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Apologetics

- Is the New Testament Reliable? Barnett, Paul 2003 190 Examination of proof of reliability of the new testament: the documents, the witnesses (the gospels), the birth of Jesus, miracles, the resurrection, Paul, and archaeology.
- The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus Habermas, Gary 2004 218 The resurrection of Jesus can be proved with 5 simple facts: Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples believed he rose from the dead, Paul's conversion, James' conversion, the empty tomb. Disproves other theories
- Can You Trust the Bible? Muncaster, Ralph 1973 47 Short pamphlet with overview on why you can trust the bible -- history, manuscripts, miracles, etc
- Secrets of the Koran Richardson, Don 1999 237 Critical review of violence of Islam and the Koran. Alarming look at Islam's growth and penetration of Western society
- Compact Guide to World Religions Zacharias, Ravi 1996 267 Good summary of key points of each major world religion: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Confucianism, New Age. Is Jesus the only way? Is the bible from God?

Christian Basics

- The Joyful Christian Lewis, CS 1977 228 Lewis was "surprised by joy" when he discovered his belief in Jesus. This book, in 127 devotional readings, explores various topics taken from Lewis's works on faith and the Christian experience.
- Mere Christianity Lewis, CS 1952 227 Originally given as a series of post World War II radio addresses for the BBC. Lewis expounds on how we know God exists, the basics of Christian beliefs, how this impacts Christian behavior, and a summary of the practical implications of theology.
- Know What You Believe Little, Paul 1973 147 Summary of what the Bible teaches about God, Jesus, salvation, the church, coming events, etc
- Know Why You Believe Little, Paul 1967 168 Answers key questions of why we believe: is there a God, is Christianity rational, is the Bible reliable, miracles, suffering, etc
- The Case for Christ Strobil, Lee 1998 367 Series of interviews with leading scholars, answering the question of whether Jesus is really the Son of God. Examines life of Jesus and the resurrection

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Creation / Evolution

- Darwin on Trial Johnson, Phillip 1993 170 Groundbreaking critique of the philosophical problems of evolution. This is a great summary of the problems in the scientific community's approach to this issue.
- Bones of Contention Lubenow, Marvin 2004 334 Great review of the history of fossil discovery, and how this actually strengthens the case for creation. Discusses major fossil finds, evolutionary theory, dating, etc
- The Battle for the Beginning MacArthur, John 2001 221 Review of the first week of creation and how it sets the foundation of every doctrine that is essential to the Christian faith
- The Creation Hypothesis Moreland, JP (editor) 1994 267 Moreland and panel of scholars review evidence for intelligent design (very scientific and detailed in approach)
- Science and the Bible Morris, Henry 1986 128 Study of science & the bible, evolution, the flood, ancient history, and fulfilled prophecy.
- The Case for a Creator Strobel, Lee 2004 305 Series of interves with leading scholars and thinkers on the major areas of science and creation: cosmology, physics, astronomy, biochemistry, biology, and consciousness.

Current Issues

- The Truth About Same Sex Marriage Lutzer, Erwin 2004 109 Lutzer comments on the impact that same sex marriage can have on our society. He reviews a history of the gay movement, God's perspective on marriage, refutes arguments in favor of gay marriage, and urges the church to action

Fiction / Allegory

- The Pilgrim's Progress Bunyon, John 1600's 191 Christian's journey through the perils of this life (Vanity Fair, Shadow of Death, etc) in his pursuit of life with God
- The Great Divorce Lewis, CS 1946 125 Lewis's vision of afterworld through story of busride through Heaven and Hell
- The Screwtape Letters Lewis, CS 1942 160 Review of Christian strengths and weaknesses through series of fictional letters between an elderly demon and his apprentice

History, Church

- The New Foxe's Book of Martyrs Foxe, John 1997 366 Martyrs throughout the history of the church: from Jesus to today. Stories of love of God, courage, and faith.
- Sister Freaks St. James, Rebecca 2005 302 A compilation of stories about women who sacrificed or were willing to sacrifice everything for their relationship with God.
- Living with the Giants Wiersbe, Warren 1993 243 Brief biographical reviews of major leaders (primarily pastors) through church history (1600 - 1950): Charles Spurgeon, DL Moody, AW Tozer, etc

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Marriage

- Helper by Design Fitzpatrick, Elyse 2003 208 Discusses the Biblical role that women should assume in a marriage. The chapter discussion questions are excellent (provided at the end of each chapter). This would be a great book for a small group of women to go through together.
- Twelve Extraordinary Women MacArthur, John 2005 201 John MacArthur looks at the lives of Eve, Sarah, Rahab, Ruth, Hannah, Mary, Anna, the Samaritan Woman, Martha, Mary, Mary Magdalene, and Lydia. He discusses the qualities each exemplifies and how we can apply such practices into our lives. The historical background he presents helps the reader understand the woman, and the Bible, better.
- Strengthening Your Marriage Mack, Wayne 1977 187 Summary of how to build a strong, God-honoring marriage. Written in outline form. Overview: marriage's purpose, roles, communication, finances, sexual unity, children, and family religion
- Feminine Appeal Mahaney, Carolyn 2003 157 This is a great book, which convictingly looks at the Biblical role of women. Titus 2 is the basis for the 7 attributes studied: Loving your husband, loving your children, self-control, purity, working at home, being kind, and submission.
- The Power of a Praying Wife Omatian, Stormie 1997 203 This book looks at 30 ways you can pray for your husband. It focuses on the power of prayer and the effectiveness of lifting up your husband daily.
- Damsels in Distress Peace, Martha 2006 183 Martha Peace looks at biblical solutions for problems/sins many women face and/or do: gossip, idolatrous emotional attachments, manipulation, bitterness, vanity, trials, etc.
- The Excellent Wife Peace, Martha 1995 247 An extremely powerful book by Martha Peace. She uses the Bible to really study the ways in which women can be excellent wives.
- The Exemplary Husband Scott, Stuart 2002 304 Companion book to the Excellent Wife. A husband's (1) foundational understanding (God, man, marriage, role), (2) responsibility (love, leadership, intimacy, stewardship), (3) resolve (humility, communication, conflict resolution), (4) Regrets (anger, fear, lust)
- The Intimate Marriage Sproul, RC 1975 162 A practical guide to building a great marriage: communication, roles, problems, sex, divorce

Parenting

- Teach Them Diligently Priolo, Lou 2000 129 How to use the Scriptures in Child Training. This book provides an appendix in the back with scripture for certain sin patterns you might witness in your child--pride, lack of self-control, lying, etc.
- Shepherding a Child's Tripp, Tedd 1995 210 Good overview of bible's perspective on how to raise your child in a way that pleases the

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Theology

- Making sense of the Trinity Erickson, Millard 2000 96 3 key questions: Is the doctrine of the trinity biblical?, does it make any sense?, does it make and difference?
- The Problem of Pain Lewis, CS 1940 162 Why is there suffering and pain in the world if God is omnipotent and good? Explores topics of wickedness, fall of man, human pain, hell, animal pain, and the motivation of heaven
- Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God Packer, JI 1961 126 Explores relationship between divine sovereignty, human responsibility, and evangelism
- Chosen by God Sproul, RC 1986 213 Theological defense of the doctrine of predestination: overview, relation to free will and foreknowledge, double predestination, etc (book in bad shape)

Work / Career

- Business for the Glory of God Grudem, Wayne 2003 83 Grudem shows how business concepts such as ownership, productivity, profit, money, competition, borrowing, etc are not just neutral but are good and pleasing to God
- The Call Guinness, Os 1998 233 Knowing God's Call and purpose for our lives and faithfully obeying that call can have a profound impact on how we live. Guinness explains how our call relates to our jobs, the church, our focus, our vision, our thanks, how we finish, etc

Worship / God

- The Pursuit of Holiness Bridges, Jerry 1978 153 A challenge to obey God's command of holiness. Considers the holiness of God, our battle for holiness, personal discipline, holiness in body and spirit, holy habits, etc
- Desiring God Piper, John 1986 369 A call to Christian hedonism: "the chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying him forever." Piper relates this concept to conversion, worship, love, scripture, prayer, money, marriage, missions and suffering.
- A Hunger for God Piper, John 1997 210 When God is the supreme hunger of your heart, He will be supreme in everything. Through **fasting** we can put aside every desire besides Him
- The Divine Conquest Tozer, AW 1950 151 A description of the working of the Holy Spirit in a Christian's life. Tozer discusses the importance of submitting to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit's characteristics, the opposition of the world to this, and how to have a spirit filled life.
- The Knowledge of the Holy Tozer, AW 1961 117 To better understand the majesty of Heaven and keep a high view of God, Tozer offers this study of the attributes of God: omnipotent, just, merciful, holy, sovereign, etc
- The Pursuit of God Tozer, AW 1948 93 Man's hunger after God. The desire to have him first and foremost in our lives. An attempt to aid God's hungry children so to find him