

# Apologetics Resources

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Here's a list of great online and paper resources. Those in red are specifically produced with teens in mind, though many of the others will be suitable for them also.

## Online Apologetics Resources

### **Youth and Children's Work:**

[www.youthandchildrens.work/Apologetics](http://www.youthandchildrens.work/Apologetics);

### **Reboot:**

RZIM and the OCCA run an annual youth apologetics conference called Reboot – there are some helpful short videos on the website [www.reboot.org.uk](http://www.reboot.org.uk);

### **The Road:**

This web resource aims to provide in-depth, accessible and relevant explanations of what Christians believe and why: [theroad-uk.com](http://theroad-uk.com);

### **Be Thinking:**

This is an initiative of UCCF which exists to equip university Christian Unions and students. You can search for content via person or subject: [www.bethinking.org](http://www.bethinking.org). They now have a specific youth section to the website: [www.bethinking.org/youth](http://www.bethinking.org/youth);

### **The Bridge:**

While this is aimed at Christian teenagers, a lot of their questions will be of interest to people from all backgrounds [thebridge-uk.com/index.php/home.php](http://thebridge-uk.com/index.php/home.php);

### **NUA:**

NUA is a new initiative from Scripture Union Ireland ([nuafilmseries.org](http://nuafilmseries.org)). Great production values and great content make for a very exciting resource; William Lain Craig's Reasonable Faith animations are really helpful – available on youtube;

### **labri-ideas:**

Francis Schaeffer's apologetic legacy lives on and on and for good reason. See [www.labri-ideas-library.org](http://www.labri-ideas-library.org) for a wide ranging set of articles on apologetics and worldviews; Festive supports Christians in sixth forms and FE colleges and has a really helpful blog which includes some apologetic articles: [www.festive.org.uk/blog](http://www.festive.org.uk/blog).

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## General Apologetics books

**The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism – Tim Keller.**

This book addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics and non-believers bring to religion;

**What Kind of God – Michael Ots.**

Ten honest responses to common questions about God;

**Beyond Opinion complied – Ravi Zacharias.**

A helpful tool for exploring different challenges to the faith – it looks at everything from other religions, science and suffering;

**But is It Real – Amy Orr Ewing.**

Subjects range from other religions to evil and hell;

**Tricky – Michael Dormandy & Carl Laferton**

which covers topics including suffering, sexuality and science. Specifically aimed at teenagers;

**Unbelievable – Justin Brieley.**

This is a great introduction to apologetics from someone who has perhaps done most in the UK in the last decade to bring apologetics to a popular audience. Drawing on hundreds of conversations on his Premier radio show of the same name, Unbelievable brings clear thought together with real life examples of conversations Justin has been a part of over the years;

**A sneaking suspicion – John Dickson**

Short chapters on a wide variety of apologetic questions.

## Books on using a questioning approach

**Tactics – Greg Koukl**

a helpful guide to communicating the gospel message to others, particularly by using questions

**Questioning Evangelism – Randy Newman**

is a brilliant book to start with to see why a questioning approach is a good approach. With little example dialogues to illustrate his points Newman leads us through the reasons why a questioning approach is good but also some examples of it;

**Corner Conversations – Randy Newman.**

This books extends Newman's use of example conversations into a whole book;

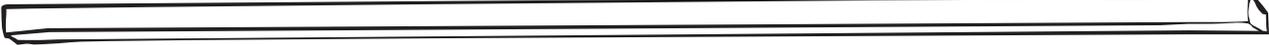
**Between Heaven and Hell – Peter Kreeft**

This is a fascinating imagined conversation between John F Kennedy, C S Lewis and Aldous Huxley. Each represents a distinct perspective on life and the conversations bring out the power of Christian conversational engagement;

**Persuasion – Doug Wilson**

A dream of reason meeting unbelief. This is shorter and more story-like than the likes of Newman. It's a bit like an apologetic version of A Pilgrim's Progress.

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## Books on Worldviews and Popular Culture

### **The Universe Next Door – James Sire**

is a classic but is in its 5th edition for good reason. Great introduction to different worldviews;

### **The Universe Upstairs – Merve Jones**

is out of print but you can pick copies up cheaply online. It's basically a cartoon version of James Sire's book aimed at teens and students;

### **Popologetics – Popular Culture in Christian Perspective. Ted Turnau**

Ted Turnau provides an insightful and practical book that is based on a good theoretical foundation, considering the importance of worldview and popular culture to the practice of apologetics.

## Books on The Bible

### **Why Trust the Bible – Amy Orr-Ewing**

is a great place to start;

### **Confident – Dan Strange and Mike Ovey**

Why we can trust the Bible. A helpful pithy concise introduction as to why we can be confident in the Bible.

## New Atheism

### **Gunning for God – Prof John Lennox**

tackles atheist arguments and provides proof for many different elements of the Christian faith;

### **Why God won't go away – Revd Dr Alister McGrath.**

Like John Lennox's book above, this challenges some of the key atheist arguments while providing helpful pointers to Christianity.

## Jesus / Resurrection

### **The case for Christ – Lee Strobel.**

Written by a former atheist who set out to disprove the resurrection but was so overwhelmed by the evidence that he became a Christian. **The Student edition works well for teens.**

## Suffering

### **If I were God I'd end all the pain – John Dickson.**

Great short book for teens. Really helpful in grappling with this most often asked question;

### **Why – Sharon Dirckx.**

This book weaves theological questions with personal stories.

## Ready-Made youth apologetics session

### **The Tough Questions series – Gary Poole**

is well worth a look, with helpful leader guide, this series leads you and your group through some of the major apologetic questions.