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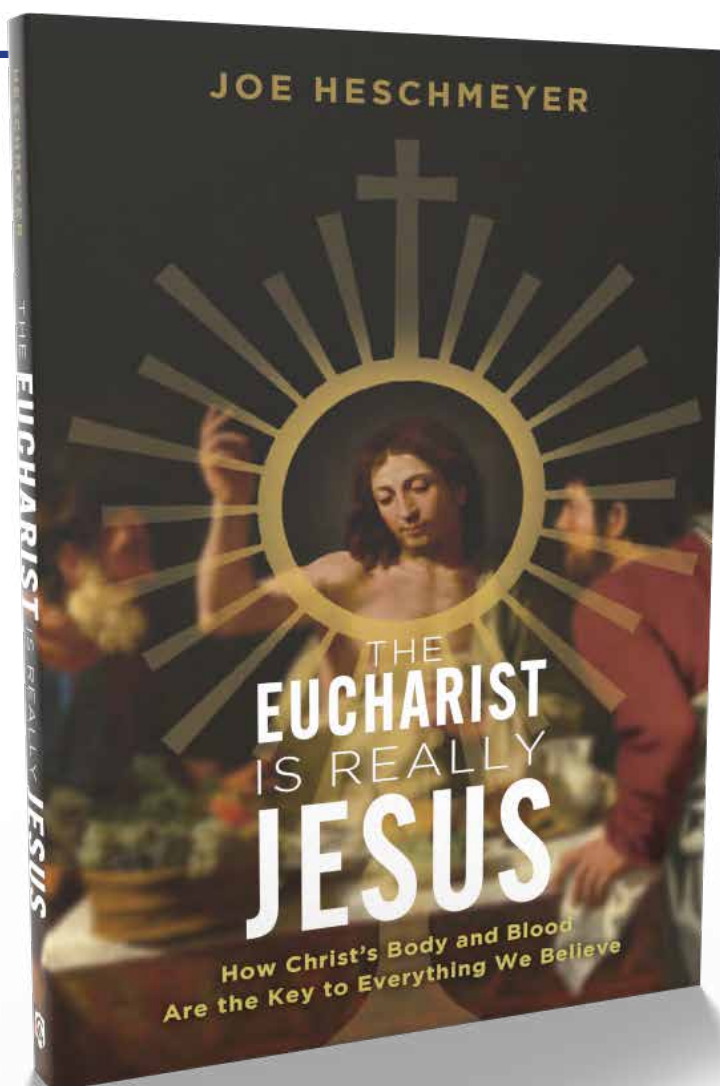
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New

THE EUCHARIST IS REALLY JESUS

Joe Heschmeyer



When the resurrected Jesus appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus, they didn't know him. He was there in the flesh, talking, teaching, but they didn't recognize him.

Until the breaking of the bread. Then their eyes were open, and everything fell into place.

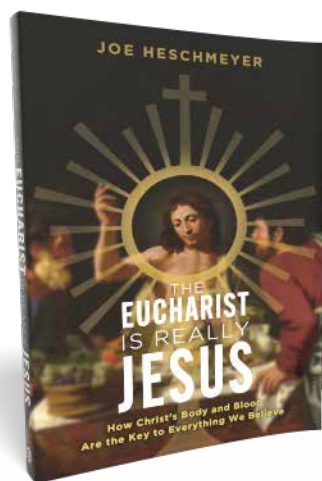
The same is true today. When we recognize Jesus in the bread of the Holy Eucharist—when we understand that it's really Jesus—our eyes of faith are opened, and the mysteries of the Christian life are unlocked.

In *The Eucharist Is Really Jesus*, author Joe Heschmeyer first explains how Catholic belief in the Eucharist is biblical and reasonable. If you're used to thinking of Communion as a purely symbolic ritual, you'll find here a compelling defense of the ancient doctrine of the Real Presence.

But even if you already believe it, Heschmeyer shows how that's not an end, but just the beginning. Knowing that the Eucharist is really Jesus becomes a master key to understanding:

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- The cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter Sunday
- How to worship God in spirit and truth, according to the Bible
- The meaning of our own bodies and their immortal destiny
- How to love God and each other every day, like the saints
- ...and more essential aspects of our lifelong walk with Jesus.

Like those disciples on their way to Emmaus, we don't truly know Jesus apart from the broken bread, because the fullness of his truth remains locked away. *The Eucharist Is Really Jesus* will give you the key.

Joe Heschmeyer is a Catholic Answers apologist and author with a long history of public speaking who enjoys presenting the truths of the Catholic faith in a lively and humorous way. He has a law degree from Georgetown, a philosophy degree from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, and a theology degree from the Angelicum in Rome.



With his normal clarity and excellent research, Joe Heschmeyer has again graced us — this time with an explanation and defense of the Eucharist from Genesis through Revelation, and from the Apostolic Church until today. This is what is needed to raise nominal Catholics from the doldrums of disbelief and apathy to a passionate love and understanding of God's greatest gift to his Church, the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

- Steve Ray
Author of Crossing the Tiber



This book by Joe Heschmeyer is a magnificent defense of the Catholic understanding of the Eucharist as the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Heschmeyer's defense is deeply rooted in Sacred Scripture, especially with regard to authentic worship grounded in sacrifice and the covenant of blood. His critique of the Gnostic tendencies of some Protestant views of the Eucharist is both illuminating and persuasive. The insights from the saints and the Eucharistic prayers make this book especially valuable for a deeper understanding of the Eucharistic mystery.

- Robert Fastiggi, Ph.D.,
*Bishop Kevin M. Britt Chair in
Christology and Dogmatic Theology*



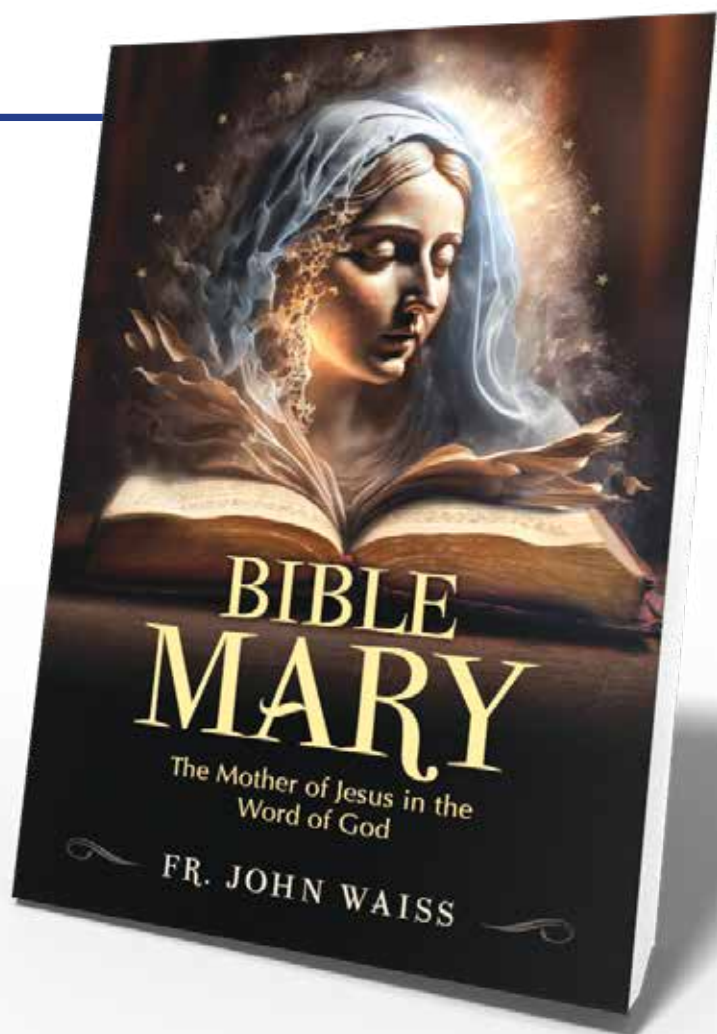
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New

BIBLE MARY

FR. JOHN WAISS



When it comes to the Catholic Church's teachings about Mary, there's one question you'll hear more than any other: Where is that in the Bible? Where in Scripture can we find the Immaculate Conception, or the Assumption, the Virgin Birth, or support for venerating Jesus' mother?

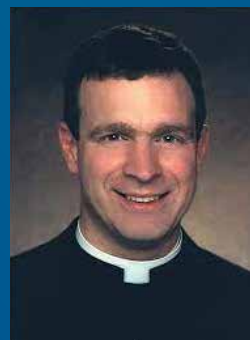
The answer? Everywhere.

In ***Bible Mary: The Mother of Jesus in the Word of God***, Fr. John Waiss pulls back the pages of Sacred Scripture to reveal a portrait of Mary that has been hiding in plain sight since the time of Christ. With the dedication of a man deeply in love with his subject, he gives us the insights and keys we need to understand that Mary is not just a bit player in salvation history or a mere tool of the divine will. Rather, she is the new Eve and glorious God-bearer foretold in the Old Testament and revealed in the New. Combining rich typology with sound biblical history, *Bible Mary* shows how Mary is the fulfillment of scriptural images and prophecies.

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Fr. Waiss also incorporates his personal experience as a priest—in each chapter treating specific Marian questions and challenges that he has dealt with in his ministry. And, intent on making the Catholic case for Mary to all Christians who love biblical truth, he appeals frequently to the growing body of Protestant scholarship that is re-thinking past hostility to Marian doctrine and devotion.

The Bible is God's written word, telling the story of how he saved his people. God's mother—prefigured, presented, exalted—is a central player in that story. When we come to understand this truth more deeply, all Christians who love the Bible will also come to love the Lord, his mother, and one another with more ardor.



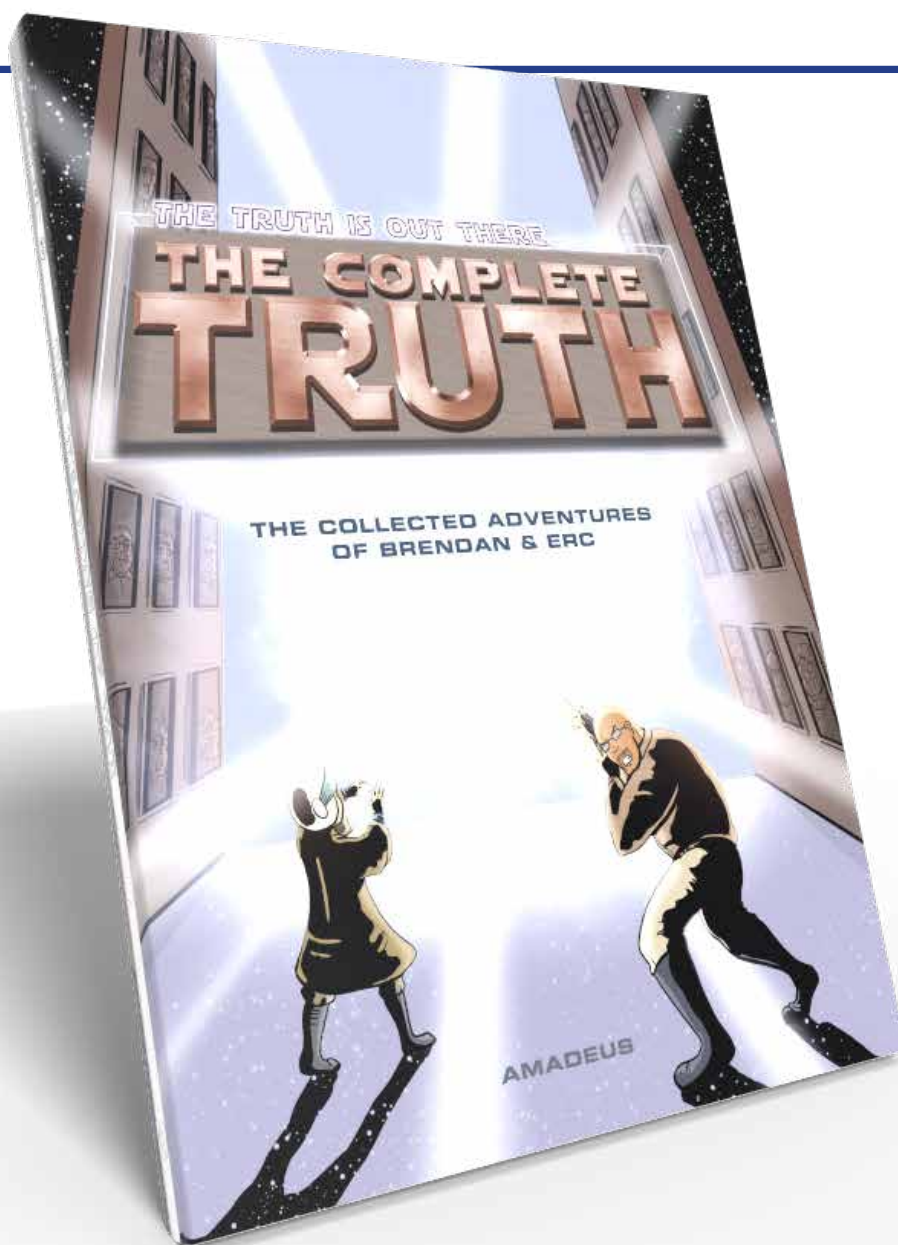
**Fr. John Waiss is a priest of
Prelature of Opus Dei and
currently pastor of St. Mary of the
Angels parish in Chicago. He has
preached numerous retreats and
days of recollection and holds a
Ph.D. in ecclesiastical philosophy
from Rome's Pontifical University
of Santa Croce, as well as a B.S.
and M.S. from Notre Dame and
Stanford. His books include
*Letters Between a Catholic and
an Evangelical*, *Born to Love*, and
*What Happens When You Die?***



New

THE COMPLETE TRUTH

TENTH ANNIVERSARY LIMITED EDITION



For more than ten years, the adventures of interplanetary delivery men Brendan & Erc have delighted readers of all ages, while offering fresh, fun ways to understand and defend the Catholic faith.

Now, the definitive edition of their story is here.

The Complete Truth combines the three graphic novels chronicling the Brendan & Erc saga—including a new, full-color version of *The Truth Is Out There*—along with an **original short story, exclusive sketches, and author commentary on the origin and evolution of his graphic universe.**

This **beautiful hardcover collection** will thrill faithful fans of Brendan & Erc and inspire new ones for generations to come.

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The **Truth Is Out There** is a unique series of Catholic graphic novels that combine sci-fi storylines and quirky humor with solid catechesis and apologetics. Perfect for thoughtful teens, young adults, and anyone who appreciates a fun and different way to learn about the Faith.

In book one, **The Truth Is Out There**, interplanetary mailmen Brendan and Erc wrestle with questions about God, Jesus, and the Church while battling space pirates.

The **Big Picture** sees our heroes going deeper into the Faith and learning about salvation history as they face off against a lunar megalomaniac with a messiah complex.

In **The Weapons of War**, Brendan and Erc are now fully initiated Catholics called upon to help Christians on Mars overcome the tyrannical plans of its secularist rulers—with the help of the seven sacraments!

These books are so appealing, we guarantee if you just leave them sitting around, someone in the household will pick them up and read...and better yet, enjoy and learn from them. They are also great catechetical tools for Youth Ministry, College Classrooms, Campus Outreach, High School Programs, RCIA and Parish Family Programs and more!



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My kids love them!

Since the day we opened the pack, my two children have not stopped reading and rereading them. Especially our astute eight-year-old daughter. She loves to read but is not easily challenged by what she reads, but boy oh boy is she challenged by these books. And in the best kind of way. She genuinely feels like she's better understanding the world, God, and how to more wisely navigate her desire to win souls. What a gift! Thank you for these graphic novels. All I ask is MORE! Lots, lots more! :-)

—Chris (verified online customer)
2022



Fantastic for all

Bought these for my preteen and teen grandkids. I've recommended to multiple families and told them to have the adults read it first or read as a family. Graphics are entertaining and the message is deep.

—Sharon (verified online customer)
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New

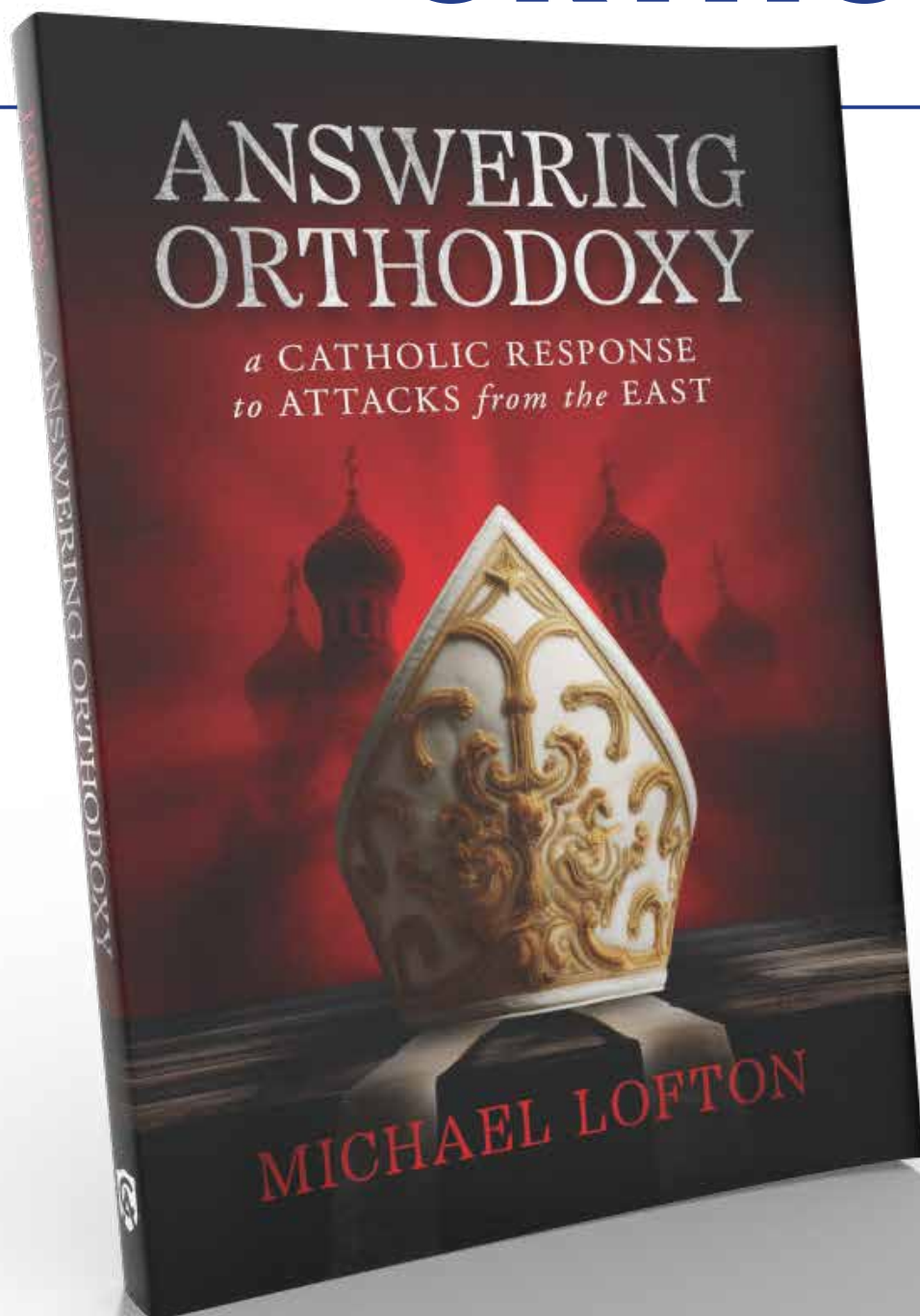
ANSWERING ORTHODOXY

Michael Lofton

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**What if there's a better
Christian religion than
Catholicism?**

One that has true apostolic doctrines, a more beautiful and ancient liturgy, and freedom from all that "pope" baggage—and valid sacraments, too.



That's what apologists for Eastern Orthodoxy are selling. In a time of uncertainty and confusion for many Catholics, Orthodox challenges to the Church's history, teaching, worship, and authority structure have been drawing Catholics away in hope of greener pastures in the East.

But those thinking of jumping off the barque of Peter toward the siren song of Eastern Orthodoxy—and for Protestants who'd like Catholicism's historical pedigree without all the mess—need to think twice. In *Answering Orthodoxy*, Michael Lofton (Reason & Theology) shows why, with a thorough and critical refutation of Orthodox attacks against the Church.

Formerly Eastern Orthodox himself, Lofton has the knowledge and experience to uncover the flaws in the most common anti-Catholic arguments from Orthodoxy's top advocates. From intricate doctrinal debates to the historical flubs and foibles of the popes, right on down to the basic understandings (and misunderstandings) of the sacraments Catholics and Orthodox share but don't always agree on,

Answering Orthodoxy shows where Orthodox attacks go wrong. In so doing, he not only strengthens Catholic conviction in the truth of the Faith, but also shows the Orthodox that there's not as much distance between them and the Church as they might think, and unity with Rome might be closer than ever.

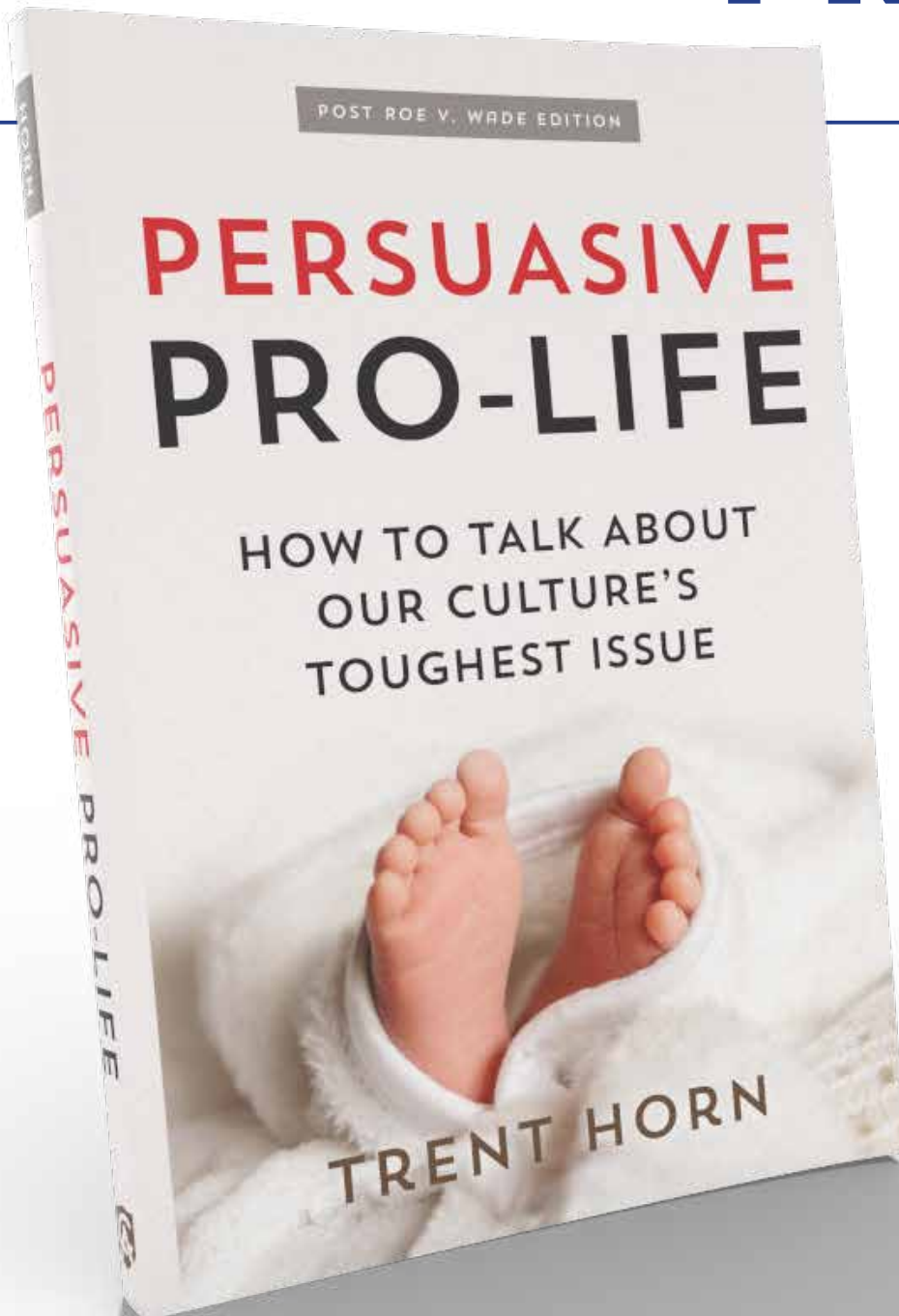
Whether you're frustrated with today's Church and find yourself attracted to Orthodoxy's antiquity, beauty, and religious rigor, or you're just looking to learn the best Catholic responses to Orthodox arguments, *Answering Orthodoxy* will equip and edify you.



New

PERSUASIVE PRO-LIFE

Trent Horn



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Are you scared to talk about abortion?

Don't worry—almost everyone is. We think the subject is too impolite, or we don't want to be branded an intolerant fanatic, or we're afraid we won't represent the pro-life side well enough. Whatever the reason for this fear, it causes many of us to pass up opportunities to speak out on behalf of the unborn.

You can overcome this fear, says Trent Horn in this new and revised edition of his bestselling classic, *Persuasive Pro-Life*. With a little knowledge and a few proven techniques, you can become a bold and effective apologist for life.

Drawing on the latest developments in the post-Roe landscape, Horn helps you cut through the rhetoric of the pro-choice side in order to accurately frame the legal, historical, and scientific issues surrounding abortion. Then he demonstrates—with vivid personal examples from his years of campus activism—the importance of being charitable, no matter how strident the other side might be. We must be not just warriors for the pro-life cause, he says, but ambassadors for it.

Horn leads you on a guided tour of the many types of pro-abortion opponent or inquirer (“the pragmatist,” “the skeptic,” “the conflicted”) and offers more real-life examples. In each case, he teaches you specific approaches—what to say, what not to say, and how to bear yourself—that are tailored to every situation. With the end of *Roe v. Wade*, the struggle over abortion has never been hotter. Read *Persuasive Pro-Life* today, and never again be afraid to speak up for the precious and fundamental right to life.



Trent Horn, a convert to the Catholic faith, serves as a staff apologist and author for Catholic Answers and specializes in teaching Catholics to graciously and persuasively engage those who disagree with them. He answers questions from non-Catholic callers each week on **Catholic Answers Live**.

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Trent’s book is a must-have resource for anyone looking to challenge those defending pro-choice lies. This is the tool we need in the post-Roe era as we look for creative and effective ways to engage the opposition. Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life

—Kristan Hawkins
President of Students for Life

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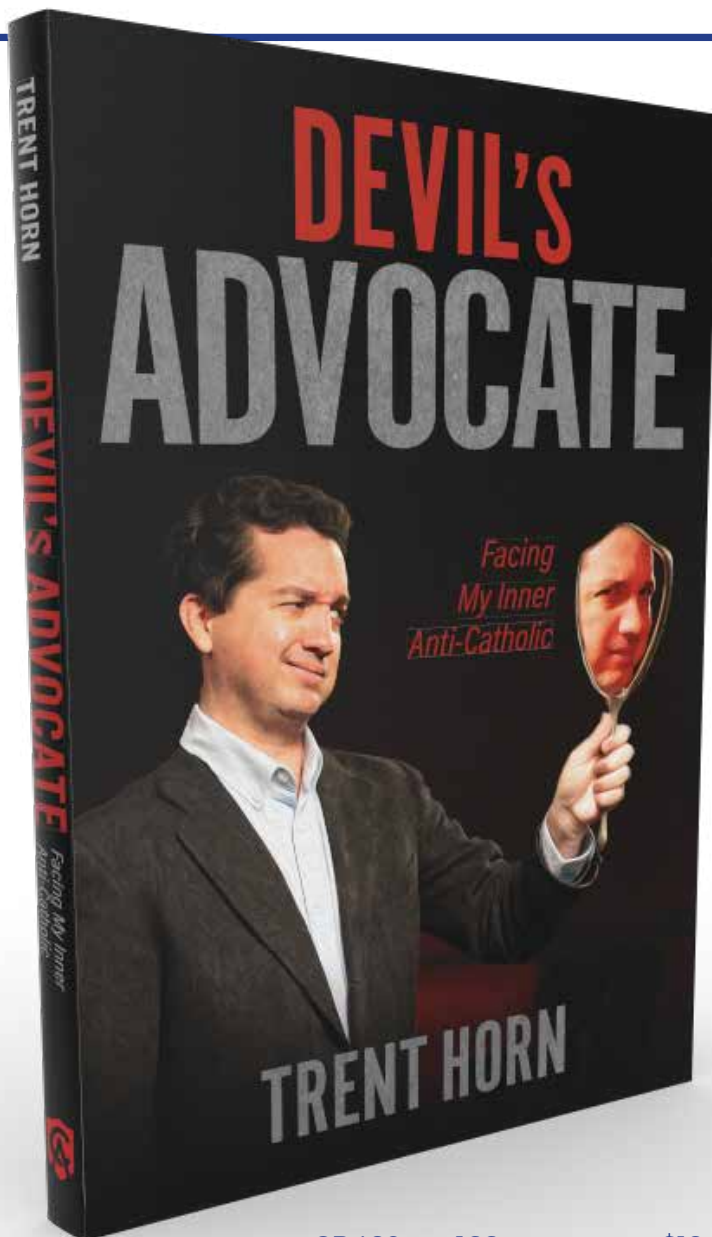
Although *Persuasive Pro-Life* deals admirably with some of the most difficult questions that sanctity of life supporters face in the public square, it also introduces its readers to an array of philosophical and legal arguments that they are sure to face in more rarefied venues. Its author, Trent Horn, has a real gift of clarity and insight that pierces through the rhetorical clutter that, unfortunately, dominates much of the discussion in social media and popular culture. If you think there is more to the debates about the sanctity of life than like-buttons, memes, and mindless heckling and name-calling, this is the book for you. Its case is presented with charity, intelligence, compassion, and rigor.”

—Francis J. Beckwith
Professor of Philosophy, Baylor University



DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

Trent Horn



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He has debated Protestants, skeptics, and socialists. He has refuted countless atheist arguments and debunked a thousand anti-Catholic myths—without breaking a sweat. But now Trent Horn has met his match . . . himself.

What if the voice of your deepest doubts and difficulties about Catholicism rose up in the form of a human being and challenged you to defend your most foundational beliefs? That's the task Trent faces in *Devil's Advocate*: a dialogue with his own best objections against the faith he professes and defends.

In this engaging series of conversations with his anti-Catholic alter-ego, Trent battles challenges on topics such as:

God: You can't believe that God is a person when most philosophers say that—at best—God is just a force. The problem of evil won't allow it!

The Resurrection: Why say that Jesus truly rose from the dead when simpler explanations suffice? Why believe in this miraculous story but reject those in other religions?

Abortion: Would you really tell a pregnant woman she must keep the baby even if doing so will kill both of them?

The Bible vs. the Pope: Doesn't it make more sense to put your faith in the unchanging word of God over Catholic leaders who keep making new teachings?

Hell: How can you believe that God tortures people in hell forever? What if it were your own child?

The voice of doubt does not mess around—not for Trent, and maybe not for you, either. But in *Devil's Advocate*, you'll find that there's a better option than ignoring those doubts you can't quite beat. You have what it takes to face them . . . and Trent will show you how.



Few people know a belief-system better than a convert. Trent Horn's journey of faith and research has uniquely prepared him to be know both sides of several different perspectives. In *Devil's Advocate: Facing My Inner Anti-Catholic*, Horn channels his inner-skeptic and goes toe-to-toe with himself turning his inner monologue into a delightful and insightful dialogue. Horn versus Horn is a debate match up you'll not want to miss! I highly recommend this book.

- Gary Michuta
Author, Speaker, and Radio Host



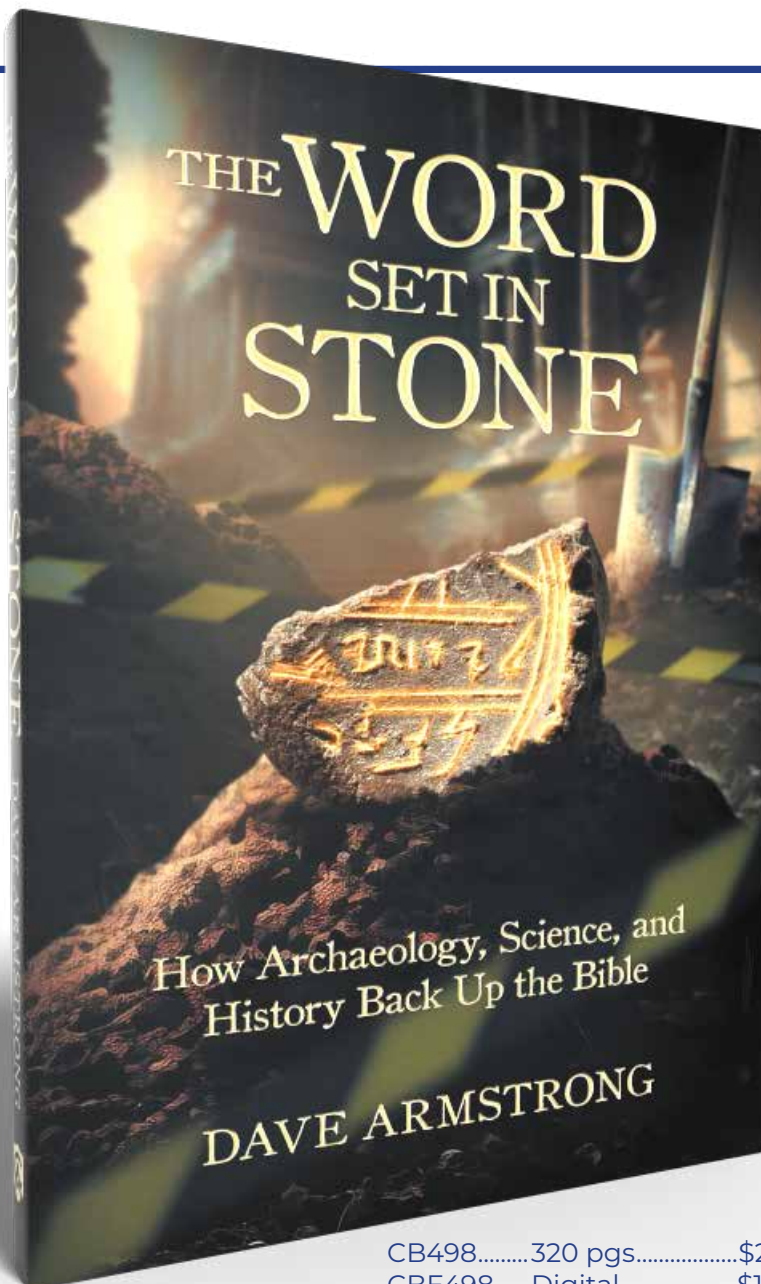
I am a happy Baptist theologian, but if I ever convert to Catholicism, I suspect the arguments of Trent Horn will be a key factor. Once again, he delivers in *Devil's Advocate*, a lively apologetic work that meticulously balances rigorous argument with winsome delivery.

- Randal Rauser
*Professor of Historical Theology,
Taylor Seminary*



THE WORD SET IN STONE

Dave Armstrong



How Archaeology, Science, and History Back Up the Bible

Anti-Christians have a lot of slick, smart-sounding attacks against the Faith, and their favorite target is the Bible.

How can you really believe that Moses parted the Red Sea? they'll ask. What makes you think Abraham, Joseph, and King David were real people and not just fantastical characters? That's not what the experts say. And how can you take the Bible seriously when the Old Testament is filled with camels . . . way before camels even existed in Israel?

Supernatural faith is a beautiful thing, and strong theology is indispensable, but wouldn't it be great if we could prove the Bible with hard science, too?

In *The Word Set in Stone*, veteran apologist Dave Armstrong uses secular historiography and proven scientific disciplines such as archaeology, meteorology, and even zoology and hydrology, to show that not only are some of the most fantastic-seeming episodes of the Bible possible, they are probable—even quite likely. From the Gospels to the Prophets all the way back to the Garden of Eden, you'll see that Scripture skeptics don't need a leap of faith to see that the Bible is one of the most historically reliable documents ever written. (And yes, that goes for the Red Sea, too.)

Presenting rigorous scientific research and theory, yet written in a way that's accessible to the average reader, *The Word Set in Stone* levels the playing field between those anti-Christians who cling to a caricature of science and the amateur apologist in all of us. The truth of the Bible is not just a matter of faith; it's elementary.

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HEART OF THE GOSPEL

Fr. Sebastian Walshe, O. Praem.

How the Beatitudes Show Us God's Plan for Happiness

"Blessed are the_____"

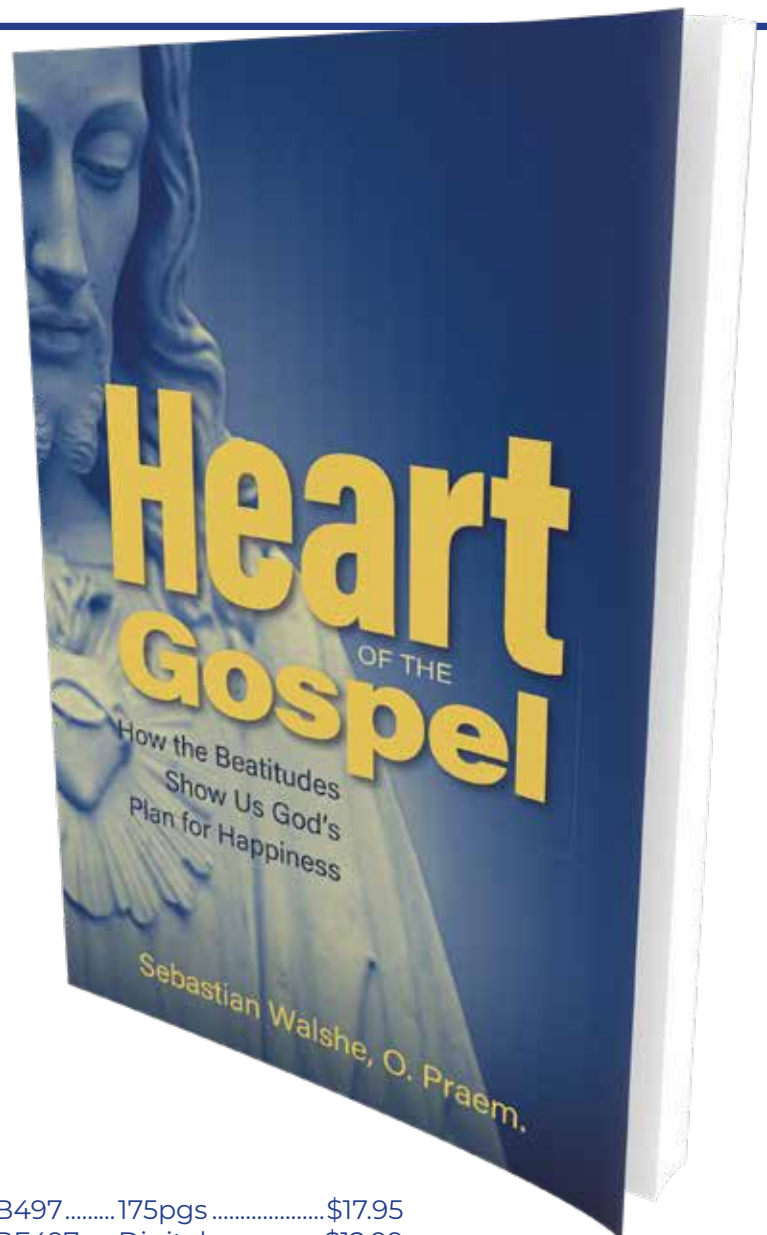
Many of us can fill in the blank with a list memorized in Sunday school or catechism class. The meek, the poor in spirit, something about those who are reviled... and that's it. These Beatitudes are a nice bit of pious trivia, nothing more.

But if that's what we think, Fr. Sebastian Walshe (Secrets from Heaven) says we're missing out—not only on some of Jesus' most important teachings in the Gospels, but on the very core of his saving message.

In *Heart of the Gospel*, Fr. Walshe demonstrates compellingly how these eight declarations from the Sermon on the Mount known as the Beatitudes make up the foundation, essence, and final goal of Jesus' teachings. They are as central to the gospel as the Ten Commandments were to the old Law: a roadmap for navigating the New Covenant.

And where does that map take us? To happiness—which is what beatitude means, after all. To that end for which God made us and only in which we can feel fulfilled. In these rich meditations, Fr. Walshe illuminates the scriptural passages from which we get the Beatitudes; explains the significance of their wording, their order, and their timing in Jesus' ministry; and draws out edifying parallels and connections with salvation history and the lives of the saints.

Most importantly, he offers wise counsel from his own work as a priest and teacher to help us understand the Beatitudes better and live them out in our life—following that roadmap that leads to happiness in this world and in the world to come.



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THE NEW RELATIVISM

Karlo Broussard

Unmasking the Philosophy of Today's Woke Moralists

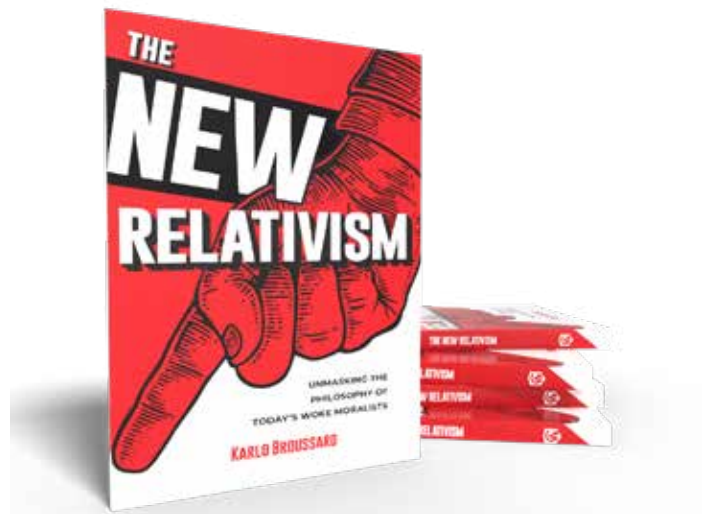
Do you remember when relativism was the nemesis of Christians and all people of right reason? This idea that “you have your truth and I have mine” was so pervasive and insidious that Pope Benedict XVI warned it was a “dictatorship” that threatened all our freedoms.

Then, seemingly overnight, we’re being told that it’s not a problem anymore. Why? Because in today’s “woke” world, most people are now moralists, not relativists. They impose a litany of new, seemingly absolute “commandments” to make sure we’re never racist, sexist, judgmental, bigoted, “anti-science,” or a host of other deplorable things. So, relativism must dead; yesterday’s news.

Not so fast, says Karlo Broussard in *The New Relativism*. The dictatorship of relativism isn’t dead; it’s just hiding—behind the mask of woke moralism. Scratch these modern commandments we’re supposed to live by, and lurking underneath you’ll find the same basic errors of relativism: mutated into new forms, perhaps, but no less dangerous to our world and our faith.

Drawing on examples both timeless and fresh as today’s news, Karlo unpacks the various styles and flavors of the new relativism, shining a light on their modern woke disguises and showing how to dismantle them piece by piece. Even more importantly, he shows you how to replace them with better “commandments” that reflect a moral and intellectual universe of objective truth.

“Karlo Broussard does the important and foundational work of refuting wokeism without polemics or ridicule, but with the simple conviction that we are made for truth. In a time of much coercion and confusion, *The New Relativism* is a clarifying and compelling read.” -Noelle Mering, author of *Awake, Not Woke*



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WHEN PROTESTANTS ARGUE LIKE ATHEISTS

Trent Horn

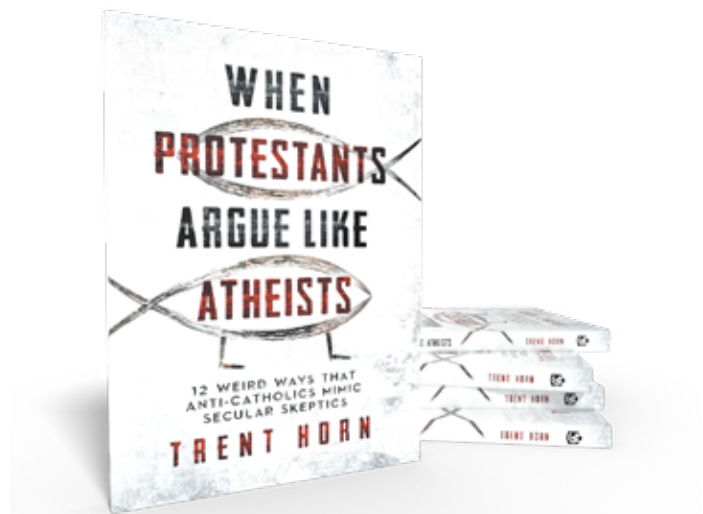
12 Weird Ways That Anti-Catholics Mimic Secular Skeptics

Protestant apologists are usually our partners when it comes to defending the existence of God, the inerrancy of Scripture, traditional moral absolutes, and many other important truths. When arguing against atheism, they shrewdly call out the logical fallacies, double standards, and dirty tricks of skeptical critics.

But then, too often, they turn around and use the same tricks to attack Catholicism.

In *When Protestants Argue Like Atheists*, Catholic apologist Trent Horn looks at twelve areas where anti-Catholic scholars and polemicists mimic the methods they otherwise decry in anti-theists. Citing the work of both classic and contemporary Protestant figures, he shows how, when defending mere Christianity, they quickly object when skeptics shift the burden of proof, or appeal to fake history, or harp on the morality of the messenger instead of the truth of the message. And yet, when trying to take down Catholicism, they seem to have no problem employing these same shady tactics and others.

Not only does Trent unveil the hypocrisy and logical weaknesses of such tactics and show you how to refute them—he points out ways that Catholics, too, sometimes imitate the worst arguments of atheists. The result is a much-needed elevation of discourse, for all sides, on these all-important subjects related to Christian truth and our salvation.



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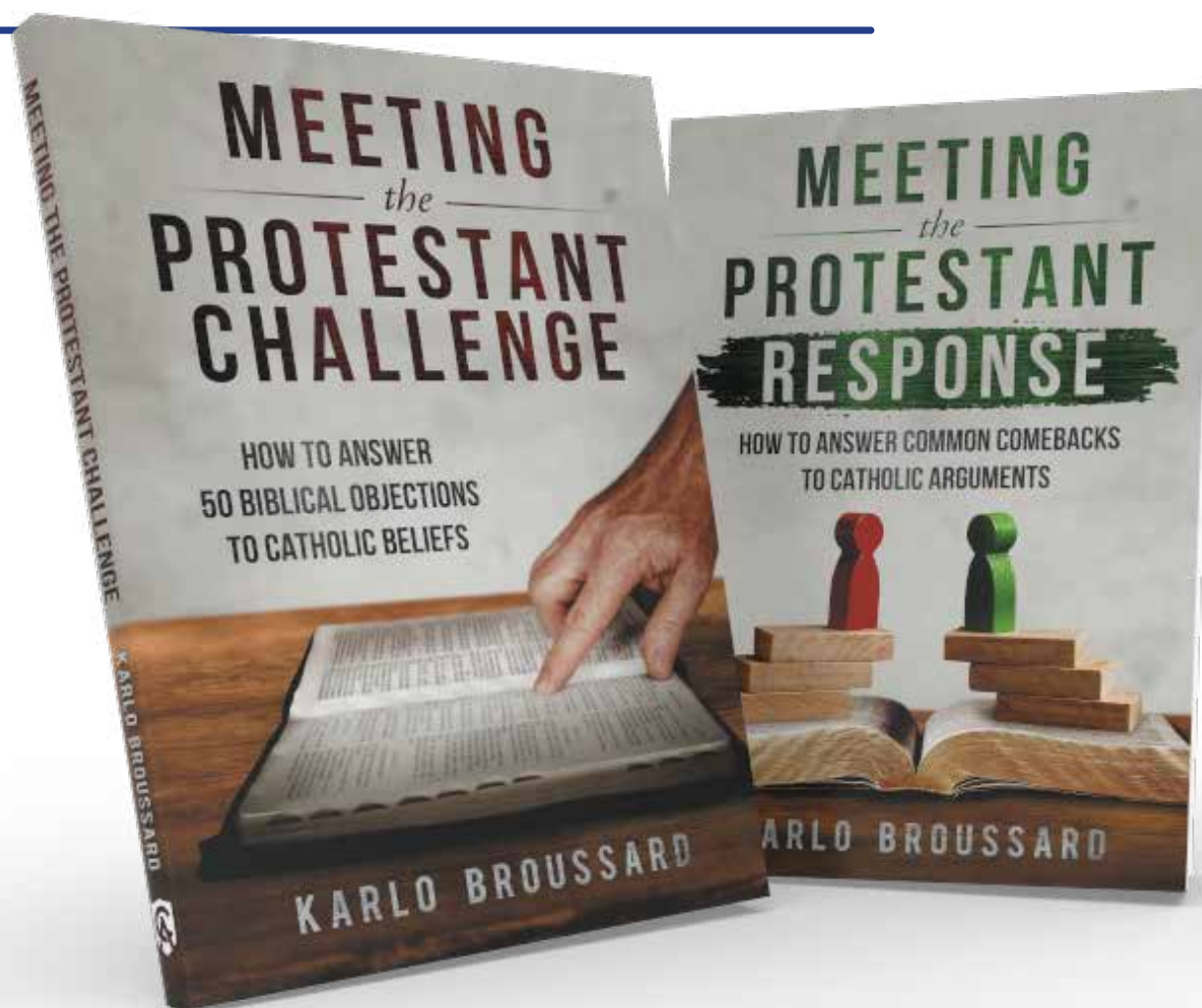


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MEETING THE PROTESTANT CHALLENGE & RESPONSE

Karlo Broussard



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Wonderful book to help bring simplicity to tough conversations! It will be a book I reference for many years to come I'm sure!

- Stacey H.

Meeting the Protestant Challenge

How to Answer 50 Biblical Objections to Catholic Beliefs

Every Catholic has heard the challenge: "How can you believe that? Don't you know the Bible says..." *Meeting the Protestant Challenge* gives you the knowledge and tools you need to answer fifty of the most common Bible-based objections to Catholicism like: How can the Mass be a sacrifice when the Bible says it's just a memorial? Why do Catholics stress good works when the Bible says we're saved by faith? Scripture says that all have sinned—so what Catholics believe about Mary being "immaculate" is plainly false. Jesus said to call no man father, yet that's what Catholics call their priests! How much clearer could it be?

For these challenges and many more, Karlo provides a step-by-step plan for understanding the roots of the objection, breaking down the context and full meaning of the Scripture passages, anticipating followup arguments, and offering your own friendly counter-challenge to help Protestants begin to see how the Bible and Catholic teaching actually coexist in harmony.

When Protestants Strike Back...

Since the start of the modern apologetics revival, millions of regular Catholics have learned to give good reasons for the things they believe—usually

to Protestants who challenge our faith with a Bible verse or historical claim. Using Scripture, early Church authorities, and sound logic, we've equipped ourselves with sound answers for when the Church's critics came calling.

But those critics have been paying attention. Over the years, Protestant pastors, authors, and radio answer-men learned how to anticipate our arguments and worked hard to furnish their followers with their own answers to rebut the standard Catholic proofs.

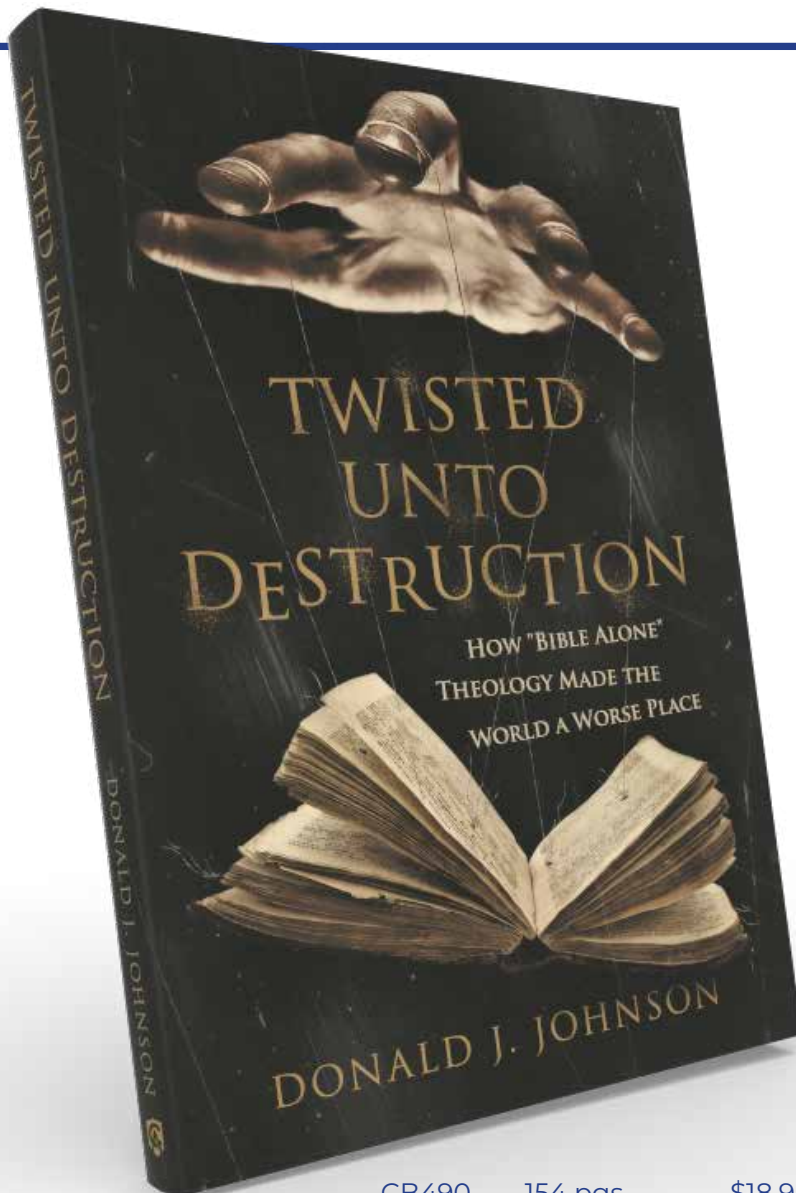
It's time for a new wave of apologetics to respond to these fresh claims!

In *Meeting the Protestant Response*, Karlo Broussard follows up his bestselling *Meeting the Protestant Challenge* by looking at those counterarguments that Protestant scholars have developed. On subjects such as the Eucharist, the papacy, salvation, Mary, and the veneration of saints, Karlo breaks down these new comebacks, shows how they don't actually disprove the classic Catholic arguments, and offers more biblical, logical ways to explain and defend the doctrines and practices of our Faith.



TWISTED UNTO DESTRUCTION

Donald J. Johnson



How “Bible Alone” Theology Made the World a Worse Place

Martin Luther and his fellow “Reformers” turned Christendom upside-down by rejecting the authority of the Church that Jesus founded and claiming instead that personal interpretation of Scripture is to be our rule of faith. This infamous principle of sola scriptura—the “Bible alone”—created 500 years of doctrinal chaos and sectarian division.

But that awful aftermath is not the only legacy of sola scriptura. In *Twisted Unto Destruction*, Donald J. Johnson shows how ditching the Church in favor of private Bible interpretation has also enabled some of the modern world’s worst crimes and vices.

Once an Evangelical Protestant who took sola scriptura for granted, Johnson came to realize that setting ourselves up as little Magisteriums—whose opinions on the Bible’s meaning have to be as valid as anyone else’s—not only leads to endless splintering, but makes it possible to use Scripture to justify anything.

Like puppeteers, Christians could make the words of the Bible dance on command, inventing “biblical” endorsements of violence, greed, racism, abortion, sexual depravity, and more. Without an authoritative Church to hold the line, and long removed from a practical consensus, Protestantism has been unable to resist the tide of modern errors.

In fact, as Johnson shows, in many cases, it has endorsed and expanded those errors. Read *Twisted Unto Destruction* to learn how we can fight this abuse of the Bible and reverse the damage it has caused.

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WHAT IS GOD?

Kevin Vost

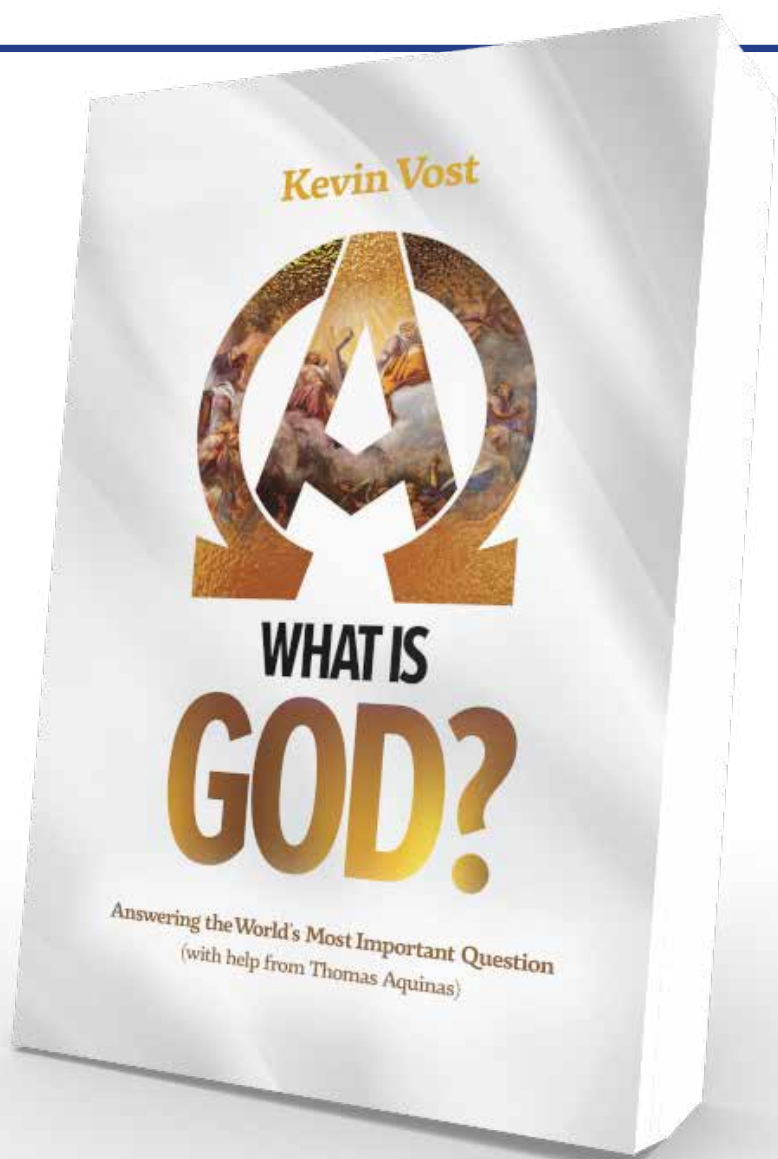
Have you ever tried to have a close, loving relationship with someone you don't know? It's not easy. (And it's probably not a good idea!)

Most would never dream of attempting such intimacy with a human stranger, yet many of us try to do just that with God! But just as with people, if we don't know God, we can't love him.

In *What Is God?*, Kevin Vost (Memorize the Reasons!) shows you how you can better know the most worthy object of our love, following the thought of the great theologian who first asked that question as a young boy: St. Thomas Aquinas.

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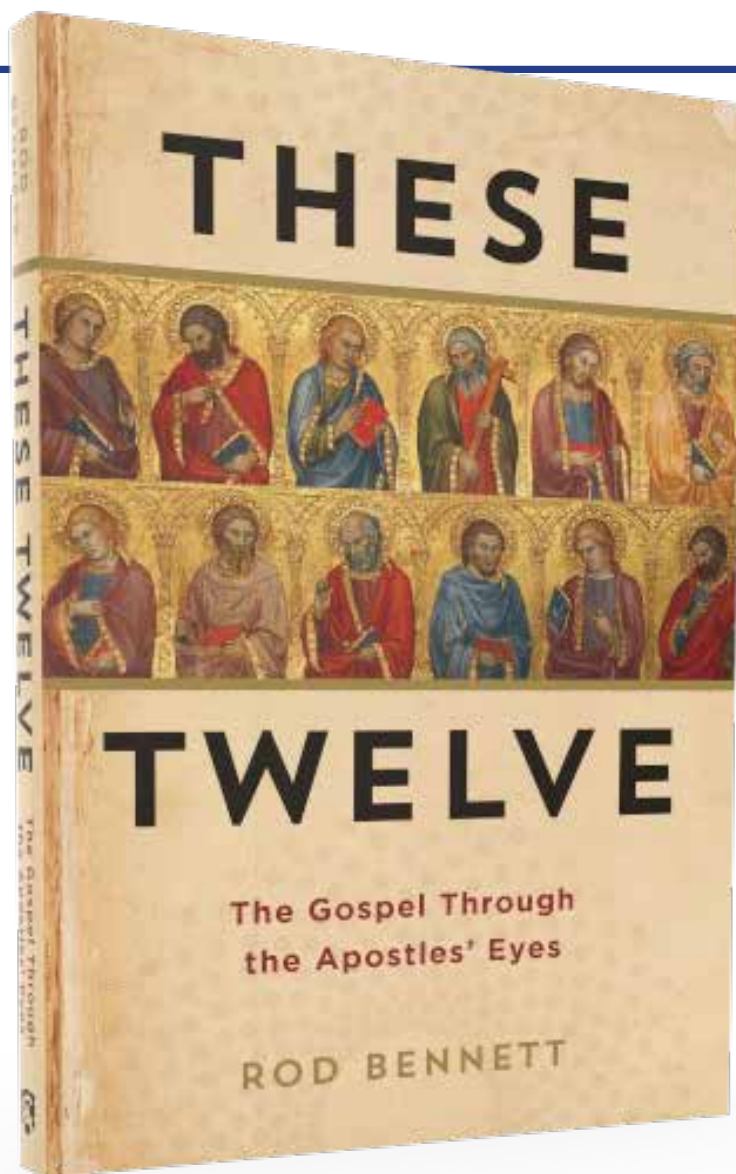


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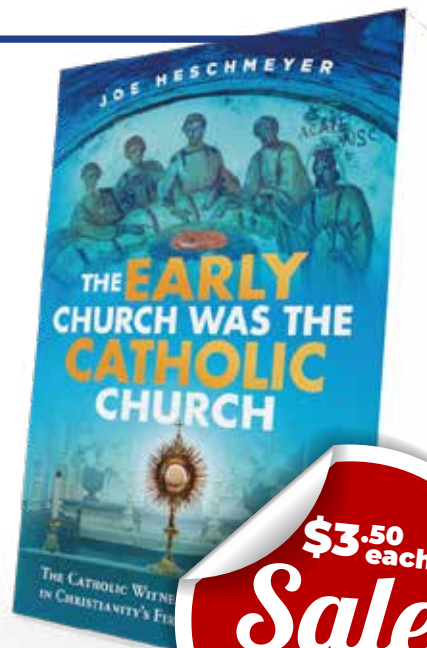
But the Last Supper was a long time ago, and for hundreds of years Protestants have been attacking Catholic claims about Christianity's historic origins, traditions, and practices. They prefer to believe that the earliest, "purest" Church had much more in common with their own congregations and doctrines.

So, how can you be sure the Catholic Church has it right?

You'll get your answer from Joe Heschmeyer, who deftly joins the Catholic past and present in *The Early Church Was the Catholic Church*. Focusing on the first

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Early Christianity is not some mist-enshrouded island of the distant past that was waiting for the Protestant Reformers to rediscover it. No, it's recognizable and familiar: the beginning of a Spirit-guided line of faith leading directly to today's Catholic Church. If you want to learn to defend that Church at its roots—or if you're just curious about what our eldest Christian brothers and sisters believed—you can expect in these pages to be richly rewarded.



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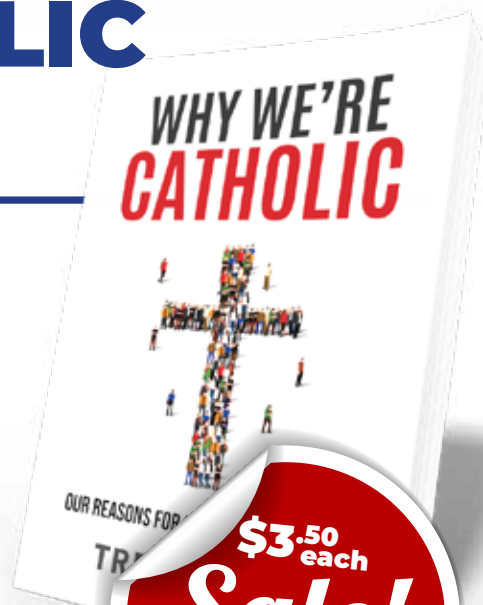
Ever since he became Catholic, Trent Horn has spent a lot of time answering these questions, trying to explain to friends, family, and total strangers the reasons for his faith

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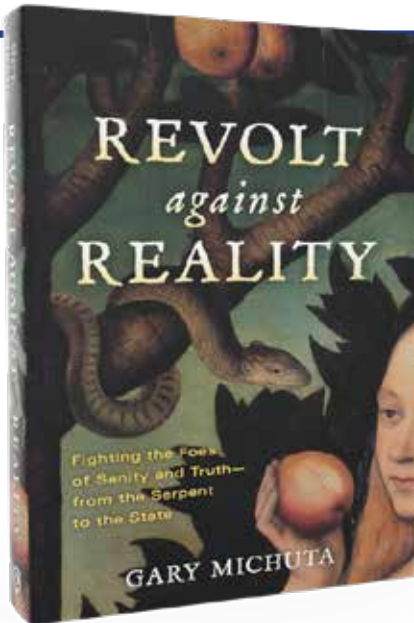


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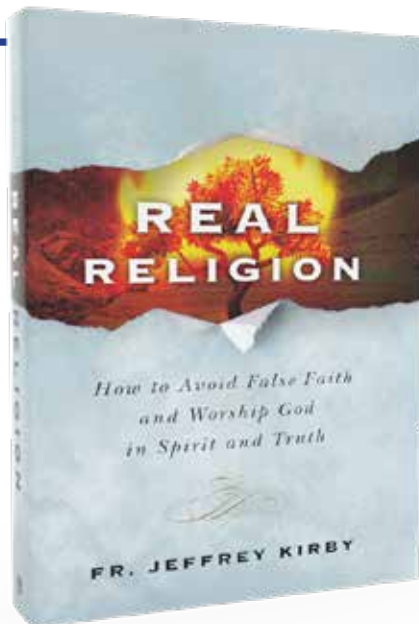
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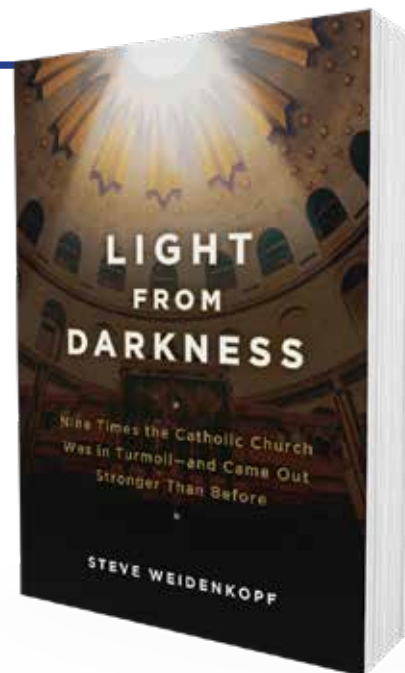
Ask Catholics about the crisis in the Church today and you'll often get one of two responses:

The end is upon us! or Everything's fine—the Holy Spirit is in charge!"

Neither of those attitudes makes sense from the perspective of history, says Steve Weidenkopf (*The Real Story of Catholic History*).

In his new book, *Light from Darkness*, Weidenkopf shows how the Church's past ages were no less tumultuous than our own. Yet, whether it was decadent hierarchs selling out the Faith for pleasure and power, or hostile princes, heresies, or ideologies (sometimes all three at once) menacing Christendom, the Catholic Church not only persisted during hard times but came through them stronger than before.

In each case, though, Weidenkopf demonstrates how the Church's survival was not an accident or a last-minute miracle. Instead, good Catholics (lay and clergy alike) cooperated with God's grace to beat back error and corruption and reform the house of God from within. They resisted the twin temptations of cynical schism and Pollyanna passivism and went to work—first in their own hearts—bringing good out of evil, light from darkness.



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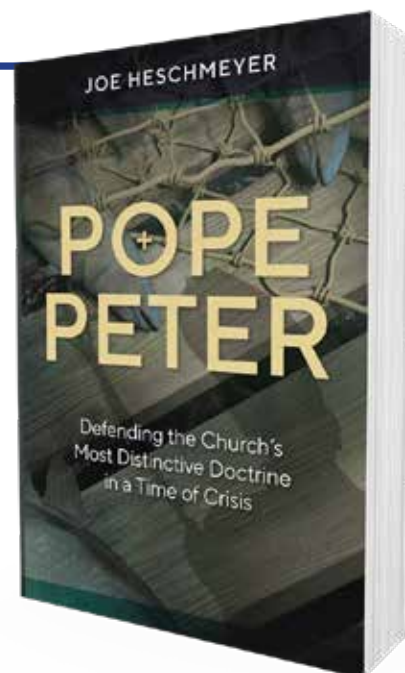
In many ways it's Catholicism's defining doctrine—but also its most divisive. From medieval pontiffs who acted like princes to a modern pope whose every casual statement sets off a social-media firestorm, there has been plenty for non-Catholics to criticize and for the faithful to feel anxious about.

We profess that Jesus made St. Peter the visible head of his Church on earth and that his successors throughout the ages are guided by the Holy Spirit to govern, teach, and sanctify it. How can we strengthen this belief in the papacy in the face of challenges (both

outside the Church and within it) and so strengthen our faith in the One who instituted it?

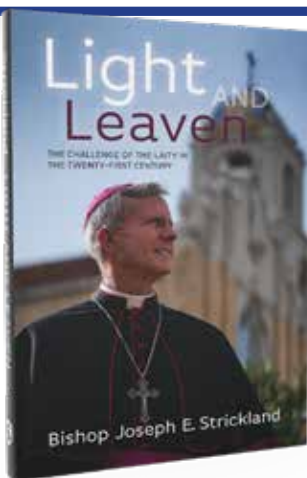
In *Pope Peter*, Joe Heschmeyer says that papal flaws are an opportunity to understand what the papacy really means, not to abandon it (or the Church). Drawing deeply on the scriptural and historical witness, he offers a thorough but accessible defense of the papal office and an edifying picture of the extent—and limits—of its authority.

Jesus made Peter the Rock of the Church and promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against it. *Pope Peter* will confirm your faith in that promise and help you proclaim its truth to others.



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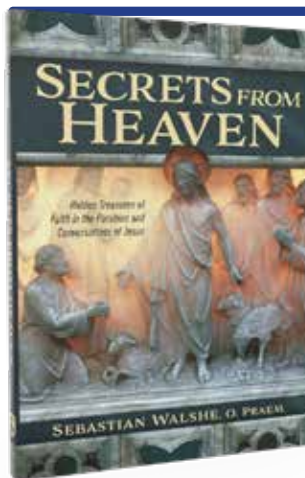


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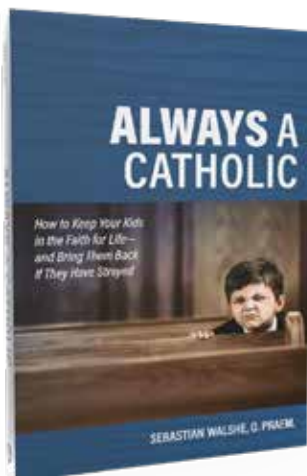
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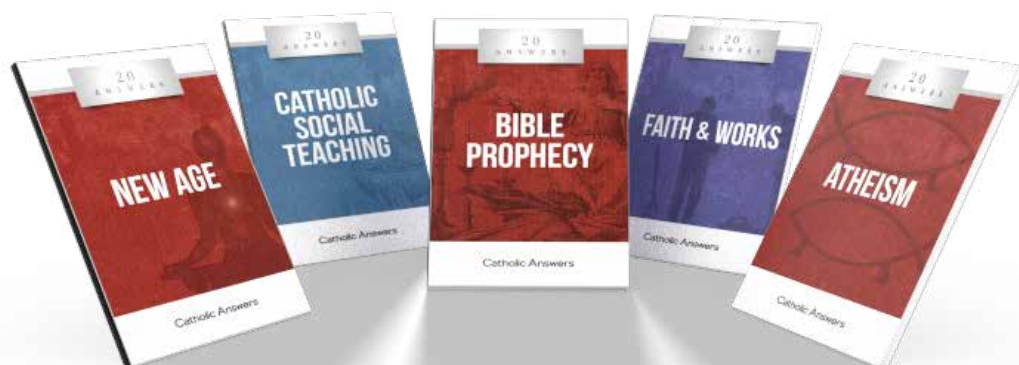
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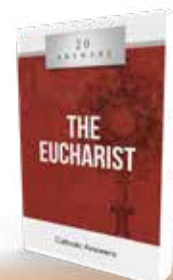
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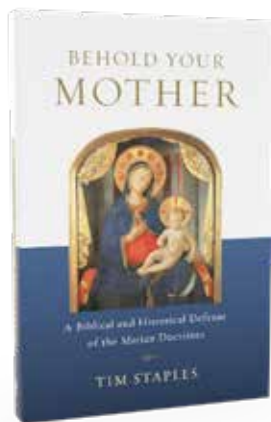
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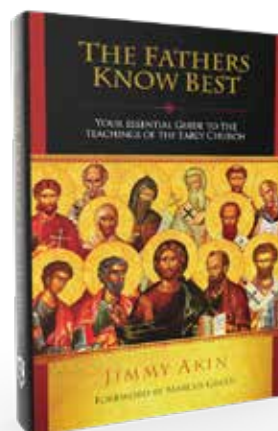
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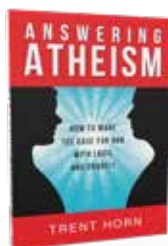
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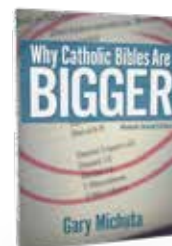
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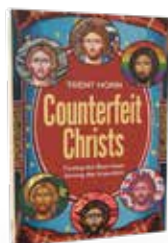
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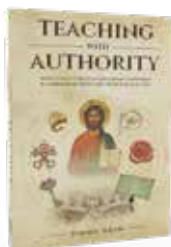
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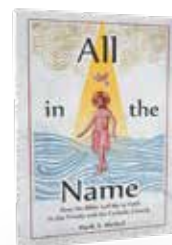
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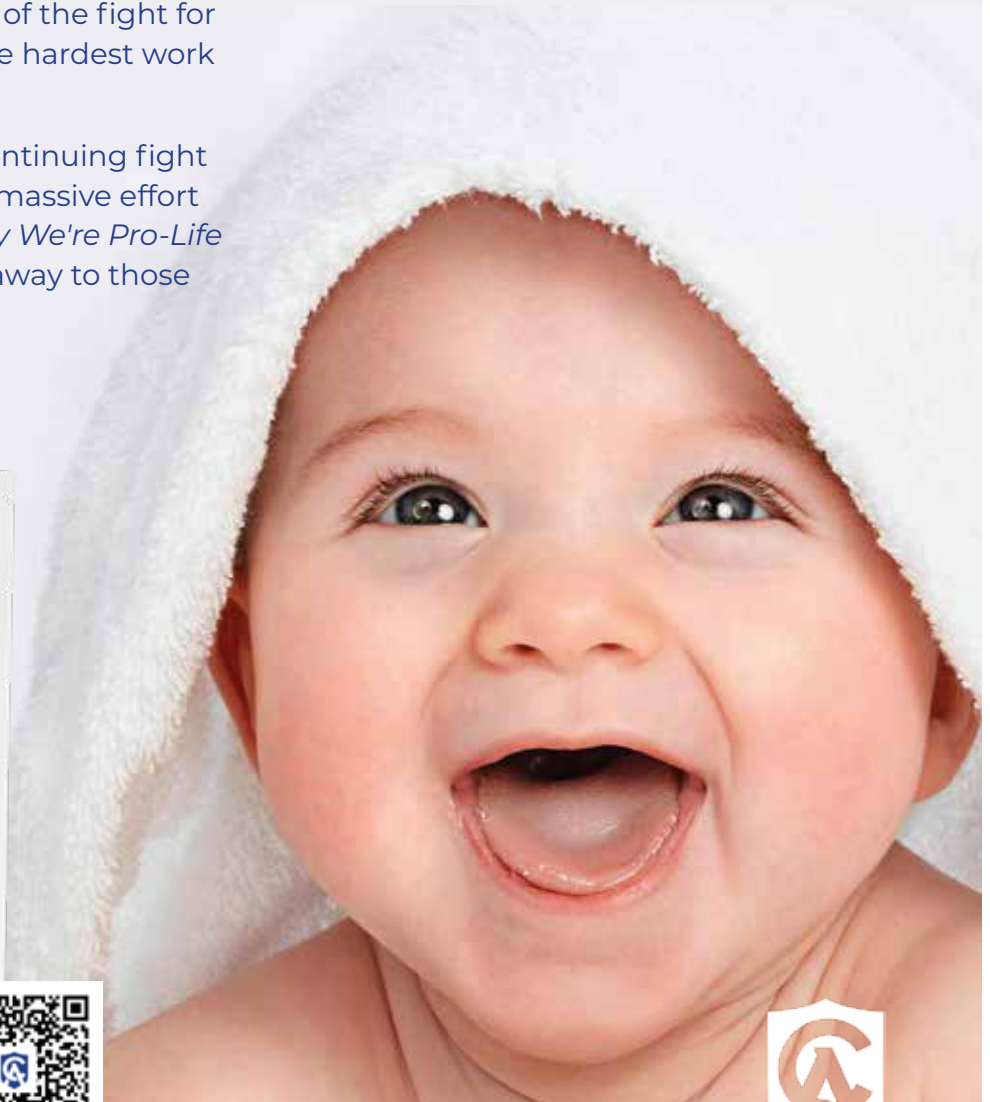


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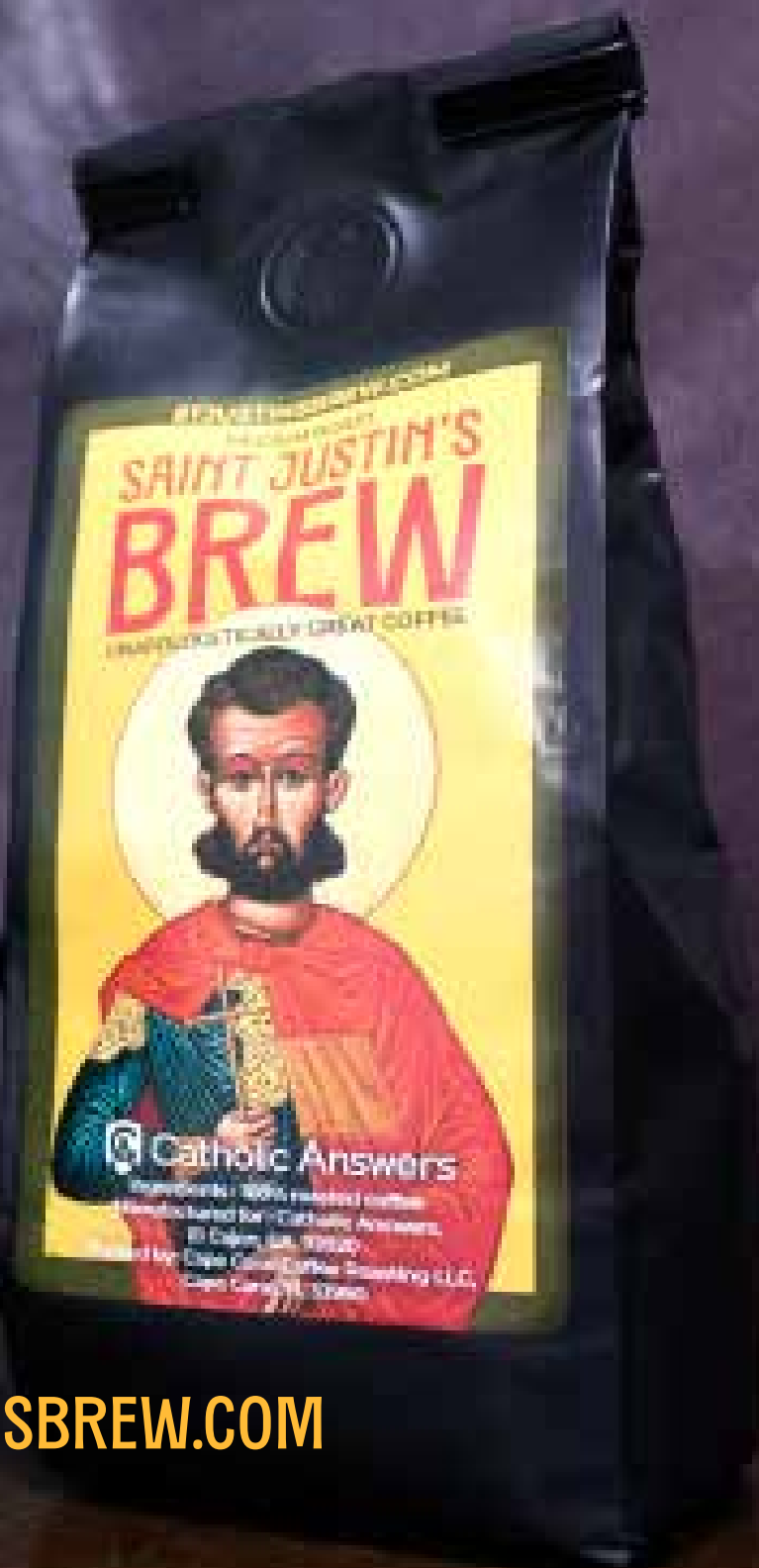
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