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Is it still possible, in an age of religious and cultural pluralism, to engage in Christian apologetics? How can one urge one's faith on others when such a gesture is typically regarded with suspicion, if not outright resentment? In *Humble Apologetics* John G. Stackhouse brings his wide experience as a historian, philosopher, journalist, and theologian to these important questions and offers surprising--and reassuring--answers. Stackhouse begins by acknowledging the real impediments to Christian testimony in North America today and to other faiths in modern societies around the world. He shows how pluralism, postmodernism, skepticism about our ability to know the truth, and a host of other factors create a cultural milieu resistant to the Christian message. And he shows how the arrogance or dogmatism of apologists themselves can alienate rather than attract potential converts. Indeed, Stackhouse argues that the crucial experience of conversion cannot be compelled; all the apologist can do is lead another to the point where an actual encounter with Jesus can take place. "Our objective," Stackhouse writes, "is to offer whatever assistance we can to our neighbors toward their full maturity: toward full health in themselves and in their relationships, and especially toward God." In the last part of the book, he shows how an attitude of humility, instead of merely trying to win religious arguments, will help believers offer their neighbors the gift of Christ's love. Drawing on the author's personal experience and written with an engaging directness and humility, *Humble Apologetics* provides sound guidance on how to share Christian faith in a postmodern world.

The Role of Reason in the Life of the Soul Zondervan

Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale defend the absolute claims of Christ against modern belief in the "secular gods" of atheism, scientism, relativism, and more. The rise of these secular gods presents the most serious challenge to the absolute claims of Christ since the founding of Christianity itself. The Christian worldview has not only been devalued and dismissed by modern culture, but its believers are openly ridiculed as irrelevant. In *JESUS AMONG SECULAR GODS*, Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale challenge the popular "isms" of the day, skillfully pointing out the fallacies in their claims and presenting compelling evidence for revealed absolute truth as found in Jesus. This book is fresh, insightful, and important, and faces head on today's most urgent challenges to Christian faith. It will help seekers to explore the claims of Christ and will provide Christians with the knowledge to articulate why they believe that Jesus stands tall above all other gods.

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Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you - 1 Peter 3:15. What do you do when someone asks - How do I know that Jesus is the Son of God? Does it matter if Jesus was resurrected from the dead? What about all the other world religions - don't they offer a way to God? Does it matter what I believe as long as I'm sincere? What proof is there that the Bible is divinely inspired? If you find these questions hard to answer or if you have trouble sharing the reason for the hope that is in you here are the responses to some of the common questions skeptics ask about Christianity. In a reader-friendly style John Ankerberg & John Weldon document the extensive evidences for the reliability of the Bible the divinity of Jesus the certainty of the resurrection & the uniqueness of Christianity.

Renewing the Christian Voice, Conscience, and Imagination in a Disenchanted World David C Cook
 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.

On Guard B&H Publishing Group

We know that faith means "being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1, NIV). *Love Your God with All Your Mind* explains the importance of using your mind not only to win others to Christ but also to experience personal spiritual growth. Author J. P. Moreland challenges you to use logic and reason to further God's kingdom through evangelism, apologetics, worship, and vocation. This revised edition includes expanded appendixes and three new chapters that outline how to reason for the reality of God and the historicity of Jesus' life teachings, death, and resurrection.

Apologetics at the Cross Wipf and Stock Publishers

Is Marriage Worth it? Many couples say "I do" with a combination of high hopes and fairy tale fantasies—but there's a difference between the expectations of marriage and the reality of what marriage holds. Whether you're married, single, or dating, now is the time to ask yourself: What steps can I take today to build an incredible marriage for tomorrow? With compassion and clarity, licensed counselor and relationship expert Debra Fileta shows that when we can work through the struggles of marriage, we get to experience the joys! Learn about eight powerful choices that will encourage and equip you to take your marriage from average to exceptional and find astonishing survey results from thousands of singles and couples on topics like love and attraction, sex, conflict, and communication. A beautiful exchange occurs when you learn what it means to choose we before me. Discover practical steps that will give you confidence and courage on the adventure of Choosing Marriage.

A Justification of Christian Belief Crossway

"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.

Directions for Defending the Faith Oxford University Press, USA

Your view of God determines your view of the world. You hold in your hands a landmark guide to understanding the ideas and forces shaping our times. Understanding the Times offers a fascinating, comprehensive look at the how the tenets of the Christian worldview compares with the five major competing worldviews of our day: Islam, Secular Humanism, Marxism, New Age, and Postmodernism. Understanding the Times is a systematic way to understand the ideas that rule our world. While the material is expansive, the engaging, easy-to-understand writing style invites you to discover the truths of God - and our world. This classic should be on the shelf of every Christian home, on the desk of every pastor, and in the hands of every Christian student headed off to college.

Christian Confidence Defending Your Faith
 An Introduction to Apologetics 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. How to Defend the Faith without Raising Your Voice
 Civil Responses to Catholic Hot Button Issues

J. Gresham Machen (1881-1937), writes D. G. Hart, was the scion of a prominent and genteel Baltimore family, who studied at the finest American and European universities and, while teaching at Princeton Seminary, went on to become one of the United States's leading authorities in New Testament studies. *Defending the Faith* explains how a privileged and learned Protestant became embroiled in the religious disputes of the 1920s, writes Hart. This study, he continues, has much to tell us not just about the issues that unsettled--some would say unseated--mainstream Protestantism's hold on American intellectual and cultural life. But it also offers a distinctive and revealing perspective on the way we have come to assess and locate religion, science, and

modernity in the early twentieth century. This biography, the first of Machen since 1955, originally appeared in 1994.

Defending the Faith Oxford University Press, USA

Renewing the Christian voice, conscience, and imagination so that we can become compelling witnesses of the Gospel in today's culture. Christianity has an image problem. While the culture we inhabit presents us with an increasingly anti-Christian and disenchanted position, the church in the West has not helped its case by becoming anti-intellectual, fragmented, and out of touch with the relevancy of Jesus to all aspects of contemporary life. The muting of the Christian voice, its imagination, and its collective conscience have diminished the prospect of having a genuine missionary encounter with others today. Cultural apologetics attempts to demonstrate not only the truth of the Gospel but also its desirability by reestablishing Christianity as the answer that satisfies our three universal human longings—truth, goodness, and beauty. In *Cultural Apologetics*, philosopher and professor Paul Gould sets forth a fresh and uplifting model for cultural engagement—rooted in the biblical account of Paul's speech in Athens—which details practical steps for establishing Christianity as both true and beautiful, reasonable and satisfying. You'll be introduced to: The idea of cultural apologetics as distinct from traditional apologetics. The path from disenchantment with how we understand reality to re-enchantment with the reality of the spiritual nature of things. The practical tools of good cultural engagement: conscience, reason, and imagination. Equip yourself to see, and help others see, the world as it is through the lens of the Spirit—deeply beautiful, mysterious, and sacred. With creative insights, *Cultural Apologetics* prepares readers to share a vision of the Christian faith that is both plausible and desirable, offering clarity for those who have become disoriented in the haze of modern Western culture.

Defending Black Faith Oxford University Press

It is about winning friends, not arguments. It is about shedding light, not heat. It's about reframing the argument so hearts can be opened and minds can be inspired. How to Defend the Faith without Raising Your Voice is a new sort of apologetics. It is for those moments when you are thrust into the spotlight as the token Catholic whether the spotlight is simply at the office water cooler or whether it is front and center at the in-laws Thanksgiving celebration. How to Defend the Faith without Raising Your Voice gives Catholics a fresh way of explaining the Church's teaching on contentious issues humanly, compellingly, and succinctly. But this book does not pretend to suggest it is as simple as memorizing a speech. Every conversation is different. Every day's news cycle will bring new arguments and new challenges. Instead, it is a book about what the issues really are and where the criticisms are coming from so you can understand and communicate effectively. It is the fruit of a group of speakers and experts brought together by a single idea: to make sure that Catholics and the Church were represented properly in the media when Pope Benedict came to visit the UK in 2010. Their original and thoughtful approach helped make that visit a triumph and now it can be expanded for a much broader use. Whether read in groups or alone, studied in schools or parishes, How to Defend the Faith without Raising Your Voice offers the same thorough briefings on hot topics and the same top tips for effective communication which helped make the project such a success.

Faith Has Its Reasons New Leaf Publishing Group

For those who want a lighthearted yet thorough introduction to the how, why, and what of defending the Christian faith, this primer is a go-to guide for those who hope to "be ready always to give an answer for the hope that is within" (1 Peter 3:15).

Civil Responses to Catholic Hot Button Issues David C Cook

Defending the faith can be daunting, and a well-reasoned and biblically grounded apologetic is essential for the challenge. Following in the footsteps of groundbreaking apologist Cornelius Van Til, Scott Oliphint presents us with an introduction to Reformed apologetics as he sets forth the principles behind a distinctly "covenantal" approach. This book clearly explains the theological foundations of covenantal apologetics and illustrates its application in real-world conversations with unbelievers—helping Christians to boldly, knowledgeably, and winsomely proclaim the gospel.

An Introduction to Defending the Faith Baker Publishing Group

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.

The Allure of Gentleness InterVarsity Press

Defending Your Faith An Introduction to Apologetics

An Integrated Approach to Defending the Faith Presbyterian & Reformed Publishing Company

In a world increasingly indifferent to Christian truth, followers of Christ need to be equipped to communicate with those who do not speak their language or accept their source of authority. Gregory Koukl demonstrates how to get in the driver's seat, keeping any conversation moving with thoughtful, artful diplomacy. You'll learn how to maneuver comfortably and graciously through the minefields, stop challengers in their tracks, turn the tables and—most importantly—get people thinking about Jesus. Soon, your conversations will look more like diplomacy than D-Day. Drawing on extensive experience defending Christianity in the public square, Koukl shows you how to: - Initiate conversations effortlessly - Present the truth clearly, cleverly, and persuasively - Graciously and effectively expose faulty thinking - Skillfully manage the details of dialogue - Maintain an engaging, disarming style even under attack Tactics provides the game plan for communicating the compelling truth about Christianity with confidence and grace.

Harper Collins

This book explores how conflicts between secular worldviews and religions shaped the history of the 20th century.

Defending the Faith Pitchstone Publishing (US&CA)

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.

Fast Facts on Defending Your Faith ATRI Publishing

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 Oxford University Press

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.

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