

Ten Books to Get Started in Apologetics

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The Evidence for Christianity

Cold Case Christianity by J. Warner Wallace

J. Warner Wallace is a former Los Angeles homicide detective and angry atheist who is now a Christian. His book examines the evidence and eyewitnesses for Christianity as a detective would, including forensic evidence that would hold up in court.

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel

Lee Strobel is a former Chicago Tribune investigative journalist and atheist who became a Christian as a result of his own hard-hitting investigation of the Bible's claims about Jesus Christ. Along the way, he explores important questions such as the reliability of the Bible, Jesus' radical claims, the historicity of the resurrection, and much more.

The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel

Following up on his first book, *The Case for Christ*, Strobel applies the same approach to examine eight barriers to faith such as the problem of evil, the exclusivity of Christianity, doubting, science, and more.

The Case for a Creator by Lee Strobel

In the same style as *The Case for Christ* and *The Case for Faith*, Strobel interviews scientific experts to examine the evidence for God. He dives deep into topics such as cosmology, cellular biology, DNA research, astronomy, physics, and human consciousness.

Evidence that Demands a Verdict by Josh McDowell

This book feels more like an encyclopedia than a "sit down and read" book, but it is an excellent reference for a wide range of apologetics topics, including evidence for truth, the Bible, Jesus, and the Old Testament. It will equip any Christian or seeker to answer the toughest questions.

I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist by Frank Turek and Norman Geisler

Geisler and Turek thoughtfully guide readers through reasonable and rational thinking about the existence of God. They also examine the source of morality and the reliability of the New Testament. Finally, they explore Jesus's truth claims. This is written as a book for skeptics, but it can also benefit believers who want to better articulate their reasons for faith.

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The Reasonableness of Faith

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

This is a collection of Lewis's brilliant World War II radio addresses to "explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times." He thoughtfully examines the core beliefs of the Christian faith in a thought-provoking and winsome manner that is as effective today as it was when he wrote it.

Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions by Rebecca McLaughlin

Published in 2019, McLaughlin excels in answering tough modern questions about Christianity in a well-researched and conversational manner. This book may resonate specifically with younger audiences because she uses contemporary and modern examples that reflect the way that youth are currently thinking through these issues.

How to Witness

Tactics by Greg Koukl

As the host of a call-in radio show about Christianity, Greg Koukl is very comfortable answering hard questions on the fly. In this book, Koukl shares practical tactics about how to quickly and politely expose the fallacies that characterize many challenges to Christianity and how to winsomely point people to Jesus.

Overview of Apologetics

Mere Apologetics by Alistair McGrath

Having trouble getting your mind around what apologetics is or perhaps explaining to your friends? In this book, Alistair McGrath takes an in-depth look at what apologetics is (and isn't) and why it's important to Christianity.