



GLASGOW CITY FREE CHURCH

IN THE CITY † IN THE WORD

Giving a Reason

*“But in your hearts set apart Christ as God.
Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who
asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have.”*

1 Peter 3.15

Our main resource....

“Let no man... think or maintain that a man can search too far or be too well studied in the Book of God’s Word or the Book of God’s Works, divinity or philosophy; but rather let men endeavour an endless progress or proficiency in both.” Francis Bacon, 1605.

This quotation was placed by Charles Darwin on the flyleaf of *The Origin of Species*, 1859.

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Apologetics Resources

Caitriana writes.....

“This is a non-exhaustive list of resources which may be helpful for people thinking about apologetics questions, for themselves, for their children, or in discussion with non-Christian friends.

The list is divided into three broad areas: general apologetics, science & faith, and sexuality & gender issues. There is, of course, a lot of overlap between the different types of resource.

There are many more good books, websites, podcasts, videos etc out there – this is a very limited selection.”

General Apologetics

- ✚ <https://www.bethinking.org> – apologetics resources from UCCF, on a wide variety of topics; aimed at students, but useful for everyone!

- ✚ SOLAS Centre for Public Christianity – <https://www.solas-cpc.org>
– Short Answers video series addresses key questions about faith; books, articles; YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SolasCPC>

- ✚ Zacharias Trust <https://www.zachariatrust.org> – video, audio, articles and podcasts on a wide variety of topics; YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/user/OCCAOxford>

- ✚ John Lennox website <https://www.johnlennox.org> – lots of his articles, videos of talks / debates etc

- ✚ Veritas Forum <http://www.veritas.org> – articles & videos, aimed at students and academics; YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/user/VeritasForum>

- ✚ *Unbelievable?* Radio programme from Premier Christian Radio, with YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/user/PremierUnbelievable>

- ✚ Reasonable Faith – William Lane Craig
<https://www.reasonablefaith.org/> ; articles, videos, podcasts etc; YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ReasonableFaithOrg>

Many books, such as:

+ *The Reason for God*, Timothy J. Keller (Hodder, 2009)

+ *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis

+ *Evidence that Demands a Verdict*, Josh McDowell & Sean McDowell (Thos. Nelson, 2018)

+ *The Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel (Zondervan, 2016)

+ *Cold-Case Christianity*, J. Warner Wallace – book + website, app, podcast etc <https://coldcasechristianity.com/>



Science & faith

General

+ Test of Faith, <http://www.testoffaith.com> – 3-part documentary series (DVD) on science & faith, with contributions from leading

scientists (all Christians) and theologians; accompanying small group discussion guides and other resources.

- ✚ The God Question, <http://www.thegodquestion.tv> – 6-part documentary series (DVD or streamed online) on science & faith, with contributions from scientists, philosophers, theologians from a wide variety of viewpoints (atheist, agnostic, Jewish, Muslim, variety of Christian perspectives); accompanying small group discussion guides; also has schools material
- ✚ BioLogos - <https://biologos.org> – articles, videos and podcasts on faith and science, with a focus on evolution (from a theistic evolution perspective)
- ✚ The Faraday Institute for Science & Religion, <https://faraday-institute.org> – research centre based in Cambridge; wide selection of slightly more academic articles (Faraday Papers); provide training & equipping for churches
- ✚ Christians In Science – has a collection of articles / resources on their website <http://www.cis.org.uk/resources/>

Lots of books, including:

- ✚ *The Language of God: A Scientist Provides Evidence for Belief*, Francis Collins (Simon & Schuster, 2007) – book by former head of the Human Genome Project and director of the US National Institutes of Health
- ✚ *True Scientists, True Faith*, R. J. Berry (ed) (Monarch, 2014) – contributions from 20 scientists on how their science and faith interact

- + *Surprised by Meaning: Science, Faith and How We Make Sense of Things*, (Westminster, 2010) Alister E. McGrath – nontechnical discussion of science and faith
- + *The Dawkins Delusion: Atheist Fundamentalism and the Denial of the Divine*, Alister McGrath & Joanna Collicutt McGrath (SPCK, 2007) – rebuttal of Richard Dawkins' *The God Delusion*
- + *Can Science Explain Everything?* John Lennox (Good Book Company, 2019) – and many other books by John Lennox



Children / Parents / Youth

- + Christian Values in Education Scotland have produced a substantial resource with sections on Sharing Ideas, Getting Together and Ready-Made Resources. It is of great value to parents, teachers and chaplains. To access this free resource visit <https://cve-scotland.org.uk>
- + <https://mamabearapologetics.com/> – quite American (not everything will be culturally relevant here) but some useful articles / podcasts etc for parents

- ✚ <http://www.casemakersacademy.com/cold-case-christianity-for-kids/> Cold Case Christianity for Kids – thinking through evidence for Jesus, in the role of a detective
- ✚ *The Case for Christ for Kids*, Lee Strobel (Zondervan, 2010)
- ✚ Test of Faith Youth Resources <http://www.testoffaith.com/youth/> - developed by Youth for Christ, based on Test of Faith documentary series by the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion. Sessions for 11-14 year olds and 14-18 year olds; topics include science & faith, creation, the environment and identity
- ✚ <http://www.neverofftopic.com/> online resource, aimed at England RE curriculum but quite a lot of useful material for primary school age
- ✚ God and the Big Bang, www.gatbb.co.uk, does schools events but also has a curriculum on science & religion available to buy
- ✚ Scripture Union Ireland: NUA film series encourages questions, acknowledges doubt and offers an engaging perspective on the Christian faith www.scriptureunionireland
- ✚ Lee Strobel's children's versions of his "*Case for...*" books are also good:
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Case-Creator-Kids/dp/0310719925>
- ✚ 12 hard questions for Christianity called *Confronting Christianity* by Rebecca McLaughlin. She is superb and well worth looking into:
<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/confronting-christianity>

- # A quick and easy read for parents is *Parenting God's Way* by Alastair Begg by Eden.co.uk Also any of his online sermons on Truthforlife.org are superb. Some really good stuff on family.
- # *Kids' Guide to God's Creation*, Tracy Sumner (Barbour, 2010) – Bible reference for 8-12 year olds, covering earth, space, the human body... all of God's creation
- # *Science Geek Sam and his Secret Logbook*, Corien Oranje & Cees Dekker (Lion, 2019) – book for upper primary aged children, looking at science & creation questions in a story format
- # *Is God Really Legit? Making Sense of Faith and Science*, Neil Laing, book for older youth
- # *Exploding Stars, Dead Dinosaurs and Zombies: Youth Ministry in the Age of Science*, Andrew Root (Fortress Press, 2018) – book for youth workers, looking at discussing questions of science and faith with young people (high school / students)
- # <http://theauthoroflife.org> *Author of Life* – series of 7 short videos (5-10 mins) + leaders' guides, for use in small group discussion / class with older teens / students (aimed at high school age), looking at science (especially biology) and faith in an integrated way.
- # *ASK*, David Robertson (Christian Focus), a helpful book which answers questions posed by young people.



Sexuality / gender issues

General

- ✚ <https://www.livingout.org> – articles and resources about Christians and same-sex attraction (for people experiencing same-sex attraction, and for their friends, family and churches); lots of links to other resources
- ✚ The Christian Institute <https://www.christian.org.uk> - “Issues” section has articles, videos and downloadable PDFs on issues including abortion, medical ethics, transgender issues. Apologetics section <https://www.christian.org.uk/theology/apologetics> with more detailed articles on moral issues, including abortion, euthanasia, marriage & family, sexuality etc, with particular reference to UK law / Acts of Parliament in relation to these

Lots of books, including:

- ✚ *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert* (Crown & Covenant, 2014) and *Openness Unhindered* (Crown & Covenant, 2015), Rosaria Champagne Butterfield
- ✚ *Is God anti-gay?*, Sam Allberry (Good Book Company, 2013)
- ✚ *The Plausibility Problem: the Church and Same-Sex Attraction*, Ed Shaw (IVP, 2015)
- ✚ *Seven Myths about Singleness*, Sam Allberry (Crossway, 2019)

✚ *Transgender*, Vaughan Roberts (Good Book Company, 2016)

✚ *Understanding Sexual Identity: A Resource for Youth Ministry*, Mark Yarhouse

✚ *The New Normal: The Transgender Agenda*. Wilberforce Publications. Also available also on Amazon



Organisations Promoting and Defending Christian Values

Christian Concern: An organisation that seeks to introduce a more conservative Christian voice in law, the media and government. It defends in court Christians who have been disciplined or dismissed because of their expressions of faith in the workplace. 70 Wimpole St London W1G 8AX. www.christianconcern.com

The Christian Institute: An evangelical group operating in the UK. The CI promotes a conservative Christian viewpoint. It has acted on court on the Scottish Government's Named Persons' Scheme and the Ashers' Bakery case. Wilberforce House, 4 Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 8DG. www.christian.org.uk

CARE: Christian Action Research and Education: The organisation seeks to uphold human dignity and to support the most vulnerable people in society, engaging with politicians in the UK parliaments, assemblies and in the EU. 53 Romney St, London SW1P 3RF or Care for Scotland, 77 Renfrew Street, Glasgow G2 3BZ. www.care.org.uk

Solas: Centre for Public Christianity: Solas exists to share the love, power and relevance of Jesus Christ with people from all walks of life: and to equip and encourage Christians to talk relevantly, faithfully and graciously about Him. 2 Explorer Road, Dundee Technology Park, Dundee DD2 1DX www.solas-cpc.org *See also reference under General Apologetics*



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