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makes theology accessible to a wider audience introducing readers to the core doctrines of the christian faith and encouraging them to connect belief with everyday life

the essential doctrine made easy pamphlet covers the basic christian beliefs that everyone should know bible study leaders sunday school teachers and church volunteers need a refresher on the basic christian doctrines on a regular basis new people who visit your church wonder what do christians believe and what is basic christianity the young people helping in children s sunday school classes may not even know what they believe essential doctrine made easy pamphlet lists and explains key christian beliefs embraced by christians around the world christian doctrines such as the trinity christ s virgin birth atoning death and bodily resurrection more than one fifth of millennials with a christian background 21 say christian beliefs don t make sense to them barna group may 19 2013 so what are the core teachings of the bible that have defined christianity for 2 000 years essential doctrine made easy pamphlet explains these christian beliefs what is the core christian belief where can i find it in the bible what do i actually need to believe what is at stake here essential doctrine made easy will also show you where to find the answers in the bible the pamphlet also includes a glossary of christian terms a chart showing how other religious groups treat these essentials and much more easily learn what other religions believe and compare it with christianity an easy to use chart shows how four other religious groups treat the 14 essentials a key indicates whether the group accepts redefines or denies each doctrine enabling the reader to understand the controversies regarding these religious sects other religious groups include latter day saints mormonism jehovah s witnesses watchtower scientology christian science essential

doctrines made easy also addresses belief in the inspiration of scripture and the methods of interpretation which are important to faith although not a necessary factor in salvation

this reader friendly yet robust introduction to the christian faith explores the essentials of christianity and the impact they have on life worldview and witness written in an accessible and engaging voice for college age readers the book connects the biblical plotline the apostles creed the comparative distinctiveness of christianity and life s big questions the author shows how the christian metanarrative speaks to questions about purpose worth ethics personhood and more and helps readers understand what it means to be a christian in a post christian world

you mean to say you don t know the meaning of monophysitism hypostatic union infralapsarian traducianism chiliastic pneumatomachian cheer up you don t have to have thousand dollar vocabulary in order to grasp the priceless basics of christianity christianity 101 bridges the gap between biblical scholarship and people who want to understand the christian faith this book presents eight basic doctrines of christianity the bible god christ holy spirit human beings redemption the church and the last things in clear simple language that gives seasoned christians a fresh understanding of the bible and its teachings and puts new christians on familiar terms with christian doctrine gilbert bilezikian does not shape his analysis of these doctrines in the worn out rationalistic categories of older systematic theologies but in vibrant dynamic language designed to communicate biblical truths to contemporary believers

an excellent primer on the basic principles of christian doctrine harkness offers light and direction to those who are bewildered by the seeming complexities of christian belief and practice displaying her uncanny ability for translating the abstract and the scholarly into terms easily grasped by laypersons harkness explains the various concepts that so often shroud christianity in mystery

the christian belief for everyone series comprises five guides to the basic ideas of the christian faith full of stories and helpful illustrations these guides have been written primarily for ordinary churchgoers though they will no doubt also appeal to interested readers outside the church the approach alister mcgrath adopts is non denominational very similar to the mere christianity advocated by c s lewis indeed the series may be seen as a guide to mere christianity focusing clearly as it does on the life of faith we look at why christians believe what they do how we can best understand these ideas and the difference they make to the way we think about ourselves and our world the first volume faith and the creeds concentrates on the nature of faith and the history and relevance of the creeds in a thrilling reflection on what we really mean when we say i believe this is excellent preparation for exploring the leading themes of the creeds in four subsequent volumes the living god lord and saviour jesus of nazareth spirit of the living god and the christian life and hope

a lucid summary and interpretation of the christian faith from one of the leading christian poets of our time jeremy begbie duke university i give you a new commandment that you love one another just as i have loved you you also should love one another jesus christ christianity began as a minor sect within judaism and has become one of the major world religions what started as a small group of people who shared the same language lifestyle and background is now a movement which embraces many different languages and cultures giving rise to an astonishing variety of practices and interpretations yet all with a common basis of shared faith inspired by the teaching life death and new life of a carpenter from nazareth how did this happen what do christians believe was written for the reader looking for quick practical insights into the beliefs and practices of christianity jesus himself identified love as the essential element in both worship and daily life using this teaching and the core christian belief that jesus was god s way of opening himself to humanity theologian poet and songwriter malcolm guite explains the inner meaning of such key christian teachings as atonement redemption and the concept of god as trinity

many non christians struggle with the concept of jesus christ the trustworthiness of the bible and whether god can really be known this book explains these vital central beliefs of christianity

the mystery of faith explores the essentials of christian belief and the ancient spiritual practices that enable us to live and flourish in the light of god s grace it is written for those who are new to the christian faith are curious about it want to understand their faith better or make more meaningful connections between faith and life using the structure of the apostles creed it offers clear explanations of core beliefs through the god we encounter in creation in the life death and resurrection of jesus christ and in the spirit who makes god known in our world and in our lives today john francis friendship draws on the riches of the christian tradition and his own experience of religious life to introduce practices that guide our daily living as god s people prayer scripture the sacraments worship the company of saints throughout questions for reflection and discussion make this an ideal resource for faith formation for individual and groups

understand what you believe in this ground breaking dvd series dr wayne grudem teaches the 20 main doctrines of the faith with biblical depth spiritual passion and a freshness that makes this series unique in the christian world this study guide written by clear cut media accompanies the dvd series the aim of the course is to provide a good understanding of all the main doctrines of the bible in an accessible and enjoyable format securing and grounding christians in the faith each session lasts approximately 40 minutes with optional discussion breaks and finishes with a questions and answers section it is suitable for both group or individual use contents 1 what is the bible the authority necessity clarity and sufficiency of scripture 2 what is god like the attributes of god god s holiness love justice omniscience and much more 3 what is the trinity exploring the beauty complexity and roles within the godhead 4 what is creation the origin and purpose of creation and the implications for us today 5 what is prayer understanding our relationship with the lord and how it works out in prayer 6 what are angels and demons how the activities of both angels and demons affect us today 7 what is man understanding the implications of being made in god s image 8 what is sin the origin and effects of sin 9 who is christ the humanity and deity of christ and its implications for salvation and worship 10 what is atonement the cause necessity nature and results of christ s atonement 11 what is the resurrection understanding the effects of the resurrection for us today 12 what is election or predestination what election does and does not mean and its implications for faith and worship 13 what does it mean to become a christian the process of calling regeneration and conversion 14 what are justification and adoption the central role of justification by faith and its result in adoption 15 what are sanctification and perseverance christian growth and god s preservation of the saints 16 what is death the death and resurrection of christians and non christians 17 what is the church the power purposes purity unity and consistency of the church 18 what will happen when christ returns the timing signs tribulation and millennial views of christ s return and reign 19 what is the final judgement the purpose and events of the final judgement and the scriptural teaching about hell 20 what is heaven the renewed heavens and earth what we will do and how it will glorify god each session is designed to be accessible from different levels new christians will be grounded in their faith established believers will grow in their knowledge of god and understand the bible much better potential leaders will be trained established leaders will be equipped for ministry the study guide includes a going deeper section suitable for those wanting to pursue a fuller understanding of these truths dr grudem in his unique and warm style provides essential teaching for all christians having completed this course christians will not only be enabled to better love god and live for him but also gain a secure understanding of the faith learning how to handle secondary issues with humility and primary issues with clarity this course is unique a world first in the combination of its scope content and format a leader s guide is also available

continuing his series of guides to the basics of the faith alister mcgrath s the living god adds depth to his christian belief for everyone collection of 5 helpful and informative guides setting out the basic ideas of the christian faith with insightful stories and enlightening illustrations compiled with the ordinary churchgoer in mind the guides will prove readable and engaging to

interested readers outside the church who may have questions about the faith of christians in relation to their own lives world issues and other faiths the approach taken by accomplished author and communicator alister mcgrath is open to all denominations and a familiar parallel for readers of c s lewis books such as mere christianity the series focuses on the life of faith as mcgrath looks at why christians believe what they do how these beliefs are best understood and how they impact on the way christians think about themselves and their role in the world the first volume in the expanding series faith and the creeds concentrates on the nature of faith and the history and relevance of the creeds in a reflection on what christians really mean when they say i believe this is excellent preparation for exploring the leading themes of the creeds in four subsequent volumes the living god lord and saviour jesus of nazareth spirit of the living god and the christian life and hope

in the opening lines of this inspiring and stimulating work dr harkness says the purpose of this small book is to stat the timeless truths of the christian faith in terms relevant to the perplexities and confusions the aspirations joys and sorrows of modern man in a troubled world in short we shall try to see not only what christians are entitled to believe but also how these beliefs count in the business of living writing with her usual clarity and appeal to the layman dr harkness gives stirring affirmations of faith which present an illuminating picture of christianity what stands behind it what makes it vital and what makes it so applicable to every generation included in the twelve brief chapters are discussions of christian belief in god christ the holy spirit the bible the church and other aspects of our faith here is a book which will provoke honest inquiry and provide a foundation for forthright discussion among all who read it publisher

learn the teachings of the bible that every christian must know now revised and updated over 300 000 copies sold not every christian needs to go to seminary but there are certain teachings of the bible that every christian should know whether you re a relatively new believer in jesus or a mature christian looking for a better understanding of basics of the faith christian beliefs is for you this readable guide to twenty basic christian beliefs condenses wayne grudem s award winning book systematic theology prized by pastors and teachers everywhere he and his son pastor elliot grudem have boiled down the essentials of theology for everyday christians and made them both clear and applicable to life each brief chapter concludes with questions for personal review or group discussion in this revised and updated edition of christian beliefs you will learn about the bible and its authority for our lives the characteristics of god the importance of prayer angels and the reality of spiritual warfare what it means that we are created in the image of god what god has done for us in christ the purpose of the church what will happen when christ returns the biblical understanding of heaven and much more christian beliefs is the ideal book for every christian who wants a solid foundation for understanding the most basic and essential teachings of the bible

in this composition the origin of more than forty essential christian beliefs are explained in order to provide answers for all christians to such questions as where did god come from no longer will any christian who has read this book need to avoid questions like who made sin is the devil real are heaven and hell real did jesus really live and should a christian tithe the author s will is to help the christian to know to better understand to teach and to defend christian beliefs beginning in the old testament book of genesis some essential christian beliefs are presented on subjects such as the family anti god sex drug abuse grace sin and marriage from the new testament the writer presents the issues and christian beliefs on jesus christ disciples origin of the church origin of the pope catholic protestant and baptist in the christian beliefs of the baptist the teaching of jesus christ as the norm the founder savior and spiritual head are exalted with supporting evidence from jesus s own words the last part of the book presents jesus s teaching on hell heaven the steps of salvation and tithing

a leading theologian s concise guide to the beliefs commitments and practices of christianity what do christians believe but also what do they do and feel with decades of experience teaching the essentials of christian faith douglas ottati still finds these questions and more like them dynamic and compelling in living belief he moves beyond trite answers drawing from the deep

well of tradition to offer up wisdom from the apostles creed the ten commandments the sermon on the mount and the lord s prayer in so doing ottati explores key christian themes such as creation redemption and love of neighbor enemy and the weak and dependent concise and approachable living belief makes no claims to be a definitive account of christianity but rather attempts to introduce a faith that remains a source of meaning and direction that orients that encourages and assures that supplies moral standards and calls for contrition and that furnishes grounds for perseverance and hope in connection with each chapter ottati includes questions for discussion so that readers those revisiting the core components of their christian faith and those learning about it for the first time can together continue the work begun here of understanding the multifaceted life of devotion that is christianity

for those who yearn for a deeper walk of faith their journey can begin here dr r c sproul takes theology down from the dusty shelves of theological libraries and expounds in clear and simple terms more than one hundred major christian doctrines he offers readers an essential understanding of the christian faith that will kindle a lifelong love for truth which is foundational to maturity in christ here are theologically sound explanations of the biblical concepts every christian should know written in a way that we all can understand sproul s homespun analogies and illustrations from everyday life make this book interesting informative and easy to read

christian faith in contemporary society is a comprehensive primer on biblical literacy written especially for baby boomers and others who by reason of illness or aging are contemplating their mortality and wish to explore christian claims of eternal life non believing singles contemplating dating a devout christian who wish to know what they may be in for should they fall in love mature christians whose intelligent highly educated children or grandchildren are rejecting the faith christians who wish to increase their knowledge of the faith for personal spiritual growth and greater effectiveness in presenting the faith to others and the curious uninitiated who would like in depth knowledge of what the christian faith is all about the author a harvard lawyer has applied his professional skills to conduct a forensic analysis of the most formidable premise of the christian faith the resurrection of jesus from the dead and his ascension into heaven while still alive and reports on the results of that analysis because christianity has played a key role in the development of western civilization a knowledge of christianity is necessary for a proper understanding of our society this book can help the reader gain that knowledge

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