



*Rational Faith: A Philosopher's
Defense of Christianity*

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Is Christianity Intellectually Credible?

Many in today's academic world find Christian belief untenable. But nationally renowned philosopher Stephen Davis argues that belief in God is indeed a rational and intellectually sound endeavor. In *Rational Faith*, Davis collects a lifetime of rigorous reflection and critical thinking to appraise the most common objections to faith in the academy today.

"I wrote this book because, during my career as a philosophy professor at a secular institution, I encountered many Christian and non-Christian students who were deeply troubled by certain intellectual problems, difficulties, and criticisms of belief in God and/or belief in Christianity," Davis said. "I wanted to show that there are credible answers to these problems."

With a fair and open approach, *Rational Faith* takes up questions such as:

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"In a relatively short book, Davis manages to treat just about every issue that an honest person concerned about Christian faith might want to ask," says C. Stephen Evans, professor of philosophy and humanities at Baylor University. "This is a book that will be helpful to both believers and unbelievers. The tone is personal and down-to-earth; the reader comes away with a sense of having had an enjoyable, stimulating, and possibly life-changing conversation."

Stephen Davis (PhD, Claremont Graduate University) is the Russell K. Pitzer Professor of Philosophy at Claremont McKenna College. He specializes in the philosophy of religion and Christian thought, and he is the author or editor of over fifteen books, including *Encountering Evil*, *Christian Philosophical Theology*, and *Disputed Issues*. He has also written more than seventy academic articles and reviews. In 2015, he was honored with the festschrift *Christian Philosophy of Religion: Essays in Honor of Stephen T. Davis*.

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