so contrary to the love of God. Dr. Morris's unique ability to puncture evolutionary fallacies, and show the relevance to Christians is on display once again.

Renowned scholar William Lane Craig offers a readable, rich training manual for defending the Christian faith. This concise guide

is filled with illustrations, sidebars, and memorable steps to help Christians stand their ground and defend their faith with reason and precision. In his engaging style, Dr. Craig offers four arguments for God's existence, defends the historicity of Jesus' personal claims and resurrection, addresses the problem of suffering, and shows why religious relativism doesn't work. Along the way, he shares his story of following God's call in his own life. This one-stop, how-to-defend-your-faith manual will equip Christians to advance faith conversations deliberately, applying straightforward, cool-headed arguments. They will discover not just what they believe, but why they believe—and how being on guard with the truth has the power to change lives forever. A most accessible but thoroughly practical primer on apologetics.

Defending the Christian faith by demonstrating its reality "Relational Apologetics" is about your life "becoming" a defense of the Christian faith. Every relationship you have is an opportunity for you to connect people to their creator by displaying your hope, both in word and deed. Defending your faith is not just about answering questions and "proving" that God exists. It is about showing that He is real by the way you live. It is about demonstrating the power of God through your holiness. And it is about drawing people to Jesus through your kindness. Using stories and drawing on personal experiences, Sherrard teaches the importance of holiness, treating skeptics with respect, engaging in authentic conversations instead of shouting matches, and having well thought out answers to the skeptic's questions. The book doesn't delve deeply into the scientific and philosophical arguments for the existence of God and the validity of Christianity. Rather, it provides solid, simple, and easily remembered reasons why one should believe. It also teaches essential relational skills that are necessary for talking to skeptics and maintaining healthy relationships with them.

Philosophy, archaeology and science are hot topics in Christian circles, perplexing many believers about how these issues relate to faith. Fortunately for us, Chris Sinkinson has investigated these areas and gathered historical Christian perspective. The result is this accessible introduction to apologetics, which enlightens minds and inspires confidence. Christian Confidence is a one-stop shop for anyone desiring to engage thoughtfully and persuasively in the difficult conversations surrounding faith in the twenty-first century. This book will deepen your understanding of Christianity and empower you to present the case for faith convincingly, credibly and cleverly.

Introduction to Defending the Faith Dr. Robert A. Morey is internationally respected as one of the best theologians and apologists in the 21st Century. He is the author of over 60 books. Dr. Morey's educational background includes Classical Greek as well as Koine Greek, Hebrew, philosophy, "Jewish" and "Rabbinic writings" such as the Midrash, Mishnah, Talmuds, Dead Sea Scrolls, and Apocalyptic literature. Dr. Morey's ministry is recommended by some of the best-known Christian leaders in this generation: D. James Kennedy, John Ankerberg, Gordon Clark, John Frame, Cornelius Van Til, Walter Martin, Gleason Archer, Stephen Olford, Francis A. Schaeffer and many others. Defending the Faith is commanded by God What do you say when someone argues that God does not exist, or that science has disproved Jesus' resurrection, or that the Bible is filled with errors? How can the average Christian answer objections like these? Noting that all Christians are called upon to defend the faith, Dr. Robert Morey makes clear the principles and attitudes basic to that task as they are expressed in a biblical world-and-life view. Designed to cut to the heart of non-Christian thinking, this book includes a handy chart showing Christian replies to many common intellectual challenges. Dr. Robert A. Morey Ph.D., D.Min., D.D. Faith Defenders <http://faithdefenders.com>

The Apostles' Creed was used in two distinct ways by the early Christian church: first, as a tool to teach new disciples the essentials of the faith, and second, as a defense for the faith from unbelievers and skeptics alike. In the world today, many are engaged in apologetics but with their presuppositions and subjective reasoning, they offer the world nothing different than their own subjective beliefs. Using the Apostles' Creed as a guide enables the Christian to give a hope for the faith within using objective truths based on eyewitness testimony. This book teaches you how to use the Creed to stay on topic and bring out the essentials of the faith in a concise and graceful manner. Dr. Almodovar gives a rubber-hits-the-road approach to apologetics, offering various scenarios to show how Creedal apologetics is accomplished. This simple tool (the Apostles' Creed), once used for defense, is dusted off, polished up, and sharpened so that today's Christians can defend and proclaim the great gospel of Jesus Christ to a world in desperate need of the forgiveness of sins and new life in his name.

The first book on Christian apologetics written by a leading atheist figure that teaches Christians the best and worst arguments for defending their faith against attack The Christian faith has been vigorously defended with a variety of philosophical, historical, and theological arguments, but many of the arguments that worked in an earlier age no longer resonate in today's educated West. Where has apologetics gone wrong? What is the best response to the growing challenge presented by scientific discovery and naturalistic thought? Unlike every work on Christian apologetics that has come before, How to Defend the Christian Faith is the first one written by an atheist for Christians. As a former Christian defender who is now a leading atheist thinker, John Loftus answers these questions and more. He shows readers why Christian apologists have failed to reach the intelligent nonbeliever and offers practical advice for Christians, whether they want to better defend their faith against atheist arguments, or actively convert more individuals to Christianity.

"Defending the Faith" is an excellent beginner's guide to the basic doctrines of Christianity and ways in which cults distort these doctrines. Unlike most books on cults, it doesn't take a cult-by-cult, chapter-by-chapter approach. Instead, each chapter presents one Christian doctrine, comparing the various ways cults diverge from that doctrine.

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Christianity stands or falls on the claims of Jesus. So if we live our faith honestly we will sometimes be at odds with others and will be called to contend for the faith. The challenge is to do it as an act of mercy toward those who doubt and those who have been deceived. Every generation must contend for the faith in its own context. Learn how.

Apologetics, the defense of the Faith, shows why our Christian faith is true but it's much more than that. Apologetics isn't just the province of scholars and saints, but of ordinary men and women: parents, teachers, lay ministry leaders, pastors, and everyone who wants to develop a stronger faith, to understand why we believe what we believe, to know Our Lord better, and love him more fully. In *Apologetics and the Christian Imagination: An Integrated Approach to Defending the Faith*, Holly Ordway shows how an imaginative approach in cooperation with rational arguments is extremely valuable in helping people come to faith in Christ. Making a case for the role of imagination in apologetics, this book proposes ways to create meaning for Christian language in a culture that no longer understands words like 'sin' or 'salvation,' suggests how to discern and address the manipulation of language, and shows how metaphor and narrative work in powerful ways to communicate the truth. It applies these concepts to specific, key apologetics issues, including suffering, doubt, and longing for meaning and beauty. *Apologetics and the Christian Imagination* shows how Christians can harness the power of the imagination to share the Faith in meaningful, effective ways.

This book deals with nineteenth century American-Jewish perceptions of Christianity and Jesus. While its concern is the centuries-old argument between Christians and Jews, it focuses on the American setting of that argument and shows how American conditions shaped it.

October 31, 2017 was the 500th anniversary of one of the most momentous events in Church history, the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The reformers wrote quite clearly that they did not set out to divide the Church, but to reform and restore the Church to its biblical mission of preaching the pure Gospel. Yet their message of sola fide, sola gratia, sola scriptura, and direct access to God was not well-received by the vested powers that be and so they were maligned, persecuted, excommunicated, and even martyred. While division was not desired, truth necessarily divides. That's just the way it is in a fallen world. Whereas Christians can disagree on a hundred different things and fine points of doctrine, they must never disagree in regards to the Gospel for it is the very message of salvation. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. His blood covers our sins entirely. The work and the glory are God's alone and as the history of mankind has clearly shown, there is simply no standard that people can keep, thus salvation is appropriated as an irrevocable gift of love only on the basis of faith. Just as one solitary act brought death to all mankind--Adam eating the forbidden fruit--so one single death, the death of Christ, in conjunction with His subsequent resurrection, brings atonement, salvation, and life to all who believe.

Craig Keener and Glenn Usry's highly acclaimed *Black Man's Religion* showed in impressive detail that Christianity and Afrocentricity can go together. Now they turn to specific, nitty-gritty questions put to the black church by non-Christians: Is everything good in Christianity plagiarized from traditional African religions? Isn't it intolerant to say Christ is the only way to God? Is the Bible reliable? What about criticisms of Christianity made by the Nation of Islam? Keener and Usry meet these and other important questions head-on, providing responses relevant to and especially for black men and women.

Women want answers! A busy twenty-first century woman who has not taken the time to think through exactly what she believes about God, even why she believes in God, tends to live as a practical atheist. Today's Christian woman needs the transformation that having a reasoned belief in the reality of God's existence can bring, the intellectual confidence that will empower her to speak boldly on faith issues, with love and self-control. It's not that women need different or special apologetics arguments; they simply need to be encouraged and instructed in the importance of apologetics in their daily lives. Women who are exposed to apologetics find themselves energized and excited about sharing their faith with family, friends, and coworkers. Popular apologist Mary Jo Sharp issues a personal challenge for sisters in Christ to approach their faith on an intellectual level, along with a compelling call for women's ministries to help women love God with their minds by incorporating apologetics into their programs.

In the early twentieth century, J. Gresham Machen emerged as one of America's best known Protestant intellectuals and a widely respected fundamentalist. But as an opponent of Prohibition and defender of civil liberties, Machen became an improbable ally of secular intellectuals who sought to liberate cultural and intellectual life from Protestant dominance. How could America's most articulate spokesman for traditional Christianity earn praise from the likes of H. L. Mencken and Walter Lippmann? In *Defending the Faith*, the first critical biography of this intriguing figure, D. G. Hart reveals the complexity and broader implications of Machen's religious conservatism. The son of a prominent Baltimore family, Machen studied at leading universities in the United States and Europe and taught for most of his career at Princeton Theological Seminary. Machen's significance, Hart explains, lies in his apparent contradictions. He defended the historical truthfulness of the New Testament, for example, yet promoted critical biblical scholarship. He advocated private Christian academies, yet opposed Bible reading and prayer in public schools and championed the modern university. Hart argues that Machen's defense of traditional Christianity - and his criticisms of mainstream Protestantism - actually complemented many of the forces of modernity. Demanding that churches restrict their activities to religious endeavors, Machen rejected the project of preserving "Protestant America." His insistence on strict enforcement of Calvinist orthodoxy in the Presbyterian Church went hand in hand with ardently libertarian views on many social and political issues. In its clear portrait of this neglected American intellectual, *Defending the Faith* adds nuance to the history of religious and cultural conflict during the 1920s and contributes to ongoing debates about the nature and influence of fundamentalism in the United States.

Christian apologetics is more important than ever. We must be able to defend our faith because Christianity is a Faith Worth Defending! If you are confident about what you believe, prepared to talk to skeptics about Jesus, and able to answer difficult questions about your faith - then you are considerably ahead of most Christians! If you are not ready to defend the faith, don't worry. A twelve week study of apologetics will prepare you to engage skeptics with more confidence and less pressure. This 12 week workbook can be used to lead a small group or class in a discussion of Christian apologetics and strategies for defending the faith.

From the day Jorge Bergoglio stepped out on the loggia of St. Peter's down to the present, Catholics have been confused and dismayed by many of the words and actions of Pope Francis. Not content to allow errors to be spread (whatever their source or putative justification), international groups of pastors and scholars composed documents of inquiry, appeal, critique, and, finally, accusation: the Dubia of the Four Cardinals, the Theological Censures of Amoris Laetitia, the Filial Correction Concerning the Propagation of Heresies, the Open Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church, the Appeal to the Cardinals, and the Protest against Pope Francis's Sacrilegious Acts. These historic interventions, which made news around the world at the time of their first appearance and garnered the support of hundreds of thousands of concerned Catholics, are gathered here in a definitive edition for the benefit of all who seek to adhere to "the faith delivered once for all to the saints" (Jude 3). The six documents are accompanied by a selection of important articles and interviews prompted by them, which criticize, defend, or develop their evaluation of Pope Francis. Humble Apologetics Defending the Faith Today Oxford University Press

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