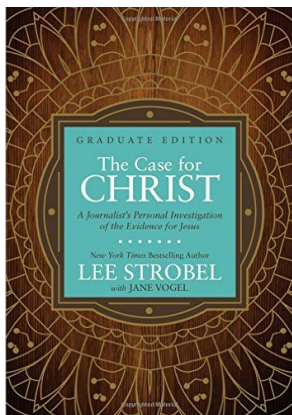


Books on Apologetics and Contemporary Issues

These are some of the books that have been transformational in my journey of faith, particularly for understanding the unique claims of Jesus Christ in the midst of competing claims of truth in today's world. None of these books are for bedtime reading, but all are clearly written and full of amazing insights.

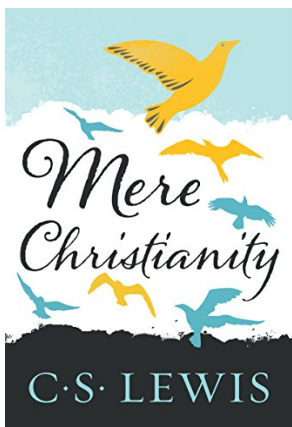
– Pastor James



The Case for Christ

Lee Strobel

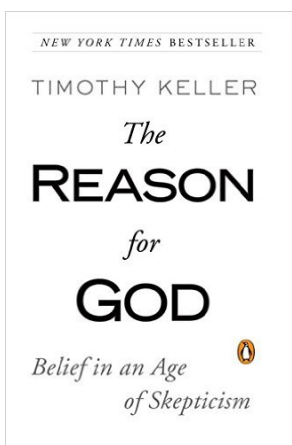
A concise, clear presentation of critical issues that are often raised in contemporary conversations about Christianity. Strobel, an investigative journalist, asks probing questions such as: How reliable is the New Testament? Did Jesus claim to be God? What evidences are there for the resurrection? Step by step, Strobel gently guides the readers toward weighty evidences for Christianity. For those new to apologetics, this book would be a good place to start.



Mere Christianity

C.S. Lewis

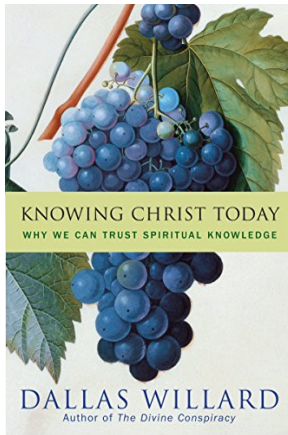
Lewis, Oxford professor and former atheist, presents a clear, eloquent, and logical explanation of “mere” Christianity, the essential teachings that most denominations usually agree on. It is delightful to read the central tenets of Christianity explained with such clarity, logical precision, winsomeness, and humility. A contemporary classic that is a must-read for all thoughtful Christians.



The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

Timothy Keller

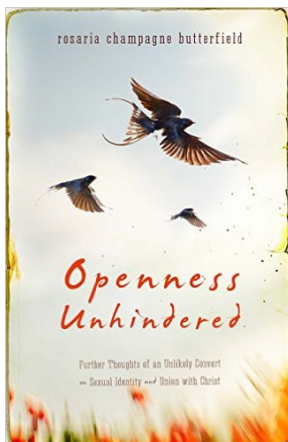
Pastor Timothy Keller, a respected expositor of the Bible and interpreter of the contemporary American culture, presents an intellectually-sound case for belief in God. Drawing richly from the Bible, literature, philosophy, and pop culture, this book will engage skeptics who are searching for truth as well as Christians who are seeking to understand the rational basis for their faith.



Knowing Christ Today: Why We Can Trust Spiritual Knowledge

Dallas Willard

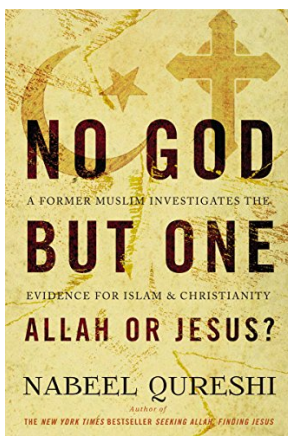
Dallas Willard, a philosophy professor, calls the church to trust Jesus Christ, not only as the Savior but also as the Teacher who has answers to the four fundamental questions of life. These questions are: (1) What is reality? (2) Who is well-off? (3) Who is a good person? (4) How does one become a good person? From a keen perspective of a life-long philosopher, Willard explores the unique knowledge that only Jesus Christ the eternal Word can provide. This is not a devotional book but a deeply-enriching book for anyone seeking the answers to the four timeless questions.



Openness Unhindered: Further Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert on Sexual Identity and Union with Christ

Rosaria Butterfield

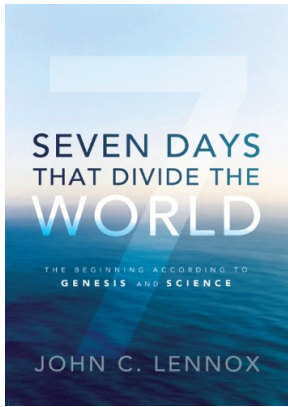
Rosaria Butterfield, once a radical feminist professor in a lesbian relationship and now a committed Christian, guides the readers through tough issues in sexual identity and spiritual transformation. She integrates deep biblical insights and her personal journey to challenge all of us to be whom God intended us to be. One of the best books on the topic of sexuality and spiritual growth.



No God but One: Allah or Jesus?: A Former Muslim Investigates the Evidence for Islam and Christianity

Nabeel Qureshi

As a former Muslim, Nabeel Qureshi recounted his reasons for leaving Islam and his decision to follow Jesus Christ. With great respect for both Muslims and Christians, Qureshi addresses one of the most pressing questions of our time: Both Islam and Christianity claim that there is no God but One, but who deserves to be worshiped, Allah or Jesus?

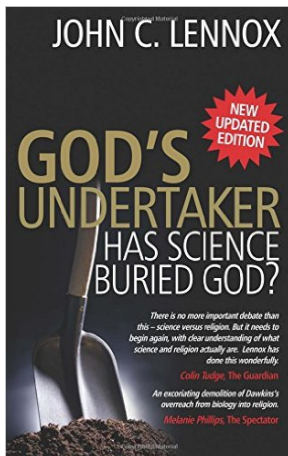


Seven Days That Divide the World: The Beginning According to Genesis and Science

John Lennox

John Lennox, Professor of mathematics at Oxford, offers a fresh and intelligent reading of the Genesis creation account in ways that are faithful both to the Scripture and science.

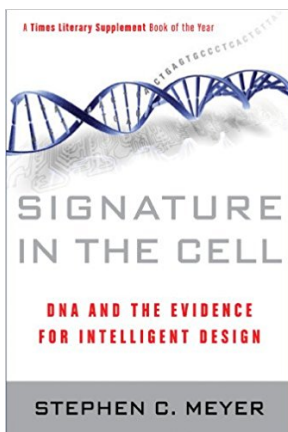
Lennox reasons that scientific knowledge is not contrary to a faithful understanding of the biblical narrative, and through his insightful interpretation of the Genesis creation story, he points to a deeper understanding of God's intention for creation and humanity.



God's Undertaker: Has Science Buried God?

John Lennox

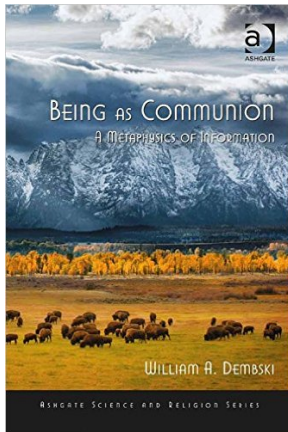
In this clearly-written, thought-provoking book, Lennox provides compelling answers to questions such as: Why is there something rather than nothing? How do we account for the existence of complex biological information as found in the DNA? He refutes the idea that science has buried God, and he carefully piles up evidences for an intelligent Being behind the origin of the universe and the origin of biological information.



Signature in the Cell: DNA and the Evidence for Intelligent Design

Stephen C. Meyer

A fascinating exploration of life's origin based on the latest scientific understanding of the cell and the DNA. Meyer presents evidences from biology and allows the weight of the evidences to determine whether life is a product of randomness or of an intelligent mind. Anyone who had middle-school science can appreciate this clear presentation of the basic biological building blocks and the origin of biological information.



Being as Communion: A Metaphysics of Information

William Dembski

For those who would like to pursue a deeper understanding of the nature of information (e.g. information encoded in the DNA), this book by William Dembski, a mathematician and philosopher, will open the door to the most important questions in science and philosophy: What is information? Is information more fundamental than matter and energy? Where does information come from? Answers to these questions have profound implications for the way we understand reality.