

Answering Muslim Friends and Colleagues

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Muslim Questions About Christianity

Three Common Topics

- The Bible
- The Trinity
- Jesus and his identity

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An Apologetic Model for Answering the Questions of Muslims

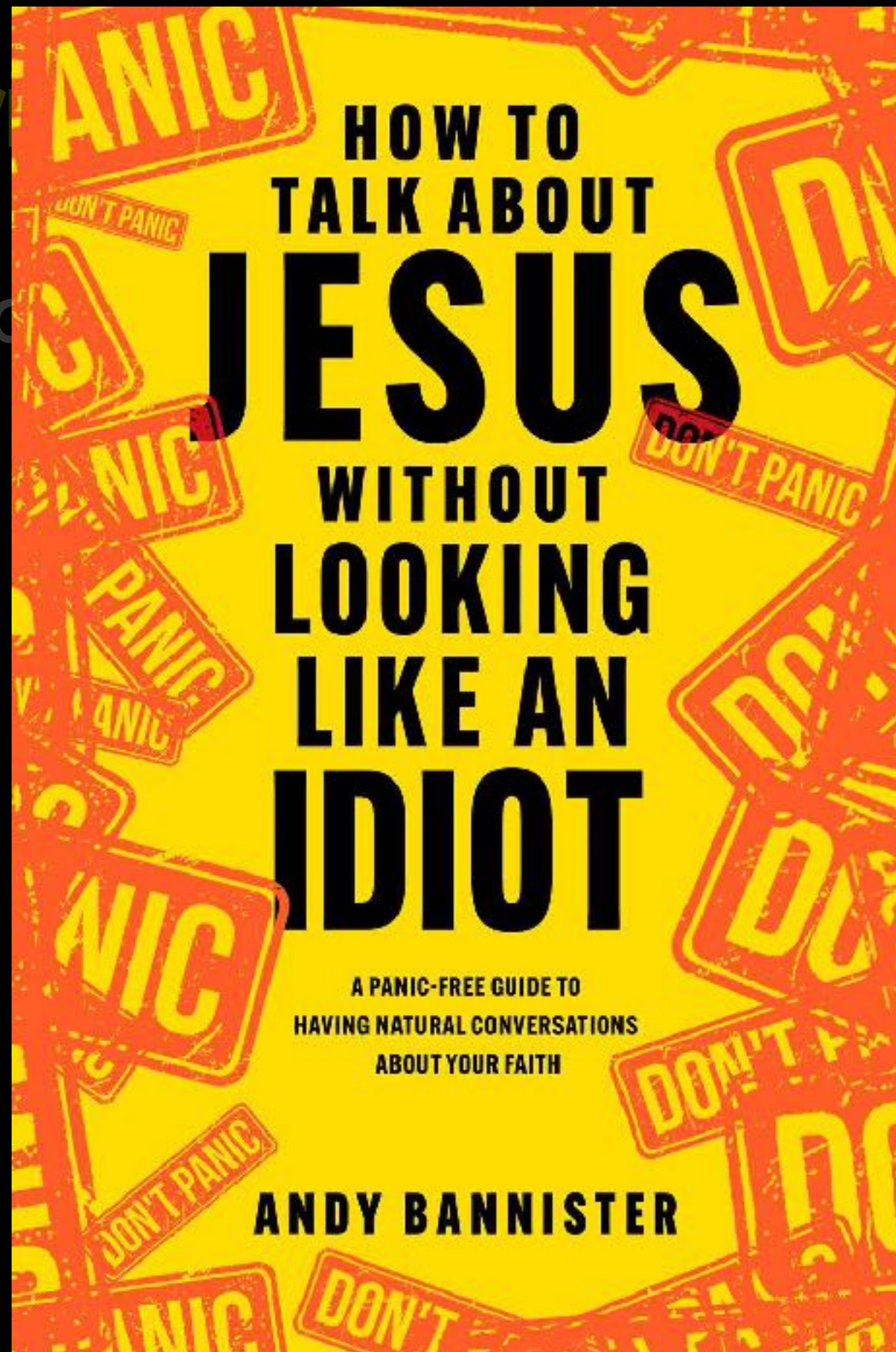
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Answers

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A PANIC-FREE GUIDE TO
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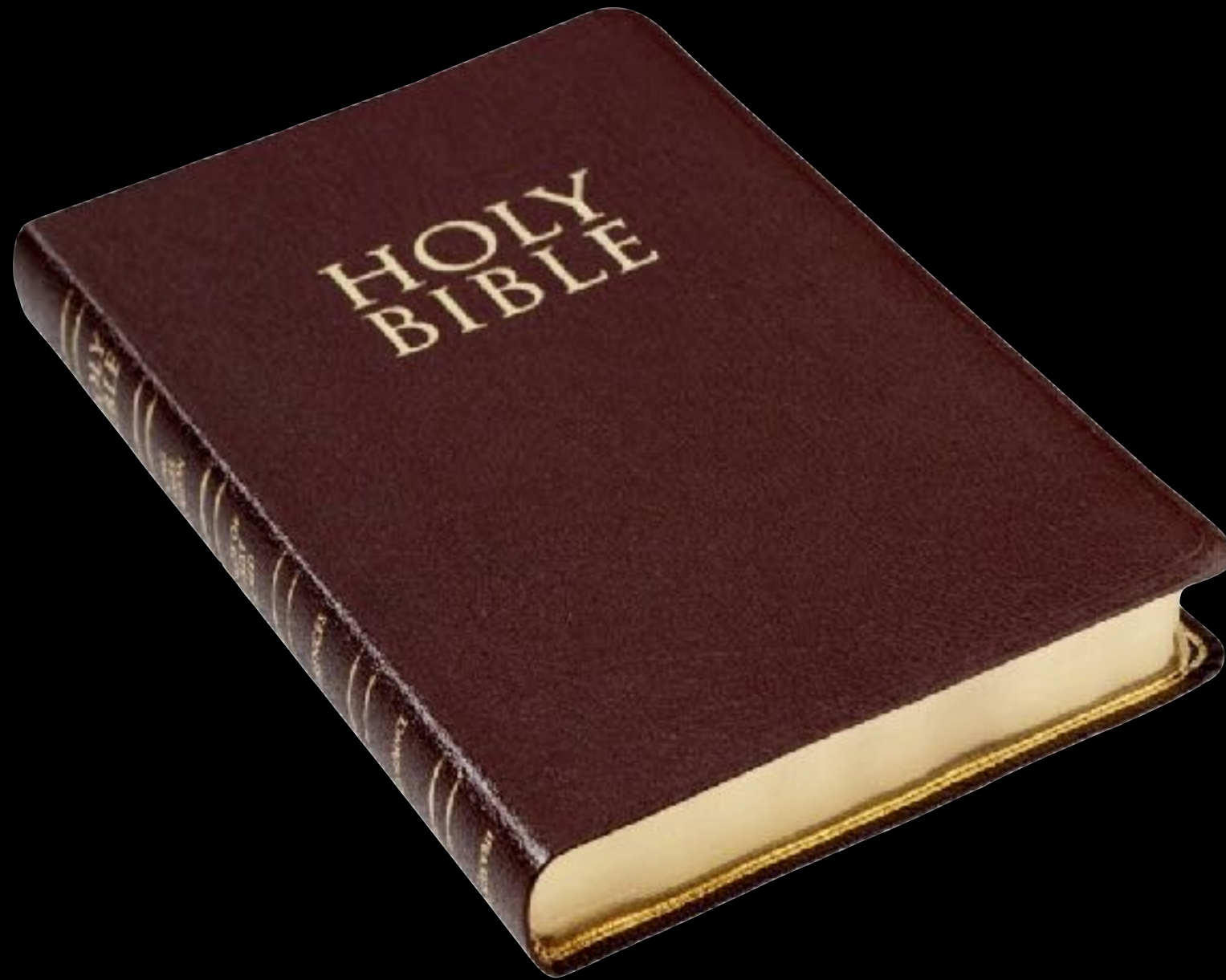
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Test Case #1
The Reliability of the Bible

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He hath revealed unto thee
(Muhammad) the Scripture with
truth, confirming that which was
(revealed) before it, even as He
revealed the Torah and the
Gospel.

Qur'an 3:3

We sent Jesus the son of Mary,
confirming the Law **that had come
before him**: We sent him the Gospel:
therein was guidance and light, and
confirmation of the Law that had
come before him: a guidance and an
admonition to those who fear Allah.

Qur'an 5:46

To thee We sent the Scripture in truth,
confirming the scripture **that came
before it**, and guarding it in safety: so
judge between them by what Allah
hath revealed, and follow not their
vain desires, diverging from the Truth
that hath come to thee.

Qur'an 5:48

But if you are in doubt as to what We have revealed to you, ask those who read the Book before you.

Qur'an 10:94

O ye who believe! Believe in Allah and His Apostle, and the scripture which He hath sent to His Apostle and the scripture which He sent to those before (him). **Any** who denieth Allah, His Angels, His Books, His Apostles, and the Day of Judgement, hath gone far, far astray.

Qur'an 4:136

And they who disbelieve and deny Our revelations, such are rightful owners of hell.

Qur'an 5:10

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“The Word of God in Islam is the Qur’an; in Christianity it is Christ ... The form of the Qur’an is the Arabic language which religiously speaking is as inseparable from the Qur’an as the body of Christ is from Christ Himself.”

- Seyyed Hossein Nasr



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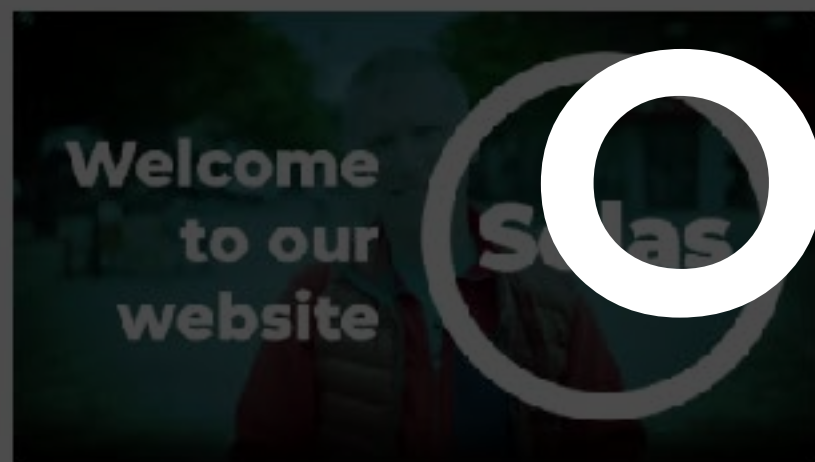
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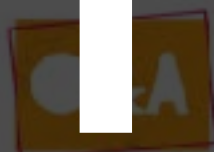
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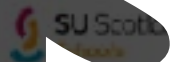
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SESSION 1: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?



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

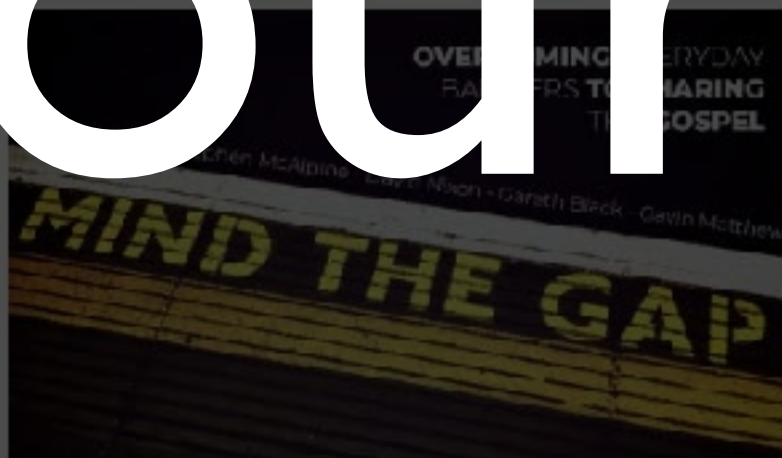


Starter

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?



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



Why Do Suffering and Evil Seem So Wrong?

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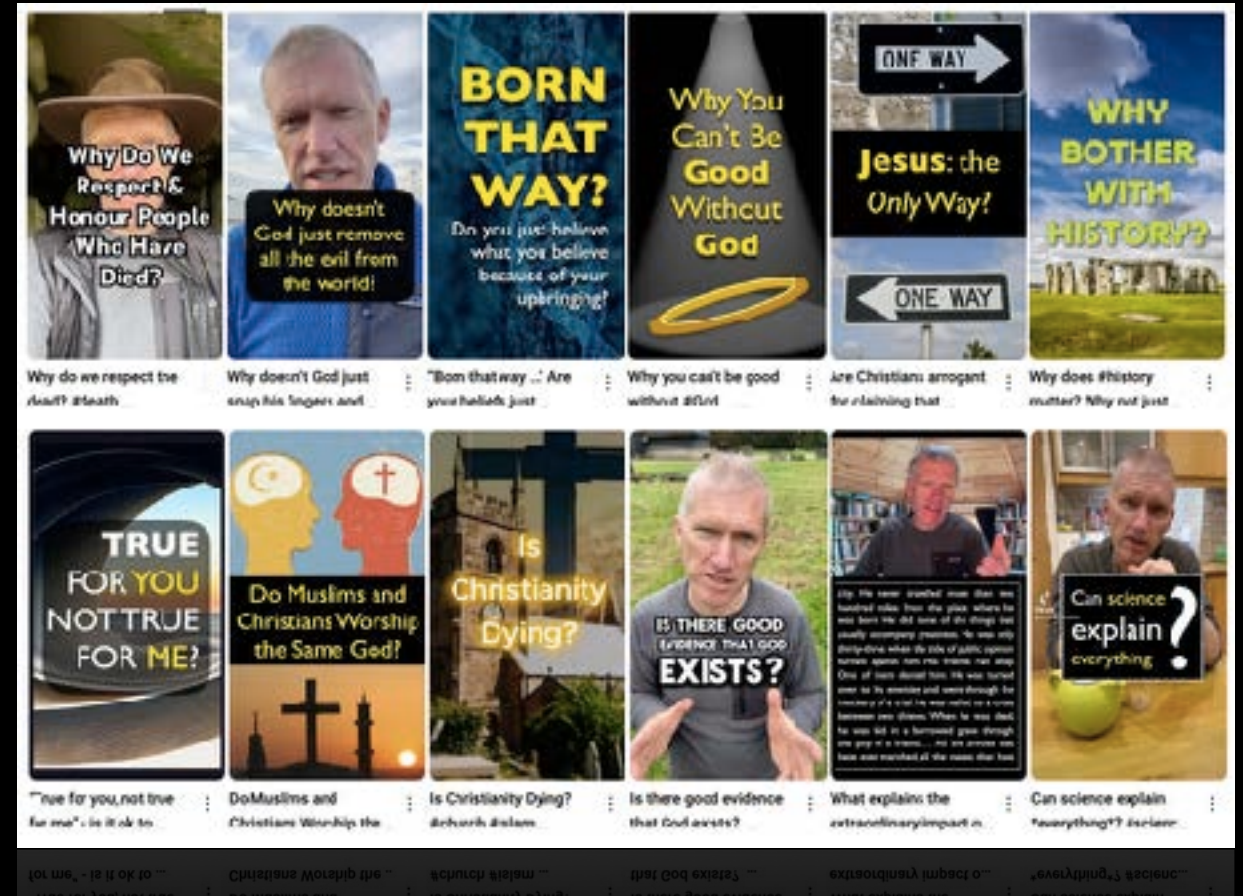
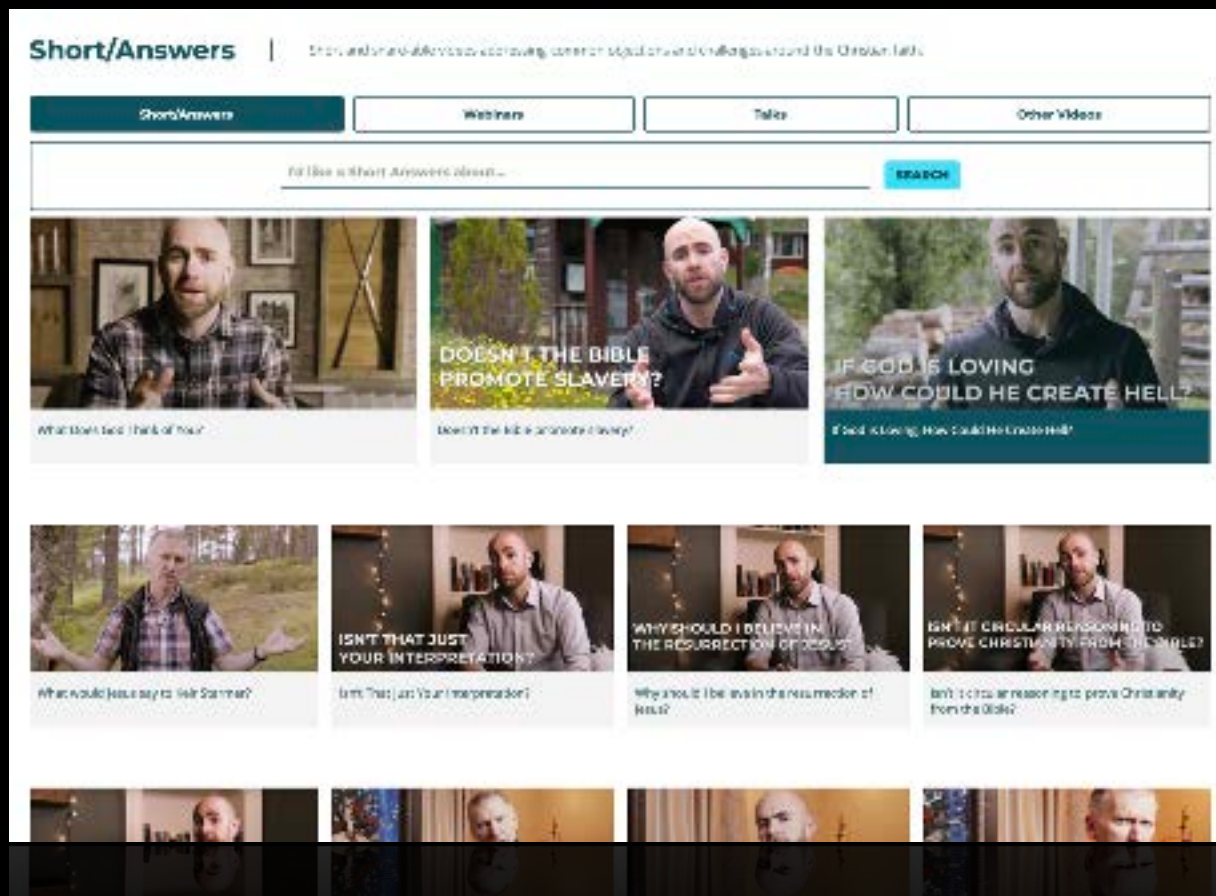


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DOESN'T THE BIBLE PROMOTE SLAVERY?
What does it say about slavery?

IF GOD IS LOVING HOW COULD HE CREATE HELL?
If God is loving, how could he create hell?

ISN'T THAT JUST YOUR INTERPRETATION?
Isn't that just your interpretation?

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS?
Why should I believe in the resurrection of Jesus?

ISN'T IT CIRCULAR REASONING TO PROVE CHRISTIANITY FROM THE BIBLE?
Isn't it circular reasoning to prove Christianity from the Bible?

Why Do We Respect & Honour People Who Have Died?
Why do we respect the dead? #death

Why doesn't God just remove all the evil from the world?
Why doesn't God just snuff his fingers and...

BORN THAT WAY?
Do you just believe what you believe because of your upbringing?

Why You Can't Be Good Without God
Why you can't be good without #Gnd

Jesus: the Only Way!
Are Christians arrogant for claiming that...

WHY BOTHER WITH HISTORY?
Why does #history matter? Why not just...

TRUE FOR YOU NOT TRUE FOR ME?
"True for you, not true for me" - is it ok to...

Do Muslims and Christians Worship the Same God?
Do Muslims and Christians Worship the...

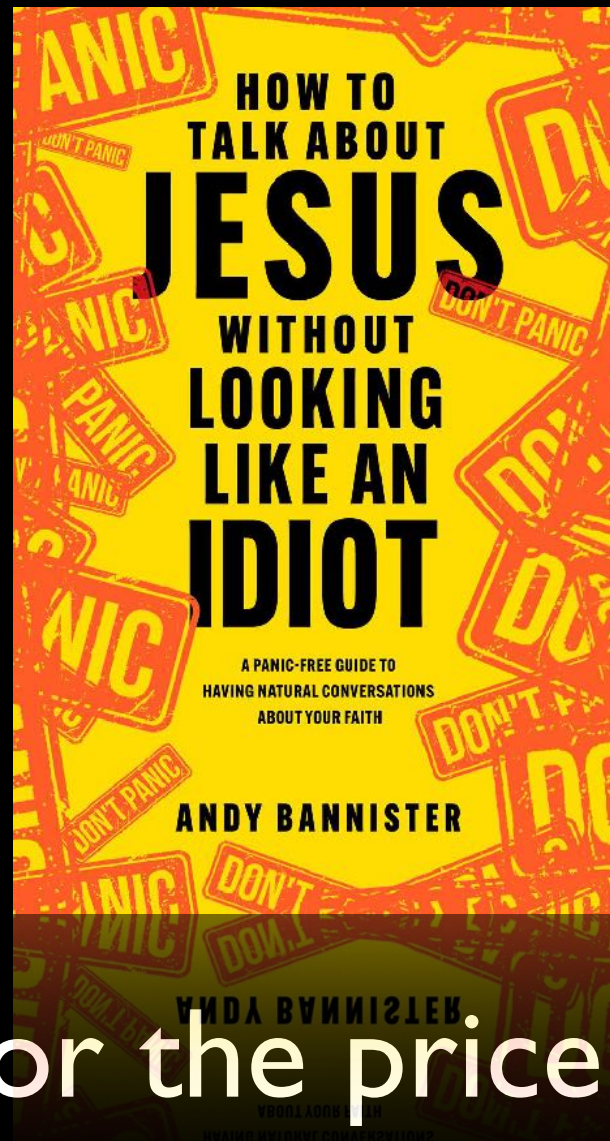
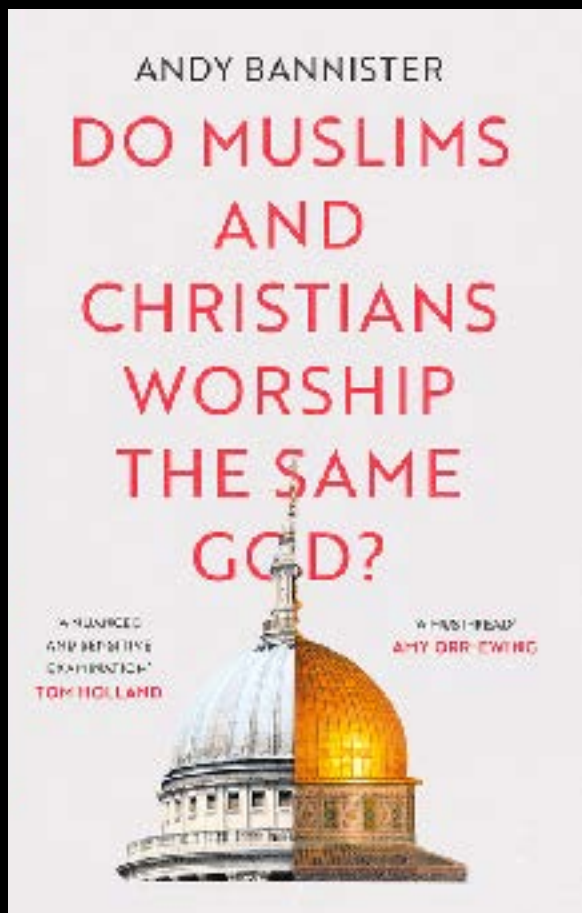
Is Christianity Dying?
Is Christianity #dying?

IS THERE GOOD EVIDENCE THAT GOD EXISTS?
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What explains the extraordinary impact in...
What explains the extraordinary impact in...

Can science explain everything?
Can science explain everything? #science

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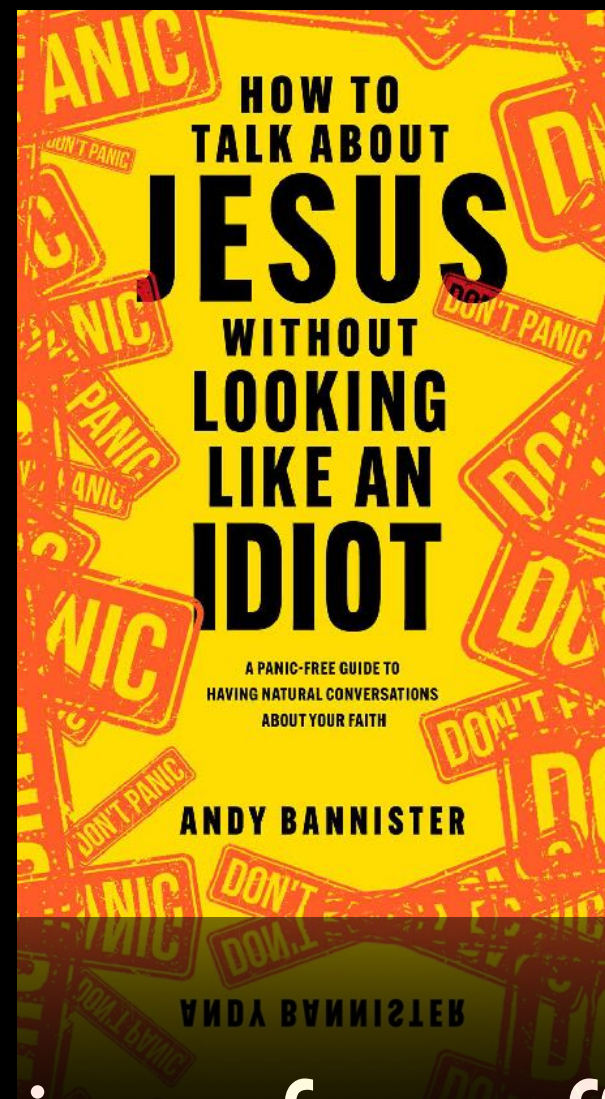
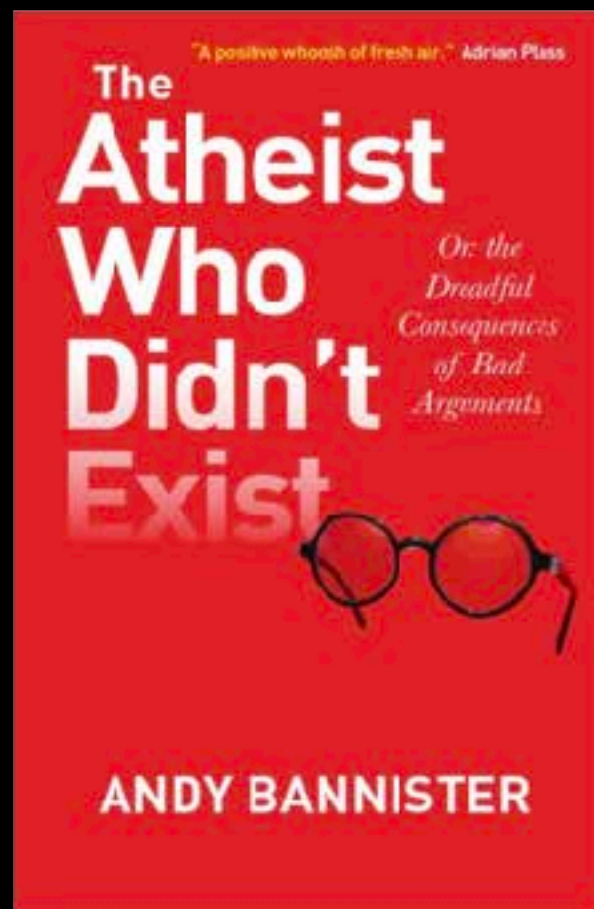
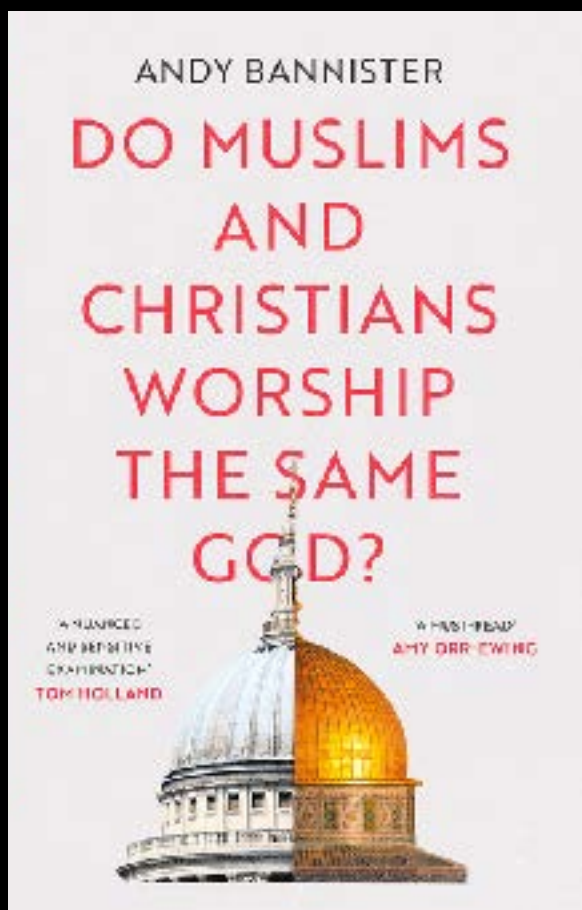
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