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*New Insights in Religious Epistemology* A&C Black

In the tradition of grand sweeping histories such as *From Dawn To Decadence*, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, and *A History of God*, Hecht champions doubt and questioning as one of the great and noble, if unheralded, intellectual traditions that distinguish the Western mind especially from Socrates to Galileo and Darwin to Wittgenstein and Hawking. This is an account of the world's greatest 'intellectual virtuosos,' who are also humanity's greatest doubters and disbelievers, from the ancient Greek philosophers, Jesus, and the Eastern religions, to modern secular equivalents Marx, Freud and Darwin—and their attempts to reconcile the seeming meaninglessness of the universe with the human need for meaning. This remarkable book ranges from the early Greeks, Hebrew figures such as Job and Ecclesiastes, Eastern critical wisdom, Roman stoicism, Jesus as a man of doubt, Gnosticism and Christian mystics, medieval Islamic, Jewish and Christian skeptics, secularism, the rise of science, modern and contemporary critical thinkers such as Schopenhauer, Darwin, Marx, Freud, Nietzsche, the existentialists.

John Wiley & Sons

This reader prints selections of some of the most profound and pioneering discussions of agnosticism over the past two centuries, including essays by Thomas Henry Huxley (who coined the term), Bertrand Russell, Albert Einstein, Isaac Asimov, and others.

*Atheism For Dummies* AMACOM Div American Mgmt Assn

Your hands-on guide to this widely practiced and ancient religion Buddhism, one of the world's most widely practiced religions, is a fascinating yet complex eastern religion that is rapidly spreading throughout western civilization. What does it mean to be a Buddhist? What are the fundamental beliefs and history behind this religion? *Buddhism For Dummies* explores these questions and more in this updated guide to Buddhist culture. You'll gain an understanding of the origins of this ancient practice and how they're currently applied to everyday life. Whether you're a searcher of truth, a student of religions, or just curious about what makes Buddhism such a widely practiced religion, this guide is for you. In plain English, it defines the important terms, explains the key concepts, and explores in-depth a wide range of fascinating topics. New and expanded coverage on all the schools of Buddhism, including Theravada, Tibetan, and Mahayana The continuing relevance of the Dalai Lama Updated coverage on daily observances, celebrations, styles, practices, meditation, and more Continuing the Dummies tradition of making the world's religions engaging and accessible to everyone, *Buddhism For Dummies* is your essential guide to this fascinating religion. *Buddhism For Dummies* (9781119643265) was previously

published as *Buddhism For Dummies* (9781118023792). While this version features a new Dummies cover and design, the content is the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product.

*Atheism For Dummies* Prometheus Books

"Does a god exist? This question has undoubtedly been asked, in one form or another, since man has had the ability to communicate. . . Thousands of volumes have been written on the subject of a god, and the vast majority have answered the questions with a resounding 'Yes!' " "You are about to read a minority viewpoint." With this intriguing introduction, George H. Smith sets out to demolish what he considers the most widespread and destructive of all the myths devised by man - the concept of a supreme being. With painstaking scholarship and rigorous arguments, Mr. Smith examines, dissects, and refutes the myriad "proofs" offered by theists - the defenses of sophisticated, professional theologians, as well as the average religious layman. He explores the historical and psychological havoc wrought by religion in general - and concludes that religious belief cannot have any place in the life of modern, rational man. "It is not my purpose to convert people to atheism . . . (but to) demonstrate that the belief in God is irrational to the point of absurdity. If a person wishes to continue believing in a god, that is his prerogative, but he can no longer excuse his belief in the name of reason and moral necessity."

*Disproving Christianity and Other Secular Writings* (2nd edition, revised) McClelland & Stewart

The first book to deal with all the arguments against religion and, equally important, to put forward an alternative - humanism *Good Without God* Simon and Schuster

In America, one is expected to smile deferentially while listening to the nonsense parroted by the religious: that the Ten Commandments are the basis of morality, that all religious people mean well, and that you can't be good without God. One should not question the content, logic and instructions of the holy books. And so as not to offend the publicly pious, the nonreligious are expected join in prayer to someone else's imaginary friend. Well, no one has the right not to be offended — especially when his or her alleged moral code is itself offensive. It is the duty of the nonreligious to confront theobabble head-on. This book debunks religious malarkey one fantasy at a time: that a god created the universe and actively interacts with it; that Jesus walked and preached on this earth; that people of all religions can "coexist"; that atheists are inherently evil. This book further shows that those who follow the dictates of their faith most fervently pose the greatest menace to society.

*Atheist Universe* Prometheus Books

Do you think of atheists as immoral pessimists who live their lives without meaning, purpose, or values? Think again! *Atheism: A Very Short Introduction* sets out to dispel the myths that surround

atheism and show how a life without religious belief can be positive, meaningful, and moral.

*50 Simple Questions for Every Christian* Pitchstone Publishing (US&CA)

A book for nonbelievers who embrace the reality-driven life. We can't avoid the persistent questions about the meaning of life-and the nature of reality. Philosopher Alex Rosenberg maintains that science is the only thing that can really answer them—all of them. His bracing and ultimately upbeat book takes physics seriously as the complete description of reality and accepts all its consequences. He shows how physics makes Darwinian natural selection the only way life can emerge, and how that deprives nature of purpose, and human action of meaning, while it exposes the conscious illusions such as free will and the self. The science that makes us nonbelievers provides the insight into the real difference between right and wrong, the nature of the mind, even the direction of human history. *The Atheist's Guide to Reality* draws powerful implications for the ethical and political issues that roil contemporary life. The result is nice nihilism, a surprisingly sanguine perspective atheists can happily embrace.

**Knowledge, Belief, and God** John Wiley & Sons

Epistemology has flourished in this millennium, with new ideas and approaches of many kinds: *Knowledge, Belief, and God* shows how these developments can illuminate the philosophy of religion and analytic theology. And philosophy of religion is shown to be a valuable testing-ground for epistemology.--

**The Great Doubters and Their Legacy of Innovation from Socrates and Jesus to Thomas Jefferson and Emily Dickinson** David C Cook

Life does not become empty and meaningless in a godless universe. This is the contention at the heart of humanism, the philosophy concerned with making sense of the world through reason, experience and shared human values. In this thought-provoking introduction, Peter Cave explores the humanist approach to religious belief, ethics and politics, and addresses key criticisms. Revised and updated to confront today's great crises - the climate emergency and global pandemics - and the future of humanism in the face of rapid technological advancement, this is for anyone wishing to better understand what it means to be human in the twenty-first century.

*The Case Against Religion and for Humanism* Random House Throughout history, arguments for and against the existence of God have been largely confined to philosophy and theology, while science has sat on the sidelines. Despite the fact that science has revolutionized every aspect of human life and greatly clarified our understanding of the world, somehow the notion has arisen that it has nothing to say about the possibility of a supreme being, which much of humanity worships as the source of all reality. This book contends that, if God exists, some evidence for this existence should be detectable by scientific means, especially considering

the central role that God is alleged to play in the operation of the universe and the lives of humans. Treating the traditional God concept, as conventionally presented in the Judeo-Christian and Islamic traditions, like any other scientific hypothesis, physicist Stenger examines all of the claims made for God's existence. He considers the latest Intelligent Design arguments as evidence of God's influence in biology. He looks at human behavior for evidence of immaterial souls and the possible effects of prayer. He discusses the findings of physics and astronomy in weighing the suggestions that the universe is the work of a creator and that humans are God's special creation. After evaluating all the scientific evidence, Stenger concludes that beyond a reasonable doubt the universe and life appear exactly as we might expect if there were no God. This paperback edition of the New York Times bestselling hardcover edition contains a new foreword by Christopher Hitchens and a postscript by the author in which he responds to reviewers' criticisms of the original edition.

#### **5 Principles for Unmasking Atheism, Secularism, and Other God Substitutes** John Wiley & Sons

Written in a respectful and conversational style, this unique book is designed to promote constructive dialogue and foster mutual understanding between Christians and non-Christians. The author, a skeptic and journalist, asks basic questions about Christian belief. What is the born-again experience? Why would God want to sacrifice his only son for the world? Do miracles really happen? How reliable is the Bible? What is the rapture? Why isn't everyone a Christian? Each question is followed by commentary and analysis that is skeptical and tough but never argumentative or condescending. Christians will find the book useful as a basis for developing their apologetics, while skeptics will welcome Harrison's probing rational analysis of religious claims.

*Atheism for Dummies! History of Atheism. from Dummies to Expert. Beginners Guide for Learning the Basics of Atheism* Signal "Not only do I believe that it is possible to maintain moral standards without the crutch of religion but I would argue that it is the only way to achieve true goodness." Disproving Christianity and Other Secular Writings compiles popular and lesser-known arguments against the principles established by the Christian canon. Using a phenomenological approach to build his case based on in-depth study at the University of California, Santa Barbara McAfee analyzes the Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament doctrine to build a logical and reasonable case against their validity. From contradictions between lived and portrayed religions to factual errors within the texts themselves, no stone is left unturned in this fully updated and expanded refutation of Christianity.

*How Science Shows That God Does Not Exist* Oxford University Press

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 God Argument* Twelve

Christopher Hitchens, described in the London Observer as "one of the most prolific, as well as brilliant, journalists of our time" takes on his biggest subject yet—the increasingly dangerous role of religion in the world. In the tradition of Bertrand Russell's *Why I Am Not a Christian* and Sam Harris's recent bestseller, *The End Of Faith*, Christopher Hitchens makes the ultimate case against religion. With a close and erudite reading of the major religious texts, he documents the ways in which religion is a man-made wish, a cause of dangerous sexual repression, and a distortion of our origins in the cosmos. With eloquent clarity, Hitchens frames the argument for a more secular life based on science and reason, in which hell is replaced by the Hubble Telescope's awesome view of the universe, and Moses and the burning bush give way to the beauty and symmetry of the double helix.

*A Nonbeliever's Search for the Truth about Everything* Atheism For Dummies

The *God Delusion* caused a sensation when it was published in 2006. Within weeks it became the most hotly debated topic, with Dawkins himself branded as either saint or sinner for presenting his hard-hitting, impassioned rebuttal of religion of all types. His argument could hardly be more topical. While Europe is becoming increasingly secularized, the rise of religious fundamentalism, whether in the Middle East or Middle America, is dramatically and dangerously dividing opinion around the world. In America, and elsewhere, a vigorous dispute between 'intelligent design' and Darwinism is seriously undermining and restricting the teaching of science. In many countries religious dogma from medieval times still serves to abuse basic human rights such as women's and gay rights. And all from a belief in a God whose existence lacks evidence of any kind. Dawkins attacks God in all his forms. He eviscerates the major arguments for religion and demonstrates the supreme improbability of a supreme being. He shows how religion fuels war, foments bigotry and abuses children. The *God Delusion* is a brilliantly argued, fascinating polemic that will be required reading for anyone interested in this most emotional and important subject.

*How Religion Poisons Everything* Wiley-Blackwell

Discover .... Atheism is very easy to define: it is the belief that there is neither God nor the gods. From now we will just talk about belief in God, but the arguments in this book are equally applicable to the monotheistic and polytheistic religions. However, many think that atheists believe that there is no God, no morality; or that there is no God, nor the meaning of life; or again, neither God nor human goodness. As we shall see, there is nothing to stop the atheist believe in morality, the meaning of life or human goodness. Atheism is only the truly negative when it comes to believing in God. It is capable of positively look at other aspects of life as well as any other belief. However, there is a certain point where the negativism of atheistic beliefs extends beyond God's existence. Atheist rejection of faith in God is usually accompanied by a broader rejection of any supernatural or transcendent reality. An atheist, for instance, usually doesn't believe in the existence of the immortal soul, life after death, ghosts and supernatural forces. Although, strictly speaking, an atheist can believe in any of that, and yet remain an atheist, reasons which will become clearer later on, arguments and ideas that support atheism naturally tend to exclude beliefs in the supernatural and fantastic. Atheism is the view contrary not only to theism and other forms of belief in God but also to agnosticism - i.e. the exclusion of belief or disbelief in God. Agnostic argues that we cannot know whether God exists or does not exist, and is, therefore, the only reasonable solution to refrain from judgment. Both theists and atheists, according to agnostic beliefs, are

exaggerating in claims that God exists / does not exist. We simply do not have enough arguments or evidence to justify any of these positions. The question whether people with no positive faith in God should be agnostics or atheists is really important, probably as much as the question whether to believe in God or not. Here Is A Preview Of What You'll Learn... Is Atheism a Religion? Right Justification for Atheism Modern Atheism Historical and Philosophical Overview of Atheism Psychological Reasons for Atheism Eight "Motives of Atheism." Atheism, Naturalism and Physicalism Six Types of Atheists and How to Recognize Them Demographics of Atheism Download your copy today! 2016 All Rights Reserved !Tags: atheism, atheism for dummies, history of atheism, atheist, religion for atheists, atheist bible, religion **Buddhism For Dummies** Simon and Schuster

One of the most influential works of this century, *The Myth of Sisyphus and Other Essays* is a crucial exposition of existentialist thought. Influenced by works such as *Don Juan* and the novels of Kafka, these essays begin with a meditation on suicide; the question of living or not living in a universe devoid of order or meaning. With lyric eloquence, Albert Camus brilliantly posits a way out of despair, reaffirming the value of personal existence, and the possibility of life lived with dignity and authenticity. **Atheism and Theism** John Wiley & Sons

Prominent atheists claim the Bible is a racist text. Yet Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. read it daily. Then again, so did many ardent segregationists. Some atheists claim religion serves to oppress the masses. Yet the classic text of the French Revolution, *What is the Third Estate?*, was written by a priest. On the other hand, the revolutionaries ended up banning religion. What do we make of religion's confusing role in history? And what of religion's relationship to science? Some scientists claim that we have no free will. Others argue that advances in neurobiology and physics disprove determinism. As for whispering to the universe, an absurd habit say the skeptics. Yet prayer is a transformative practice for millions. This book explores the most common atheist critiques of the Bible and religion, incorporating Jewish, Christian, and Muslim voices. The result is a fresh, modern re-evaluation of religion and of atheism. Scott A. Shay is a Co-Founder and Chairman of Signature Bank and a longstanding Jewish community activist. Shay started a Hebrew school, an adult educational program, and chaired several Jewish educational programs. He is the author of *Getting our Groove Back: How to Energize American Jewry* and has been thinking about religion, reason, and modernity since wondering why his parents sent him to Hebrew school.

*The Atheist's Guide to Reality: Enjoying Life without Illusions* John Wiley & Sons

"All thinking men are atheists," Ernest Hemingway famously wrote. True? Here are quips, quotes, and questions from a distinguished assortment of geniuses and jokers, giving readers a chance to decide for themselves.... When I think of all the harm [the bible] has done, I despair of ever writing anything to equal it. Oscar Wilde SAINT, n. A dead sinner revised and edited. Ambrose Bierce There ain't no answer. There ain't going to be any answer. There never has been an answer. That's the answer. Gertrude Stein Do not let yourself be deceived: great intellects are skeptical. Friedrich Nietzsche Millions long for immortality who don't know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon. Susan Ertz God is love, but get it in writing. Gypsy Rose Lee Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of our own mind. Ralph Waldo Emerson The fact that a believer is happier than a skeptic is no more to the point than the fact that a drunken man is happier than a sober one. George Bernard Shaw

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