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The Atheist's Fatal Flaw Norman L. Geisler 2014-06-10 Most critiques of atheism focus on refuting head-on the claims of atheists. Instead, this unique book faithfully represents what atheists say they believe and stands back to watch as the natural inconsistencies in that worldview inevitably rise to the surface. Norman L. Geisler, the apologetic giant of our time, is joined by Daniel J. McCoy, highlighting two inconsistencies in particular. First they examine the atheist's assertion that God cannot exist because there is evil in the world and that if God truly existed, he would intervene. These same people then turn around and say any intervention on God's part would impose upon human autonomy, and thus would be unjust. Second, these very interventions that would be considered immoral if imposed upon the earth by God are lauded when they stem instead from some human institution or authority. Geisler and McCoy highlight this kind of "doublethink" step by step, showing readers how to identify such inconsistencies in atheistic arguments and refute them--or rather show atheists how they refute themselves.

A Shot of Faith (to the Head) Mitch Stokes 2012-04-16 Secular, skeptical, disillusioned. These are the traits that mark our age—encouraged by outspoken atheists who insist that faith is naïve and belief is dangerous. But what if the atheists are the irrational ones? Can their beliefs withstand the rigorous examination that they demand from others? In A Shot of Faith of Faith to the Head, Mitch Stokes, Senior Fellow of Philosophy at New Saint Andrews College, dismantles the claims of skeptics and atheists, while constructing a simple yet solid case for Christian belief. This profound yet accessible book proves the rationality, consistency, and reliability of the Christian approach to science and life. If you have ever doubted that your beliefs can stand up to scrutiny—if you've ever doubted your beliefs—this book dissolves the questions. For atheists, it is a wake-up call. For Christians, it's A Shot of Faith to the Head. Endorsements: "A Shot of Faith to the Head is much more than a defense of Christianity; it takes the offensive against the secularist thinking that enamors so many in the West. With the thoroughness of a scholar and the confidence of experience, Mitch Stokes demonstrates the intellectually dubious nature of the so-called "New Atheism" and provides Christians with a much needed handbook for the questions they will surely face once they are outside of the safe confines of their Christian communities. I highly recommend it." —Larry Taunton, founder of the Fixed Point Foundation and author of The Grace Effect "A fine book: lively, clear, accessible, but also deep, and deeply competent." —Alvin Plantinga, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, author of Where the Conflict Really Lies: Science, Religion, and Naturalism, Oxford University Press "The Bible identifies Jesus as the Word and as the Light, available therefore to the mind as well as the heart. Of all religions, Christianity most invites one to think as well as to believe, and in this troubled time that invitation is still more urgent to take up. Here is a book by a skilled thinker, showing how better to think about faith. It is a worthy task, ably achieved." —Larry P. Arnn, PhD, president, Hillsdale College "This book is what snarky atheists have coming to them for their dismissive claims and unfounded arrogance. Written not to convince atheists but to help Christians defend themselves and the Christian faith, A Shot of Faith to the Head takes the best tools of top-notch apologetics and philosophy and puts them in the hands of every believer. Even better, it's easy and fun to read, winsome, witty, filled with sharp thinking, and well-researched. As a professor and pastor, I'll be assigning this book in my apologetics courses and would recommend it to every Christian. It displays strategic answers to questions and objections every Christian has encountered." —Justin Holcomb, pastor, Mars Hill Church; executive director of the Resurgence; adjunct professor of theology, Reformed Theological Seminary

De geschiedenis van het geloof Matthew Kneale 2014-01-16 Wat bracht de prehistorische mens in zijn grot ertoe zich te wenden tot geesten, tot vermeend hogere machten? En waarom is geloof nadien blijven gedijen en heeft het

vele millennia van beschavingen opgeleverd, generaties sjamanen, faraos, aztekenpriesters, joden, boeddhisten, islamieten, christenen en scientology-volgelingen? De vormen van geloof mochten dan veranderen, de kern ervan bleef gelijk. Geloof is misschien de meest verheven uitvinding van de mensheid geweest, ongeacht het continent waarop het ontstond of de tijd waarin. Wat is het toch dat ons daartoe heeft gebracht wat is het toch dat ons in dit ene cruciale opzicht met de prehistorische mens uit de grot verbindt? Matthew Kneale, historicus én atheïst, kijkt met een scherpe, onbevooroordeelde blik naar wat de mens in het geloof heeft gezocht en kennelijk vaak heeft gevonden.

Pounding on Bible-Thumpers C. Boyd Pfeiffer 2017-11-10

God Reza Aslan 2018-02-02 'Dit boek gaat over het idee van god. Het gaat erover hoe het concept van een actieve, geëngageerde, goddelijke aanwezigheid als fundament van de schepping, opkwam in de menselijke geschiedenis. Hoe dit abstracte denkbeeld geleidelijk persoonlijker werd, menselijke trekken en emoties kreeg, en talloze verschillende verschijningsvormen. En ten slotte hoe deze oervoorstelling, na vele eeuwen en met grote moeite, transformeerde tot de enkelvoudige God die wij vandaag kennen onder namen als Jahweh, Vader en Allah.' In De zelloot verruilde bestsellerauteur Reza Aslan het overbekende beeld van Jezus van Nazareth voor een verrassende, nieuwe voorstelling van de man in al zijn tegenstellingen. In dit boek richt hij zich op een nog groter onderwerp: God, met een hoofdletter. Of we ons daarvan bewust zijn of niet, en of we zelf gelovig zijn of niet, als wij ons een beeld van God vormen, zien we in overgrote meerderheid een goddelijke versie van onszelf. En dan niet alleen met onze goede eigenschappen - mededogen, liefde, rechtvaardigheid - maar ook met alles wat minder goed is: hebzucht, jaloezie, gewelddadigheid. Al deze eigenschappen spelen een rol in elke religie en in elke cultuur. In God ontrafelt Aslan op meesterlijke wijze de diepgewortelde behoefte het goddelijke te vermensen. Zijn oproep tot een beter godsbegrip en een diepere spiritualiteit stemt tot nadenken, of je nu gelooft in een God, vele goden of helemaal geen god.

Atheism For Dummies Dale McGowan 2013-03-18 The easy way to understand atheism and secular philosophy For people seeking a non-religious philosophy of life, as well as believers with atheist friends, Atheism For Dummies offers an intelligent exploration of the historical and moral case for atheism. Often wildly misunderstood, atheism is a secular approach to life based on the understanding that reality is an arrangement of physical matter, with no consideration of unverifiable spiritual forces. Atheism For Dummies offers a brief history of atheist philosophy and its evolution, explores it as a historical and cultural movement, covers important historical writings on the subject, and discusses the nature of ethics and morality in the absence of religion. A simple, yet intelligent exploration of an often misunderstood philosophy Explores the differences between explicit and implicit atheism A comprehensive, readable, and thoroughly unbiased resource As the number of atheists worldwide continues to grow, this book offers a broad understanding of the subject for those exploring atheism as an approach to living.

The New Atheist Novel Arthur Bradley 2010-04-15 The first major examination of the New Atheism as a literary phenomenon.

Tribe of mentors Timothy Ferriss 2019-07-09 Dé nieuwe Timothy Ferriss, voor alle lezers van Een werkweek van 4 uur Voor de fans van Brené Brown tot Yuval Noah Harari en van Esther Perel tot Neil Gaiman Timothy Ferriss stelde elf zorgvuldig geformuleerde vragen aan een hele verzameling succesvolle mensen, zijn tribe. Hun korte profielen en antwoorden op die elf vragen helpen jou ook je meest uitdagende levensvragen te beantwoorden en buitengewone resultaten te boeken. In Tribe of mentors vind je de gereedschappen, tactieken en gewoontes van meer dan 130 toppresterders. Laat je inspireren door de antwoorden van bijvoorbeeld Brené Brown en Yuval Noah Harari. Dit boek bevat praktisch advies van bijzondere professionals die oplossingen hebben gevonden voor verschillende vraagstukken. Want of je nu je resultaten wilt verbeteren, jezelf opnieuw wilt uitvinden of gewoon wat inspiratie zoekt, iemand anders heeft waarschijnlijk een vergelijkbaar pad afgelegd! Profiteer nu van de levenslessen van al deze geweldige mensen. De pers over Een werkweek van 4 uur 'Minder werken, meer leven? In Een werkweek van 4 uur leert Ferriss u hoe u ontsnapt aan de 9-tot-5-mentaliteit én een rijk leven kunt leiden.' Zin 'Geweldig! Dit boek zal je leven veranderen.' The New York Times

Zwarte gaten blues Janna Levin 2016-10-05 Zwarte gaten zijn donker, de naam zegt het al. Als ze botsen, is daar niets van te zien. Toch komt bij een botsing van zwarte gaten een onvoorstelbaar grote hoeveelheid kracht vrij. Einstein voorspelde, precies een eeuw geleden, dat je zou moeten kunnen zien dat ruimte en tijd een beetje veranderen wanneer zo'n botsing plaatsvindt. Een 'zwaartekrachtgolf', die veroorzaakt dat tijd en ruimte niet meer constant zijn. Maar hoe observeer je zoiets? Wetenschappers zijn er tientallen jaren mee bezig geweest, en Janna Levin volgde hen op de voet: van de eerste tekeningen tot aan meetapparatuur van 40 kilometer groot, midden in de woestijn. De apparatuur werd aangezet. En vanaf dat moment was het afwachten. Zou er iets gebeuren? Had Einstein gelijk? Iedereen dacht dat het jaren zou duren voordat de eerste resultaten binnenkwamen. Maar nog geen twee weken later was er iets vreemds te zien...

The Portable Atheist Christopher Hitchens 2007-12-10 Christopher Hitchens's personally curated New York Times bestselling anthology of the most influential and important writings on atheism, including original pieces by Salman Rushdie and Ian McEwan From the #1 New York Times best-selling author of God Is Not Great, a provocative and entertaining guided tour of atheist and agnostic thought through the ages--with never-before-published pieces by Salman Rushdie, Ian McEwan, and Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Christopher Hitchens continues to make the case for a

splendidly godless universe in this first-ever gathering of the influential voices--past and present--that have shaped his side of the current (and raging) God/no-god debate. With Hitchens as your erudite and witty guide, you'll be led through a wealth of philosophy, literature, and scientific inquiry, including generous portions of the words of Lucretius, Benedict de Spinoza, Charles Darwin, Karl Marx, Mark Twain, George Eliot, Bertrand Russell, Emma Goldman, H. L. Mencken, Albert Einstein, Daniel Dennett, Sam Harris, Richard Dawkins, and many others well-known and lesser known. And they're all set in context and commented upon as only Christopher Hitchens--"political and literary journalist extraordinaire" (Los Angeles Times)--can. Atheist? Believer? Uncertain? No matter: The Portable Atheist will speak to you and engage you every step of the way.

What If I'm an Atheist? David Seidman 2015-03-10 A guide to atheism and nonbelief shares counsel on the challenges of questioning the views of one's upbringing, establishing beliefs about religion and spirituality, and addressing the practical aspects of managing religious occasions.

Antitheism Source Wikipedia 2013-09 Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 27. Chapters: Anti-clericalism, Atheist Manifesto: The Case Against Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, Brights movement, God: The Failed Hypothesis, God is dead, God Is Not Great, New Atheism, The End of Faith, The God Delusion, The Portable Atheist: Essential Readings for the Non-Believer, The Root of All Evil?. Excerpt: The God Delusion is a 2006 bestselling non-fiction book by English biologist Richard Dawkins, professorial fellow of New College, Oxford, and former holder of the Charles Simonyi Chair for the Public Understanding of Science at the University of Oxford. In The God Delusion, Dawkins contends that a supernatural creator almost certainly does not exist and that belief in a personal god qualifies as a delusion, which he defines as a persistent false belief held in the face of strong contradictory evidence. He is sympathetic to Robert Pirsig's statement in Lila that "when one person suffers from a delusion it is called insanity. When many people suffer from a delusion it is called religion." As of January 2010, the English version of The God Delusion had sold over 2 million copies. It was ranked No.2 on the Amazon.com bestsellers' list in November 2006. In early December 2006, it reached No.4 in the New York Times Hardcover Nonfiction Best Seller list after nine weeks on the list. It remained on the list for 51 weeks until 30 September 2007. The German version, entitled Der Gotteswahn, had sold over 260,000 copies as of 28 January 2010). The book has attracted widespread commentary, with many books written in response. Dawkins has argued against creationist explanations of life in his previous works on evolution. The theme of The Blind Watchmaker, published in 1986, is that evolution can explain the apparent design in nature. In The God Delusion he focuses directly on a wider range of arguments used for and against...

A Manual for Creating Atheists Peter Boghossian 2014-07-01 For thousands of years, the faithful have honed proselytizing strategies and talked people into believing the truth of one holy book or another. Indeed, the faithful often view converting others as an obligation of their faith—and are trained from an early age to spread their unique brand of religion. The result is a world broken in large part by unquestioned faith. As an urgently needed counter to this tried-and-true tradition of religious evangelism, A Manual for Creating Atheists offers the first-ever guide not for talking people into faith—but for talking them out of it. Peter Boghossian draws on the tools he has developed and used for more than 20 years as a philosopher and educator to teach how to engage the faithful in conversations that will help them value reason and rationality, cast doubt on their religious beliefs, mistrust their faith, abandon superstition and irrationality, and ultimately embrace reason.

The Portable Atheist 2007

Why I Became an Atheist John W. Loftus 2012-10-10 For about two decades John W. Loftus was a devout evangelical Christian, an ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and an ardent apologist for Christianity. With three degrees--in philosophy, theology, and philosophy of religion--he was adept at using rational argumentation to defend the faith. But over the years, doubts about the credibility of key Christian tenets began to creep into his thinking. By the late 1990s he experienced a full-blown crisis of faith. In this honest appraisal of his journey from believer to atheist, the author carefully explains the experiences and the reasoning process that led him to reject religious belief. The original edition of this book was published in 2006 and reissued in 2008. Since that time, Loftus has received a good deal of critical feedback from Christians and skeptics alike. In this revised and expanded edition, the author addresses criticisms of the original, adds new argumentation and references, and refines his presentation. For every issue he succinctly summarizes the various points of view and provides references for further reading. In conclusion, he describes the implications of life without belief in God, some liberating, some sobering. This frank critique of Christian belief from a former insider will interest freethinkers as well as anyone with doubts about the claims of religion.

The Evolution of Atheism Stephen LeDrew 2016 The concept of evolution is widely considered to be a foundational building block in atheist thought. Leaders of the New Atheist movement have taken Darwin's work and used it to diminish the authority of religious institutions and belief systems. But they have also embraced it as a metaphor for the gradual replacement of religious faith with secular reason. They have posed as harbingers of human progress, claiming the moral high ground, and rejecting with intolerance any message that challenges the hegemony of science and reason. Religion, according to the New Atheists, should be relegated to the Dark Ages of superstition and senseless violence. Yet Darwin did not see evolution as a linear progression to an improved state of being. The

more antagonistic members of the New Atheist movement who embrace this idea are not only employing bad history, but also the kind of rigid, black-and-white thinking they excoriate in their religious opponents. Indeed, Stephen LeDrew argues, militant atheists have more in common with religious fundamentalists than they would care to admit, advancing what LeDrew calls secular fundamentalism. In reaction to fundamentalist Christianity and Islamism, this strain of atheism has become an offshoot of the religion it tries so hard to malign. *The Evolution of Atheism* outlines the essential political tension at the heart of the atheist movement. *The New Atheism*, LeDrew shows, is part of a tradition of atheist thought and activism that promotes individualism and scientific authority, which puts it at odds with atheist groups that are motivated by humanistic ethics and social justice. LeDrew draws on public relations campaigns, publications, podcasts, and in-depth interviews to explore the belief systems, internal logics, and self-contradictions of the people who consider themselves to be atheists. He argues that evolving understandings of what atheism means, and how it should be put into action, are threatening to irrevocably fragment the movement.

*Slaying the Dragon* Robert W. Griffiths 2012-09-14 A broad critique of the negative role that religion has played in influencing human culture historically along with an updated look at its conflict with the atheist ethos. This goes hand in hand with a personal reflection on why the author became a non-believer.

*Life in Light of Death* James Lindsay 2016-11-15 Life is short, and it can be sweet. Contemplating death is looking into a mirror that allows us to see these simple facts clearly, as if for the first time. We have every reason to believe that we have but one life to live—and no good reasons to believe otherwise—and death marks the termination of each life. Examining this reality opens doors to understanding ourselves, each other, connection, love, and life itself in an entirely new way. *Life in Light of Death* offers a short exploration of the sweetness and opportunity available to those who understand and embrace this fact. By looking at life as reflected by death, we can see what really matters and how best to live.

*The Popular Handbook of World Religions* Daniel J McCoy 2021-03-23 A Christian's Guide to the World's Most Prominent Religions Meeting people from other religions is an incredible blessing and a unique challenge. As Christians, what do we need to know about their beliefs to effectively interact with them? And how can we share about Jesus with sensitivity for someone's relationship to their current faith? A compilation from some of today's top religion scholars, *The Popular Handbook of World Religions* is a clear and insightful guide to understanding and conversing with followers of the world's major belief systems. You will... gain a balanced, nuanced comprehension of what followers of other religions believe, and see how those beliefs compare with those of Christianity develop deeper respect for different cultures and appreciate their unique traditions and ideas learn how to share about Christ with true compassion and a recognition of other people's individuality and heritage Featuring the writings of Dr. Douglas Groothuis, Dr. Paul Copan, Dr. Winfried Corduan, and more, *The Popular Handbook of World Religions* is designed to help you gain the wisdom you need to interact with people of other faiths, from atheism to Judaism, Buddhism to Islam, Jainism to Sikhism, and more.

*A Cure for Christianity* C. Boyd Pfeiffer 2015-10-01 Facts. Truth. Logic. Science. These are the basics of the world in which we live day-to-day in society, government, medicine, agriculture, and manufacturing. But while we have a 21st-century technology, we also have 1st-century superstitions, basically those superstitions found in religion. With a particular focus on Christianity and its predecessor, Judaism, Pfeiffer reflects on the facts of the Bible and Christian religions and his own thinking over a lifetime, from a Baptist upbringing through reading on both sides of the fence, to debating and discussing religious subjects with ministers, priests, rabbis and others of all religious persuasions. Reviewing various aspects of prayer, faith, miracles, morality, heaven and hell, he pokes fun at the contradictions and contrivances found in "the Book" and the rituals solemnly repeated long after they've lost any meaning. Biblical immoralities, prophecy, and blind faith come in for a sharp skewering as he roasts them in the hot gaze of reality. From Baptist to the Black List, author Boyd Pfeiffer risks being given the evil eye for casting doubt on some cherished beliefs. In this book he tackles the subject of religion from the standpoint of common sense and logic, including various interpretations of Biblical and religious meanings and content. Unfortunately, seen from this perspective, religion is as brilliant as a burnt out bulb. After a decades-long search for a credible reason to believe the teachings of Christianity, he turns over to the public the results of his research. The precepts taught in the Bible simply do not square with the exemplary stories the Bible itself presents; and the teachings, and the stories, don't even match up from one telling to another.

*De Bonobo en de tien geboden* Frans de Waal 2013-04-16 Hebben we religie nodig om goed te zijn? Frans de Waal beantwoordt deze vraag door te kijken naar apen en andere dieren. Hoe dicht ze ook bij ons staan, in een bonobogemeenschap is nog nooit een kerk opgericht. Maar dat is ook helemaal niet nodig: in het goddeloze universum van de bonobo of de chimpansee bestaan medelijden, zorgzaamheid en rechtvaardigheid wel degelijk. Dat deze eigenschappen ouder zijn dan de mensheid, laat De Waal zien in *De bonobo en de tien geboden*, zijn verhalend geschreven boek over de evolutionaire basis van ons betere zelf.

*Atheism and Agnosticism: Exploring the Issues* Peter A. Huff 2021-08-31 This is the age of atheism and agnosticism. The number of people living without religious belief and practice is quickly and dramatically rising. Some experts call nonreligion, after Christianity and Islam, the third largest "religion" in the world today. Understanding the origins, history, variations, and impact of atheism and agnosticism is crucial to getting a grasp of

the meaning of the present and gaining a glimpse of the future. Exploring some of the most extraordinary people, events, and ideas of all time, this book provides a fair, comprehensive, and engaging survey of all aspects of contemporary atheism and agnosticism. An overview essay discusses the background and social and political contexts of unbelief, while a timeline highlights key events. Some 50 alphabetically arranged reference entries follow, with each providing fundamental, objective information about particular topics along with cross-references and suggestions for further reading. The volume closes with an annotated bibliography of the most important resources on atheism and agnosticism.

The New Atheism, Myth, and History Nathan Johnstone 2018-06-11 This book examines the misuse of history in New Atheism and militant anti-religion. It looks at how episodes such as the Witch-hunt, the Inquisition, and the Holocaust are mythologized to present religion as inescapably prone to violence and discrimination, whilst the darker side of atheist history, such as its involvement in Stalinism, is denied. At the same time, another constructed history—that of a perpetual and one-sided conflict between religion and science/rationalism—is commonly used by militant atheists to suggest the innate superiority of the non-religious mind. In a number of detailed case studies, the book traces how these myths have long been overturned by historians, and argues that the New Atheism's cavalier use of history is indicative of a troubling approach to the humanities in general. Nathan Johnstone engages directly with the God debate at an academic level and contributes to the emerging study of non-religion as a culture and an identity.

Sterfelijk Christopher Hitchens 2012-11-12 Tijdens zijn Amerikaanse boektournee voor zijn memoires Hitch-22 stortte Christopher Hitchens in zijn hotelkamer in New York in elkaar met een schurende pijn op de borst. Hij wordt direct overgebracht naar een ziekenhuis, moet zijn tournee afbreken en al snel blijkt dat hij slokdarmkanker heeft. Vervolgens ondergaat hij alle soorten van behandeling. Sterfelijk is een bloedeerlijk verslag van de verwoestingen door de ziekte en een analyse van de etiquette rond ziek-zijn en kanker. Sterfelijk is de coda van een leven dat bestond uit uitzonderlijk verhitte debatten en weergaloos proza. In deze eloquente confrontatie met sterfelijkheid, geeft Hitchens een menselijk gezicht aan een slopende ziekte die velen treft.

De autobiografie van Charles Darwin Charles Darwin 2008-12

De vrije wil Sam Harris 2020

Reisgenoten Sharon Garlough Brown 2016-07-14 Voor de fans van Sarah Young en Rachel Held Evans: 'Reisgenoten' van Sharon Garlough Brown vertelt over vier vrouwen die op zoek gaan naar God en daagt je als lezer uit om hetzelfde te doen. Vier vrouwen ontmoeten elkaar in een christelijke retraitecentrum: Hannah, een predikante die niet in de gaten heeft hoe vermoeid ze is. Meg, een weduwe van wie de kinderen net het huis uit zijn gegaan en die worstelt met gebeurtenissen uit haar verleden. Mara, wier leven is bepaald door afwijzing en die haar huwelijk ziet afbrokkelen. En Charissa, een hardwerkende studente die in alles het juiste wil doen. Samen met hen ga je op een spirituele reis waarin ogen worden geopend, belemmerende gedachten losgelaten en oude wonden genezen. 'Reisgenoten' is zowel een heerlijke roman vol herkenning als een inspiratiebron voor je eigen geloofsleven. Ben je op zoek naar nog meer uitdaging? Achter in het boek zijn de creatieve oefeningen uit het verhaal opgenomen, zodat je die zelf kunt doen of bijvoorbeeld met je vriendinnen of een bijbelstudiegroep.

Beginnen met filosofie Luc Ferry 2018-05-08 In dit boek, dat bovenal een oefening in levenskunst wil zijn, zet Luc Ferry verrassend eenvoudig uiteen wat filosofie behelst en wat je eraan kunt hebben. Het is bedoeld voor de volwassene die globaal wil weten wat filosofie is, en voor de jongere die wil beginnen met het lezen van de filosofen zelf. De invloedrijkste Franse filosoof van het moment slaagt er glansrijk in de lezer, ook de minst daarop voorbereide, de zin en het nut uit te leggen van de belangrijkste denkbeelden uit de geschiedenis van de filosofie.

Evenals het eerste filosofische handboek dat ooit geschreven werd, het handboekje van Epictetus, tutoyeert dit boek de lezer. Alsof de auteur een hand uitsteekt naar de lezer. Om hem vervolgens mee te nemen op een avontuurlijke, geniale reis door de wereld van de ideeën. Een reis die je denken en je blik op je eigen leven verruimt.

God Doesn't; We Do James Lindsay 2012-09-15 Does God exist? Does He do anything in this world? Famous authors like Richard Dawkins suggest strongly that it is very unlikely, but how unlikely is it? God Doesn't; We Do brings James A. Lindsay's mathematical expertise to the question and is able to put the matter under a microscope only available through an understanding of abstract mathematics, which he makes accessible to any reader. Because of that, this book will change the conversation about the existence of God. The central theme of this book, though, points out that even if there were a God, we have no reason to believe He does anything at all in this world. Thus the responsibility is on us, as it always has been, to make our world what it will be. From the back cover: Our world is one that is full of difficult challenges, and many people still turn to God for solutions or credit Him with ones that they find. The time for that kind of superstition is long passed. God Doesn't; We Do seeks to address the topic on philosophical grounds, making appeals to a scientific mindset and evidence-based decision making in fields where religion has dominated for centuries, including morality, politics, and even spirituality. The title really says it all- God Doesn't; We Do: Only Humans Can Solve Human Challenges.

The Rage Against the Light Peter Harris 2019-04-29 Christopher Hitchens was the most eloquent of the New Atheists. With great rhetorical polish and an encyclopedic mind for historical facts and literary quotations, he presents the case of anti-theism very effectively. Though now deceased, Hitchens' arguments continue to reverberate through his best-selling books and online presence. God, asserts Hitchens, would be, if he existed, the

greatest of dictators. Religion, according to Hitchens, is morally bankrupt and madly irrational. The world is better off without them! But is this true? It is the purpose of this book to identify Hitchens' worldview in order to subject it to a critique that will powerfully expose its many flaws. Rather than a dictator, God will be shown to be a God of love. Christianity too will be revealed as a faith that ought to resist tyranny, provides the best foundation for intrinsic human value, and is a rational belief-system. In so doing, this book appeals to all who have been influenced or convinced by Hitchens' arguments to reconsider their position and refuse to rage against the light.

Mark Twain Ray Comfort 2014-09-26 From the pages of a long-hidden manuscript written by a man filled with disappointment and anger, you will discover the truth about Mark Twain's embittered battle with God! Evidence in his work that proves he wasn't an atheist. Selections from his letters and popular works that reveal his confused faith. Perspectives from Twain on God that echo modern criticism and doubts. Twain was a very popular and gifted speaker with a carefully cultivated image. Few knew he secretly wrote a manuscript complaining bitterly about the God of the Bible, citing hypocrisy and cruelties, like there would be no sex in heaven. Twain decided to have his book published 100 years after his death in the hope that society would then be open-minded enough to listen. Ray Comfort searches through volumes of Twain's writings to develop a comprehensive answer to this profound writer of the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, and a man who suffered much. Discover Twain's arguments with God and a powerful response that helps strengthen your faith and understanding of our loving Creator!

De haan van Asklepios Ludo Abicht 2011-10-20 Pleidooi voor een positief atheïsme. Vlak voor zijn terechtstelling gaf Sokrates aan zijn leerling Krito de opdracht 'nog een haan te offeren aan Asklepios', de god van de gezondheid. Niet omdat hij door zijn dood van het leven genezen zou zijn, maar omdat een leven in onwaarheid erger zou zijn dan de dood. Maar wat betekent leven in waarheid concreet? Op basis van zijn eigen ervaringen en een intense lectuur van de filosofische klassieken tracht Ludo Abicht die vraag te beantwoorden. Het atheïsme in dit boek is de kinderziekte van het antiklerikalisme ontgroeid; het rationalisme houdt rekening met de realiteit van gevoelens en passies. Ludo Abicht is filosoof en publicist. In 2006 verscheen van hem bij Meulenhoff|Manteau Geschiedenis van de joden van de Lage Landen.

A Science-Theology Rapprochement Cyril Orji 2018-10-12 This timely and fascinating work addresses questions of ultimate concerns for Christian believers by clarifying what religious believers' statement "God creates" means in relation to the mechanistic determinism of science enthusiasts and the New Atheist Movement. Drawing from the methodological works of C.S. Peirce, Bernard Lonergan, and Wolfhart Pannenberg, the book creatively shows how the old science-theology conflict, or "warfare", can be turned into one of collaboration or rapprochement. Using the works of these three thinkers, it departs from the common practice of treating the field of science-theology as an abstract mainstream theology. The book takes a stand on contextual theology, treating the problem posed by Richard Dawkins and his fellow New Atheists as one in need of a creative solution. It also suggests that the dialogue between science and theology must take seriously the experiences and challenges from different social and cultural contexts. The text shows how these experiences can lead to the kind of creative theological thinking we see in the works of Pannenberg and Lonergan, who both explicate, not only how an understanding of an evolutionary universe is compatible with the Christian doctrine of creation, but also how a methodological comparison of science and theology reveals a common concern for human understanding and openness to divine agency.

The New Atheists Fr. Michael Azkoul 2017-03-22 The new atheists criticize Christianity according to assumptions that are native to the Western understanding of religion. Those assumptions—theological, ecclesiological, and even anthropological and cosmological—originate in the occidental Middle Ages. The new atheists (and all atheists) are unwilling to confess that their worldview is indebted to Western Christian thought; indeed, their atheism is product of this religion. There would be no science without it. Moreover, the new atheists are ignorant of what we call Eastern Christianity (Eastern Orthodoxy). If they knew that truth was not the product of reason, they would have encountered God, the one true God, not the abstract deity (supreme being) of Western thought. Unfortunately, the argument of theists delineated in public debates only strengthens the position of the new atheists. In himself, God is unknown and unknowable. We know him because he reveals himself to those who seek him, that is, the Holy Trinity. Of course, the knowledge of God is not cognitive but gnostic, spiritual knowledge—something impossible for materialists. Also, the new atheists examine the nature and history of the church with false assumptions derived from the history of the West. They a priori deny the existence of the supernatural and, therefore, the validity of the gospel, spoken and written. Into all this is thrown a false theology and, therefore, of Incarnate Lord and his place in history. And, of course, the new atheists have no knowledge of the Eastern Church for no other reason than that they deny the supernatural, holding that all forms of Christianity are fundamentally the same and that access to God and his will comes to the holy.

Religion in America Julia Corbett Hemeyer 2016-02-19 Religion in America, 7th Edition provides a comprehensive yet concise introduction to the changing religious landscape of the United States. Extensively revised and updated to reflect current events and trends, this new edition continues to engage students in reflection about religious diversity. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer presents the study of religion as a tool for developing appreciation of communities of faith other than one's own and for understanding the dynamics at work in religion in the United States today.

The Cat Experience Amanda Walters 2022-06-25 "A cat has absolute emotional honesty: human beings, for one

reason or another, may hide their feelings, but a cat does not." ? Ernest Hemingway "Owners of dogs will have noticed that, if you provide them with food and water and shelter and affection, they will think you are god. Whereas owners of cats are compelled to realize that, if you provide them with food and water and shelter and affection, they draw the conclusion that they are gods." ? Christopher Hitchens, *The Portable Atheist: Essential Readings for the Nonbeliever* If you're looking for information about buying a kitten, adopting a stray kitten, or caring for a new kitten, **THE CAT EXPERIENCE** is the resource to turn to. Introducing a new kitten to the rest of your family and rearing the cat of your dreams are two topics you'll learn all about. It's the universe of cats! Even more cats than dogs are kept as pets in the United States and Europe. There are millions of cat owners who must provide for all of these animals. Young readers will discover the ins and outs of routine cat care, signs of some common ailments, and a wealth of advice on how to maintain cats in top condition in this eBook.

**Hitch 22** Christopher Hitchens 2011-10-07 Waar de journalist Christopher Hitchens ook optreedt, er is rumoer. Hij zoekt de controverse op, neemt geen blad voor de mond, en gaat alle hypocrisie te lijf. Hij is een beruchte bon-vivant en staat bekend om zijn liefde voor literatuur en alcohol. Als buitenlandcorrespondent verbleef hij op de gevaarlijkste plekken ter wereld. Deze militante atheïst en bohemien werpt op elk onderwerp dat hij aansnijdt een nieuw en onverwacht licht. Of hij nu schrijft over de oorlog in Vietnam, de seksuele escapades op Engelse jongensinternaten, Bob Dylan of de interventie in Irak, zijn oorspronkelijke geest weet steeds weer verbanden bloot te leggen die het onderwerp losweken van elke gemeenplaats. In **Hitch 22** maakt deze criticaster met het vlijmscherpe intellect je deelgenoot van zijn levensgeschiedenis, een geschiedenis van uitersten.

**The Atheist's Primer** Malcolm Murray 2010-04-06 *The Athiest's Primer* is a concise but wide-ranging introduction to a variety of arguments, concepts, and issues pertaining to belief in God. In lucid and engaging prose, Malcom Murray offers a penetrating yet fair-minded critique of the traditional arguments for the existence of God. He then explores a number of other important issues relevant to religious belief, such as the problem of suffering and the relationship between religion and morality, in each case arguing that atheism is preferable to theism. The book will appeal to both students and professionals in the philosophy of religion, as well as general audiences interested in the topic.

**The New Atheism** Victor J. Stenger 2009-12-04 In recent years a number of bestselling books have forcefully argued that belief in God can no longer be defended on rational or empirical grounds, and that the scientific worldview has rendered obsolete the traditional beliefs held by Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. The authors of these books—Richard Dawkins, Daniel Dennett, Sam Harris, Christopher Hitchens, and Victor J. Stenger—have come to be known as the "New Atheists." Predictably, their works have been controversial and attracted a good deal of critical reaction. In this new book, Victor J. Stenger, whose *God: The Failed Hypothesis* was on the New York Times bestseller list in 2007, reviews and expands upon the principles of New Atheism and answers many of its critics. He demonstrates in detail that naturalism—the view that all of reality is reducible to matter and nothing else—is sufficient to explain everything we observe in the universe, from the most distant galaxies to the inner workings of the brain that result in the phenomenon of mind. Stenger disputes the claim of many critics that the question of whether God exists is beyond the ken of science. On the contrary, he argues that absence of evidence for God is, indeed, evidence of absence when the evidence should be there and is not. Turning from scientific to historical evidence, Stenger then points out the many examples of evil perpetrated in the name of religion. He also notes that the Bible, which is still taken to be divine revelation by millions, fails as a basis for morality and is unable to account for the problem of unnecessary suffering throughout the world. Finally, he discusses the teachings of ancient nontheist sages such as Buddha, Lao Tzu, and Confucius, whose guidelines for coping with the problems of life and death did not depend upon a supernatural metaphysics. Stenger argues that this "way of nature" is far superior to the traditional supernatural monotheisms, which history shows can lead to a host of evils. *The New Atheism* is a well-argued defense of the atheist position and a strong rebuttal of its critics.

**Religie voor atheïsten** Alain de Botton 2011-07-07 Proberen te bewijzen dat God niet bestaat kan een geliefd tijdverdrijf zijn voor atheïsten, maar waar het werkelijk om gaat is niet zozeer de vraag of er een God is, maar hoe je verder redeneert wanneer je hebt besloten dat Hij er niet is. In dit uiterst originele boek betoogt Alain de Botton dat de seculiere samenleving veel kan leren van religies als het gaat om zaken als gemeenschapszin, ethiek, onderwijs en kunst. *Religie voor atheïsten* zet de dogmatische kanten van religies overboord, waarna er enkele aspecten uit gefilterd worden die troostrijk kunnen zijn voor de sceptische hedendaagse mens.