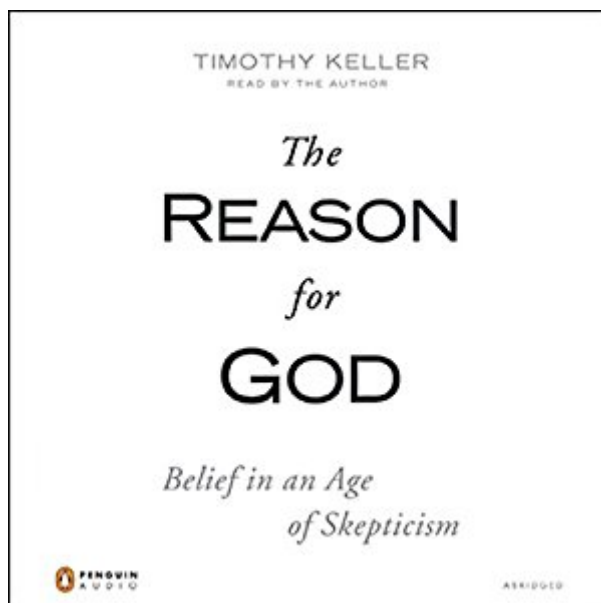


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The Reason For God



Synopsis

The End of Faith. The God Delusion. God Is Not Great. Letter to a Christian Nation. Bestseller lists are filled with doubters. But what happens when you actually doubt your doubts? --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

I have been disappointed by so many Christian books I read- especially those that try to "prove" God. Being well acquainted with logic and rhetoric, the blatant logical fallacies often times presented as "proofs" is an embarrassment to Christian intellect. Then I read this book. Tim doesn't try to "prove" Christianity or that God exists- no one can do this. But he makes excellent, well articulated and reasoned arguments for why it is reasonable to believe in God. If you are looking for theology, this is not your book (this book is much more philosophical if anything). But if you are looking for a book that argues the rationale for belief in God from a reasonable perspective, this is your book! Very highly recommended!

Timothy Keller is a reasoned civil voice representing reason in the Christian faith. He has a humble but direct approach to difficult questions that believers and non-believers alike often struggle with. While the book primarily presents his arguments which are rational and reason based, he also acknowledges the need for Christians to demonstrate Christ's love to all regardless of their beliefs. This is, in my view primarily what Jesus calls us to be, people who are genuine in their love and service to others.

I find myself making a lot of deep connections with this book in daily conversations as I'm reading it (I read only a couple of chapters a week). I haven't found myself balking at anything in it yet, which is rare for me with this kind (faith defence) of book.

I started reading this book because I started attending one of the Redeemer churches in NYC which Keller refers to founding in this book. I find the attitude of the church to be similar to the tone of *The Reason for God*. As someone raised in the church (Lutheran) who went through several years of struggle with religion, I found this book to be helpful and enlightening. It also made me feel better about my continued struggle with Christianity as a religion and my personal relationship with God. Keller addresses many of the objections I've felt or considered since I was a teenager. He appeals to both intellect and emotion. The book is about faith, but also historical context, philosophy, science, literature, etc. I appreciated Keller's integration of many religious and secular writers across many fields. It seems impossible to capture what this book has done for me in this brief review. So I'll say this, if you are someone who has questions about Christianity, was raised Christian but have trouble coming to terms with the religion of your childhood, or have trouble coming to terms with the way the Christian church is represented by society (and people who claim to be delivering a Christian message), or if you are Christian but want to deepen the intellectual side of your faith, or are Christian and want to understand the questions and objections of non-Christian friends--then this book could be the one for you. And even better, Keller can show you a list of other books and people to read when you're done. The book is clearly referenced and has a thorough end notes section. As a Christian pastor, Keller is (of course) biased, but he's also a PhD who is clearly used to talking to skeptics, cynics, atheists, doubters, and people struggling with faith, life, and so much more. Keep in mind, it is a book that needs and deserves full attention. I took my time going through it and frequently put it down for lighter fiction.

Keller writes an extremely intelligent yet engaging and readable exposition on why we can be confident in our faith, what real faith is, and how to begin. This should be given to all of our friends and relatives who don't give faith a chance and read by those of us who wish to communicate the reason behind our belief.

Just finished using this book with a group at church. One person said, "I've been going to church for over 70 years and this is the first time I've been taught how to reason with people about why they

should believe in Jesus. Thanks!"I think that statement sums it up.

Inspirational. Actionable. Not judgmental. But challenging my relationship with God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Ideas to study for the rest of my life.

Great Book. I will probably read again to retain more of the info in it. I like the info it arms me with for confronting those who doubt God's existence.

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