

The Portable Atheist Essential Readings For Nonbeliever

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YEAH, REVIEWING A BOOKS **THE PORTABLE ATHEIST ESSENTIAL READINGS FOR NONBELIEVER CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS** COULD GROW YOUR NEAR CONNECTIONS LISTINGS. THIS IS JUST ONE OF THE SOLUTIONS FOR YOU TO BE SUCCESSFUL. AS UNDERSTOOD, SUCCESS DOES NOT SUGGEST THAT YOU HAVE FABULOUS POINTS.

COMPREHENDING AS CAPABLY AS DEAL EVEN MORE THAN EXTRA WILL FIND THE MONEY FOR EACH SUCCESS. NEIGHBORING TO, THE NOTICE AS SKILLFULLY AS KEENNESS OF THIS **THE PORTABLE ATHEIST ESSENTIAL READINGS FOR NONBELIEVER CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS** CAN BE TAKEN AS WITH EASE AS PICKED TO ACT.

THE ATHEIST'S BIBLE GEORGES MINOIS 2012-10-12 THIS INTELLECTUAL HISTORY OF A RUMORED BOOK OF HERESY REVEALS A PERSISTENT UNDERCURRENT OF ATHEISM FROM THE MIDDLE AGES INTO THE 18TH CENTURY. IN 1239, POPE GREGORY IX ACCUSED FREDERICK II, THE HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR, OF HERESY. WITHOUT DISCLOSING EVIDENCE OF ANY KIND, GREGORY ANNOUNCED THAT FREDERICK HAD WRITTEN A SUPREMELY BLASPHEMOUS BOOK—*DE TRIBUS IMPOSTORIBUS*, OR THE TREATISE OF THE THREE IMPOSTORS—IN WHICH FREDERICK DENOUNCED MOSES, JESUS, AND MUHAMMAD AS IMPOSTORS. OF COURSE, FREDERICK DENIED THE CHARGE, AND OVER THE FOLLOWING CENTURIES THE STORY PLAYED OUT ACROSS EUROPE, WITH LIBERTINES, FREETHINKERS, AND OTHER “STRONG MINDS” SEEKING A COPY OF THE SCANDALOUS TEXT. THE FASCINATION PERSISTED UNTIL FINALLY, IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY, SOMEONE BROUGHT THE PURPORTED WORK INTO ACTUAL EXISTENCE—IN NOT ONE BUT TWO VERSIONS, LATIN AND FRENCH. ALTHOUGH HISTORIANS HAVE DEBATED THE ORIGINS AND INFLUENCES OF THIS MOST APOCRYPHAL BOOK, THERE HAS NOT BEEN A COMPREHENSIVE BIOGRAPHY OF THE TREATISE OF THE THREE IMPOSTORS. IN *THE ATHEIST'S BIBLE*, HISTORIAN GEORGES MINOIS TRACKS THE COURSE OF THE BOOK FROM ITS ORIGINS IN 1239 TO ITS MOST SALIENT EPISODES IN THE SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH CENTURIES, INTRODUCING READERS TO THE COLORFUL INDIVIDUALS OBSESSED WITH POSSESSING THE LEGENDARY WORK—AND THE EQUALLY OBSESSIVE PASSION OF THOSE WHO WANTED TO PUNISH PEOPLE WHO SOUGHT IT. MINOIS'S COMPELLING ACCOUNT SHEDS MUCH-NEEDED LIGHT ON THE POWER OF ATHEISM, THE THREAT OF BLASPHEMY, AND THE PERSISTENCE OF FREE THOUGHT DURING A TIME WHEN THE OUTSPOKEN RISKED BEING BURNED AT THE STAKE. “[A] TIMELY AND ELEGANT STUDY...READERS WHO ARE INTRIGUED OR SCANDALIZED BY THE DIATRIBES OF RICHARD DAWKINS OR CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS WILL DISCOVER IN *THE ATHEIST'S BIBLE* THAT, AS THAT OTHER BIBLE SAYS, THERE IS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.”—WALTER STEPHENS, AUTHOR OF *DEMON LOVERS*

THE ATHEIST'S GUIDE TO REALITY: ENJOYING LIFE WITHOUT ILLUSIONS ALEX ROSENBERG 2011-10-03 A BOOK FOR NONBELIEVERS WHO EMBRACE THE REALITY-DRIVEN LIFE. WE CAN'T AVOID THE PERSISTENT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEANING OF LIFE—AND THE NATURE OF REALITY. PHILOSOPHER ALEX ROSENBERG MAINTAINS THAT SCIENCE IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN REALLY ANSWER THEM—ALL OF THEM. HIS BRACING AND ULTIMATELY UPBEAT BOOK TAKES PHYSICS SERIOUSLY AS THE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF REALITY AND ACCEPTS ALL ITS CONSEQUENCES. HE SHOWS HOW PHYSICS MAKES DARWINIAN NATURAL SELECTION THE ONLY WAY LIFE CAN EMERGE, AND HOW THAT DEPRIVES NATURE OF PURPOSE, AND HUMAN ACTION OF MEANING, WHILE IT EXPOSES CONSCIOUS ILLUSIONS SUCH AS FREE WILL AND THE SELF. THE SCIENCE THAT MAKES US NONBELIEVERS PROVIDES THE INSIGHT INTO THE REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG, THE NATURE OF THE MIND, EVEN THE DIRECTION OF HUMAN HISTORY. *THE ATHEIST'S GUIDE TO REALITY* DRAWS POWERFUL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ETHICAL AND POLITICAL ISSUES THAT ROIL CONTEMPORARY LIFE. THE RESULT IS NICE NIHILISM, A SURPRISINGLY SANGUINE PERSPECTIVE ATHEISTS CAN HAPPILY EMBRACE.

THE NEW ATHEIST NOVEL ARTHUR BRADLEY 2010-04-15 THE FIRST MAJOR EXAMINATION OF THE NEW ATHEISM AS A LITERARY PHENOMENON.

RELIGION FOR ATHEISTS ALAIN DE BOTTON 2012-01-26 ALAIN DE BOTTON'S *RELIGION FOR ATHEISTS* LOOKS AT THE GOD DEBATE WITH FRESH EYES ALL OF US, WHETHER RELIGIOUS, AGNOSTIC OR ATHEIST, ARE SEARCHING FOR MEANING. AND IN THIS WISE AND LIFE-AFFIRMING BOOK, NON-BELIEVER ALAIN DE BOTTON BOTH REJECTS THE SUPERNATURAL CLAIMS OF THE MAJOR RELIGIONS AND POINTS OUT JUST HOW MANY GOOD IDEAS THEY SOMETIMES HAVE ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD LIVE. AND HE SUGGESTS THAT NON-BELIEVERS CAN LEARN AND STEAL FROM THEM. PICKING AND CHOOSING FROM THE THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF ADVICE ASSEMBLED BY THE WORLD'S GREAT RELIGIONS, ALAIN DE BOTTON PRESENTS A RANGE OF FASCINATING IDEAS AND PRACTICAL INSIGHTS ON ART, COMMUNITY, LOVE, FRIENDSHIP, WORK, LIFE AND DEATH. HE SHOWS HOW THEY CAN BE OF USE TO US ALL, IRRESPECTIVE OF

WHETHER WE DO OR DON'T BELIEVE. IN THE SUNDAY TIMES TOP-TEN BESTSELLER RELIGION FOR ATHEISTS, ALAIN DE BOTTON TAKES US ONE STEP FURTHER THAN DAWKINS AND HITCHENS HAVE VENTURED AND INTO A WORLD OF IDEAS BEYOND THE GOD DEBATE... 'A SERIOUS AND OPTIMISTIC SET OF PRACTICAL IDEAS THAT COULD IMPROVE AND ALTER THE WAY WE LIVE' JEANETTE WINTERSON, THE TIMES 'A BEAUTIFUL, INSPIRING BOOK . . . OFFERING A GLIMPSE OF A MORE ENLIGHTENED PATH' SUNDAY TELEGRAPH 'PACKED WITH TANTALIZING GOADS TO THOUGHT AND PLAYFUL PROMPTS TO ACTION' INDEPENDENT 'SMART, STIMULATING, SENSITIVE. A TIMELY AND PERCEPTIVE APPRECIATION OF HOW MUCH WISDOM IS EMBODIED IN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS AND HOW WE GODLESS MODERNS MIGHT LEARN FROM IT' FINANCIAL TIMES 'THERE ISN'T A PAGE IN THIS BOOK THAT DOESN'T CONTAIN A STRIKING IDEA OR A STIMULATING PARALLEL' MAIL ON SUNDAY 'PACKED WITH TANTALIZING GOADS TO THOUGHT AND PLAYFUL PROMPTS TO ACTION' INDEPENDENT

HITCH-22 CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2010-06-02 OVER THE COURSE OF HIS 60 YEARS, CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS HAS BEEN A CITIZEN OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. HE HAS BEEN BOTH A SOCIALIST OPPOSED TO THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND A SUPPORTER OF THE U.S. WAR AGAINST ISLAMIC EXTREMISM IN IRAQ. HE HAS BEEN BOTH A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT IN SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS PLACES AND A LEGENDARY BON VIVANT WITH AN UNQUENCHABLE THIRST FOR ALCOHOL AND LITERATURE. HE IS A FERVENT ATHEIST, RAISED AS A CHRISTIAN, BY A MOTHER WHOSE JEWISH HERITAGE WAS NOT REVEALED TO HIM UNTIL HER SUICIDE. IN OTHER WORDS, CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS CONTAINS MULTITUDES. HE SEES ALL SIDES OF AN ARGUMENT. AND HE BELIEVES THE PERSONAL IS POLITICAL. THIS IS THE STORY OF HIS LIFE, LIVED LARGE.

AGAINST RELIGION: THE ATHEIST WRITINGS OF H.P. LOVECRAFT H. P. LOVECRAFT 2010 COLLECTION OF LETTERS AND ESSAYS ON RELIGION, ATHEISM, AND RELATED SUBJECTS.

RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY ELIOT DEUTSCH 1995-07-01 THROUGH THE SKILLFUL USE OF A GREAT VARIETY OF LITERARY GENRES, THIS BOOK EXPLORES THE INTIMATE RELATION AND TENSION BETWEEN RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY, EVOKING A WIDE RANGE OF RESPONSES THAT MAY AWAKEN ONE TO VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES OF SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE.

AN ATHEIST'S HISTORY OF BELIEF MATTHEW KNEALE 2013-10-10 WHAT FIRST PROMPTED PREHISTORIC MAN, SHELTERING IN THE SHADOWS OF DEEP CAVES, TO CALL UPON THE REALM OF THE SPIRITS? AND WHY HAS BELIEF THRIVED EVER SINCE, LEADING US TO INVENT HEAVEN AND HELL, SIN AND REDEMPTION, AND ABOVE ALL, GODS? RELIGION REFLECTS OUR DEEPEST HOPES AND FEARS; WHETHER YOU ARE A BELIEVER OR, LIKE MATTHEW KNEALE, A NON-BELIEVER WHO ADMIRES MANKIND'S CAPACITY TO CREATE AND TO IMAGINE, IT HAS SHAPED OUR WORLD. AND AS OUR DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES HAVE CHANGED OVER THE MILLENNIA, SO HAVE OUR BELIEFS - FROM SHAMANS TO AZTEC PRIESTS, FROM BUDDHISTS TO CHRISTIANS: THE GODS WE CREATED HAVE EVOLVED WITH US. BELIEF IS HUMANITY'S MOST EPIC INVENTION. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR CLOSEST COMPANION AND GREATEST CONSOLATION. TO UNDERSTAND IT IS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND OURSELVES.

OUTGROWING GOD RICHARD DAWKINS 2019-09-19 SHOULD WE BELIEVE IN GOD? IN THIS

NEW BOOK, WRITTEN FOR A NEW GENERATION, THE BRILLIANT SCIENCE WRITER AND AUTHOR OF *THE GOD DELUSION*, EXPLAINS WHY WE SHOULDN'T. SHOULD WE BELIEVE IN GOD? DO WE NEED GOD IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN THE EXISTENCE OF THE UNIVERSE? DO WE NEED GOD IN ORDER TO BE GOOD? IN TWELVE CHAPTERS THAT ADDRESS SOME OF THE MOST PROFOUND QUESTIONS HUMAN BEINGS CONFRONT, DAWKINS MARSHALS SCIENCE, PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE RELIGION TO INTERROGATE THE HYPOCRISIES OF ALL THE RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS AND EXPLAIN TO READERS OF ALL AGES HOW LIFE EMERGED WITHOUT A CREATOR, HOW EVOLUTION WORKS AND HOW OUR WORLD CAME INTO BEING. FOR ANYONE HOPING TO GRAPPLE WITH THE MEANING OF LIFE AND WHAT TO BELIEVE, *OUTGROWING GOD* IS A CHALLENGING, THRILLING AND REVELATORY READ. -----

A MANUAL FOR CREATING ATHEISTS PETER BOGHOSSIAN 2014-07-01 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.

THE ATHEIST'S BIBLE JOAN KONNER 2009-10-13 "ALL THINKING MEN ARE ATHEISTS," ERNEST HEMINGWAY FAMOUSLY WROTE. TRUE? HERE ARE QUIPS, QUOTES, AND QUESTIONS FROM A DISTINGUISHED ASSORTMENT OF GENIUSES AND JOKERS, GIVING READERS A CHANCE TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES.... WHEN I THINK OF ALL THE HARM [THE BIBLE] HAS DONE, I DESPAIR OF EVER WRITING ANYTHING TO EQUAL IT. OSCAR WILDE SAINT, N. A DEAD SINNER REVISED AND EDITED. AMBROSE BIERCE THERE AIN'T NO ANSWER. THERE AIN'T GOING TO BE ANY ANSWER. THERE NEVER HAS BEEN AN ANSWER. THAT'S THE ANSWER. GERTRUDE STEIN DO NOT LET YOURSELF BE DECEIVED: GREAT INTELLECTS ARE SKEPTICAL. FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE MILLIONS LONG FOR IMMORTALITY WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEMSELVES ON A RAINY SUNDAY AFTERNOON. SUSAN ERTZ GOD IS LOVE, BUT GET IT IN WRITING. GYPSY ROSE LEE NOTHING IS AT LAST SACRED BUT THE INTEGRITY OF OUR OWN MIND. RALPH WALDO EMERSON THE FACT THAT A BELIEVER IS HAPPIER THAN A SKEPTIC IS NO MORE TO THE POINT THAN THE FACT THAT A DRUNKEN MAN IS HAPPIER THAN A SOBER ONE. GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

A HITCH IN TIME CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2021-11-25 'REVISITING THIS SELECTION OF DIARIES AND ESSAY-REVIEWS FROM THE LONDON REVIEW OF BOOKS IS RESTORATIVE, AN EXTENDED SPA TREATMENT THAT STRETCHES TIRED BRAINS AND UNKINKS THE USUAL

HABITUAL RESPONSES WHERE HITCHENS IS CONCERNED.' JAMES WOLCOTT IN HIS INTRODUCTION CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS WAS A STAR WRITER WHEREVER HE WROTE, AND THE SAME WAS TRUE OF THE LONDON REVIEW OF BOOKS, TO WHICH HE CONTRIBUTED SIXTY PIECES OVER TWO DECADES. ANTHOLOGISED HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME, THIS SELECTION OF HIS FINEST LRB REVIEWS, DIARIES AND ESSAYS (ALONG WITH A SMATTERING OF FEROCIOUS LETTERS) FINDS HITCHENS AT HIS VERY BEST. FAMILIAR B[?] TES NOIRES - KENNEDY, NIXON, KISSINGER, CLINTON - RUB SHOULDERS WITH LESSER-KNOWN PREOCCUPATIONS: P.G. WODEHOUSE, PRINCESS MARGARET AND, MAGISTERIALLY, ISAIAH BERLIN. HERE IS HITCHENS ON THE (FIRST) GULF WAR AND THE 'SALMAN RUSHDIE ACID TEST', ON BEING SPANKED BY MRS THATCHER IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND TAKING HIS SON TO THE OSCARS, ON AMERICA'S HOMEGROWN NAZIS AND 'ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN GROSVENOR SQUARE' IN 1968. EDITED BY THE LONDON REVIEW OF BOOKS, WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY JAMES WOLCOTT, THIS COLLECTION RECAPTURES, TEN YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH, 'A HITCH IN TIME': BARNSTORMING, CAUTERISING, AND ULTIMATELY UNCONTAINABLE.

GODLESS DAN BARKER 2008-09 A FORMER PREACHER TELL WHY HE ABANDONED THE GUIDANCE OF THE BIBLE TO FOLLOW THE DICTATES OF OWN CONSCIENCE.

THE ATHEIST'S FATAL FLAW NORMAN L. GEISLER 2014-06-10 MOST CRITIQUES OF ATHEISM FOCUS ON REFUTING HEAD-ON THE CLAIMS OF ATHEISTS. INSTEAD, THIS UNIQUE BOOK FAITHFULLY REPRESENTS WHAT ATHEISTS SAY THEY BELIEVE AND STANDS BACK TO WATCH AS THE NATURAL INCONSISTENCIES IN THAT WORLDVIEW INEVITABLY RISE TO THE SURFACE. NORMAN L. GEISLER, THE APOLOGETIC GIANT OF OUR TIME, IS JOINED BY DANIEL J. MCCOY, HIGHLIGHTING TWO INCONSISTENCIES IN PARTICULAR. FIRST THEY EXAMINE THE ATHEIST'S ASSERTION THAT GOD CANNOT EXIST BECAUSE THERE IS EVIL IN THE WORLD AND THAT IF GOD TRULY EXISTED, HE WOULD INTERVENE. THESE SAME PEOPLE THEN TURN AROUND AND SAY ANY INTERVENTION ON GOD'S PART WOULD IMPOSE UPON HUMAN AUTONOMY, AND THUS WOULD BE UNJUST. SECOND, THESE VERY INTERVENTIONS THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED IMMORAL IF IMPOSED UPON THE EARTH BY GOD ARE LAUDED WHEN THEY STEM INSTEAD FROM SOME HUMAN INSTITUTION OR AUTHORITY. GEISLER AND MCCOY HIGHLIGHT THIS KIND OF "DOUBLETHINK" STEP BY STEP, SHOWING READERS HOW TO IDENTIFY SUCH INCONSISTENCIES IN ATHEISTIC ARGUMENTS AND REFUTE THEM--OR RATHER SHOW ATHEISTS HOW THEY REFUTE THEMSELVES.

ARGUING FOR ATHEISM ROBIN LE POIDEVIN 2003-09-02 FIRST PUBLISHED IN 2004. ROUTLEDGE IS AN IMPRINT OF TAYLOR & FRANCIS, AN INFORMA COMPANY.

ATHEISM S. T. JOSHI 2000 AN ANTHOLOGY OF WRITINGS ON ATHEISM, AGNOSTICISM, AND SKEPTICISM BY SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST CELEBRATED THINKERS.

LOVE, POVERTY AND WAR CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2012-08-01 IN THIS SWEEPING COLLECTION OF ESSAYS, REPORTAGE AND CRITICISM, HITCHENS' POLEMICAL TALENTS AT THEIR MOST FEARSOME. "I DID NOT, I WISH TO STATE, BECOME A JOURNALIST BECAUSE THERE WAS NO OTHER 'PROFESSION' THAT WOULD HAVE ME. I BECAME A JOURNALIST BECAUSE I DID NOT WANT TO RELY ON NEWSPAPERS FOR INFORMATION." LOVE, POVERTY AND WAR:

JOURNEYS AND ESSAYS SHOWCASES THE HITCHENS' REJECTION OF CONSENSUS AND CLICH[?] , WHETHER HE'S REPORTING FROM ABROAD IN INDONESIA, KURDISTAN, IRAQ, NORTH KOREA, OR CUBA, OR WHEN HIS PEN IS TARGETED MERCILESSLY AT THE LIKES OF WILLIAM CLINTON, MOTHER THERESA ("A FANATIC, A FUNDAMENTALIST AND A FRAUD"), THE DALAI LAMA, NOAM CHOMSKY, MEL GIBSON AND MICHAEL BLOOMBERG. HITCHENS BEGAN THE NINETIES AS A "DARLING OF THE LEFT" BUT HAS BECOME MORE OF AN "UNAFFILIATED RADICAL" WHOSE TARGETS INCLUDE THOSE ON THE "LEFT," WHO HE ACCUSES OF "FUDGING" THE ISSUE OF MILITARY INTERVENTION IN THE BALKANS, AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ. YET, AS HITCHENS SHOWS IN HIS REPORTAGE, CULTURAL AND LITERARY CRITICISM, AND OPINION ESSAYS FROM THE LAST DECADE, HE HAS NOT JUMPED SHIP AND JOINED THE RIGHT BUT IS FAITHFUL TO THE INTERNATIONALIST, CONTRARIAN AND DEMOCRATIC IDEALS THAT HAVE ALWAYS INFORMED HIS WORK.

ATHEISM FOR DUMMIES DALE MCGOWAN 2013-02-25 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.

WHY ORWELL MATTERS CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2008-08-06 IN THIS WIDELY ACCLAIMED BIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY, THE MASTERFUL POLEMICIST CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS ASSESSES THE LIFE, THE ACHIEVEMENTS, AND THE MYTH OF THE GREAT POLITICAL WRITER AND PARTICIPANT GEORGE ORWELL. TRUE TO HIS CONTRARIAN STYLE, HITCHENS IS BOTH ADMIRING AND AGGRESSIVE, SYMPATHETIC YET CRITICAL, TAKING TRUE MEASURE OF HIS SUBJECT AS HERO AND PROBLEM. ANSWERING BOTH THE DETRACTORS AND THE FALSE CLAIMANTS, HITCHENS TEARS DOWN THE FA[?] E OF SAINTHOOD ERECTED BY THE HAGIOGRAPHERS AND REBUTS THE CRITICS POINT BY POINT. HE EXAMINES ORWELL AND HIS PERSPECTIVES ON FASCISM, EMPIRE, FEMINISM, AND ENGLISHNESS, AS WELL AS HIS OUTLOOK ON AMERICA, A COUNTRY AND CULTURE TOWARDS WHICH HE EXHIBITED MUCH AMBIVALENCE. WHETHER THINKING ABOUT EMPIRES OR DICTATORS, RACE OR CLASS, NATIONALISM OR POPULAR CULTURE, ORWELL'S MORAL OUTLOOK REMAINS INDISPENSABLE IN A WORLD THAT HAS UNDERGONE VAST CHANGES IN THE SEVEN DECADES SINCE HIS DEATH. COMBINING THE

BEST OF HITCHENS' POLEMICAL PUNCH AND INTELLECTUAL ELEGANCE IN A TIGHTLY WOVEN AND SUBTLE ARGUMENT, THIS BOOK ADDRESSES NOT ONLY WHY ORWELL MATTERS TODAY, BUT HOW HE WILL CONTINUE TO MATTER IN A FUTURE, UNCERTAIN WORLD.

50 VOICES OF DISBELIEF RUSSELL BLACKFORD 2011-09-26 50 VOICES OF DISBELIEF: WHY WE ARE ATHEISTS PRESENTS A COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL ESSAYS DRAWN FROM AN INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF PROMINENT VOICES IN THE FIELDS OF ACADEMIA, SCIENCE, LITERATURE, MEDIA AND POLITICS WHO OFFER CAREFULLY CONSIDERED STATEMENTS OF WHY THEY ARE ATHEISTS. FEATURES A TRULY INTERNATIONAL CAST OF CONTRIBUTORS, RANGING FROM PUBLIC INTELLECTUALS SUCH AS PETER SINGER, SUSAN BLACKMORE, AND A.C. GRAYLING, NOVELISTS, SUCH AS JOE HALDEMAN, AND HEAVYWEIGHT PHILOSOPHERS OF RELIGION, INCLUDING GRAHAM OPPY AND MICHAEL TOOLEY CONTRIBUTIONS RANGE FROM RIGOROUS PHILOSOPHICAL ARGUMENTS TO HIGHLY PERSONAL, EVEN WHIMSICAL, ACCOUNTS OF HOW EACH OF THESE NOTABLE THINKERS HAVE COME TO REJECT RELIGION IN THEIR LIVES LIKELY TO HAVE BROAD APPEAL GIVEN THE CURRENT PUBLIC FASCINATION WITH RELIGIOUS ISSUES AND THE RECEPTION OF SUCH BOOKS AS THE GOD DELUSION AND THE END OF FAITH

THE PORTABLE ATHEIST CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2007-12-10 CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS'S PERSONALLY CURATED NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING ANTHOLOGY OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL AND IMPORTANT WRITINGS ON ATHEISM, INCLUDING ORIGINAL PIECES BY SALMAN RUSHDIE AND IAN MCEWAN FROM THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF GOD IS NOT GREAT, A PROVOCATIVE AND ENTERTAINING GUIDED TOUR OF ATHEIST AND AGNOSTIC THOUGHT THROUGH THE AGES--WITH NEVER-BEFORE-PUBLISHED PIECES BY SALMAN RUSHDIE, IAN MCEWAN, AND AYAAN HIRSI ALI. CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS CONTINUES TO MAKE THE CASE FOR A SPLENDIDLY GODLESS UNIVERSE IN THIS FIRST-EVER GATHERING OF THE INFLUENTIAL VOICES--PAST AND PRESENT--THAT HAVE SHAPED HIS SIDE OF THE CURRENT (AND RAGING) GOD/NO-GOD DEBATE. WITH HITCHENS AS YOUR ERUDITE AND WITTY GUIDE, YOU'LL BE LED THROUGH A WEALTH OF PHILOSOPHY, LITERATURE, AND SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY, INCLUDING GENEROUS PORTIONS OF THE WORDS OF LUCRETIVUS, BENEDICT DE SPINOZA, CHARLES DARWIN, KARL MARX, MARK TWAIN, GEORGE ELIOT, BERTRAND RUSSELL, EMMA GOLDMAN, H. L. MENCKEN, ALBERT EINSTEIN, DANIEL DENNETT, SAM HARRIS, RICHARD DAWKINS, AND MANY OTHERS WELL-KNOWN AND LESSER KNOWN. AND THEY'RE ALL SET IN CONTEXT AND COMMENTED UPON AS ONLY CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS--"POLITICAL AND LITERARY JOURNALIST EXTRAORDINAIRE" (LOS ANGELES TIMES)--CAN. ATHEIST? BELIEVER? UNCERTAIN? NO MATTER: THE PORTABLE ATHEIST WILL SPEAK TO YOU AND ENGAGE YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

CLASSICS OF FREE THOUGHT PAUL BLANSHARD 1997-06-01 PRESENTS A TREASURY OF RATIONALISM AND RELIGIOUS CONFLICT EXTRACTED FROM THE SPAN OF OVER 200 YEARS OF MORAL AND RELIGIOUS HISTORY SINCE THE FRENCH ENLIGHTENMENT. COMMITTED TO THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE AND LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE, THIS WORK LURES THE READER INTO THE WORLDS OF OUTSPOKEN, COURAGEOUS, AND WITTY ICONOCLASTS.

THE QUOTABLE HITCHENS WINDSOR MANN 2011-05-10 OVER THE PAST FEW DECADES,

THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF HITCH-22 HAS CRISSCROSSED THE GLOBE DEBATING RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS, CATHOLIC CLERGY, RABBIS, AND DEVOUT CHRISTIANS ON THE EXISTENCE OF GOD--APPEARANCES THAT HAVE ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE. HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO TALK SHOWS AND EVENTS TO DISCUSS EVERYTHING FROM THE DEATH OF JERRY FALWELL TO THE SAINTHOOD OF MOTHER TERESA, FROM U.S. POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO THE DANGERS OF RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISM AND BEYOND. AND HE IS ALWAYS ARMED WITH PITHY DISCOURSE THAT IS AS INTELLIGENT AS IT IS QUOTABLE. THE QUOTABLE HITCHENS GATHERS FOR THE FIRST TIME THE EMINENT JOURNALIST, PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL, AND ALL-AROUND PROVOCATEUR CHRISTOPHER HITCHEN'S MOST SCATHING, INFLAMMATORY, HILARIOUS, AND CLEAR-CUT COMMENTARY FROM THE COURSE OF HIS STORIED CAREER. DRAWN FROM HIS MANY TV APPEARANCES, DEBATES, LECTURES, INTERVIEWS, ARTICLES, AND BOOKS, THE QUOTATIONS ARE ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY BY SUBJECT--FROM ATHEISM AND ALCOHOLISM TO GEORGE ORWELL AND BERTRAND RUSSELL, FROM ISLAMOFASCISM AND IRAQ TO SMOKING AND SEX.

TIBETAN BUDDHISM: A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION MATTHEW KAPSTEIN 2014 WHAT DOES TIBETAN BUDDHISM TEACH? JUST WHAT IS THE POSITION OF THE DALAI LAMA, AND HOW WILL HIS SUCCESSION BE ASSURED? THIS VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION OFFERS A BRIEF ACCOUNT RESPONDING TO THESE QUESTIONS AND MORE, IN TERMS THAT ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE WHO ARE CURIOUS TO LEARN THE MOST ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF TIBETAN BUDDHIST HISTORY, TEACHINGS, AND PRACTICE.

GOD: THE FAILED HYPOTHESIS VICTOR J. STENGER 2010-08-05 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. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN UNMASKED JERRY WEINBERGER 2005 "TAKING THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY AS THE KEY TO FRANKLIN'S THOUGHT, WEINBERGER ARGUES THAT PREVIOUS ASSESSMENTS HAVE NOT YET PROBED TO THE BOTTOM OF BEN'S FAMOUS IRONY AND ELUSIVENESS. WHILE OTHERS TAKE THE SELF-PORTRAIT AS AN ELDER STATESMAN'S RELAXED AND PLAYFUL RETROSPECTION, WEINBERGER UNVEILS IT AS THE WINDOW TO FRANKLIN'S DEEPEST REFLECTIONS ON GOD, VIRTUE, JUSTICE, EQUALITY, NATURAL RIGHTS, LOVE, THE GOOD LIFE, THE MODERN TECHNOLOGICAL PROJECT, AND THE PLACE AND LIMITS OF REASON IN POLITICS AND HUMAN EXPERIENCE. ALONG THE WAY, WEINBERGER EXPLORES FRANKLIN'S RIBALD HUMOR, USUALLY IGNORED OR TONED DOWN BY HISTORIANS AND CRITICS, AND SHOWS IT TO BE CHARMING - AND PHILOSOPHIC."

THE PORTABLE ATHEIST CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2007-12-10 CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS'S PERSONALLY CURATED NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING ANTHOLOGY OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL AND IMPORTANT WRITINGS ON ATHEISM, INCLUDING ORIGINAL PIECES BY SALMAN RUSHDIE AND IAN McEWAN FROM THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF GOD IS NOT GREAT, A PROVOCATIVE AND ENTERTAINING GUIDED TOUR OF ATHEIST AND AGNOSTIC THOUGHT THROUGH THE AGES--WITH NEVER-BEFORE-PUBLISHED PIECES BY SALMAN RUSHDIE, IAN McEWAN, AND AYAAN HIRSI ALI. CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS CONTINUES TO MAKE THE CASE FOR A SPLENDIDLY GODLESS UNIVERSE IN THIS FIRST-EVER GATHERING OF THE INFLUENTIAL VOICES--PAST AND PRESENT--THAT HAVE SHAPED HIS SIDE OF THE CURRENT (AND RAGING) GOD/NO-GOD DEBATE. WITH HITCHENS AS YOUR ERUDITE AND WITTY GUIDE, YOU'LL BE LED THROUGH A WEALTH OF PHILOSOPHY, LITERATURE, AND SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY, INCLUDING GENEROUS PORTIONS OF THE WORDS OF LUCRETIVS, BENEDICT DE SPINOZA, CHARLES DARWIN, KARL MARX, MARK TWAIN, GEORGE ELIOT, BERTRAND RUSSELL, EMMA GOLDMAN, H. L. MENCKEN, ALBERT EINSTEIN, DANIEL DENNETT, SAM HARRIS, RICHARD DAWKINS, AND MANY OTHERS WELL-KNOWN AND LESSER KNOWN. AND THEY'RE ALL SET IN CONTEXT AND COMMENTED UPON AS ONLY CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS--"POLITICAL AND LITERARY JOURNALIST EXTRAORDINAIRE" (LOS ANGELES TIMES)--CAN. ATHEIST? BELIEVER? UNCERTAIN? NO MATTER: THE PORTABLE ATHEIST WILL SPEAK TO YOU AND ENGAGE YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

THE MONARCHY CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2012-05-29 AS THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF SUSSEX BRING RENEWED FOCUS TO THE MONARCHY, NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO RE-EXAMINE CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS'S POWERFUL POLEMIC. IN THIS SCATHING ESSAY, CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS LOOKS AT THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC TO THE ROYAL FAMILY, UNPACKING THE TAUTOLOGY AND CONTRADICTIONARY ARGUMENTS THAT PROP IT UP. IN HIS INIMITABLE STYLE, HITCHENS ARGUES THAT OUR DESIRE NOT TO PROFANE OR DISTURB THE MONARCHY IS A FAILURE OF REASON AND A CONFUSION OF REALITY. FEALTY TO THE MAGIC OF MONARCHY STOPS US LOOKING OBJECTIVELY AT OUR OWN HISTORY AND HINDERS OPEN-MINDED CRITICISM OF OUR PRESENT. IT IS TIME WE OUTGREW IT. WITH THE

RECENT BIRTH OF ROYAL BABY ARCHIE, DURING A TIME OF AUSTERITY AND NATIONAL INEQUALITY, HITCHENS'S 10,000-WORD CRITIQUE IS EVEN MORE RELEVANT TODAY THAN WHEN IT WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1990. 'CHRISTOPHER IS ONE OF THE MOST TERRIFYING RHETORICIANS THAT THE WORLD HAS YET SEEN' MARTIN AMIS

WHY THERE IS NO GOD ARMIN NAVABI 2014-10-06 "SCIENCE CAN'T EXPLAIN THE COMPLEXITY AND ORDER OF LIFE; GOD MUST HAVE DESIGNED IT TO BE THIS WAY." "GOD'S EXISTENCE IS PROVEN BY SCRIPTURE." "THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT GOD DOESN'T EXIST." "GOD HAS HELPED ME SO MUCH. HOW COULD NONE OF IT BE TRUE?" "ATHEISM HAS KILLED MORE PEOPLE THAN RELIGION, SO IT MUST BE WRONG!" HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU HEARD ARGUMENTS LIKE THESE FOR WHY GOD EXISTS? *WHY THERE IS NO GOD: SIMPLE RESPONSES TO 20 COMMON ARGUMENTS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD* PROVIDES SIMPLE, EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND COUNTERPOINTS TO THE MOST POPULAR ARGUMENTS MADE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD. EACH CHAPTER PRESENTS A CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE ARGUMENT, FOLLOWED BY A RESPONSE ILLUSTRATING THE PROBLEMS AND FALLACIES INHERENT IN IT. WHETHER YOU'RE AN ATHEIST, A BELIEVER OR UNDECIDED, THIS BOOK OFFERS A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR BUILDING YOUR OWN INQUIRY ABOUT THE CONCEPT OF GOD.

LETTERS TO A YOUNG CONTRARIAN CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2009-04-28 "ART OF MENTORING" SERIES IN THE BOOK THAT HE WAS BORN TO WRITE, PROVOCATEUR AND BEST-SELLING AUTHOR CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS INSPIRES FUTURE GENERATIONS OF RADICALS, GADFLIES, MAVERICKS, REBELS, ANGRY YOUNG (WO)MEN, AND DISSIDENTS. WHO BETTER TO SPEAK TO THAT PERSON WHO FINDS HIM OR HERSELF IN A CONTRARIAN POSITION THAN HITCHENS, WHO HAS MADE A CAREER OF DISAGREEING IN PROFOUND AND ENTERTAINING WAYS. THIS BOOK EXPLORES THE ENTIRE RANGE OF "CONTRARY POSITIONS"--FROM NOBLE DISSIDENT TO GRATUITOUS PAIN IN THE BUTT. IN AN AGE OF OVERLY POLITE DEBATE BENDING OVER BACKWARD TO REACH A HAPPY CONSENSUS WITHIN AN INCREASINGLY CENTRIST POLITICAL DIALOGUE, HITCHENS POINTEDLY PITCHES HIMSELF IN CONTRAST. HE BEMOANS THE LOSS OF THE SKILLS OF DIALECTICAL THINKING EVIDENT IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY. HE UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF DISAGREEMENT-TO PERSONAL INTEGRITY, TO INFORMED DISCUSSION, TO TRUE PROGRESS--HECK, TO DEMOCRACY ITSELF. EPIGRAMMATIC, SPUNKY, WITTY, IN YOUR FACE, TIMELESS AND TIMELY, THIS BOOK IS EVERYTHING YOU WOULD EXPECT FROM A MENTORING CONTRARIAN.

ARGUABLY CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2011-09-01 "ALL FIRST-RATE CRITICISM FIRST DEFINES WHAT WE ARE CONFRONTING," THE LATE, GREAT JAZZ CRITIC WHITNEY BALLIETT ONCE WROTE. BY THAT MEASURE, THE ESSAYS OF CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS ARE IN THE FIRST TIER. FOR NEARLY FOUR DECADES, HITCHENS HAS BEEN TELLING US, IN PITCH-PERFECT PROSE, WHAT WE CONFRONT WHEN WE GRAPPLE WITH FIRST PRINCIPLES--THE PRINCIPLES OF REASON AND TOLERANCE AND SKEPTICISM THAT DEFINE AND INFORM THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR CIVILIZATION--PRINCIPLES THAT, TO ENDURE, MUST BE DEFENDED ANEW BY EVERY GENERATION. "A SHORT LIST OF THE GREATEST LIVING CONVERSATIONALISTS IN ENGLISH," SAID THE ECONOMIST, "WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO INCLUDE CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS, SIR PATRICK

LEIGH-FERMOR, AND SIR TOM STOPPARD. GREAT BRILLIANCE, FANTASTIC POWERS OF RECALL, AND QUICK WIT ARE CLEARLY VALUABLE IN SUSTAINING CONVERSATION AT THESE COSMIC LEVELS. CHARM MAY BE HELPFUL, TOO." HITCHENS-WHO STAUNCHLY DECLINES ALL OFFERS OF KNIGHTHOOD-HEREBY INVITES YOU TO TAKE A SEAT AT A DEMOCRATIC CONVERSATION, TO BE ENGAGED, AND TO BE REASONED WITH. HIS KNOWLEDGE IS FORMIDABLE, AN ENCYCLOPEDIA TREASURE, AND YET ONE HAS THE FEELING, READING HIM, OF HEARING A PERSON THINKING OUT LOUD, FOLLOWING THE INEXORABLE LOGIC OF HIS THOUGHT, WHEREVER IT MIGHT LEAD, UNAFRAID TO EXPOSE FRAUDULENCE, DENOUNCE INJUSTICE, AND EXCORIATE HYPOCRISY. LEGIONS OF READERS, ADMIRERS AND DETRACTORS ALIKE, HAVE LEARNED TO READ HITCHENS WITH SOMETHING APPROACHING AWE AT HIS FELICITY OF LANGUAGE, THE OXYGEN IN EVERY SENTENCE, THE ENVIABLE WIT AND HIS READINESS, EVEN EAGERNESS, TO FIGHT A FOE OR MOUNT THE RAMPARTS. HERE, HE SUPPLIES FRESH PERCEPTIONS OF SUCH FIGURES AS VARIED AS CHARLES DICKENS, KARL MARX, REBECCA WEST, GEORGE ORWELL, J.G. BALLARD, AND PHILIP LARKIN ARE MATCHED IN BRILLIANCE BY HIS PUNGENT DISCUSSIONS AND INTREPID OBSERVATIONS, GATHERED FROM A LIFETIME OF TRAVELING AND REPORTING FROM SUCH DESTINATIONS AS IRAN, CHINA, AND PAKISTAN. HITCHENS'S DIRECTNESS, ELEGANCE, LIGHTLY CARRIED ERUDITION, CRITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL INSIGHT, HUMOR, AND SYMPATHY-APPLIED AS THEY ARE HERE TO A DAZZLING VARIETY OF SUBJECTS-ALL SET A STANDARD FOR THE ESSAYIST THAT HAS RARELY BEEN MATCHED IN OUR TIME. WHAT EMERGES FROM THIS INDISPENSABLE VOLUME IS AN INTELLECTUAL SELF-PORTRAIT OF A WRITER WITH AN EXEMPLARY STEADINESS OF PURPOSE AND A LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE DELIGHTS AND SEDUCTIONS OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, A MAN ANCHORED IN A PROFOUND AND HUMANE VISION OF THE HUMAN LONGING FOR REASON AND JUSTICE.

MORTALITY CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2012-09-04 ON JUNE 8, 2010, WHILE ON A BOOK TOUR FOR HIS BESTSELLING MEMOIR, HITCH-22, CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS WAS STRICKEN IN HIS NEW YORK HOTEL ROOM WITH EXCRUCIATING PAIN IN HIS CHEST AND THORAX. AS HE WOULD LATER WRITE IN THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF AWARD-WINNING COLUMNS FOR VANITY FAIR, HE SUDDENLY FOUND HIMSELF BEING DEPORTED "FROM THE COUNTRY OF THE WELL ACROSS THE STARK FRONTIER THAT MARKS OFF THE LAND OF MALADY." OVER THE NEXT EIGHTEEN MONTHS, UNTIL HIS DEATH IN HOUSTON ON DECEMBER 15, 2011, HE WROTE CONSTANTLY AND BRILLIANTLY ON POLITICS AND CULTURE, ASTONISHING READERS WITH HIS CAPACITY FOR SUPERIOR WORK EVEN IN EXTREMIS. THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF HIS ORDEAL BATTLING ESOPHAGEAL CANCER, HITCHENS ADAMANTLY AND BRAVELY REFUSED THE SOLACE OF RELIGION, PREFERRING TO CONFRONT DEATH WITH BOTH EYES OPEN. IN THIS RIVETING ACCOUNT OF HIS AFFLICTION, HITCHENS POIGNANTLY DESCRIBES THE TORMENTS OF ILLNESS, DISCUSSES ITS TABOOS, AND EXPLORES HOW DISEASE TRANSFORMS EXPERIENCE AND CHANGES OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE WORLD AROUND US. BY TURNS PERSONAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL, HITCHENS EMBRACES THE FULL PANOPLY OF HUMAN EMOTIONS AS CANCER INVADERS HIS BODY AND COMPELS HIM TO GRAPPLE WITH THE ENIGMA OF DEATH. MORTALITY

IS THE EXEMPLARY STORY OF ONE MAN'S REFUSAL TO COWER IN THE FACE OF THE UNKNOWN, AS WELL AS A SEARCHING LOOK AT THE HUMAN PREDICAMENT. CRISP AND VIVID, VEINED THROUGHOUT WITH PENETRATING INTELLIGENCE, HITCHENS'S TESTAMENT IS A COURAGEOUS AND LUCID WORK OF LITERATURE, AN AFFIRMATION OF THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF MAN.

THE GOD ARGUMENT A. C. GRAYLING 2014-01-01 THE FIRST BOOK TO DEAL WITH ALL THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST RELIGION AND, EQUALLY IMPORTANT, TO PUT FORWARD AN ALTERNATIVE - HUMANISM

THE HAPPY ATHEIST PZ MYERS 2014-05-06 ON HIS POPULAR SCIENCE BLOG, PHARYNGULA, PZ MYERS HAS ENTERTAINED MILLIONS OF READERS WITH HIS INFECTIOUS LOVE OF EVOLUTIONARY SCIENCE AND HIS EQUALLY INFECTIOUS DISDAIN FOR CREATIONISM, BIBLICAL LITERALISM, INTELLIGENT DESIGN THEORY, AND OTHER PRODUCTS OF GODLY ILLOGIC. THIS FUNNY AND FEARLESS BOOK COLLECTS AND EXPANDS ON SOME OF HIS MOST POPULAR WRITINGS, GIVING THE RELIGIOUS FANATICISM OF OUR TIMES THE GLEEFUL DISRESPECT IT DESERVES BY SKEWERING THE APOCALYPTIC FANTASIES, MAGICAL THINKING, HYPOCRISIES, AND PSEUDOSCIENTIFIC THEORIES ADVANCED BY RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISTS OF ALL STRIPES. FORCEFUL AND ARTICULATE, SCATHING AND FUNNY, THE HAPPY ATHEIST IS A REAFFIRMATION OF THE REVELATORY POWER OF HUMOR AND THE TRUTH-REVEALING POWERS OF SCIENCE AND REASON.

A YEAR WITH C. S. LEWIS: 365 DAILY READINGS FROM HIS CLASSIC WORKS C. S. LEWIS 2010-10-07 THIS EBOOK COMPRISES AN INSPIRATIONAL READINGS FOR EACH DAY OF THE YEAR, DEMONSTRATING WHY C.S. LEWIS REMAINS ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST-LOVED WRITERS.

ATHEISM MICHAEL RUSE 2015 OVER THE LAST DECADE, NEW ATHEISTS SUCH AS SAM HARRIS, RICHARD DAWKINS, AND CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS HAVE PUSHED THE ISSUE OF ATHEISM TO THE FOREFRONT OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION. YET VERY FEW OF THE ENSUING DEBATES AND DISCUSSIONS HAVE MANAGED TO PROVIDE A FULL AND OBJECTIVE TREATMENT OF THE SUBJECT. ATHEISM: WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW PROVIDES A BALANCED LOOK AT THE TOPIC, CONSIDERING ATHEISM HISTORICALLY, PHILOSOPHICALLY, THEOLOGICALLY, SOCIOLOGICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY. WRITTEN IN AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE STYLE, THE BOOK USES A QUESTION AND ANSWER FORMAT TO EXAMINE THE HISTORY OF ATHEISM, ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST ATHEISM, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGION AND SCIENCE, AND THE ISSUE OF THE MEANING OF LIFE-AND WHETHER OR NOT ONE CAN BE A HAPPY AND SATISFIED ATHEIST. ABOVE ALL, THE AUTHOR STRESSES THAT THE ATHEISM CONTROVERSY IS NOT JUST A MATTER OF THE FACTS, BUT A MATTER OF BURNING MORAL CONCERN, BOTH ABOUT THE STAND ONE SHOULD TAKE ON THE ISSUES AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF ONE'S COMMITMENT.

NO ONE LEFT TO LIE TO CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2012-04-01 IN THIS VITRIOLIC POLEMIC, CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS TAKES ON THE MYTH SURROUNDING THE MOST DIVISIVE POLITICAL FIGURES IN AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY: BILL CLINTON AND HILARY CLINTON. BY FAR THE BEST OF ALL THE BOOKS ON THE CLINTON ERA. - EDWARD SAID IN NO ONE LEFT

TO LIE TO, CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS PORTRAYS PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON AS ONE OF THE MOST IDEOLOGICALLY SKEWED AND MORALLY NEGLIGENT POLITICIANS OF RECENT TIMES. IN A BLISTERING POLEMIC WHICH SHOWS THAT CLINTON WAS AT ONCE PHILANDERER AND PHILISTINE, CROOKED AND CORRUPT, HITCHENS CHALLENGES PERCEPTIONS - OF LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES ALIKE - OF THIS HIGHLY DIVISIVE FIGURE. WITH BLISTERING WIT AND METICULOUS DOCUMENTATION, HITCHENS MASTERFULLY DECONSTRUCTS CLINTON'S ABJECT PROPENSITY FOR PANDERING TO THE LEFT WHILE DELIVERING TO THE RIGHT AND ARGUES THAT THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL TRANSGRESSIONS WERE INSEPARABLE FROM HIS POLITICAL CORRUPTION.

AGAINST ATHEISM IAN S. MARKHAM 2011-09-13 IN THIS NEW BOOK, IAN MARKHAM ANALYZES THE ATHEISTIC WORLD VIEW, OPPOSING THE ARGUMENTS GIVEN BY RENOWNED AUTHORS OF BOOKS ON ATHEISM, SUCH AS RICHARD DAWKINS. UNLIKE OTHER RESPONSES TO THE NEW ATHEISM, MARKHAM CHALLENGES THESE AUTHORS ON THEIR OWN GROUND BY QUESTIONING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF BELIEF AND OF ATHEISM ITSELF. THE RESULT IS A TRANSFORMING INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY THAT WILL APPEAL TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN THIS DEBATE. A FASCINATING CHALLENGE TO THE RECENT SPATE OF SUCCESSFUL BOOKS WRITTEN BY HIGH-PROFILE ATHEIST AUTHORS SUCH AS RICHARD DAWKINS, CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS, AND SAM HARRIS TACKLES THESE AUTHORS ON THEIR OWN GROUND, ARGUING THAT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF ATHEISM, LET ALONE THEOLOGY AND

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ETHICS DRAWS ON IDEAS FROM NIETZSCHE, COSMOLOGY, AND ART TO CONSTRUCT A POWERFUL RESPONSE THAT ALLOWS FOR A FAITH THAT IS GROUNDED, YET ONE THAT RECOGNIZES THE REALITY OF UNCERTAINTY SUCCINCT, ENGAGING, BUT ROBUSTLY ARGUED, THIS NEW BOOK BY A LEADING ACADEMIC AND WRITER CONTAINS A WEALTH OF PROFOUND INSIGHTS THAT SHOW RELIGIOUS BELIEF IN A NEW LIGHT

CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2011-11-01 IN *GOD IS NOT GREAT* HITCHENS TURNED HIS FORMIDABLE ELOQUENCE AND RHETORICAL ENERGY TO THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE IN THE WORLD: GOD AND RELIGION. THE RESULT IS A DEVASTATING CRITIQUE OF RELIGIOUS FAITH *GOD IS NOT GREAT* IS THE ULTIMATE CASE AGAINST RELIGION. IN A SERIES OF ACUTE READINGS OF THE MAJOR RELIGIOUS TEXTS, CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS DEMONSTRATES THE WAYS IN WHICH RELIGION IS MAN-MADE, DANGEROUSLY SEXUALLY REPRESSIVE AND DISTORTS THE VERY ORIGINS OF THE COSMOS. ABOVE ALL, HITCHENS ARGUES THAT THE CONCEPT OF AN OMNISCIENT GOD HAS PROFOUNDLY DAMAGED HUMANITY, AND PROPOSES THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE A GREAT DEAL BETTER OFF WITHOUT 'HIM'.

PETER WATSON 2014-02-18 THE DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR OF *THE MEDICI CONSPIRACY* EXAMINES ATHEISM AS A MODERN INTELLECTUAL ACHIEVEMENT THAT HAS MOTIVATED INDIVIDUALS TO PURSUE INVENTION AND SELF-RELIANCE, CITING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SECULAR PHILOSOPHERS, SCIENTISTS AND ARTISTS WHO HAVE WORKED IN THE ABSENCE OF RELIGIOUS BELIEF.