

What Christians Believe

Addressing such myths as faith can fix anything, forgiving means forgetting, and a godly home guarantees good kids, Osborne explores the greater truths they obscure.

A revealing and fascinating short book that illustrates the varieties of Christianity and explains what separates Christians as well as what unites them. Christianity began as a minor sect within Judaism and has now become one of the major world religions, with nearly two billion adherents spread across every nation on earth. It began with a small group of people who shared the same language, lifestyle, and background, but now embraces many languages and cultures, giving rise to an astounding variety of practices and interpretations, yet all with a common basis of shared faith inspired by the teaching, life, death, and new life of a carpenter from Nazareth. Whether they are Copts in Egypt, members of the Orthodox church in Russia, Baptists in America, or Anglicans in an English village, they share three elements that are at the core of all Christianity: belonging, believing, and behaving. Malcolm Guite gives readers insight into the different types of Christianity with candor, but never bias. An ideal introduction to the histories and mysteries of Christianity, *What Do Christians Believe?* also contains a list of suggested further reading and Web resources.

Pope Benedict XVI writes eloquently and persuasively about the importance for followers of Christ to understand well what they believe in order to live as a serious Christian in today's secular world.

Not every Christian should go to seminary, but there are certain teachings of the Bible that every Christian must know. Theology is important because what we believe affects how we live. Whether you're a relatively new believer in Jesus or a mature Christian looking for a better understanding of basics of the faith, *Christian Beliefs* is for you. This readable guide to twenty basic Christian beliefs is a condensation of Wayne Grudem's award-winning book *Systematic Theology*, prized by pastors and teachers everywhere. He and his son, Elliot, have boiled down the essentials of Christian theology for the layperson and made them both clear and applicable to life. You will learn about the Bible, the characteristics of God, what it means that we are created in the image of God, what God has done for us in Christ, the purpose of the church, and much more. Each chapter includes questions for personal review or group discussion. "These truly are twenty basic beliefs that every Christian should know. Wayne Grudem is a master teacher with the

ability to explain profound truths in simple language. He is a man of deep conviction and theological passion--and those who read this book will be both educated and encouraged in the faith." --R. Albert Mohler Jr., President, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky "Based on Systematic Theology, this summary will certainly help beginners with Christ to get the hang of their faith." --J. I. Packer, Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia "As Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology contracts into a compact book, I do not lose my enthusiasm for the truth he loves and the clarity of his words." --John Piper, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

What Christians Ought to Believe

Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know

Remembering the Faith

Connecting Faith and Reason

God the Son Incarnate

And Why God's Truth Is Infinitely Better

In this book, Stanley Grenz presents the central tenets of Christian faith clearly and concisely, answering the most commonly asked questions: Why believe at all? Which God? Who is Jesus and what did he do? What am I searching for? Teach your students the basics of English and the basics of the faith at the same time! What Christians Believe is a Bible study in simple English, specifically designed for people who are learning the language. Chapters titles include: Sin is disobeying God Jesus Christ is our perfect sacrifice God forgives our sins Jesus Christ is God Jesus died, yet lives How to become a Christian And much more! What Christians Believe also includes teaching resources, such as: Word lists at the end of each chapter, with vocabulary words defined Fill-in-the-blank exercises for students in each chapter Answers to questions and additional scripture references Tips for teaching ESL.

What Christians Believe Moody Pub

This reliable and highly readable textbook provides comprehensive coverage of core Christian beliefs. Based on the author's introductory Christian doctrine course, the book rests firmly on biblical foundations while providing a balanced discussion of areas where evangelicals disagree. The text includes essay topics and further reading suggestions.

A Questioning Person's Guide to the Christian Faith

A Life Story

Know Why You Believe

Essentials of the Christian Faith: Essentials of the Christian Faith

Belonging and Belief in Modern Christianity

What Christians Believe and Why It Matters

An insightful, accessible, plain-spoken (and a little bit feisty) look at the Christian faith from its Jewish roots to its future hope beyond denominational struggles and doctrinal war. For individuals, small groups and congregations seeking deeper knowledge of the faith and greater maturity in Christ. Includes an exhaustive Glossary Plus of Christian and Jewish terms, an extensive Bibliography, a detailed Index, and a little Humor in the back. The Christian faith the

basics and much more. In this sweeping and careful account of the essentials and non-essentials of the faith, Dr. George Koch lays out the foundation of what Christians believe, why they believe it, and how the Bible calls them to live with each other and the world. This begins with understanding being saved, through learning to live and love like Jesus (it's hard!), and the content of eternal life with Him. The profound Jewish roots of the faith are revealed and explained, along with the deep meaning of the Hebrew and Greek behind the words of the Old and New Testaments. The true purpose of prayer is explored in some surprising ways, across denominations and history. Then the nature of God's love is looked at with its ability to burst open prisons of the heart and mind. And obedience: What does God expect from us, and how can we fulfill it? Next is covenant the very way of God with Abraham, Moses, Jesus and us like a marriage: intimate, caring, protected. Then on through issues of the Holy Spirit, peace, mercy, heresy (it's probably not what you think!), the Trinity, and Bible authority. Koch then examines how competing religious concepts arose in the Church, and how these are often used against the explicit commands of Jesus to drive apart believers. He sets forth several specific and biblical steps that opposing Christian groups and individuals can take to begin to embody the unity that Jesus desired of His followers to find true reconciliation with God and with each other. The journey of this book is a challenging one, but can help Christians learn to refocus on the love of God, neighbor and enemy that Jesus taught, rather than differences over concepts about God and the Church. The true purpose of the Christian life is not merely to know more about God, but to know God more. About the author: The Reverend Doctor George Byron Koch (pronounced coke) is Pastor and teacher at Resurrection Anglican Church in West Chicago, Illinois (USA), though this book is intentionally neither Anglican nor denominational in content. He is also a former Senior Vice President of Oracle Corporation, author of a best-selling book on database design (Oracle: The Complete Reference), another book on Christian discipleship and small groups (The Country Parson's Advice to His Parishioners, brought into modern English from an anonymous 1680 text), and numerous articles in magazines and newspapers, ranging from The Wall Street Journal to Christianity Today. His first degree is in Physics, and science is an ongoing a field of interest for him. His doctoral studies focused on healing and reconciliation, and he continues to teach on these subjects.

A study of Christianity which looks at Jesus and the birth of the Church, Christian beliefs, worship, and how Christianity affects moral behaviour, attitudes, social practices and lifestyles. This brief introduction to Buddhism is designed to help readers understand this important religious tradition. With both nuance and balance, this text provides broad coverage of various forms of Buddhism with an arresting layout with rich colors. It offers both historical overviews and modern perspectives on Buddhist beliefs and practices. The user-friendly content is enhanced by charts of religious festivals, historic timelines, updated maps, and a useful glossary. It is ideal for courses on Buddhism and Asian religions and will be a useful, concise reference for all readers eager to know more about this important religious tradition and its place in our contemporary world.

With timeless insight, this award-winning author retells the stories of the gospels and reminds readers that to see Jesus afresh is to be changed and challenged and to be put back on their feet.

What Do Christians Believe?

An Extract from the Martyrdom of Man

Christian Beliefs

Ten Dumb Things Smart Christians Believe

The Roman Catholic Tradition

A Biblical and Historical Summary

Christian belief and practice (GCSE Religious studies for AQA)

Nothing is more important than what a person believes about Jesus Christ. To understand Christ correctly is to understand the very heart of God, Scripture, and the gospel. To get to the core of this belief, this latest volume in the Foundations of Evangelical Theology series lays out a systematic summary of Christology from philosophical, biblical, and historical perspectives—concluding that Jesus Christ is God the Son incarnate, both fully divine and fully human. Readers will learn to better know, love, trust, and obey Christ—unashamed to proclaim him as the only Lord and Savior. Part of the Foundations of Evangelical Theology series.

Exam Board: WJEC Level: GCSE Subject: Religious Studies First Teaching: September 2016 First Exam: June 2018 Bring out the best in every student, enabling them to develop in-depth subject knowledge with this accessible and engaging Student's Book, created for the 2016 specification by a team of subject specialists. - Helps students of all abilities fulfill their potential and increase their understanding through clear, detailed explanations of the key content and concepts - Motivates students to build and cement their knowledge and skills using a range of imaginative, innovative activities that support learning and revision - Provides a variety of quotes from sources of authority that students can draw on to enhance their responses and extend their learning - Encourages students to make links between the world religions and philosophical and ethical issues so they develop a holistic view of religion in modern Britain - Prepares students for examination with a rich bank of exam-style questions, guidance on how to improve responses and student-friendly assessment criteria - Enables you to teach unfamiliar topics and systematic studies confidently with clear explanations of Christian, Catholic Christian, Islamic and Judaic beliefs and practices, verified by faith organisations

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What Christians believe about God, the Bible, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Church.

What Christians Believe

What Christians Believe, why They Believe It, and why it Matters

The Doctrine of Christ

9 Common Lies Christians Believe

Why it Matters what Christians Believe

Heresies and how to Avoid Them

The Fifth-Century Political Battles That Forever Changed the Church In this fascinating account of the surprisingly violent fifth-century church, Philip Jenkins describes how political maneuvers by a handful of powerful characters shaped Christian doctrine. Were it not for these battles, today's

church could be teaching something very different about the nature of Jesus, and the papacy as we know it would never have come into existence. Jesus Wars reveals the profound implications of what amounts to an accident of history: that one faction of Roman emperors and militia-wielding bishops defeated another.

Many people today, both Christians and non-Christians, are confused about or unaware of the essentials of Christian faith. In this book, Anna Wierzbicka takes a radically new approach to the task of communicating "what Christians believe" to the widest possible audience. "The Story of God and People," the heart of the book, sets out the core tenets of Christian faith in narrative form using simple language that is accessible to anyone, even those with no familiarity with Christianity or Christian vocabulary. The Story is not only simple but also universal: though written in English, it is not phrased in full English--English as we know it today, shaped by history, culture, and tradition--but in "Minimal English." Minimal English contains only those 400 or so English words that can be translated into any other language; essentially, it corresponds to the shared core of all languages. In the introduction to the book, Wierzbicka explains Minimal English and minimal languages in general, and in "The Story of God and People" that follows, she demonstrates the effectiveness of Minimal English as a tool for global understanding. At the same time, the use of Minimal English allows her not only to retell the Christian story in a strikingly new way, but also to rethink its meaning, bringing into relief its internal cohesion, logic and beauty.

Many Christians today neither know the full content of their faith nor could articulate the historical doctrines of the church. Remembering the Faith offers help by providing a brief and highly readable introduction to the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Douglas Brouwer canvasses the full range of Christian belief--from the nature of revelation to the doctrines of God, the Trinity, creation, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, sanctification, and the meaning of the sacraments--discussing each as it developed historically and showing why such fundamental statements of faith continue to be important today. Throughout each chapter are excerpts from the historical confessions, creeds, and catechisms, as well as selected quotes from theologians and poets. "Brouwer, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, Illinois, organizes the book thematically, with chapters on "Where We Find God," "Who Jesus Is," "Three Persons, One God," and "Last Things," among other topics. His careful and gentle reasoning and pastoral tone (he understands those who doubt and wonder) makes the book a pleasurable and informative read--and another useful book for group study."- Christianity Today

An accessible exploration of the beliefs central to the Christian faith considers its origins and contemporary significance, discussing the key

differences between the Apostles' and Nicene creeds while explaining that faith is a dynamic process not based on a static set of rules. By the author of Living Jesus. Reprint.

*Martin Luther's 95 Theses
What We Believe and Why
Christianity*

An Insightful, Accessible, Plain-Spoken (and a Little Bit Feisty) Look at the Christian Faith, from Its Jewish Roots to Its Future Hope, Beyond Denominational Struggles and Doctrinal War

The Origins of the New Testament Images of Jesus (Second Edition)

A Brief Introduction to Buddhism

This book offers a biblical and historical summary of a general theology that affirms the unity of the various confessions as well as the validity of diversity in matters of secondary importance.

This full-color book explains basic Christian beliefs in an easy-to-understand way. Includes explanations of 16 essential doctrines, the Trinity, Jesus' claims, the Resurrection, salvation, and heaven. It covers the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed. Includes charts that compares 12 denominations, the two most common methods of baptism, and four Christian views of the End Times in the Book of Revelation. Includes 6-week study guide for individual or group use. Overview: Essential Doctrines: the 16 key beliefs Christians hold Creeds: These simple summary statements were the early Church's way of training new believers, and helping them discern truth from error. The Trinity: Simple explanation, plus answers to questions. Includes diagrams, illustrations, and ways of helping people understand what the Trinity is—and isn't. Life of Jesus: His claims, his miracles, his death, resurrection, ascension, and Second Coming. This covers the key biblical passages. Includes a timeline and a map of Jesus' travels. Denominations Comparison: Helpful side-by-side comparison of the beliefs of 12 Christian church groups on God, Scripture, Church structure, founder, date, and more. Shows where they are unified and where they diverge. Baptism: Covers Jesus' command to be baptized, the symbolism in Scripture for baptism, what to expect when being baptized. Includes the most common types of baptism and what biblical basis and symbolism is being emphasized. Understanding the Book of Revelation: Shows four approaches that serious Christians have taken to this book over the past 2000 years. This side-by-side comparison helps Christians focus on

Christ—the beginning and the end. Heaven: Compares the popular views of Heaven in the media with the actual passages in Scripture. Very encouraging to know about this place of joy, restoration, and healing. Ideas for Use: Discipleship for individuals or groups Intro to Christianity (for new believers or a refresher course) Confirmation classes Pre-baptism or Baptism prep Homeschooling Sunday school Home fellowship Small group

In 2006, Christianity Today voted this title to be one of the top 50 books that have shaped evangelicals! Have you ever asked Do science and Scripture conflict? Are miracles possible? Is Christian experience real? Why does God allow suffering and evil? These questions need solid answers. That's what a million people have already found in this clear and reasonable response to the toughest intellectual challenges posed to Christian belief. This edition, revised and updated by Marie Little in consultation with experts in science and archaeology, provides twenty-first-century information and offers solid ground for those who are willing to search for truth. Including a study guide for individuals or groups, the classic answerbook on Christian faith has never been better! Cook Edition.

Modern Christians have often hesitated to embrace the ancient creeds because of our “nothing but the Bible” tradition. In What Christians Ought to Believe Michael Bird opens our eyes to the possibilities of the Apostle’s Creed as a way to explore and understand the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Bringing together theological commentary, tips for application, and memorable illustrations, What Christians Ought to Believe summarizes the basic tenets of the Christian faith using the Apostle’s Creed as its entryway. After first emphasizing the importance of creeds for the formation of the Christian faith, each chapter, following the Creed’s outline, introduces the Father, the Son, and the Spirit and the Church. An appendix includes the Apostles’ Creed in the original Latin and Greek. What Christians Ought to Believe is ideally suited for both the classroom and the church setting to teach beginning students and laypersons the basics of what Christians ought to affirm if they are to be called Christians.

What Christians Believe about the Bible

Eduqas GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies Route A

How Four Patriarchs, Three Queens, and Two Emperors

Decided What Christians Would Believe for the Next 1,500 Years

What Christians Believe at a Glance
A User-Friendly Look at What Christians Believe
The Story of God and People in Minimal English

Addresses modern-world questions about the Christian religion and its tenets, drawing on historical events and present-day anecdotes to illustrate its joyful aspects while explaining the faith's embrace of the example and message of Jesus.

Mark Noll has written a major indictment of American evangelicalism. Reading this book, one wonders if the evangelical movement has pandered so much to American culture and tried to be so popular only to lose not only its mind but its soul as well. For evangelical pastors and parishoners alike, this is a must read! --Robert Wuthnow.

What don't Christians believe? Is Jesus really divine? Is Jesus really human? Can God suffer? Can people be saved by their own efforts? The early church puzzled over these questions, ruling in some beliefs and ruling out others. Heresies and How to Avoid Them explains the principal ancient heresies and shows why contemporary Christians still need to know about them. These famous detours in Christian believing seemed plausible and attractive to many people in the past, and most can still be found in modern-day guises. By learning what it is that Christians don't believe--and why--believers today can gain a deeper, truer understanding of their faith. --! From back cover.

Christians talk frequently about the Bible, yet they do not always have an informed and wide-ranging understanding of varied Christian views about its nature. Don Thorsen and Keith Reeves combine their biblical and theological knowledge to create such a unique introduction to the Bible. This book not only provides an introduction to the interpretation of the Bible but also to the history and theological understanding behind it, equipping students to think critically about their own tradition's approach to Scripture. It is perfect as a supplemental textbook in both introductory biblical studies and theology courses, but it will also be of interest to adult education classes.

Christianity for Blockheads

Christian Belief and Practice

The Creed

A Guide to What Christians Believe

Credo for Today

There are hundreds of variations within Christianity, and this guide will help you untangle the differences to find the basic beliefs that most Christians share.

Overviews of doctrine, church history and church and culture are included to help explain how and why Christians differ on a variety of beliefs.

What Christians Have Always Believed is a short book giving explicit and detailed

information on the truth about Christianity and what Christians believe in order to debunk the popular myths of today's society. ". . . An excellent resource for old and new alike to immerse ourselves in and having done so go out with a new song to sing, a flag to follow and a story to tell, that may once more change the world."

-Revd Marcus Nelson Vicar St Marks Evangelical Anglican Church Cardiff, Wales

"This book, full of biblical truth, will assist with the growing up aspect of our Christian lives. Good theology, plainly presented, is essential for the disciple of Jesus. Here is a tool for both those new in the faith and for those who want to go deeper into the essentials." -Kent Philpott, Pastor Miller Avenue Baptist Church Mill Valley, California USA

The Essentials Explained Master storyteller and essayist C. S. Lewis here tackles the central questions of the Christian faith: Who was Jesus? What did he accomplish? What does it mean for me? In these classic essays, which began as talks on the BBC during World War II, Lewis creatively and simply explains the basic tenets of Christianity. Taken from the core section of Mere Christianity, the selection in this gift edition provides an accessible way for more people to discover these timeless truths. For those looking to remind themselves of the things they hold true, or those looking for a snapshot of Christianity, this book is a wonderful introduction to the faith.

What Christians Believe is a systematic study of Bible doctrine and Christian living. Explained in nontechnical terms, these subjects have been chosen because of their importance to a well-grounded faith. The new believer will be helped immeasurably in the early days of his Christian experience through the counsel and guidance provided in this volume. He will learn of important issues and their place in the life of God's people. What Christians Believe is an excellent summary of Christian doctrine, calculated to be of lasting value to the new convert.

The Faces of Jesus

What Christians Really Believe--and why

What Christians Believe and Why

An exposition of the Second epistle to the Corinthians

From Jesus to Christ

The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind

Do you think the twelve apostles include Sneezy, Sleepy, and Dopey? Genesis is an English Bread and wine is the first course? You need Christianity for Blockheads--the user-friendly making this mysterious faith called Christianity easier to understand. In witty Blockheads latest book in the series unites a fun, clear, easy-reading style with a thorough introductory exploration into Christian theology. Covering all the must-know teachings of the Christian tying each one to key Bible passages, the concise, catchy, jargon-free style will appeal to of readers. You don't have to be a theologian to navigate the territory of Christian belief, have a map. Here it is. Both Christians and curious non-Christians looking for clear and re explanations of the Christian faith will find them inside. Christianity for Blockheads helps sense of key Bible passages * Discover what well-known scholars say about the main ten Christianity * Learn interesting facts and insights on particular biblical themes * Familiariz with the Christian perspective on hot issues such as the end times, baptism, and speaking Dig deeper into resources for further study * Walk the walk by demonstrating how the C message applies to contemporary living

Maybe God isn't who you think He is. Maybe He's much better. Pastor and speaker Shane

readers in identifying the Christian clichés we've all heard that are actually unbiblical lies. counters with the truths about God as presented in the Bible, truths that bring encouragement and freedom for our lives. God won't give you more than you can handle. Really? Pastor and speaker Steve Pruitt shines a light on this and other Christian clichés that upon further inspection are actually unbiblical lies that keep far too many believers stuck in spiritual immaturity.

"Magisterial. . . . A learned, brilliant and enjoyable study."—Géza Vermès, *Times Literary Supplement*
In this exciting book, Paula Fredriksen explains the variety of New Testament images of Jesus and the ways that the new Christian communities interpreted his mission and message in light of the Kingdom he had preached. This edition includes an introduction that reviews the most recent scholarship on Jesus and its implications for both history and theology. "Brilliant and lucidly written, full of fresh and fascinating insights."—Reginald H. Fuller, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*
"A first-rate work of a first-rate historian."—James D. Tabor, *Journal of Religion*
"Fredriksen documents—principally the writings of the New Testament—as an archaeologist would an ancient complex site. With great care she distinguishes the literary images from historical fact. As she explains the images of Jesus in terms of the strategies and purposes of the writers of the Gospels of Mark, Luke, and John."—Thomas D'Evelyn, *Christian Science Monitor*

What Christians Have Always Believed

Jesus Wars

The Faith

Exploring Christian Doctrine

An Introduction to Christian Doctrine Through the Apostles' Creed

A Concise Guide for Students