



# evangelism



The image is a collage of three photographs of church services. The top-left photo shows a woman at a pulpit with a sign that says 'Thy Will Be Done'. The top-right photo shows a man at a podium with a screen displaying 'Welcome to Dumfries Baptist Church'. The bottom photo shows a wide view of a church sanctuary with many people seated in pews. The word 'training' is overlaid in large, white, lowercase letters across the center of the collage.

# training





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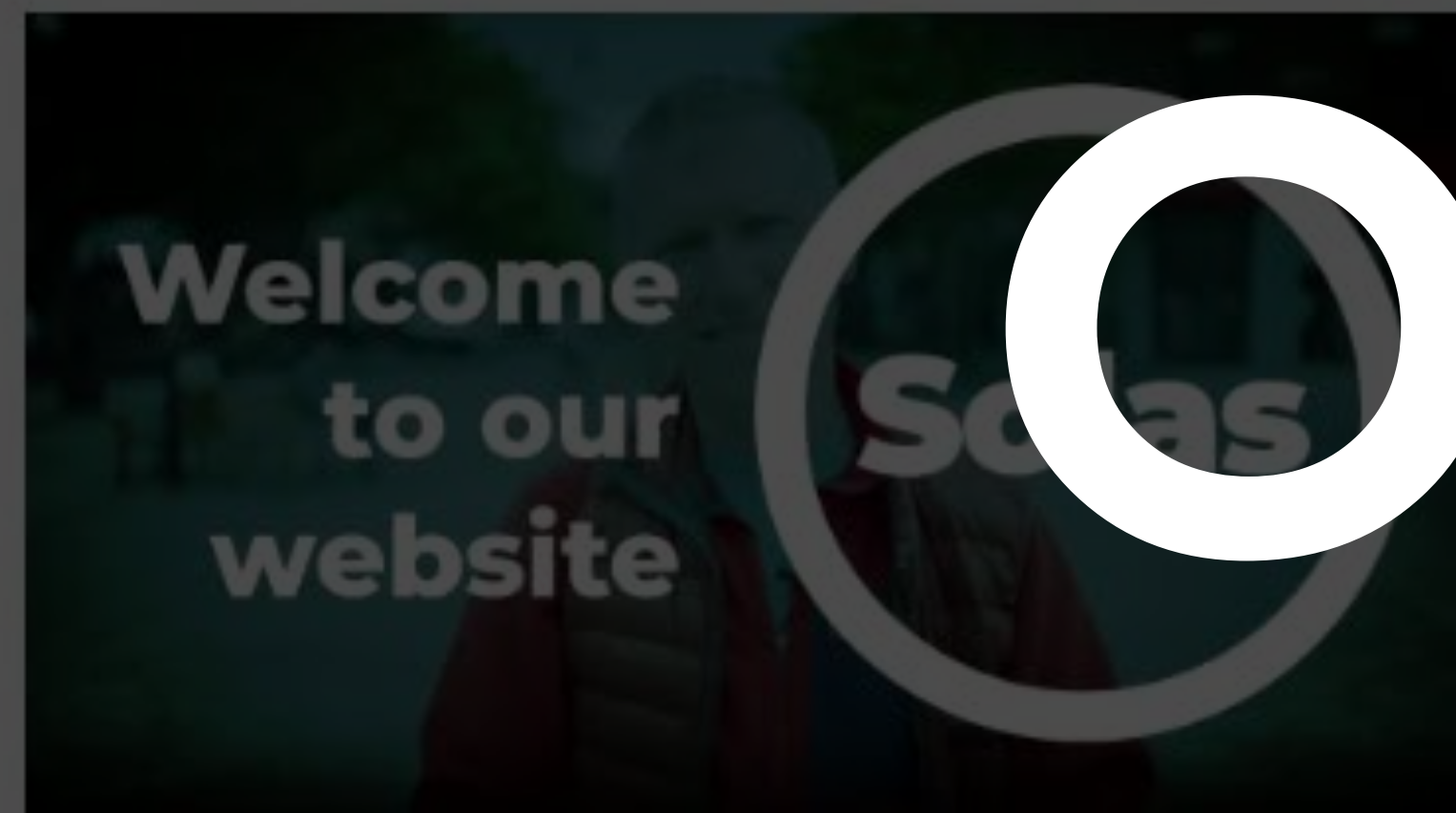
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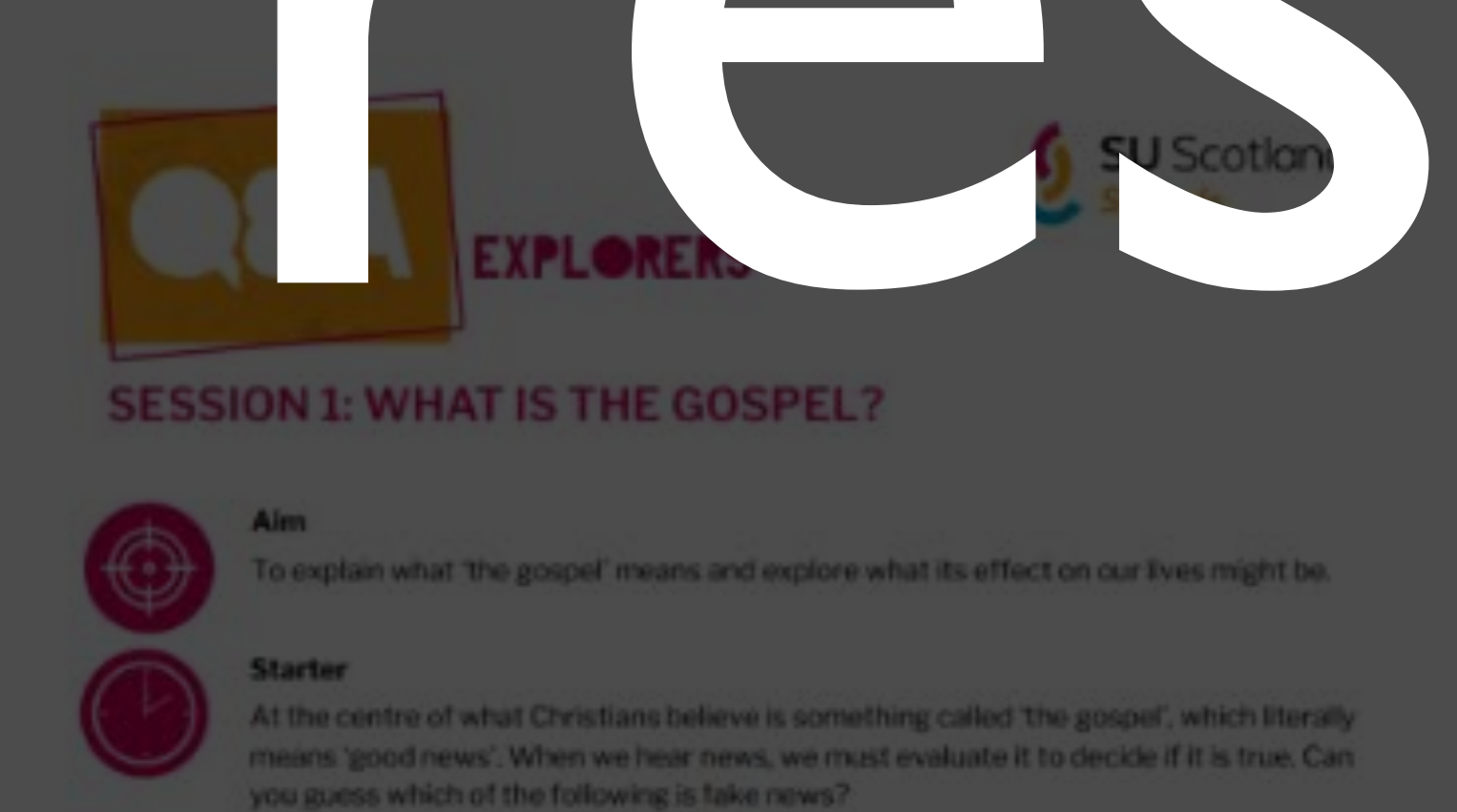
First Time Here? Watch This



Have You Ever Wondered... Why Suffering and Evil Seem So Wrong?



Why Do Suffering and Evil Seem So Wrong?



### SESSION 1: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?



**Aim**

To explain what 'the gospel' means and explore what its effect on our lives might be.



**Starter**

At the centre of what Christians believe is something called 'the gospel', which literally means 'good news'. When we hear news, we must evaluate it to decide if it is true. Can you guess which of the following is fake news?



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# online resources



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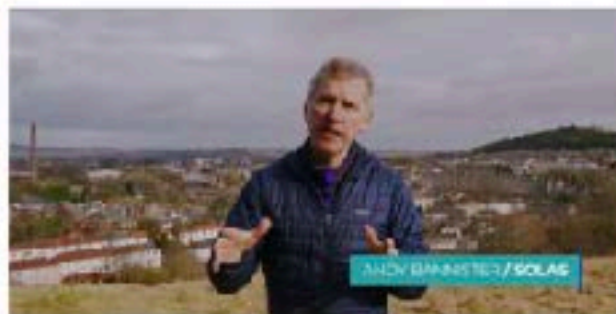
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Why is God Against My Sexual Freedom?



Doesn't Christianity Impede Moral Progress?



Why Are There So Many Different Bible Translations?



If God is Good, Why is There Natural Evil?



Isn't Teaching Your Faith to Your Children 'indoctrination'?



Would The World Be A Better Place Without Religion?



Is the God of the Old Testament a Moral Monster?



Is Christmas Cancelled?



Why Would God Allow Me to Have Depression?



Why Are Some Atheists So Afraid of Changing Their Minds?



Can We Find Hope in Life Without God?



Why Do You Christians Force Your Beliefs On Others?



How Can I Know the Presence of God in Dark Times?



What About Those Who Haven't Heard of Jesus?



Can I Become a Christian if I Still Have Questions?

# Short Answers

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Get Involved





Pray



### Have You Ever Wondered?



What is Love?



Have You Ever Wondered Why the Best Stories Are About Good and Evil?



Have You Ever Wondered Why We Long for Happiness?



Why Are Human Beings So Curious?



Did Jesus Actually Exist?



Have You Ever Wondered Why We Long For Justice?

### Short/Answers

Short and share-able videos addressing common objections and challenges around the Christian faith.

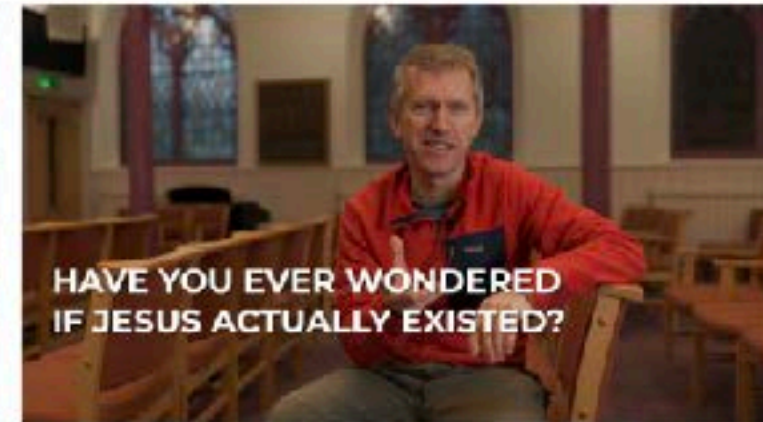
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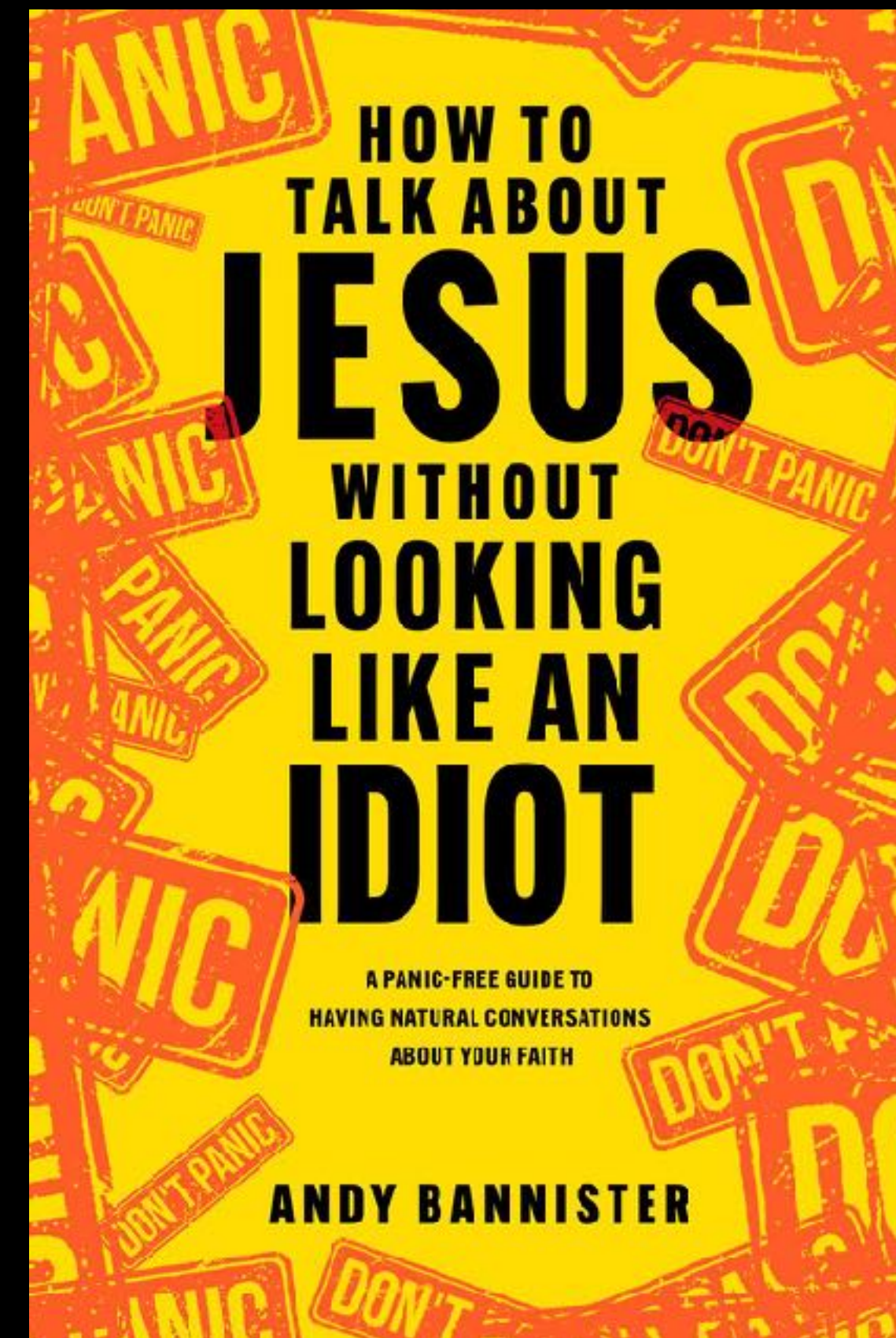
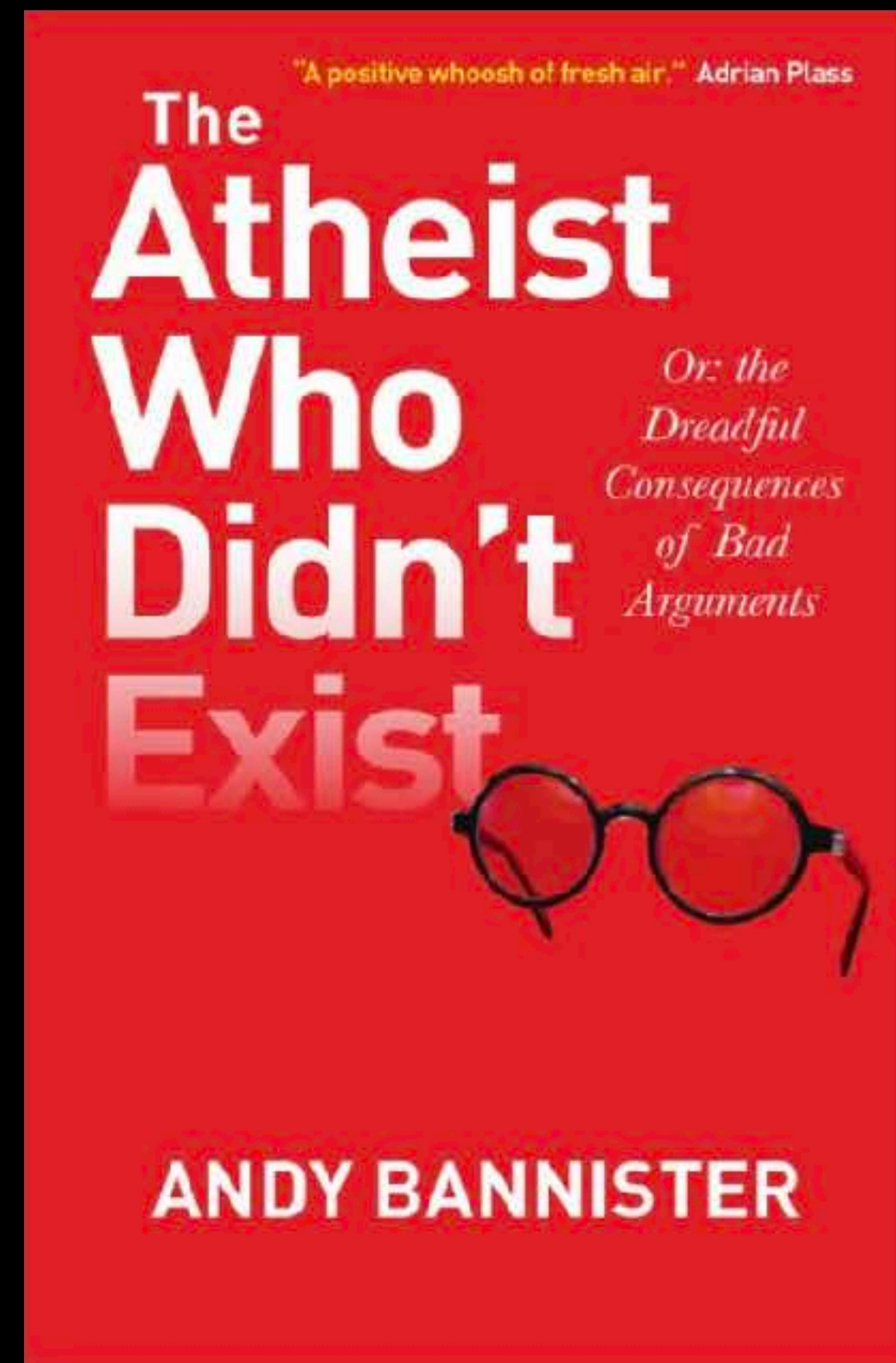
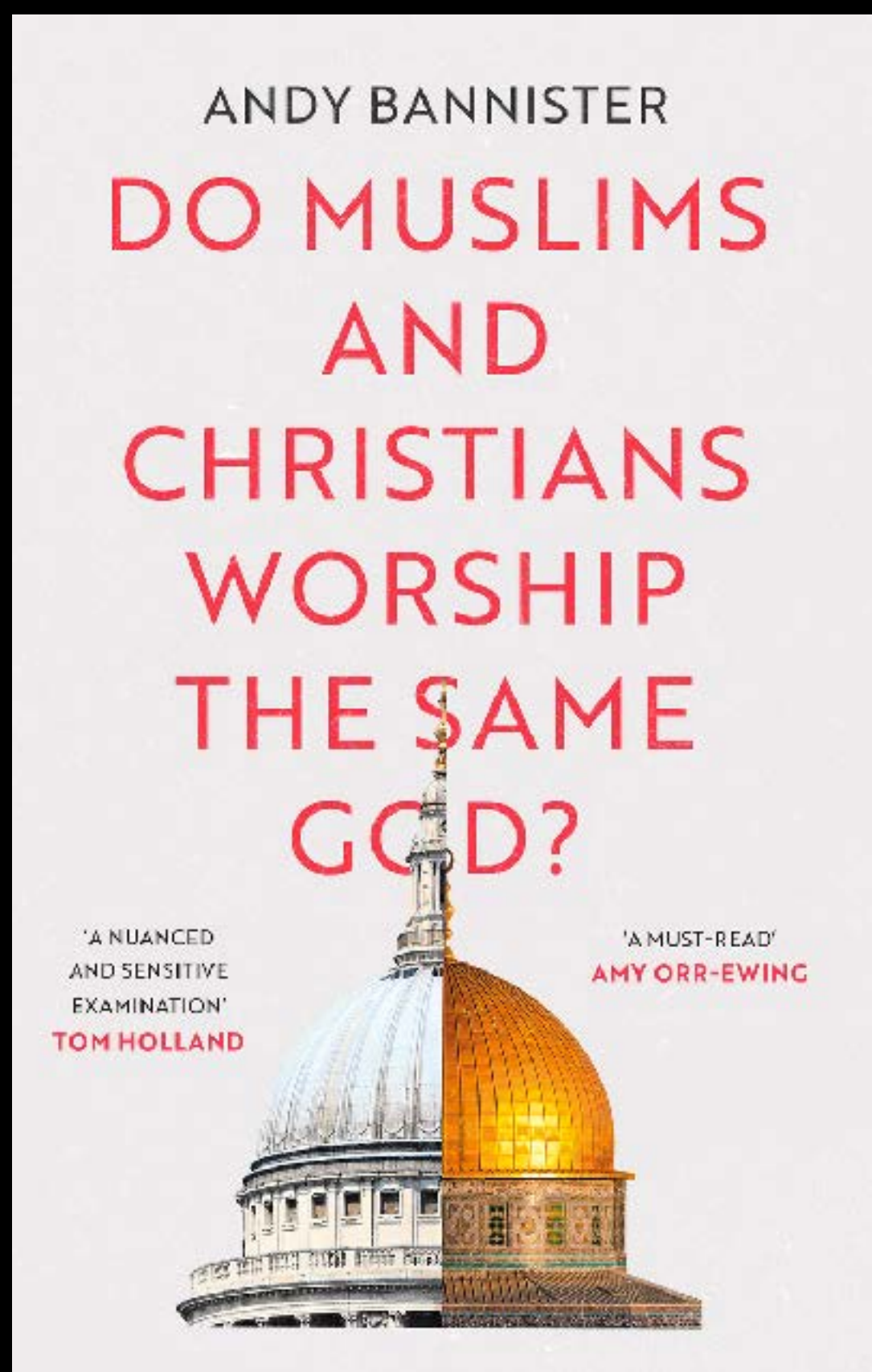
Why Do Suffering and Evil Seem So Wrong?



Are Some Natural Disasters a Form of Punishment?

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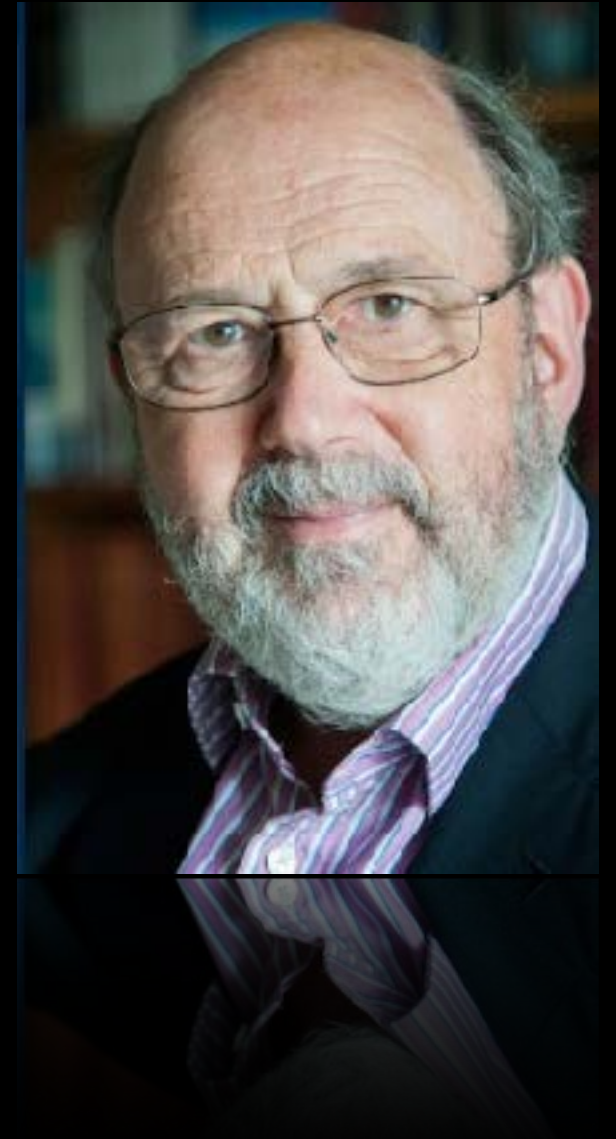


More Than Mere Religion



“[M]any people today assume that Christianity is ... a religion, a moral system, a philosophy. In other words, they assume that Christianity is about advice. But it wasn't and it isn't. Christianity is, simply, good news. It is the news that something has happened as a result of which the world is a different place ... One can debate the merits of a religion, moral system, or philosophy, but a news event is discussed in a different way. Either the event happened or it didn't; if it did happen, either it means what people say it means or it doesn't ”

Tom Wright  
*Simply Good News*





Religion	Gospel
“I obey; therefore I’m accepted”	“I’m accepted; therefore I obey”
Motivation is fear and insecurity	Motivation is grateful joy
When things go wrong, I get angry at God or myself; being good should result in a comfortable life.	When things go wrong, I struggle, but I know that all my punishment fell on Jesus. I also know God loves me and is with me through trials.
My identity is based on performance and image: threats to my self image must be destroyed at all costs.	My identity is not based on my performance but on God’s love for me in Christ.
My prayer life largely consists of petition. The purpose of prayer is control.	Prayer life consists of lots of praise and adoration. The purpose of prayer is fellowship with Christ.
My self view swings between confidence (when I live up to my standard) and failure (when I don’t).	My self view is not based on my achievements but on Christ. I am so <i>bad</i> he <i>had</i> to die for me; I am so <i>loved</i> he was <i>glad</i> to die for me.



# Group Discussion

1. Why do you think it is that the word “religion” has such a bad reputation in our culture today?
2. Are there better words to use to describe what we believe?
3. If somebody says “Oh, you’re religious” how might you respond in a way that brings Jesus into the conversation?



A group of people, including men and women in traditional head coverings, are seated around a table in a rustic, stone-walled room. They appear to be engaged in a meal or a gathering. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, yellowish glow. The text is overlaid on the image in a bright yellow color.

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“[Social media] appears able to cause catastrophes but not to heal them, to wound but not to remedy ... the question that the internet age has still not begun to contend with is how, if ever, is our age able to forgive?”

Douglas Murray  
*The Madness of Crowds*





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# Group Prayer

*With those around you in twos and threes ...*

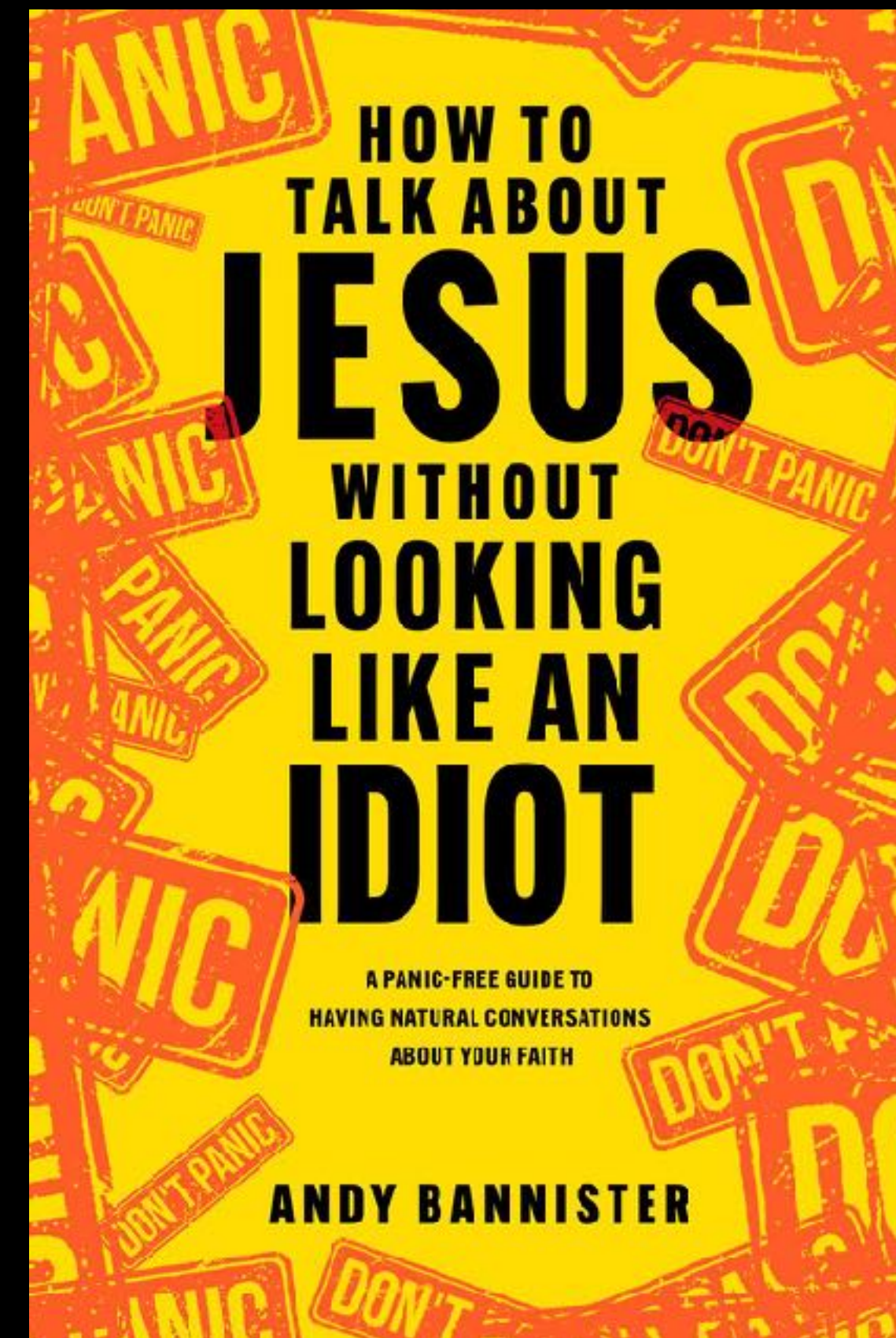
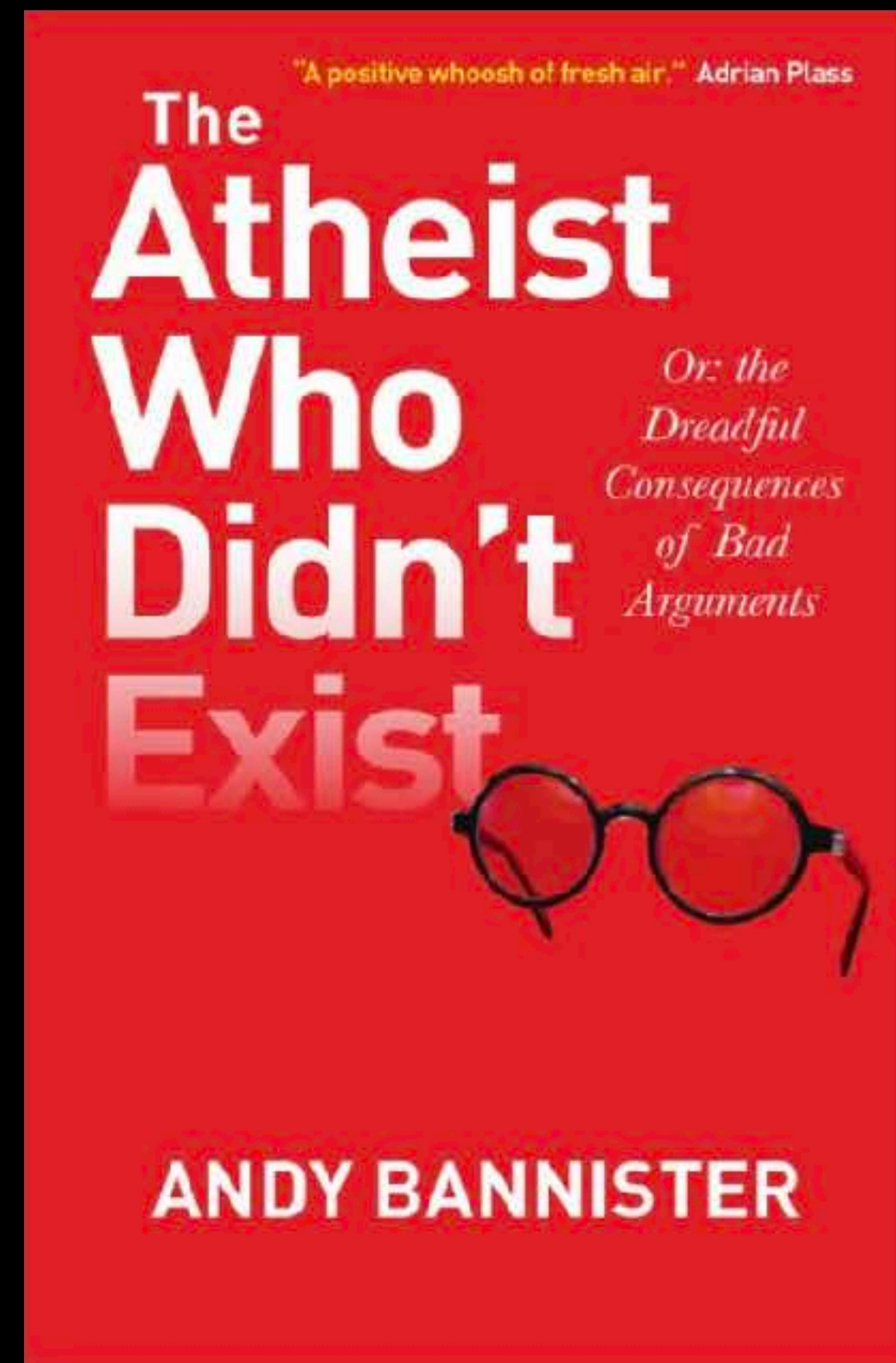
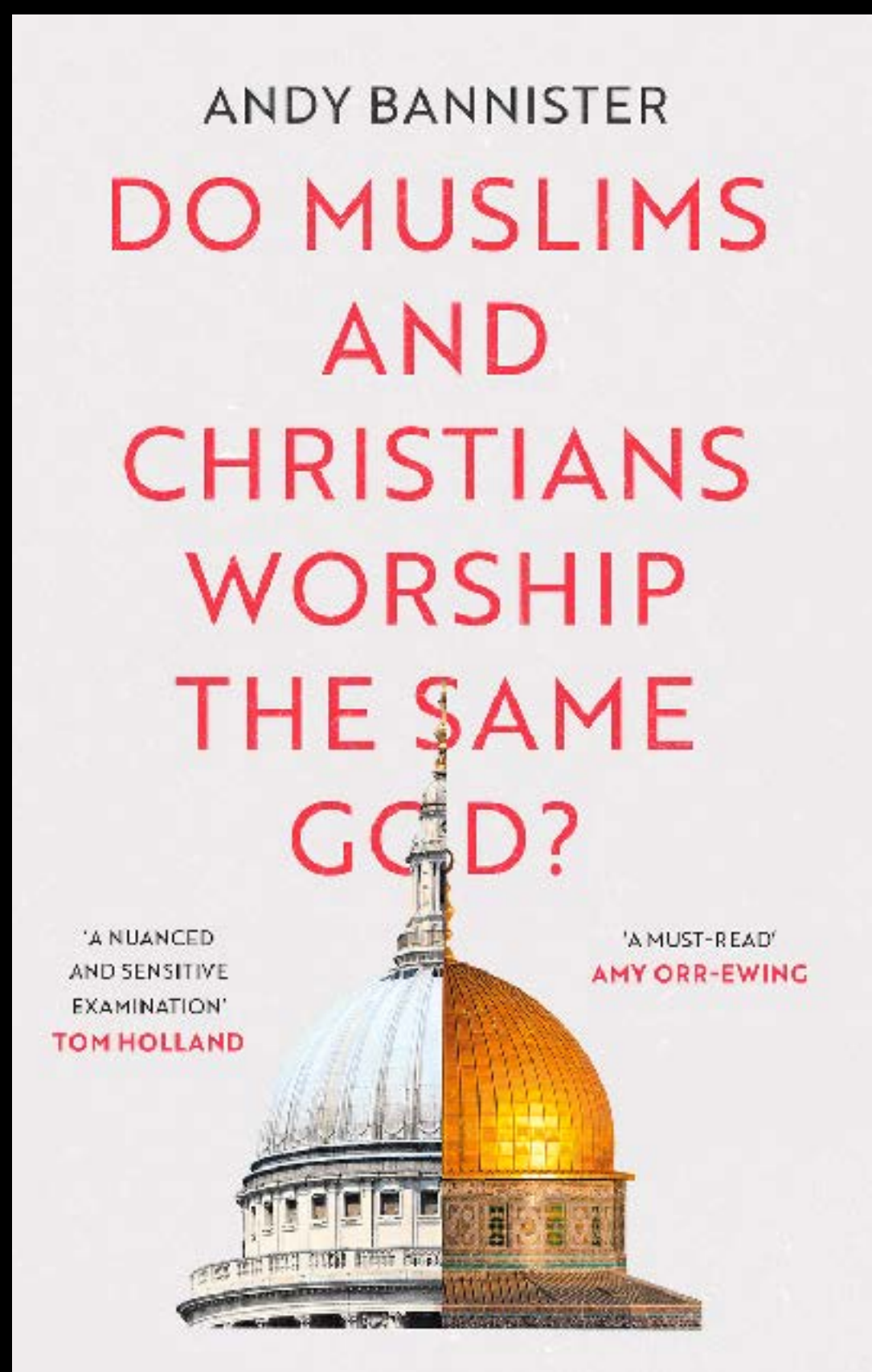
1. Pray for each other as you head home that God would create opportunities in your workplaces, friendship groups, families etc. to talk about your faith.
2. If you have a particular friend, colleague, or neighbour you'd love to share Christ with, mention that name and have one of your group pray for you.





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