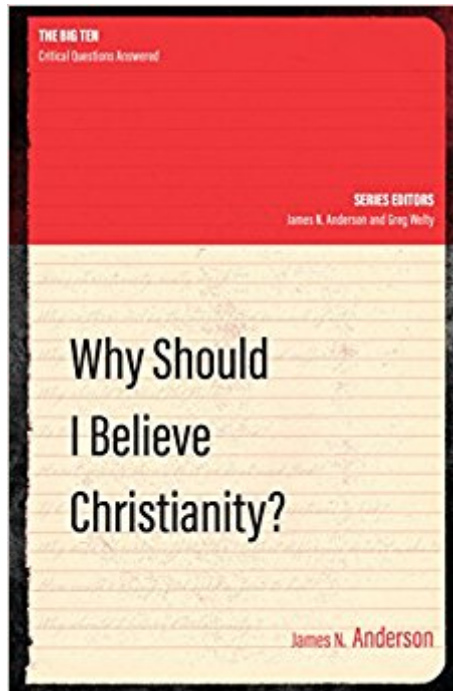




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Why Should I Believe Christianity? (The Big Ten)



Synopsis

Some people boldly claim, "Christianity is fine for some, but it isn't for me". Others feel it is just outdated and irrelevant. For better or worse, everyone in the Western world has come into contact with Christianity: we all have some opinion on it. James Anderson, with a clear, humorous logic, explores what Christianity really claims, and shows the underlying reason and consistency behind these claims. By the end of *Why Should I Believe Christianity?*, while you may not agree with the Christian worldview, it is impossible to be left sitting on the fence.

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... The Christian ministry, taken as a whole, must be understood as an apologetic calling. This is why books like *Why Should I Believe Christianity?* deserve careful reading by pastors and laypeople alike. In this book, believers will find a compelling defense of the Christian worldview and the resources necessary to stand firm in a faithless age. (R. Albert Mohler ~ President, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky) This is a book I wish I had had in the mid-1970s when involved in student evangelism. The author is clear and straightforward, moving through why it is important to believe what is true and consistent with reality. I would happily give it to an unbeliever I had been having serious discussions with, which is, I think, the intended audience. Believers who struggle to find what to say to unbelievers would do well to read this. As well as improving their knowledge and understanding of basic gospel truths, it will give them more confidence when

seeking to evangelise. (Evangelical Times)... writes with the mind of a scholar but the clarity and tone of a letter to a dear friend. His brief and engaging book covers a wide array of topics, from discussions on worldviews and evidence to philosophical arguments to inferences from the biblical record-all in the simplest terms possible. (Brian Morley ~ Professor of Philosophy and Apologetics, The Masters College, Santa Clarita, California) James Anderson does a masterful job ... This book will be a necessary tool for anyone interested in addressing arguments against Christian truth. (K. Scott Oliphint ~ Professor of Apologetics and Systematic Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) James Anderson is one of the best writers in contemporary Reformed theology and apologetics ... This is one of the finest resources available for presenting the rationale of the Christian faith to an unbelieving reader. (John M. Frame ~ Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy, Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando, Florida)

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What a fantastic, deceptively simple, little gem of a book. The book (written to and for unbelievers) begins with explaining what a worldview is and how to think about worldviews, then summarizes Christianity in one chapter before proceeding to offer positive reasons why one should think Christianity is true. Every chapter is filled with very brief and helpful analogies and "illustrations" that go along with ideas and arguments presented in the book. This is one of many characteristics of the writing style which I was really impressed with, especially since I've been wanting a solid presentation and positive rationale of Christianity to give to friends, family members, and high school/college students that wouldn't be over their heads or too packed with philosophical jargon. Although I love Mere Christianity, The Reason for God, and Making Sense of God, they can be difficult for the average American reader. Why Should I Believe Christianity? is written in a style that is very accessible, and yet the breadth and depth of the content covered in such a short space is astounding. I don't want to rehash the entire book here, but my two favorite things about the book (other than the style and frequent illustrations) are (1) that he gives his readers reasons to think that the Bible is God's word, and (2) he points out the coherence of the various facets of the biblical worldview, showing how each doctrine reinforces and sheds light on the others. This is a really unique feature, because many apologetics books tend to argue for a generic theism before giving evidence for the resurrection of Jesus rather than arguing for the biblical worldview as a whole. Dr. Anderson "connects the dots" of Christianity as a whole throughout each chapter of his book. I ordered this book because I had happened upon Dr. Anderson's courses (one on the history of

philosophy, one on ethics) on iTunes U and really enjoyed them. I looked up his name online and found out this book was coming out. I was not expecting it to cover so much ground with such depth and with language accessible to the average reader. I really wasn't even expecting to enjoy it that much (I know that sounds bad), because I was just reading it to see if it might be worth using for the discipleship courses that my church does every spring or to give to a friend. I was pleasantly surprised. This is the perfect book to give to non-Christians you know who are interested in learning about Christianity.

A very good book. I see this book as written for two audiences: 1 - Christians seeking aid in explaining the truth of their faith and 2 - Non Christians curious about the credibility of the Christianity. The book is based around the concept of worldview and a persistent theme is that, "Everybody has a worldview" but that Christianity offers the most relevant worldview. If the book has a weakness it may Anderson presents many of his arguments for Christianity without full development of the validity of the argument. He does a good job of the explanation and application of the argument but may just assume the basic validity of the argument. However, further discussion of the arguments would likely have produced a longer, more complex, and much less useful book. All in all the book is a valuable and useful discussion of the title. I do recommend it.

Good read to arm yourself when others question your faith although it was a bit too scientific at times.

Good read, Very happy with this purchase.

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