

# Bringing it Back to Jesus

Naturally Connecting Conversations to Christ

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A lighthouse tower is shown on the left side of the image, extending from the bottom to the top. The tower is white with a dark top section and a red band. The background is a deep blue sky with small white stars. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# Confident Christianity

Sharing the Gospel in  
an age of tough questions

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1 Peter 3:15-16



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Colossians 4:5-6









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.



A group of people, including men and women, are gathered in a rustic, stone-walled room. They appear to be in a meal or a gathering, with some individuals seated and others standing. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, yellowish glow. The background shows a wooden structure and some hanging items.

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That reminds me of something Jesus *did*

That reminds me of a story that Jesus *told*



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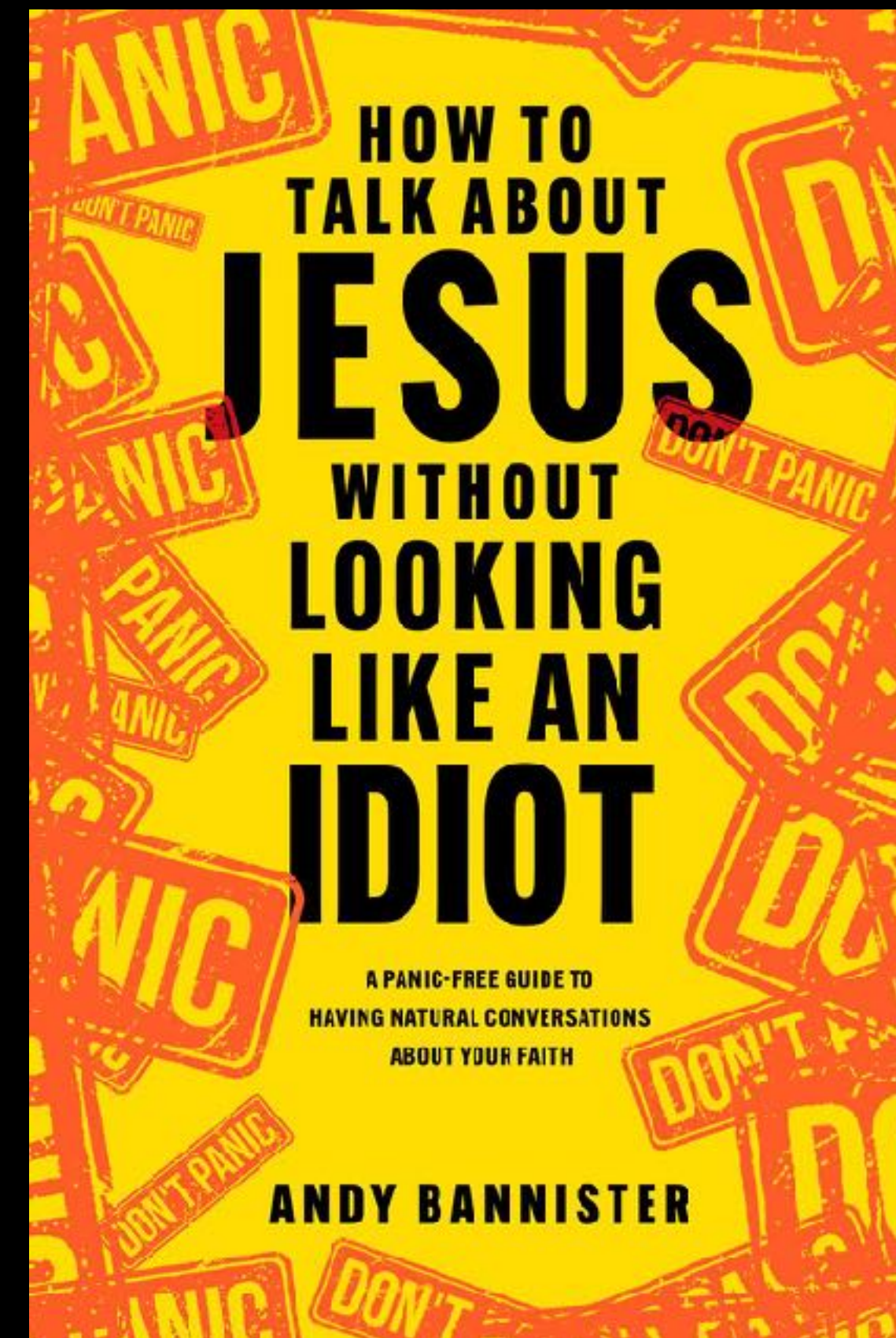
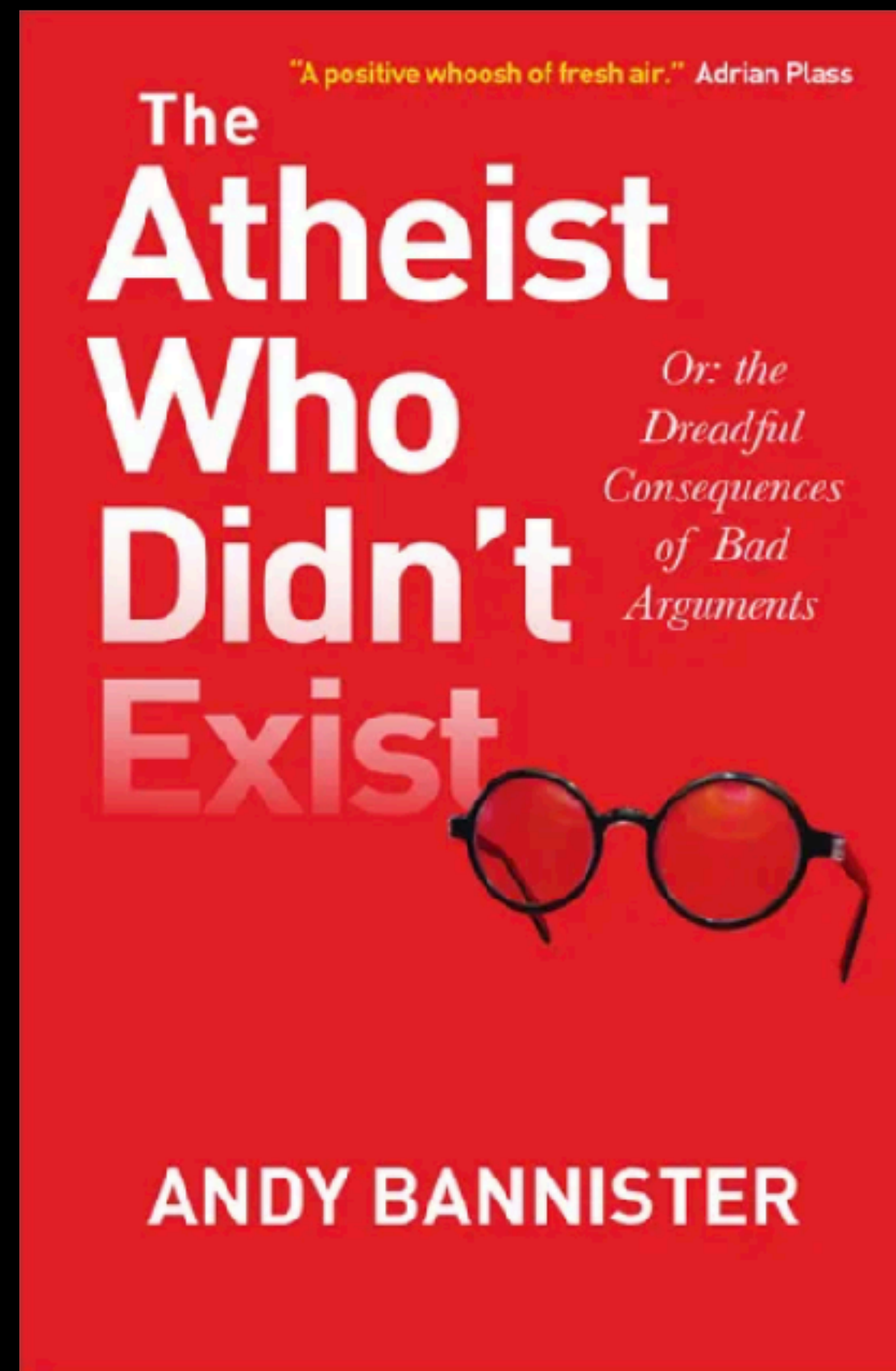
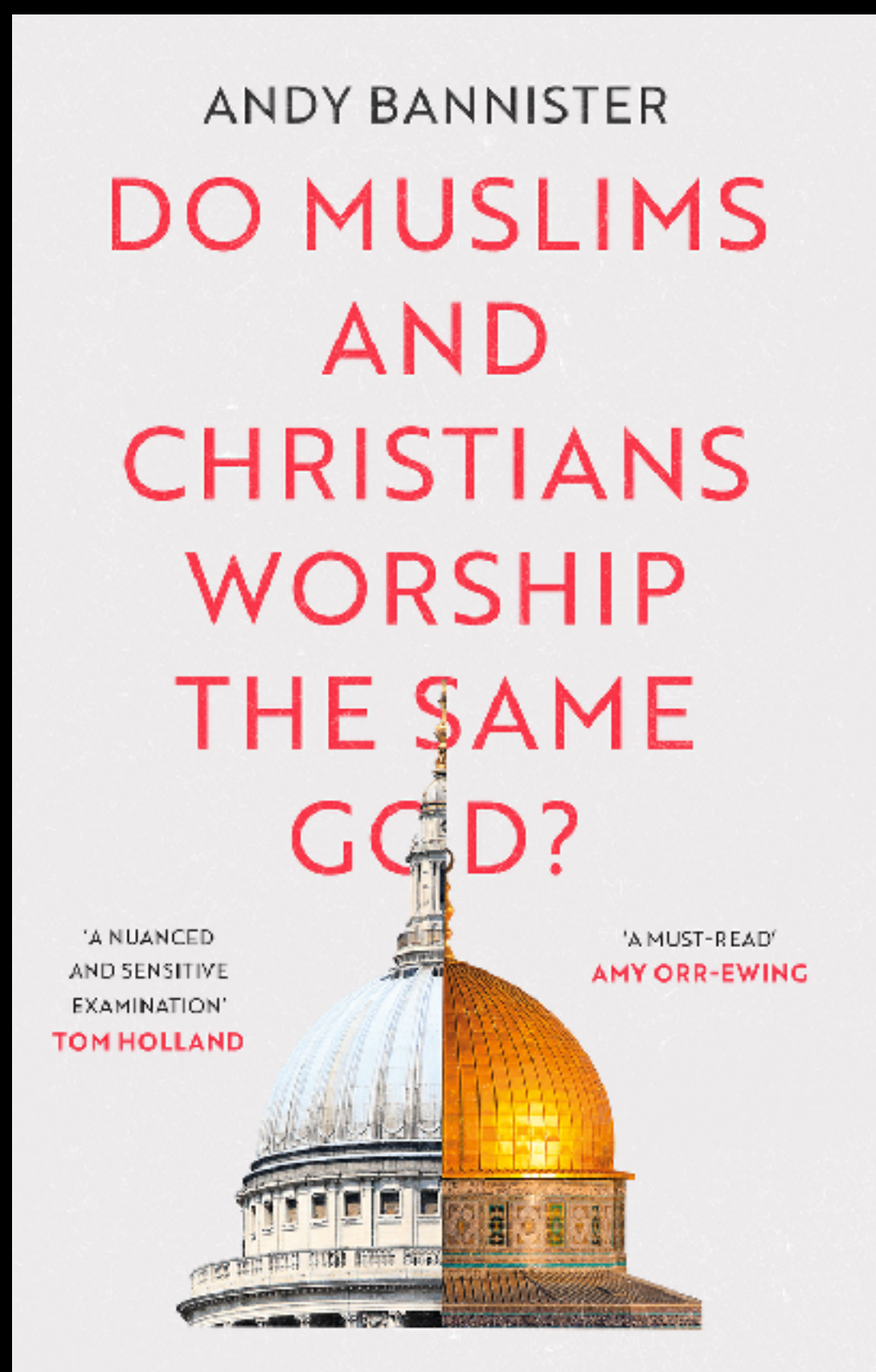
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