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The God Argument AMACOM Div
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In America, one is expected to smile deferentially while listening to the nonsense parroted by the religious: that the Ten Commandments are the basis of morality, that all religious people mean well, and that you can't be good without God. One should not question the content, logic and instructions of the holy books. And so as not to offend the publicly pious, the nonreligious are expected join in prayer to someone else's imaginary friend. Well, no one has the right not to be

offended — especially when his or her alleged moral code is itself offensive. It is the duty of the nonreligious to confront theobabble head-on. This book debunks religious malarkey one fantasy at a time: that a god created the universe and actively interacts with it; that Jesus walked and preached on this earth; that people of all religions can “coexist”; that atheists are inherently evil. This book further shows that those who follow the dictates of their faith most fervently pose the greatest menace to society. *Atheism For Dummies* Simon and Schuster
Prominent atheists claim the Bible is a racist text. Yet Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. read it daily. Then again, so did many

ardent segregationists. Some atheists claim religion serves to oppress the masses. Yet the classic text of the French Revolution, *What is the Third Estate?*, was written by a priest. On the other hand, the revolutionaries ended up banning religion. What do we make of religion's confusing role in history? And what of religion's relationship to science? Some scientists claim that we have no free will. Others argue that advances in neurobiology and physics disprove determinism. As for whispering to the universe, an absurd habit say the skeptics. Yet prayer is a transformative practice for millions. This book explores the most common atheist critiques of the Bible and religion,

incorporating Jewish, Christian, and Muslim voices. The result is a fresh, modern re-evaluation of religion and of atheism. Scott A. Shay is a Co-Founder and Chairman of Signature Bank and a longstanding Jewish community activist. Shay started a Hebrew school, an adult educational program, and chaired several Jewish educational programs. He is the author of *Getting our Groove Back: How to Energize American Jewry* and has been thinking about religion, reason, and modernity since wondering why his parents sent him to Hebrew school.

[The Case Against God](#) McClelland & Stewart

Why am I here? What happens after we die? These are some of the hardest questions a child can ask—and even harder for parents to answer, especially if you've chosen to raise your child without religion. Gathering the perspectives of educators and psychologists, as well as wisdom from everyday parents, *Parenting Beyond Belief* offers insights and advice on a wide range of topics including: Instilling values Finding meaning and purpose Navigating holidays Coping with loss Finding community without religion...and

more The second edition of this secular parenting bestseller brings back reflections from such celebrated freethinkers as Richard Dawkins and Julia Sweeney, and adds new voices including journalist Wendy Thomas Russell, essayist Katherine Ozment, sociologist Phil Zuckerman, and many others. Wise, entertaining, and deeply supportive, the book will empower parents in their quest to raise ethical, compassionate, and open-minded children—without religion.

The Myth of Sisyphus And Other Essays
Prometheus Books

From the author of *The Architecture of Happiness*, a deeply moving meditation on how we can still benefit, without believing, from the wisdom, the beauty, and the consolatory power that religion has to offer. Alain de Botton was brought up in a committedly atheistic household, and though he was powerfully swayed by his parents' views, he underwent, in his mid-twenties, a crisis of faithlessness. His feelings of doubt about atheism had their origins in listening to Bach's cantatas, were further developed in the presence of certain Bellini Madonnas, and became overwhelming with an introduction to Zen

architecture. However, it was not until his father's death -- buried under a Hebrew headstone in a Jewish cemetery because he had intriguingly omitted to make more secular arrangements -- that Alain began to face the full degree of his ambivalence regarding the views of religion that he had dutifully accepted. Why are we presented with the curious choice between either committing to peculiar concepts about immaterial deities or letting go entirely of a host of consoling, subtle and effective rituals and practices for which there is no equivalent in secular society? Why do we bristle at the mention of the word "morality"? Flee from the idea that art should be uplifting, or have an ethical purpose? Why don't we build temples? What mechanisms do we have for expressing gratitude? The challenge that de Botton addresses in his book: how to separate ideas and practices from the religious institutions that have laid claim to them. In *Religion for Atheists* is an argument to free our soul-related needs from the particular influence of religions, even if it is, paradoxically, the study of religion that will allow us to rediscover and rearticulate those needs.

The Great Doubters and Their Legacy of Innovation from Socrates and Jesus to Thomas Jefferson and Emily Dickinson
Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Rather than equip atheists with ways of understanding and dealing with arguments for God, the New Atheists would leave them entirely wanting. Thankfully, their approach to religion isn't the only approach available to us. There are philosophical approaches to religion. There aren't only ways of dealing with theistic arguments, but there are ways of devising arguments for atheism. These arguments would serve to debase theistic views and establish grounds for concluding that there is no god. This work focuses on countering common theistic arguments and offering arguments for atheism in order to show how such arguments bolster a greater body of evidence than those in favor of theism.

In Good Faith Prometheus Books

Hundreds of millions of people believe that Jesus came back from the dead. This cogent, forcefully argued book presents a decidedly unpopular view —namely, that the central tenet of Christianity, the

resurrection of Jesus, is false. The author asks a number of probing questions: Is the evidence about Jesus as it has been relayed to us over the centuries of sufficient quantity and quality to justify belief in the resurrection? How can we accept the resurrection but reject magic at the Salem witch trials? What light does contemporary research about human rationality from the fields of behavioral economics, empirical psychology, cognitive science, and philosophy shed on the resurrection and religious belief? Can we use contemporary research about the reliability of people's beliefs in the supernatural, miracles, and the paranormal to shed light on the origins of Christianity and other religions? Does it make sense that the all-powerful creator of the universe would employ miracles to achieve his ends? Can a Christian believe by faith alone and yet reasonably deny the supernatural claims of other religions? Do the arguments against Christianity support atheism? By carefully answering each of these questions, this book undermines Christianity and theism at their foundations; it gives us a powerful model for better critical reasoning; and it builds a

compelling case for atheism. Without stooping to condescension or arrogance, the author offers persuasive arguments that are accessible, thoughtful, and new.

Atheism: A Very Short Introduction

A&C Black

Much has been written in an effort to resolve the debate over whether belief in God can be rationally defended. However, pointing to the volumes contributed by theologians, philosophers, and lay persons is no reason to conclude that nothing further can be said concerning this vital question. Scholarly journals continue to publish new arguments and discussions focusing on issues that surround God's existence. Indeed, there are three journals devoted exclusively to the treatment of questions and topics in the philosophy of religion. Because they are generally found in university libraries, publications of this type are, for the most part, inaccessible to the public. Even if these journals are readily available, the articles they contain are nonetheless quite long, complicated, and rough-going; few people have the time, persistence, or stamina to wade through them. This handbook is, in part, an attempt to summarize the best arguments

from these journals, and to offer a concise set of rejoinders for use by atheists in their formal (and informal) debates with theists. Older, more traditional, arguments are included as well, but these are treated in greater detail than ever before. Here and there I have set forth original arguments which I hope will advance the debate if only slightly. Great care has been taken to insure that digressions and rhetoric are minimized. The result is a short book, yet one that contains an unrelenting presentation of argument and analysis. For some time now atheists have been in need of firm grounds upon which to base their position. My handbook offers them this foundation. Some will look upon my efforts as a sinister attempt to further undermine social values. Actually, my purpose is to show that atheism is an intellectually respectable viewpoint despite recent efforts to prove otherwise. One point should be made concerning the structure of this handbook. In scholarly works there are numerous quotations and references which serve as important study aides. This technique seems inappropriate for a layman's handbook. The value of this work is found in its simplicity. For this reason

the text is not interrupted by quotes or references. Where necessary credit has been given in footnotes and in an extensive bibliography.-- from the Introduction by B.C. Johnson
Atheist Universe Prometheus Books
 Throughout history, arguments for and against the existence of God have been largely confined to philosophy and theology, while science has sat on the sidelines. Despite the fact that science has revolutionized every aspect of human life and greatly clarified our understanding of the world, somehow the notion has arisen that it has nothing to say about the possibility of a supreme being, which much of humanity worships as the source of all reality. This book contends that, if God exists, some evidence for this existence should be detectable by scientific means, especially considering the central role that God is alleged to play in the operation of the universe and the lives of humans. Treating the traditional God concept, as conventionally presented in the Judeo-Christian and Islamic traditions, like any other scientific hypothesis, physicist Stenger examines all of the claims made for God's existence. He

considers the latest Intelligent Design arguments as evidence of God's influence in biology. He looks at human behavior for evidence of immaterial souls and the possible effects of prayer. He discusses the findings of physics and astronomy in weighing the suggestions that the universe is the work of a creator and that humans are God's special creation. After evaluating all the scientific evidence, Stenger concludes that beyond a reasonable doubt the universe and life appear exactly as we might expect if there were no God. This paperback edition of the New York Times bestselling hardcover edition contains a new foreword by Christopher Hitchens and a postscript by the author in which he responds to reviewers' criticisms of the original edition.
Against Atheism Vintage
 One of the most influential works of this century, *The Myth of Sisyphus and Other Essays* is a crucial exposition of existentialist thought. Influenced by works such as *Don Juan* and the novels of Kafka, these essays begin with a meditation on suicide; the question of living or not living in a universe devoid of order or meaning. With lyric eloquence, Albert Camus

brilliantly posits a way out of despair, reaffirming the value of personal existence, and the possibility of life lived with dignity and authenticity.

5 Principles for Unmasking Atheism, Secularism, and Other God

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In this book two philosophers, each committed to unambiguous versions of belief and disbelief, debate the central issues of atheism and theism. Considers one of the oldest and most widely disputed philosophical questions: is there a God? Presents the atheism/theism issue in the form of philosophical debate between two highly regarded scholars, widely praised for the clarity and verve of their work. This second edition contains new essays by each philosopher, responding to criticisms and building on their previous work.

Atheism John Wiley & Sons

Percy Bysshe Shelley's classic essays from the early Nineteenth Century exploring atheism and the basis of religious belief.

A Beginner's Guide (updated edition)

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Epistemology has flourished in this

millennium, with new ideas and approaches of many kinds: Knowledge, Belief, and God shows how these developments can illuminate the philosophy of religion and analytic theology. And philosophy of religion is shown to be a valuable testing-ground for epistemology.--

Beginner's Guide to Blasphemy John Wiley & Sons

The first book to deal with all the arguments against religion and, equally important, to put forward an alternative - humanism

Buddhism For Dummies Wiley-Blackwell

The God Delusion caused a sensation when it was published in 2006. Within weeks it became the most hotly debated topic, with Dawkins himself branded as either saint or sinner for presenting his hard-hitting, impassioned rebuttal of religion of all types. His argument could hardly be more topical. While Europe is becoming increasingly secularized, the rise of religious fundamentalism, whether in the Middle East or Middle America, is dramatically and dangerously dividing opinion around the world. In America, and elsewhere, a vigorous dispute between

'intelligent design' and Darwinism is seriously undermining and restricting the teaching of science. In many countries religious dogma from medieval times still serves to abuse basic human rights such as women's and gay rights. And all from a belief in a God whose existence lacks evidence of any kind. Dawkins attacks God in all his forms. He eviscerates the major arguments for religion and demonstrates the supreme improbability of a supreme being. He shows how religion fuels war, foments bigotry and abuses children. The God Delusion is a brilliantly argued, fascinating polemic that will be required reading for anyone interested in this most emotional and important subject.

In Faith and In Doubt Signal

Christianity Has the Resources to Address Intellectual and Cultural Issues. Do You? Christians can feel overwhelmed at the sheer number of competing worldviews in today's pluralistic, multicultural society. Thankfully, you don't have to memorize a different argument to answer every new issue. Instead, you can master a single line of defense, grounded in Scripture, that applies to any theory. In Romans, Paul reveals the strategy for defending the

Christian message in a pluralistic culture where many are hearing it for the first time. Finding Truth is the real-world training manual that equips you to confidently address issues you'll face in the classroom, workplace, and popular culture.

Raising Freethinkers W. W. Norton & Company

The easy way to understand atheism and secular philosophy For people seeking a non-religious philosophy of life, as well as believers with atheist friends, *Atheism For Dummies* offers an intelligent exploration of the historical and moral case for atheism. Often wildly misunderstood, atheism is a secular approach to life based on the understanding that reality is an arrangement of physical matter, with no consideration of unverifiable spiritual forces. *Atheism For Dummies* offers a brief history of atheist philosophy and its evolution, explores it as a historical and cultural movement, covers important historical writings on the subject, and discusses the nature of ethics and morality in the absence of religion. A simple, yet intelligent exploration of an often misunderstood philosophy Explores the

differences between explicit and implicit atheism A comprehensive, readable, and thoroughly unbiased resource As the number of atheists worldwide continues to grow, this book offers a broad understanding of the subject for those exploring atheism as an approach to living.

A Practical Guide for Parenting Beyond Belief John Wiley & Sons

For thousands of years, the faithful have honed proselytizing strategies and talked people into believing the truth of one holy book or another. Indeed, the faithful often view converting others as an obligation of their faith—and are trained from an early age to spread their unique brand of religion. The result is a world broken in large part by unquestioned faith. As an urgently needed counter to this tried-and-true tradition of religious evangelism, *A Manual for Creating Atheists* offers the first-ever guide not for talking people into faith—but for talking them out of it. Peter Boghossian draws on the tools he has developed and used for more than 20 years as a philosopher and educator to teach how to engage the faithful in conversations that will help them value

reason and rationality, cast doubt on their religious beliefs, mistrust their faith, abandon superstition and irrationality, and ultimately embrace reason.

A Manual for Creating Atheists Prometheus Books

Your hands-on guide to this widely practiced and ancient religion Buddhism, one of the world's most widely practiced religions, is a fascinating yet complex eastern religion that is rapidly spreading throughout western civilization. What does it mean to be a Buddhist? What are the fundamental beliefs and history behind this religion? *Buddhism For Dummies* explores these questions and more in this updated guide to Buddhist culture. You'll gain an understanding of the origins of this ancient practice and how they're currently applied to everyday life. Whether you're a searcher of truth, a student of religions, or just curious about what makes Buddhism such a widely practiced religion, this guide is for you. In plain English, it defines the important terms, explains the key concepts, and explores in-depth a wide range of fascinating topics. New and expanded coverage on all the schools of Buddhism, including Theravada, Tibetan,

and Mahayana The continuing relevance of the Dalai Lama Updated coverage on daily observances, celebrations, styles, practices, meditation, and more Continuing the Dummies tradition of making the world's religions engaging and accessible to everyone, *Buddhism For Dummies* is your essential guide to this fascinating religion. *Buddhism For Dummies* (9781119643265) was previously published as *Buddhism For Dummies* (9781118023792). While this version features a new Dummies cover and design, the content is the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product.

The Atheist Debater's Handbook John Wiley & Sons

"Not only do I believe that it is possible to maintain moral standards without the crutch of religion but I would argue that it is the only way to achieve true goodness." *Disproving Christianity and Other Secular Writings* compiles popular and lesser-known arguments against the principles established by the Christian canon. Using a phenomenological approach to build his case based on in-depth study at the University of California, Santa Barbara

McAfee analyzes the Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament doctrine to build a logical and reasonable case against their validity. From contradictions between lived and portrayed religions to factual errors within the texts themselves, no stone is left unturned in this fully updated and expanded refutation of Christianity.

How Science Shows That God Does Not Exist Harper Collins

Discover Atheism is very easy to define: it is the belief that there is neither God nor the gods. From now we will just talk about belief in God, but the arguments in this book are equally applicable to the monotheistic and polytheistic religions. However, many think that atheists believe that there is no God, no morality; or that there is no God, nor the meaning of life; or again, neither God nor human goodness. As we shall see, there is nothing to stop the atheist believe in morality, the meaning of life or human goodness. Atheism is only the truly negative when it comes to believing in God. It is capable of positively look at other aspects of life as well as any other belief. However, there is a certain point where the negativism of atheistic beliefs

extends beyond God's existence. Atheist rejection of faith in God is usually accompanied by a broader rejection of any supernatural or transcendent reality. An atheist, for instance, usually doesn't believe in the existence of the immortal soul, life after death, ghosts and supernatural forces. Although, strictly speaking, an atheist can believe in any of that, and yet remain an atheist, reasons which will become clearer later on, arguments and ideas that support atheism naturally tend to exclude beliefs in the supernatural and fantastic. Atheism is the view contrary not only to theism and other forms of belief in God but also to agnosticism - i.e. the exclusion of belief or disbelief in God. Agnostic argues that we cannot know whether God exists or does not exist, and is, therefore, the only reasonable solution to refrain from judgment. Both theists and atheists, according to agnostic beliefs, are exaggerating in claims that God exists / does not exist. We simply do not have enough arguments or evidence to justify any of these positions. The question whether people with no positive faith in God should be agnostics or atheists is

really important, probably as much as the question whether to believe in God or not. Here Is A Preview Of What You'll Learn... Is Atheism a Religion? Right Justification for Atheism Modern Atheism Historical and

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