



Resource List:

Cults, World Religions, & Apologetics

The resources listed below align with Focus on the Family's philosophy and mission. We trust you will find them helpful. If you would like to obtain any of these items, call us toll free at 1-800-A-FAMILY, or visit our online store at store.focusonthefamily.com. (The information is regularly updated, but there is still the possibility that an item originally available from Focus on the Family might now be unavailable.) You may also be interested in the content posted on our website at focusonthefamily.com.

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Books

10 Most Common Objections to Christianity by Alex McFarland (2007) • 9780764215162 •

Believers have a mandate to share their faith with the world, yet many don't know answers to basic questions unbelievers ask. This apologetics primer offers answers to even the toughest objections to Christianity.

801 Questions Kids Ask About God Focus on the Family (2000) • 9780842337885 • ages 2–10

Kids ask amazing—and often difficult—questions about God, faith, and the Bible. But the thoughtful answers here are taken from Scripture and won't leave you at a loss for words.

Atheism Remix: A Christian Confronts the New Atheists by R. Albert Mohler (2008) • 9781433504976 •

Exploring the newest strains of atheism, Mohler offers insights for understanding the cultural conditions helping it to spread, and he explains what Christians can do to lovingly challenge and counter the trend.

Basic Christianity by John Stott (2007) • 9780830834136 •

Stott addresses the claims, character, and resurrection of Christ; the fact, nature, and consequence of sin; responding to Christ's death; counting the cost of following Christ; reaching a decision to accept Jesus as Lord; and growing as a Christian.

The Case for a Creator by Lee Strobel (2009) • 9780310339281 •

Strobel reexamines theories that once led him away from God, and shares discoveries in cosmology, cellular biology, DNA, and other areas of study that give undeniable evidence of our Creator.

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel (1998) • 9780310339304 •

A seasoned journalist in search of the truth, Strobel recounts his spiritual journey from atheism to faith in this compelling look at the credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth was—and is—the Son of God!

The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel (2000) • 9780310339298 •

Strobel investigates the toughest objections to Christianity—"heart barriers" to faith. Written primarily for skeptics, it will also help deepen believers' convictions and give them fresh confidence in discussing Christianity with others.

The Case for the Real Jesus by Lee Strobel (2009) • 9780310339267 •

The historic picture of Jesus is under an intellectual onslaught—and this attack has confused seekers and created doubt among Christians. Strobel arms readers with the truth to defend Christianity in an increasingly hostile world.

The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus by Gary R. Habermas and Michael R. Licona (2004) • 9780825427886 •

The authors develop principles by which an historical event can be accepted as true, then apply them to belief in Christ's rising from the dead. Learn to make a compelling argument for the historicity of Christ's resurrection.

Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels by J. Warner Wallace (2012)

• 9781434704696 •

Jesus lived, was executed, and rose from the dead—but there’s virtually no forensic evidence to prove it. Wallace, a vocal atheist-turned-apologist, investigates Jesus’ life and death to validate Christianity’s claims.

The Crescent Through the Eyes of the Cross: Insights From an Arab Christian by Dr. Nabeel Jabbour (2008) • 9781600061950 •

Jabbour aims to help Western Christians build and strengthen relationships with Muslims. Move beyond mere tolerance to compassion, considering Christ’s commission to share the Gospel with *all* people.

Defending Your Faith: An Introduction to Apologetics by R.C. Sproul (2009) • 9781433503153 •

Christian beliefs are undermined daily. Outlining the history and fundamentals of apologetics, Sproul explains how reason and scientific inquiry offer strong allies for defending your faith.

The End of Reason: A Response to the New Atheists by Ravi Zacharias (2008) • 9780310282518 •

With clarity and hope, Zacharias underscores the dependability of Scripture as he refutes claims that God is nothing more than a figment of imagination and that Christians only practice hatred and intolerance.

The Faith: What Christians Believe, Why They Believe It, and Why It Matters by Charles Colson and Harold Fickett (2008)

• 9780310342311 •

Colson and Fickett identify Christianity’s two great contemporary threats—anti-theism and radical Islam—and a third challenge: Christians who no longer understand their faith or the biblical truths upon which it’s founded.

The Grace of God by Andy Stanley (2011) • 9780849947162 •

Nobody *deserves* the glorious future God offers, but it’s ours because of God’s *grace*. With tender, helpful insights, Stanley warns against the pitfalls of legalism and explores the transforming power of God’s unmerited favor, lavish love, and kindness.

I Don’t Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist by Norman L. Geisler and Frank Turek (2004) • 9781581345612 •

Geisler and Turek state that truth is absolute, exclusive, and knowable. They demonstrate that the cardinal Christian doctrines are true beyond reasonable doubt—actually requiring a leap of negative “faith” for an atheist to *disbelieve* them.

Jesus Among Other Gods by Ravi Zacharias (2002) • 9780849943270 •

Zacharias defends the uniqueness of Jesus in a postmodern culture that has willingly embraced a multitude of religions, and he compares the claims of Christianity to other world religions.

Mere Apologetics: How to Help Seekers & Skeptics Find Faith by Alister McGrath (2011) • 9780801014161 •

McGrath equips pastors, teachers, students, and lay people who want to speak intelligently and winsomely into the issues that confront people in today’s culture.

More Than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell and Sean McDowell (2009) • 9781414326276 •

The McDowells introduce the real Jesus: a carpenter, a religious leader, and the Son of God. Father and son authors share how they searched for meaning, truth, and relevance—finding the answers in Jesus Christ.

The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict by Josh McDowell (1999) • 9780785243632 •

“*Evidence I & II*. Fully updated in one volume to answer questions challenging Christians in the 21st century.”

Onward: Engaging the Culture Without Losing the Gospel by Russell Moore (2015) • 9781433686177 •

Moore discusses western Christianity’s shift from *moral majority* to *prophetic minority*, and he encourages a renewed focus on seeking God’s Kingdom so that we can speak His truth regarding the issues of our day.

Persecuted: The Global Assault on Christians by Paul Marshall, Lela Gilbert, and Nina Shea (2013) • 9781400204410 •

Understand widespread persecution happening around the world, and learn how to better pray and take action.

The Reason for God: Belief in God in an Age of Skepticism by Timothy Keller (2009) • 9781594483493 •

How could a loving God send people to hell? Why does He allow suffering? Can one religion be “right” and the others “wrong”? Keller explained how faith in a Christian God is a rational belief.

The Reason Why Faith Makes Sense by Mark Mittelberg (2011) • 9781414315812 •

Does God exist? Is the Bible true? Mittelberg offers clear answers to questions believers and seekers ask when countering New Atheism arguments against God.

Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth and Apologetics by William Lane Craig (2008) • 9781433501159 •

“Perfect as a textbook yet excellent for lay readers, this updated edition builds a positive case for Christianity by applying the latest thought to core theological themes.”

Renaissance: The Power of the Gospel However Dark the Times by Os Guinness (2014) • 9780830836710 •

Throughout history, Christianity has reflected God's truth and love in all facets of life, and God has worked through His people to transform cultures. Guinness calls for a new Christian renaissance in *our* day.

Scaling the Secular City: A Defense of Christianity by J.P. Moreland (1987) • 9780801062223 •

"This volume offers up-to-date arguments for God's existence and for Jesus' deity and resurrection, answers to objections to Christian theism, and discussions of key issues."

So What's the Difference? by Fritz Ridenour (2001) • 9780764215643 •

Ridenour explains how orthodox Christianity differs from Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, New Age, Mormonism, and other religions and belief systems.

Understanding World Religions: A Bible-Based Review of 50 Faiths by Len Woods (2013) • 9781624166594 •

Woods uses Christianity as the foundation for exploring major world faiths such as Islam, Christian-based religions such as Mormonism, and various hard-to-categorize beliefs such as Gnosticism, New Age Spirituality, and Wicca.

Who Is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus by John Ortberg (2012) • 9780310340492 •

Ortberg examines the powerful impact that Jesus had, and continues to have, on human history. Jesus' influence extends to all areas of culture—and His teachings on dignity, compassion, forgiveness, and hope remain our model of a life well lived.

Who Made God? And Answers to Over 100 Other Tough Questions of Faith by Ravi Zacharias and Norman Geisler (2003) • 9780310247104 •

Why does God allow evil? What is the origin of the universe? Did Jesus rise from the dead? What about other faiths, such as Islam, Mormonism, Hinduism, and Buddhism? Zacharias and Geisler answer all these tough questions—and more.

Broadcasts & Other Audio

Adventures in Odyssey #58: The Ties that Bind • 9781624054426 •

The Ties that Bind contains 12 episodes exploring questions about God's design for marriage and family, loyalty, redemption, commitment, and love.

Building a Biblical Worldview of Marriage and Family – I, II (John Stonestreet) • 9781624717994 •

Stonestreet, of the Colson Center for Worldview, examines the deterioration of morals in the present culture and encourages Christians to better understand and consistently model biblical truth to a desperate world.

Digging Deeper into the Easter Story (Lee Strobel) • 9781624713521 •

When his wife became a Christian, Strobel was motivated to start an investigative journey to discover if the resurrection of Jesus could be verified. Here he discusses what he found as he examined evidence for the Resurrection.

Engaging Today's Culture With the Gospel – I, II (Dr. Russell Moore) • 9781624719271 •

Moore suggests that the church has always been a minority, but we didn't realize it. As we see freedoms erode and our nation become secularized, Moore gives hope for the future of Christianity and the Church—even if the culture dismisses our faith.

How Jesus Impacted the World – I, II (Pastor John Ortberg) • 9781624712692 •

Even for those who may not yet proclaim Him as their Savior, Jesus' impact on the ancient and modern world is undeniable and incalculable. Ortberg offers insights about Jesus' teachings and the Early Church's approach to effectively engage the culture—a movement that grew out of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jesus: The Lamb of God (Reverend Ray Vander Laan) • 9781683320258 •

Vander Laan provides historical context for First Century Jerusalem, when Jesus entered the city for Passover shortly before His crucifixion. He shares that Jesus came for *all* people—to offer living water and to bring peace and harmony out of chaos.

A Jewish Believer's Story – I, II (Dr. Lon Solomon) • 9781624719639 •

In this pre-recorded message, Solomon tells about his Jewish heritage and upbringing, his rebellion in college, and the turning point when he realized he was self-centered. Solomon began a search for meaning, turning to Eastern religions and later a rabbi. Nothing dealt with his pain until a street evangelist presented the Gospel and gave him a Bible. Jesus' words in Matthew spoke to Solomon, and he prayed a prayer of salvation and was later baptized. He describes his family's negative reaction to his conversion and his father's later acceptance of Christ a week before he died. Solomon notes that assurance, contentment, and peace are only found through a personal relationship with Christ, the Messiah.

Religious Liberties Around the World (Frank Wolf) • 9781624719424 •

First aired in 2015, former Congressman Frank Wolf speaks about the current threat to religious liberties around the world, including the eradication of religious minorities in Iraq and the ISIS terrorism outbreak. He encourages listeners to become active on behalf of religious freedom and to pray for persecuted Christians.

Reviving the Church to Change the World – I, II (Dr. Os Guinness) • 9781624718854 •

Guinness calls the current generation the “crunch generation” because many challenges are converging quickly and need resolution. He advises believers to think deeply about their own relationship with God. When witnessing, they must ask questions rather than make statements, allowing non-believers to come to their own discovery of salvation in Jesus.

Understanding God’s Transforming Grace – I, II (Pastor Andy Stanley) • 9781624717642 •

Christians may *know* they are saved through God’s grace, as Scripture makes clear (Ephesians 2:8-9), but they may *feel* they’re unacceptable to God. Be encouraged to embrace the truth that God’s grace is a free, unmerited gift.

What We Believe – I, II (Frank Peretti) • 9781624717826 •

Peretti brings the foundational truths of Scripture to life, illustrating the Lord’s unique and unchanging characteristics, and sharing how the Judeo-Christian worldview stands apart in a culture of moral confusion.

Who Is Jesus? (Dr. Del Tackett) • 9781624715280 •

Through excerpts from the *TrueU* DVD series, as well as a recorded portion of his talk at a 2013 event, Tackett shares about the importance of the Word of God and the historical veracity of the life of Jesus Christ.



TrueU DVD Series, Set 1: Does God Exist? (Focus on the Family) • 9781589973398 •

Dr. Stephen Meyer discusses opposing worldviews and provides tools teens need as they prepare to enter college and a culture that can be hostile to the Christian faith.

TrueU DVD Series, Set 2: Is the Bible Reliable? (Focus on the Family) • 9781589975699 •

For centuries, intellectuals and critics have questioned inconsistencies in the Bible. Dr. Meyer examines ancient texts and archeological evidence to build a case for the accuracy and trustworthiness of Scripture.

TrueU DVD Series, Set 3: Who Is Jesus? Building a Comprehensive Case (Focus on the Family) • 9781589977235 •

Dr. Del Tackett and other guest experts explore Jesus’ ancestry and prophetic mission; His words, works, and character; His death and resurrection; whether Jesus is the only way to God; and more.

The Truth Project (Focus on the Family) • 235000000493 •

Through home-based small groups, participants journey through 13 one-hour lessons about the relevance and importance of living out a Christian worldview. Visit thetruthproject.org for details.

That the World May Know® by Ray Vander Laan (Focus on the Family)

By weaving together the Bible’s fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, Vander Laan reveals keen insights into Scripture’s significance for believers today.

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| #1 Promised Land • 9780310878766 • | #8 God Heard Their Cry • 9780310879763 • |
| #2 Prophets and Kings • 9780310878803 • | #9 Fire on the Mountain • 9780310879800 • |
| #3 Life and Ministry of the Messiah • 9780310878841 • | #10 With All Your Heart • 9780310879848 • |
| #4 Death and Resurrection of the Messiah • 9780310878889 • | #11 The Path to the Cross • 9780310880608 • |
| #5 The Early Church • 9780310879640 • | #12 Walking With God in the Desert • 9780310880646 • |
| #6 In the Dust of the Rabbi • 9780310879688 • | #13 Israel’s Mission • 9780310811978 • |
| #7 Walk As Jesus Walked • 9780310879725 • | #14 The Mission of Jesus • 9780310812586 • |

Who Is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus (John Ortberg) • 9780310340492 •

In this five-session curriculum, Ortberg examines the powerful impact Jesus had and continues to have on human history. Jesus’ influence extends to all areas of culture—and His teachings on dignity, compassion, forgiveness, and hope continue to be our model of a life well lived.

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Resource Lists and Q&As**

Resource Lists

- focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a/resources-and-referrals
Find recommended resources and referrals listed by topic.
- **Christian Growth for Adults** • RL022 •
- **Christian Growth for Adults** • RL022A •
- **Evangelism** • RL074 •
- **Social Issues** • RL008 •

Q&As

- focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a
Browse our Q&As for advice and encouragement.

Referrals

Answers in Genesis

P.O. Box 510
Hebron, KY 41048
859/727-2222
answersingenesis.org

- This apologetics ministry helps Christians bolster their faith and develop a biblical worldview.

Christian Research Institute

Hank Hanegraaff, President
P.O. Box 8500
Charlotte, NC 28271
888/700-0274
equip.org

- This information and referral source offers broadcasts, articles, and resources to help believers stand firm in the face of teachings that undermine biblical Christianity.

Dare 2 Share Ministries

P.O. Box 745323
Arvada, CO 80006
800/462-8355
dare2share.org

- Dare 2 Share Ministries is designed to evangelize teens, solidify their faith, and motivate them to share that faith with others.

Discovery Institute

208 Columbia Street
Seattle, WA 98104
206/292-0401
discovery.org

- Discovery Institute seeks “to advance a culture of purpose, creativity and innovation.”

Institute for Creation Research

P.O. Box 59029
Dallas, TX 75229
800/337-0375

icr.org

- This organization offers a variety of resources about science and creation.

Ravi Zacharias International Ministries

4725 Peachtree Corners Circle, Suite 250
Norcross, GA 30092
800/448-6766

rzim.org

- Through forums, community outreach, and various media venues, this ministry provides information on apologetics, world culture, and the credibility of Jesus Christ.

World Magazine

worldmag.com

- *World* magazine is designed to help Christian families analyze global news from a Christian worldview.