The Absurdity Of Unbelief: A Worldview Apologetic Of The Christian Faith

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A SOUND DEFENSE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH! Because all non-Christian worldviews are indefensible, it is not sufficient for skeptics to attack Christianity without also defending the foundation for their own unbelief. Everyone has a worldview, even atheists and skeptics, but only the Christian worldview is not self-contradictory. The Absurdity of Unbelief demonstrates why every possible reason for unbelief is irrational and ultimately meaningless by exposing the various self-refuting systems of thought in which these objections are rooted. 3 Cheers for The Absurdity of Unbelief! Agnostics and atheists have been making a lot of noise in recent years, in spite of the fact that their belief systems are so obviously flawed. To counter their propaganda we need a flow of books exposing just how flimsy their arguments are. Jeffrey Johnson has chosen the word 'absurdity' to characterise these, and he has chosen well. Chapter by chapter he strips unbelief of any vestige of credibility, then shows with crystal clarity why the biblical case for God stands supreme when contrasted with all other philosophical and religious belief systems. I predict that this book will be as great a help to many of its readers as it has been to me, and I commend it warmly.

—John Blanchard

A major strength of Jeffrey Johnson’s Absurdity of Unbelief is its step-by-step systematic approach. He explains what faith is (and is not), what factors drive us to adopt our beliefs, how to test them, fatal difficulties on all systems of thought not built on the foundation of Christ, grounds for holding to Christian theism, and a passionate call to faith in Jesus. Along the way he examines Christian and non-Christian thinkers and movements both ancient and contemporary, demonstrating that the principles underlying a biblical apologetic equally apply to all forms of unbelief. I plan on coming back to this book again and again.

—Joseph E. Torres

As Christians struggle to hold onto a semblance of sanity in the midst of the collapse of Western morality and thought, a sound foundation upon which to stand in explaining our unwillingness to bow the knee to Caesar is a must. In The Absurdity of Unbelief, Jeffrey Johnson provides a clear and compelling case for the Christian faith, readable and usable for believer and unbeliever alike.

—James R. White

The Absurdity of Unbelief will strengthen your understanding in the logic behind the Christian faith and arm you......by its exposure of the weak arguments held by non-Christian worldviews;...in its clear and logical presentation, providing tools to bolster your witness as you contend earnestly for the faith in the midst of an unbelieving world;...with thorough documentation, copiously citing books, notes, quotes and references for the most studious of believer in Christ’s Kingdom;...yet, written with a pastor’s heart so every false philosophy exposed and every Biblical truth illuminated is easily accessed and applied to encourage and educate fellow believers as a textbook for Bible study or used simply as a ready reference to bolster your Christian
Every once in a while I come across a book that is difficult for me to review. This is the way I feel with The Absurdity of Unbelief by Jeffrey Johnson. I feel that no matter what I say I won’t do this book justice, so I will begin with my conclusion. Buy this book when it releases. Better yet, buy two copies so you have one to give away. This book is an outstanding look into many differing worldviews, dissecting them one by one until only the Christian worldview remains as the only rational view. Johnson’s knowledge of each of these worldviews is what really shines through in this book. With great clarity he is able to layout the beliefs of each worldview and then show the reader why holding to one of these worldviews is indeed absurd. Instead of first going on the defensive, Johnson takes an offensive approach, attacking each worldview head on and challenging its presuppositions. He states, "It is not sufficient for an atheist or any other skeptic to simply attack the walls of the Christian worldview. They must also defend their own ground. They must protect their own presuppositions and belief system. My aim is to show that the castle of unbelief rests upon
quicksand, and the more unbelievers struggle to defend their worldview, the more they sink under the weight of their worldview. Atheism, deism, naturalism, relativism, existentialism, pantheism, polytheism, and any other non-Christian isms, along with Judaism and Islam, are incoherent and, thus, rationally indefensible." Johnson begins by first discussing how faith is neither blind, solely an experience or irrational. He rightly states that "Scriptures never separate faith from reality.

What is the meaning of life? Can your worldview answer that question sufficiently and consistently? The Absurdity of Unbelief helps us to see the answers to the above questions. I'm not sure how much I can add given the overwhelmingly positive feedback already written about Dr. Johnson's book. I can say this: I am currently dialoguing with an atheist friend via email whom I've known for a while but we've been out of touch since high school. This book has really helped me to challenge some of his own atheistic presuppositions and to show him the true absurdity that is the outcome of suppressing the truth of the reality of God. Obviously, as Dr. Johnson affirms in his work, it is only the Holy Spirit who can truly awaken a person's heart to embrace the gospel. But in this day in which we live Christians ought to be better equipped to give answers to some of the challenges that are thrown our way. This book helps equip the church to do just that. As you read this book you will soon learn that Dr. Johnson is very familiar not only with the Christian perspective but also the other side, which manifests itself in a variety of futile worldviews such as naturalism, existentialism, post-modernism, Non-Trinitarian Religions, etc., etc... Non-Christian worldviews are allowed to speak for themselves through direct quotes of those who hold these various positions, and then they are dismantled by sound Christian logic based on the authority of Scripture. Another bonus of this is to actually be able to understand the presuppositions of some of the people you interact with every day. The banker, the grocer, your professor, or even a family member.

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