

The Reason for God

Tim Keller

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Here is a powerful apologetic for the Christian faith written for Christian and non-Christian alike; or as Tim Keller would categorise people, believers and sceptics alike. At first he encourages both believers and sceptics to look at doubt in a different way; believers need to wrestle with their own doubts to strengthen their faith, and sceptics need to learn to look for a type of faith hidden in their thinking.

The book is divided into two parts. The first addresses the most common arguments against Christianity; Keller critiques each argument and gives answers from the Christian perspective. The second part of the book examines seven reasons for believing in Christianity and ends with the gospel message.

This is a great resource for believers in replying to questions and criticisms raised by sceptics. Keller's use of the Bible is complemented by reference to other sources from literature, philosophy and art. I have more confidence about engaging sceptical friends and family since reading this book. It could also be given to sceptical friends, as it respectfully challenges their beliefs. Reasonable arguments for the Christian faith are made in an engaging and gracious manner. I highly recommend it. ■

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The Fight

John White

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With such an abundance of Christian books being published to teach and direct us on so many different areas of life, do you find it difficult to know where to start? Try this. *The Fight* offers an overall, Bible-based guide to the Christian life as a whole. Psychiatrist John White makes clear what it means to be born again, describing our new status before God, and looking in more detail at how we can live this out.

The book is set out in short, easily digestible chapters and covers everything from prayer, Bible reading and guidance to faith, holiness and the devil. White realistically identifies the areas in which we may struggle, and corrects the misconceptions we have, whilst also providing very practical advice for Christian living. White is careful not to create a legalistic, box-ticking exercise, but instead constantly reminds us of the wonders of God's grace and of our motivation to bring him glory. In areas where Christians disagree, White offers the biblical argument behind each point of view, allowing the reader to investigate further and form an individual decision.

As well as being a perfect starter for new Christians, this book is a great encouragement (and gentle push in the right direction) for those already running the race. *The Fight* is a serious and timely reminder of our role in the battle against flesh, against the world and against Satan, as we eagerly await the return of Christ. ■

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