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*Made for His Pleasure*  
Alistair Begg 2018-08-07 Are you living for God’s pleasure or for your own? Pleasing God is not a matter of personal choice, but an imperative that must be taken seriously. In a world of self, we must give way to the priority of God if we want to experience His joy. In this popular book, Alistair identifies ten benchmarks from Scripture that will prove invaluable as you seek to live a life that is pleasing to God. His clear, personal message will challenge and revitalize your faith. Spiritual fitness is not a series of straight, 100-yard sprints. Rather, it’s a lifelong cross-country run of endurance and perseverance. The life that is truly fulfilling gives back to God the talents and abilities He has given us to be used for His glory. “Delightful, insightful teaching on God’s Word” — Max Lucado  
“Alistair compels us clearly and biblically to know the joy of pleasing God in our relationships, successes and failures, and other strategic aspects of our lives.” — Joseph M. Stowell  
Intellectuals Don’t Need God and Other Modern Myths Alister E. McGrath 2010-12-21 Rethinking Effective Apologetics for the Present Age. Christians have always had to defend their faith against all kinds of criticism and misunderstandings, but these attacks change overtime, and the strongest arguments of the famous classical apologists who preceded us are not necessarily the strongest today. Intellectuals Don’t Need God is written to today’s faithful apologists who are trying to commend Christianity in terms of its relevance to everyday life and not just its inherent rationality. Its focuses are: Understanding and overcoming the barriers of faith in today’s culture. Presenting the points of contact between daily life and spiritual longing. Demonstrating the apologetics of today in action. Theologian and scientist, Dr. Alister McGrath (author of the ECPA 2014 Christian Book Award Winning biography of C. S. Lewis) shows convincingly that appeal to reason is only one of many possible bridges between the non-Christian and the gospel. In today’s world, cerebral and emotional concerns—such as a sense that life lacks purpose or a deep sense of longing for something unknown—are often more effective starting points for modern apologetics. Dr. McGrath combines the clarity of a brilliant scientific mind with a deep commitment to Christ and to reaching non-Christians. Intellectuals Don’t Need God is for apologists and seekers alike—for both those defending and questioning the validity and value of Christianity.


Elenchus of Biblica Robert North 1998 Evangelical Theology Michael F. Bird 2013-10-29 Evangelical Theology is a systematic theology written from the perspective of a biblical scholar. Michael F. Bird contends that the center, unity, and boundary of the evangelical faith is the evangel (= gospel), as opposed to things like justification by faith or inerrancy. The evangel is the unifying thread in evangelical theology and the theological Hermeneutic through which the various loci of theology need to be understood. Using the gospel as a theological leitmotif—an approach to Christian doctrine that begins with the gospel and sees each loci through the lens of the gospel—this text presents an authentically evangelical theology, as opposed
ORDINARY SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY
written by an evangelical
theologian. According to the
author, theology is the drama of
gospelizing—performing and living
out the gospel in the theatre of
Christian life. The text features
tables, sidebars, and questions for
discussion. The end of every part
includes a “What to Take Home”
section that gives students a rundown on what they need to know.
And since reading theology can
often be dry and cerebral, the
author applies his unique sense of
humor in occasional “Comic Belief”
sections so that students may enjoy their learning experience
through some theological humor
added for good measure.

Ever Hear of Feuerbach? Mark
Ellingsen 2020-10-13

Christianity is in decline in North
America and Europe. Polls indicate
that in the US the fastest-
growing segment of the American
population is the religiously
unaffiliated (the so-called Nones).
Why is this happening? Mark
Ellingsen calls our attention to a
previously overlooked reason--
the flawed theology and Christian
education material used in most
mainline churches. These
approaches forfeit the
transcendence of God. They
logically fall prey to the claim of
German philosopher Ludwig
Feuerbach (and his student Karl
Marx) that Christianity is nothing
more than a bunch of teachings
that human beings have made up.
Insofar as this is a message the
public has been hearing, little
wonder Christianity in America and
Europe is losing ground! Though
his main concern is to get church
and academy talking about this
problem and to prod us to do
something about it, Ellingsen
proposes a way out of this mess.
Drawing on insights from the neo-
orthodox, postliberal,
progressive evangelical, and black
church traditions, he offers a
proposal that succeeds in making
clear that God is more than how
we experience him. He invites readers
to explore with him the exciting
possibility that a theological use
of the scientific method could be
employed to make a case for the
plausibility of Christian faith.

Light from the Dreaming Spires
Kenneth J. Barnes 2017-09-19

Just as “generals are always
fighting the last war” my
experience as a chaplain at Oxford
University has taught me that the
church often “speaks to the last
generation.” The statistics
provided by the Pew Research
Center say it all. The people of
Generation Y are less likely to go
to church, believe in God, or
identify themselves as “religious”
than any previous generation, yet
they still have a deep and abiding
interest in “spiritual” things. If the
church is going to reach this group
...
of “seekers” with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it will have to do it on their terms, speak their language, and understand their concerns. If we try to “fight the last war” with Generation Y, we will lose it. Instead, church leaders must seriously examine how we relate (or not) to Generation Y and change our tactics accordingly. This book is a reflection on my personal experience of ministry to Generation Y, combining pastoral care, mentoring, and “postmodern apologetics” in ways that are equally applicable to parochial, academic, and/or secular settings. Christian Confidence Chris Sinkinson 2012-07-10 Philosophy, archaeology and science are hot topics in Christian circles, perplexing many believers about how these issues relate to faith. Fortunately for us, Chris Sinkinson has investigated these areas and gathered historical Christian perspective. The result is this accessible introduction to apologetics, which enlightens minds and inspires confidence. Christian Confidence is a one-stop shop for anyone desiring to engage thoughtfully and persuasively in the difficult conversations surrounding faith in the twenty-first century. This book will deepen your understanding of Christianity and empower you to present the case for faith convincingly, credibly and cleverly.

Walking Alongside Bill Andersen 2013-01-30 Integrating counseling--theory and practice--with the biblical revelation has now been attempted many times and with considerable success. However, in Walking Alongside, Bill Andersen has attacked the connection from a different angle. His starting point is what the Bible says about people, and God’s relationship with them. He has chosen, from biblical theology, major features that should characterize Christian life, and has used these as presuppositions for any form of people-helping, but especially for counseling. From here the task has been to trace their therapeutic effects in the lives of those human beings needing such help.

Life, God, and Other Small Topics Eric Metaxas 2012 Following the extraordinary success of the “New York Times” bestseller “Bonhoeffer,” Metaxas’ latest book offers inspirational and intellectually rigorous thoughts about the great questions surrounding us all today.

The Wild Gospel Alison Morgan 2012-10-18 A prophetic challenge to the Western church. The Christian faith is always subversive to the dominant world view. Jesus overturned every assumption which stood...
experiencing the living reality of God - the heart of truth. Sadly, the Western world has reduced "truth" to the merely rational, and then discarded it as inadequate. In Africa, and other parts of the world where God's truth has never been straitjacketed in this way, the church is characterised by a joy now absent in the West. Western culture has limited what we can believe and receive. Can we: Burst free from this restrictive secular framework? Learn not only to know truth, but to feel it, and live it? Live our faith in such a way that it becomes real to those around us? Alison Morgan shows that Jesus lived free from the culturally imposed norms which restrict our understanding of truth. Examining church history, prophecy past and present, the state of our culture and of the church today, and drawing on personal experience and the experience of others, Alison blends analysis and imagination, history and poetry in this prophetic challenge to Western Christians. A Terrifying Grace Rob Yule 2017-04-28 Romance and sexual intimacy are among life's highest joys. How we handle our sexuality is an ultimate challenge, particularly in today's sexualised global culture. Rob Yule looks at a fascinating selection of romantic relationships from throughout Christian history, from Augustine, Abelard and Helose, and the Luthers to Billy and Ruth Graham and Pope Saint John Paul II. Illustrating how challenging and far-from-straightforward the relationship of men and women is in real life, he draws many insights for relationships and marriage today. A Terrifying Grace explores the romantic relationships of leading Christians throughout history and how they handled sex and marriage. What were their relationships and marriages like? What did they believe or teach about sexuality and marriage? Did their marriages or celibate lives live up to their professed beliefs? How did they handle the joys, pains, temptations, and responsibilities of their intimate relationships, alongside their public life and witness? Even great Christians have struggled to handle their intimate relationships. We can learn much from them how to live with integrity in today's hypersexualised culture. John Warwick Montgomery's Legal Apologetic Ross Clifford 2016-01-22 Dr Montgomery is one of our leading Christian apologists. His writings have influenced several generations of apologists from around the globe. His debates are legendary. This book purports to break new ground apologetically.
assesses Dr Montgomery's work. It focuses on his legal/historical apologetic and in the process reframes it for both for the 'tough minded' and the 'tender hearted'. It shows not only the rationality of Montgomery’s work but also that his writings pave the way for an apologetic to New Age followers and to those who place experience before reason. A special feature of this analysis concerns Montgomery’s apologetic insights on the occult and paganism. This book also breaks new ground as the legal apologetic model has not been previously assessed; it illustrates that a juridical apologetic style has a rich history dating back to the Gospels themselves. The present work should thus be of particular interest to apologists, theologians, philosophers of religion, pastors, and all who are concerned to share the legal/historical fact of the Resurrection of Jesus - together with its relevance - in a secular age.

**Apologetics, Mission and New Religious Movements: A Holistic Approach**
Philip Johnson
2010-07-11

"It is this search for balance, and his real desire to speak into living situations, that sets Johnson’s work apart from earlier studies of cults and new religions. At the same time his work is innovative in other ways."

**Preaching to a Postmodern World**
Graham M. Johnston 2001-07-01

While growing churches dot our urban centers and country landscapes, church-goers and students today are actually less likely to maintain a Christian worldview than in the past. In fact, the majority of society does not even believe in objective truth. A minister out of touch with this culture is like an uninformed missionary trying to teach in a foreign country. To communicate God’s Word effectively in the twenty-first century, teachers need to know how to connect with and confront an audience of postmodern listeners. In *Preaching to a Postmodern World*, Johnston shows pastors, seminary students, professors, lay teachers, and church leaders can reach the present age without selling out to it. The book discusses how to: • distinguish between modernism and postmodernism • understand postmodern worldviews • change the style of preaching without compromising the substance • take advantage of new opportunities provided by the cultural shift • show an inattentive society the relevance of God’s truth The author’s keen insights into contemporary pop and media culture also help equip speakers to address today’s listeners with clarity and relevance.

**Christian Apologetics at Crossroads**
2001-06-05

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Cultural Dialogue Benno van den Toren 2011-10-27 A call for a new understanding of apologetics, moving away from appeals to tran-cultural rationality, arguing for a new form of cross-cultural dialogue.

Thirty Years That Changed the World Michael Green 2004-03-08 While there are many studies and commentaries on the book of Acts, few focus on the amazing achievement of the people found within its narrative. The first Christians chronicled in Acts turned the world upside down in the space of a generation. In this book Michael Green opens up the gripping story of Acts, highlighting the volcanic eruption of faith described there and comparing it to the often halfhearted Christianity of the modern Western world. Combining trusted scholarship with a popular, enjoyable writing style, Thirty Years That Changed the World is an ideal book for church, group, or personal study. Green explores the life and faith of the Christians of Acts, answering such questions as What kind of people were they? How did they live? and How did they organize and practice as members of the new church? Besides unveiling the nature of life in the early church, Green discusses how we today can apply the first Christians’ dynamic efforts at church planting, pastoral care, social concern, gospel proclamation, and prayer.

The Gagging of God D. A. Carson 2009-09-01 The Gold Medallion Award-winning book that presents a persuasive case for Christ as the only way to God in light of contemporary religious pluralism. A great majority of social commentators attempting to define modern Western culture land on a common characteristic: pluralism. This isn’t unique to secular culture. Many modern approaches to Christian hermeneutics, or biblical interpretation, have given credence to contemporary pluralism. What began as a refreshing restraint and humility in modern theology has fallen more and more into irresoluteness. It’s no secret that the contemporary challenges to Christianity are complex and serious. Yet, far from simple fear-mongering, or cultural warmongering, The Gagging of God takes a hard look at the background and intricacy—of pluralism, postmodernity, and hermeneutics—and equips thoughtful Christians to have intelligent, culturally sensitive, and passionate fidelity to the gospel of Jesus Christ. In his contemplative, even-handed approach, Carson provides a structure of Christian thought capable of facing the philosophies of today and piercing their surface. It invites Christians to
responsibly with urgent questions of biblically-grounded theology, spirituality, and the defining lines of Christianity, along with its range of challenges from without and within. The Gagging of God offers an in-depth look at the big picture, shows how the many ramifications of pluralism are all parts of a whole, and provides a systematic Christian response.

**Mission-shaped Questions** Steven Croft 2010-09-01 Mission-Shaped Church launched a movement. Mission-Shaped Questions addresses the big theological and practical queries that movement unleashed, including: What exactly is church? Can we develop churches that can transform culture? Can we be missionshaped and kingdom-focused, too?

**Back to the Source** Krish Kandiah 2013-03-25 You want to be just like Jesus, because this is the way he made you. Like clay awaits a potter. Like canvas awaits a painter. Our lives long to be shaped by Jesus. But ’to be blunt’ - You are not the Son of God and Saviour of the world - You can’t walk on water or heal leprosy - You don’t want to give up your home and job, or get killed for your beliefs. Yet there is truly hope, because God made you to be like Jesus. Christlike habits, attitudes, passions, disciplines, role-models, visual aids, and real-life examples are offered in Scripture and explored in this book. As you discover and develop these, you will find that your life really does connect with Jesus.

**Themelios, Volume 38, Issue 3** D. A. Carson 2015-01-27 Themelios is an international, evangelical, peer-reviewed theological journal that expounds and defends the historic Christian faith. Themelios is published three times a year online at The Gospel Coalition (http://thegospelcoalition.org/themelios/) and in print by Wipf and Stock. Its primary audience is theological students and pastors, though scholars read it as well. Themelios began in 1975 and was operated by RTSF/UCCF in the UK, and it became a digital journal operated by The Gospel Coalition in 2008. The editorial team draws participants from across the globe as editors, essayists, and reviewers. General Editor: D. A. Carson, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Managing Editor: Brian Tabb, Bethlehem College and Seminary Consulting Editor: Michael J. Ovey, Oak Hill Theological College Administrator: Andrew David Naselli, Bethlehem College and Seminary Book Review Editors: Jerry Hwang, Singapore Bible College; Alan Thompson, Sydney Missionary & Bible College; Nathan A. Finn, Southeastern Baptist Theological School;
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Doubt in Perspective Alister McGrath 2012-12-17 Doubt can be a good thing - honestly! Writing with insight and sensitivity, Alister McGrath explores what doubt is, and points us to the God who is infinitely bigger than our most persistent doubt.

The Trial of the Gospel Alexandru Neagoe 2002-05-16 For many years Luke-Acts has been studied as a work of history and theology. The Trial of the Gospel sets out to examine Luke’s writings as an apologetic work, by focusing on those parts of Luke’s story where the apologetic overtones seem most prominent - the trial narratives. By analysing the trials of all major Lukan characters - Jesus, Peter, Stephen, and Paul - Alexandru Neagoe argues that the narratives are best understood when viewed as part of Luke’s apologia pro evangelio, a purpose which is in keeping with the author’s declared aim to give his readers ‘assurance’ about the ‘matters’ in which they had been instructed (Luke 1:4). Neagoe concludes that the specific role of the trial narratives is to provide the framework within which important tenets of the Christian faith are themselves put ‘on trial’ before the reader, with the intended result of the gospel’s confirmation.

Biomedical Ethics and the Church 2010

Reasons for My Hope Benno van den Toren 2012-11-20 This is an English version of a book first published very successfully in the Netherlands, where it has been used particularly in the training of Alpha leaders. Many keen Christians tend to trot out stock answers without hearing the deeper questions. If we can develop the sensitivity to hear different needs, experiences and interests, and learn to respond without offering watertight solutions, then a true dialogue can develop. The book includes many practical examples of how a subject can be treated in different ways, based around dialogues on suffering, on other religions, on rel...
absolute truth, Good dialogue is a valuable life skill in all encounters. Each chapter ends with guides to further reading and questions for reflection and discussion.

The Collected Writings of James Leo Garrett Jr., 1950–2015: Volume Five

James Leo Garrett, has been called “the last of the gentlemen theologians” and “the dean of Southern Baptist theologians.” In The Collected Writings of James Leo Garrett Jr., 1950–2015, the reader will find a truly dazzling collection of works that clearly evince the meticulous scholarship, the even-handed treatment, the biblical fidelity, the wide historical breadth, and the honest sincerity that have made the work and person of James Leo Garrett Jr. so esteemed and revered among so many for so long. Volume 5 contains general theological considerations as well as a number of Garrett’s reflections on twentieth-century Christian leaders. Spanning sixty-five years and touching on topics from Baptist history, theology, ecclesiology, church history and biography, religious liberty, Roman Catholicism, and the Christian life, The Collected Writings of James Leo Garrett Jr., 1950–2015 will inform and inspire readers regardless of their religious or denominational affiliations.

God-shaped Mission

Alan Smith

2013-02-11 Explores some of the issues facing the church, especially in rural areas, and some theological strands in the New Testament that underpin the way we go about mission. This book tells the stories of a range of mission initiatives actually taking place in rural areas and identifies good practice. It identifies opportunities for growth for churches.

God the Holy Trinity

Timothy George

2006-10-01 God the Holy Trinity brings together leading scholars from diverse theological perspectives to reflect on various theological and practical aspects of the core Christian doctrine of the Trinity. Throughout, the essays highlight the trinitarian shape of spiritual formation. Contributors include: Alister McGrath Ellen T. Charry Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J. Frederica Mathewes-Green J. I. Packer James Earl Massey Gerald L. Bray Cornelius Plantinga Jr. Timothy George “Though the doctrine of the Trinity is basic for all Christian life and reflection, it often remains shrouded in the theologians’ obfuscating mystery. This book, by contrast, with its stellar line-up of contributors, shows why the Trinity is so important for all communities of whatever denomination.
powerfully the practicality of the doctrine, and does so with crystal clarity. It is an ideal volume for students, church classes, laypeople, and ministers—indeed for anyone who desires deeper understanding of the heart of the Christian faith.” —Mark A. Noll, McAnaney Professor of History, University of Notre Dame

“The Christian name of God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This admirable book helps explain why the renewal of trinitarian theology is critically important for all of us.” —Richard John Neuhaus, author of American Babylon: Notes of a Christian Exile

“This book brings into the twenty-first century some of the fruits of the remarkable ecumenical rediscovery of the Trinity in the second half of the twentieth. Grounded in Scripture and illustrated from the early, the medieval, and the post-Reformation church, trinitarian doctrine here both illuminates several confessional traditions in Christianity and also offers resources for facing various contemporary issues. Yet warnings are rightly raised against too facile an application of the recently fashionable ‘social’ construction of the triunity of God. All in all, a stimulating collection of essays for both positive and critical purposes.” —Geoffrey Wainwright, Cushman

Professor of Christian Theology, Duke University

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Dancing in the Dark, Revised Edition Graham Buxton 2016-11-08 Christians are often tempted to encapsulate God in their own little boxes, as if God could be tied down to our finite way of thinking. But we can neither domesticate nor fully understand God, for theology has a lot to do with coming to terms with the mystery of God. This revised edition of Dancing in the Dark—shaped, as in the first edition, by the two overarching themes of God as Trinity and a
PARTICIPATION—embraces the notion of mystery in presenting a compelling vision of seeing all things finally united within the inner life of God. As we engage in Christian ministry, we are summoned to participate as grace-filled faith communities in the triune God’s immeasurably loving and healing work in the world, leading those who are in darkness into an awareness of the God who imparts life in all its glorious abundance, that which is so . . . and a journey into the mystery of that which is to come. The liberating ministry of the gospel is both a declaration and an invitation—an invitation to the dance!

**Preaching Christ in a Postmodern Culture** K. A. Beville 2010-04-16

Starting with some observations relating to shifts in ecclesiology and identifying them as a move beyond contextualization to syncretism this work goes on to assess the feasibility of preaching in a postmodern culture which rejects both the idea of absolute truth and authority used as power. It traces the historical and philosophical development of postmodernism. The Enlightenment project is deemed to have failed and Christianity is perceived as an oppressive metanarrative. In a world that is becoming increasingly sceptical and where preaching practitioners are becoming disillusioned this book offers some guidelines about preaching to postmoderns. In a relational age rationality is impotent, but the author distinguishes between authoritative and authoritarian preaching allowing hope for the survival of the homiletic task. Humility is presented as preferable to certitude and persuasion is redefined. The author suggests using an inductive mode of communication as a means of engaging postmodern listeners. He signposts a way forward in the labyrinthine complexity of the new paradigm and demonstrates that the homiletic task is still feasible. Thus this book will be of interest to teachers and students of theology as well as pastors desiring to develop a new apologetic strategy.

**A Thematic Access-Oriented Bibliography of Jesus’s Resurrection** Michael J. Alter 2019-12-31

The keystone of Christianity is Jesus’s physical, bodily resurrection. Present-day scholars can be significantly challenged as they forage through voluminous documents on the resurrection of Jesus. The literature measures well over seven thousand sources in English-language books alone. This makes finding specific sources that are most relevant for specific scholarly purposes an arduous task. Even when a specific
relevant, finding the parts of the book that are most relevant to the resurrection rather than other topics often requires additional effort. A Thematic Access-Oriented Bibliography of Jesus’s Resurrection addresses these challenges in several ways. First, the bibliography organizes more than seven thousand English sources into twelve main categories and then thirty-four subcategories, which are designed to help you find the most relevant literature quickly and efficiently. Embedded are pro and con arguments which support efficient access through brief annotations and then annotate the diversity and complexity of the field of religion by including sources that represent a diverse range of views: theistic (e.g., Christian, Jewish, Muslim, etc.), agnostic, and nontheistic. The objective of this bibliography is to provide convenient access to relevant sources from a variety of perspectives, allowing you to browse or find the one source accurately and with ease.

Apologetics in 3D Peter S. Williams 2021-09-03 This collection of papers and other materials from English philosopher Peter S. Williams develops a holistic vision for Christian apologetics centered around a biblical understanding of spirituality. Grounded in two decades of practical experience, here is a vision of apologetics that’s interested in communicating through beauty and goodness as well as logic and arguments.

Following Jesus to Burning Man Kerry D. McRoberts 2011-03-04 This book places the author, a Pentecostal/evangelical minister, in a thoroughly pagan context in the Nevada desert where he discovered the presence of God in a way that transformed his understanding of ministry in the twenty-first century context. This book is about our culture’s recovery and transformation.

Looking Through the Cross Graham Tomlin 2013-11-07 Everything looks different in this world through the lens of the Cross. This book deals with reconciliation, humility, identity, power, suffering, life and atonement. These are familiar themes for a Lent book but in Dr Tomlin’s hands they are given exciting new meaning which will touch the hearts and minds of men and women in a turbulent modern world. Dr Tomlin is a theologian of the first rank, but he is also a writer with a keen pastoral commitment, celebrated for his common touch.

Currents in Twenty-First-Century Christian Apologetics John J. Johnson 2008-09-01 In this book, Johnson avoids the standard approach of many apologetics books which are often too academic and esoteric.
works that seek to prove, in systematic fashion, that Christianity is true. Rather, he takes the position of orthodox Christianity and looks at various challenges that have been raised against it. For example, should the horrors of the Holocaust force Christian thinkers to alter their view of God’s goodness? Is Christianity inherently anti-Jewish for claiming that Jews must embrace Jesus as Messiah? Are revived hallucination theories about Christ’s resurrection tenable explanations of the birth of the Christian movement? Is the presuppositional approach of certain Reformed thinkers useful for doing Christian apologetics? These and similar questions are addressed in this book.

Asking Big Questions
Grenville J. R. Kent 2014-06-27
What do educated urban people think about God, and why? What factors—logical, emotional, experiential, or intuitive—incline them towards belief or towards unbelief? How do they balance these factors? Why do many seem to be “swing voters,” comfortable sitting on the fence, unmotivated to move far either way? What common ground do they share with Christianity? What are their objections to Christian belief and practice, and their misunderstandings? Why do many people describe intuitive and emotional attraction to believing in God, but resist it intellectually? What apologetic approaches would make most sense, specifically to educated urban Australians? What media products do they enjoy and trust? And how should these insights influence apologetics? Grenville Kent asks these questions in one Australian demographic to help target Big Questions, a documentary film series for Christian apologetics. Anyone interested in apologetics, evangelical media, and the application of marketing research to evangelism will be interested in this study.

Apologetics in the Roman Empire
Mark J. Edwards 1999-06-17
This book is the first to tackle the origins and purpose of literary religious apologetic in the first centuries of the Christian era by discussing, on their own terms, texts composed by pagan and Jewish authors as well as Christians. Previous studies of apologetic have focused primarily on the Christian apologists of the second century. These, and other Christian authors, are represented also in this volume but, in addition, experts in the religious history of the pagan world, in Judaism, and in late antique philosophy examine very different literary traditions to see to what extent techniques and motifs were shared across the...
divide. Each contributor has investigated the probable audience, the literary milieu, and the specific social, political, and cultural circumstances which elicited each apologetic text. In many cases these questions lead on to the further issue of the relation between the readers addressed by the author and the actual readers, and the extent to which a defined literary genre of apologetic developed. These studies, ranging in time from the New Testament to the early fourth century, and including novel contributions by specialists in ancient history, Jewish history, ancient philosophy, the New Testament, and patristics, will put the study of ancient religious apologetic on to a new footing.

Alister E. McGrath
1992