



*Exposing Myths About Christianity: A Guide to Answering 145 Viral Lies and Legends*  
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*“From gnosticism to evil, from science to the Trinity, Jeffrey Burton Russell demonstrates exceptional competence and mastery of the literature. What C. S. Lewis’s Mere Christianity did in the 1940s, Jeffrey Burton Russell has done for us.”*

—Very Rev. Dr. Ian Markham, president, Virginia Theological Seminary

In *Exposing Myths About Christianity*, renowned historian Jeffrey Burton Russell examines a wide array of common misperceptions, characterizations, stereotypes, caricatures and outright myths about Christianity. The author sets the record straight, countering the new atheists and other cultural critics who charge Christianity with being outdated, destructive, unenlightened, racist, colonialist and based on fabrication, among other significant false accusations. He includes 145 specific entries, one for each myth, including:

- Christianity is a superstition.
- Belief in Christianity is incompatible with science.
- Christianity supports war and the death penalty.
- Christianity is anti-choice.
- Christianity represses free thought.
- Science is about facts, religion about values.
- Modern scholarship debunks the Bible.
- The Christian God killed his own son.
- Miracles are explained away by science.
- God is the product of structural and chemical arrangements in the brain.
- Reincarnation is compatible with Christianity.

Russell writes: “Currently there are two billion Christians—two thousand million—in the world, and the number is growing. At the same time, myths about Christianity are widespread among Christians, non-Christians and atheists. The result is that it has become difficult to discuss Christianity openly, knowledgeable and fairly. Because Christianity is an important worldwide phenomenon, it needs to be understood and engaged intelligently rather than either defended or attacked on the basis of prejudice or disinformation. This book is a guide to what is true and what is not.”