

The OCCA: Recommended Resources (* = great starting points)

Introduction to Apologetics: What is it?

- 1) *Alister McGrath. *Mere Apologetics*
- 2) *Becky Pippert. *Out of the Saltshaker*
- 3) Rebecca Mclaughlin. *Confronting Christianity: 12 hard questions for the world's largest religion.*
- 4) William Lane Craig. *On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision.*
- 5) Francis A. Schaeffer. *Trilogy.*

Evidence for Christianity

- 1) *John Dickson. *Is Jesus History?*
- 2) N.T. Wright. *Who Was Jesus*
- 3) Simon Edwards. *The Sanity of Belief.*
- 4) Lee Strobel. *The Case for Faith & The Case for Christ*
- 5) Peter J. Williams. *Can We Trust the Gospels?*
- 6) William Lane Craig. *The Son Rises & Reasonable Faith*

The Relevance of Jesus and the Gospel

- 1) *Timothy J. Keller. *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism.*
- 2) Peter J. Williams. *The Surprising Genius of Jesus*
- 3) Timothy J. Keller. *The Prodigal God*
- 4) Paul Copan. *That's Just Your Interpretation & True For You But Not For Me & God Goes to Starbucks*
- 5) Elizabeth Oldfield, *Fully Alive*
- 6) Francis Spufford. *Unapologetic*

The Gospel's impact on the world

- 1) *Glynn Harrison. *A Better Story*
- 2) Sam Allberry. *7 myths about singleness & Why Does God Care Who I Sleep With?*
- 3) Glen Scrivener. *The Air We Breathe*
- 4) *Justin Brierley. *The Surprising Rebirth of Belief in God*
- 5) Kenneth Samples. *Christianity Cross-Examined: Is It Rational, Relevant, and Good?*
- 6) John Dickson, *Bullies and Saints*

- 7) Tom Holland, *Dominion*

God and Suffering

- 1) *Christopher Wright, *The God I Don't Understand*
- 2) Phillip Yancey, *Where is God when it hurts?*
- 3) *Sharon, Dirckx, *Broken Planet & Why*
- 4) C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*.
- 5) Paul Copan, *Is God a Vindictive Bully? & Is God a Moral Monster? Making Sense of the Old Testament God*.
- 6) Eleonore Stump, *Wandering in the Darkness: Narrative and the Problem of Darkness*
- 7) Marilyn McCord Adams, *Horrendous Evils and the Goodness of God*

Reliability of the Bible

- 1) Peter J Williams, *can we trust the Gospels*
- 2) Titus Kennedy, *Excavating the evidence for Jesus*
- 3) Titus Kennedy, *Unearthing the Bible (OT)*
- 4) Richard Bauckham, *Jesus and the Eyewitnesses*
- 5) Lydia McGrew, *Testimonies to the Truth*
- 6) Lydia McGrew, *Hidden in plain view*
- 7) *Amy Orr-Ewing, *Why Trust the Bible?* (2nd Edition)
- 8) Kenneth Kitchen, *On the Reliability of the Old Testament*

God and Science

- 1) John Lennox, *Can Science Explain Everything? & God's Undertaker & Gunning for God*
- 2) Alister McGrath, *Dawkins' God: Genes, Memes, and the Meaning of Life*
- 3) Alvin Plantinga, *Where the Conflict Really Lies*
- 4) Stephen C. Meyer, *The Return of the God Hypothesis*
- 5) Denis Alexander, *Creation or Evolution: Do we have to choose?*
- 6) Sharon Dirckx, *Am I just my Brain?*

Other Religions

- 1) John Dickson, *A Doubters Guide to World Religions*
- 2) Nabeel Qureshi, *Seeking Allah Finding Jesus*
- 3) Douglas Groothuis, *Confronting the New Age*
- 4) Leslie Newbiggin, *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*
- 5) Richard Schumack, *The Wisdom of Islam and the Foolishness of Christianity*

- 6) David Bentley-Hart, *Atheist Delusions*

Theology

- 1) Martin Luther, *Freedom of the Christian*
- 2) J.I. Packer, *What did the cross achieve?*
- 3) Karl Barth, *Dogmatics in Outline*
- 4) David Murray, *Jesus on every page*
- 5) Martin Luther, *Two Kinds of Righteousness*
- 6) St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*
- 7) *Michael Reeves, *Delighting in the Trinity*

Christian Ethics & Moral Philosophy

- 1) Oliver O'Donovan, *Resurrection and Moral Order*
- 2) Neil Messer, *Christian Ethics*
- 3) Jessamin Birdsall, *Healing the Divides: How every Christian can advance God's vision for racial unity and justice*
- 4) Richard B. Hays, *The Moral Vision of the New Testament*
- 5) Norman Geisler, *Christian Ethics*

Spiritual Growth & Pastoral Care

- 1) Alister McGrath, *Doubt in Perspective*
- 2) D.A. Carson, *How Long O'Lord?*
- 3) Michael Reeves, *Enjoy your Prayer Life*
- 4) St. Athanasius, *Life of Anthony*
- 5) Lisa Fields, *When Faith Disappoints: The Gap Between What We Believe and What We Experience*

Philosophy of Religion

- 1) William Lane-Craig, *Philosophy of Religion: A Reader and Guide*
- 2) *Peter S. Williams, *A Faithful Guide to Philosophy*
- 3) Alvin Plantinga, *Warranted Christian Belief*
- 4) Esther Meek, *Longing to Know*
- 5) Richard Swinburne, *Is there a God?*
- 6) Graham Oppy, *Arguing about gods*