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The *Apologetics Study Bible* helps today's Christians better understand, defend, and proclaim their beliefs in this age of increasing moral and spiritual relativism.

More than one-hundred key questions and articles placed throughout the volume about faith and science prompt a rewarding study experience at every reading. Highlights of this thinking person's edition of God's Word include the full text of the popular HCSB translation, an introduction to each Bible book focusing on its inherent elements of apologetics, and profiles of historic Christian apologists from Justin Martyr to C.S. Lewis.

Also featured are valuable contributions from a who's-who of modern apologists such as Chuck Colson, Norm Geisler, Hank Hanegraaff, Josh McDowell, Albert Mohler, Ravi Zacharias, and 90+ more contributors. Plus a special lead article from best-selling author Lee Strobel (The Case for Christ) on how "How Apologetics Changed My Life."

Other features include full-color maps (5), charts (11), and a timeline of Christian apologists and their works, 132 articles, two-color page layout, two-column text setting, presentation page, and two-piece die-cut gift box (excluding hardcover).

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Laura says

This book is amazing! Essays, introductions, maps, chronologies, comparison charts of religions, and so many more goodies to make your understanding of God's Word that much deeper, richer and sweeter.

Luke says

This is the Bible I am reading this year. I am on an annual Bible reading plan and use a different Bible each year. This one is okay. Different translation than NIV or ESV which is primarily why I chose it. I liked the translation, especially how it was consistent with *doulos* - slave. Some translations monkey around and call it servant or bondservant. It was objective in its study notes - not taking a stand on subjects such as sacraments or the end times - but presenting different interpretations. I didn't read all the articles, but the ones I did read were pretty good. It wouldn't be my primary Bible - that place will always go to THE Lutheran Study Bible - but this is a good secondary Bible.

Dani C. (Paulette's Papers) says

One of my sons is feeling God's call to go into the ministry. We are all praying for him and are proud of him for obeying God. I wanted to give him something to help him now and in the future. So after some thought and prayer, it hit me – a Bible! Now to find the right Bible. There are so many to choose from, where to begin!

First I knew I needed to pick the right translation. CSB (formally known as HCSB) is one of the translations that stays as literal as possible to the Bible's original meaning without sacrificing clarity. It's a reliable text that is also easy to read and study.

When I started looking at the different CSB Bibles on the market I came across the CSB Apologetics Study Bible. I knew that it was the one to get.

So why did I pick this Bible? Whether or not he goes into the ministry I feel a Study Bible would be very helpful to him as he studies the different passages. Being that this is an Apologetics Bible makes it an even more valuable study tool. This Bible presents a historical as well as a reasoned and evidential basis for Christianity written by some of the most respected pastors and authors. When I was flipping through it the first time I ended up sitting down and reading several pages. I found it informative but easy to understand. I like how the commentaries and articles are written. That along with the CSB translation of the Bible make this a wonderful Bible to read, study and to give it as a gift. I enjoyed reading it so much I am going to have to get a copy for myself!

Charles Hache says

My wife Kari had the duo tone leather copy of this Bible embossed with the words "My Beloved Husband" and she gave it to me for Christmas. I love her so much.

Jamie says

I was really impressed with this Bible. Full disclosure, I didn't review every single article, but I didn't read several and thought they were helpful pieces to the conversations many of us have with unbelievers. It helped that one of the random profiles I came across was on C.S. Lewis :).

I also thought the "twisted scripture" bits throughout were really helpful. How do other religions use scripture to fit their theology? Explaining the reasons and other scriptures helped my understanding of other religions. I think information like this is not only important to engage in intelligent conversations, but also strengthens my beliefs in Scripture.

What's one of your favorite apologetics resources?

(Thank you to Holman Bible Publishers for a copy of the book. All views expressed are my own.)

Paul says

This Bible is a nice addition to the apologist's library. Since the contributors are so varied in their apologetical and theological convictions, you will certainly not agree with everything in this Bible (other than the inspired text!). Nevertheless, it is chalk full of mini-articles on myriad philosophical, scientific, theological, and apologetical issues. These articles are written by some big names, e.g., Frame, Nash, Craig, Copan, Moreland, Blomberg, etc. You're sure to find some good info in at least some of the articles.

The articles range from: anthropological dualism, days of creation, reliability of the Old and New Testaments, alleged Hellenistic influences, Jesus' resurrection, and much more. The copious notes are also helpful in at least getting your mental juices flowing when searching for an apologetical answer (perhaps on the spot) in response to popular level criticism.

Finally, the translation is also decent (being geared more toward a word-for-word translation). Thus, not only are the above treats included, but in getting this Bible you will also have God's holy word in your possession. Perhaps a desire to find out what the various scholars have to say about the Bible will spur you on to spend more time studying God's revelation to, and for, man. Or, perhaps knowing that you have many great minds to help explain (though, they aren't to be treated as Popes!) those passages you usually have difficulty (whether intellectual or emotional) with will make you more confident in approaching Bible study. That can't be a bad thing!

Sherry Elmer says

The three star rating is for the editorial content of this Bible, not the Bible itself.

The Apologetics Study Bible contains many useful footnotes pointing out common errors in Bible critics'

condemnations of Biblical truth. I was often surprised at some of the strange things certain groups pick on in their attempt to prove the Bible false. There is another feature called "Twisted Scripture" that briefly tells how a particular scripture is "twisted" to support various man-made religions/cults. There are brief profiles of noted apologists in church history. And there are a lot of good apologetic articles. So, it is not that the editorial content is bad. Just that, by the time I was half way through reading this Bible, I felt like it may be better to just read an apologetics book separately instead of having it interspersed within the pages of the Bible.

Russell Hayes says

This had many good footnotes and articles throughout the text. The articles, written by top-notch apologists, always dealt with issues that often come up in conversation and provide a good summary of the Christian worldview. I tabbed the more instructive ones.

The back of the book had a very interesting timeline of apologetic works and authors, many of whom I had never heard of. These include Theodoret's "The Truth of the Gospel Proved from Greek Philosophy" (c. 393-457), Peter Abelard's "A Dialogue Between a Philosopher, a Jew, and a Christian" (1079-1142), and Dionysius the Carthusian's "Against the Perfidy of Muhammad" (1402-1471).

It also included a chart of major archaeological finds corroborating the Scriptures.

The translation is HCSB, which the inventors state is the "optimal equivalence" based on its adherence to literality as well as a commitment to modern readability. Personally, I was more used to NKJV and ESV.

The footnotes in the text often pointed out alleged discrepancies between Scriptures and explained each of them. One downside to this is that I was made aware of many more of these discrepancies than I knew existed! As a result, this Bible should only be for the committed believer.

Margaret Chind says

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Create With Joy says

Have you ever been involved in a conversation where someone challenged your spiritual beliefs or asked you a biblical question that you were unprepared to answer?

When it comes to matters of faith, we need to be more knowledgeable and ready to give an answer, in season and out, for the hope that we have within us (1 Peter 3:15). One way to prepare ourselves is read the new CSB Apologetics Study Bible!

The CSB Apologetics Study Bible has been revised and updated with new articles and extensive apologetics

study material from today's leading apologists to reflect and provide us with a deeper understanding of the relevant apologetics issues and questions that people are discussing today.

The most notable update is the revision from the Holman Christian Standard Bible translation to the Christian Standard Bible (CSB) translation, which provides readers with updated word choices that remain true to the original languages and provide greater clarity and readability to modern audiences.

You'll find a wealth of features inside of the CSB Apologetics Study Bible, including:

- * Commentary and articles from 90 leading apologists
- * 134 Articles on key apologetic issues
- * 66 Exclusive introductions from contributors
- * 48 "Twisted Scripture" explanations for commonly misunderstood passages
- * 12 Profiles of Christian apologists including Thomas Aquinas, Origen, and C.S. Lewis
- * 13 Timelines and Full-Color Maps
- * Apologetics Study Notes
- * Annotated Bibliography

This Bible is formatted in a two-column text featuring a 9.5 point type with all of the niceties you'd expect in a Bible. The grey/black color scheme add a neutral/masculine feel to this Bible.

The CSB Apologetics Study Bible is a wonderful resource to add to your home – and it's a great study tool to use in conjunction with the CSB Apologetics Study Bible For Students!

This review is an excerpt from the original review that is published on my blog. To read my review in its entirety, please visit [Create With Joy](#).

Disclosure: I received a copy of this book from the publisher. The opinions expressed in this review are entirely my own, based on my assessment of this book.

Jacob Aitken says

I must admit my biases up front. I lean towards a presuppositional apologetic. Seemingly, I would take issue with many of the articles, but I really don't. The editors sought those who are recognized in the evangelical world for the skill in both philosophical theology and applying the bible to tough questions. They did not let us down.

Pros of the Study Bible:

1. Some of the articles are simply outstanding. I can't say more. The ones by Frame, Russell Moore, Copan, and Walt Kaiser are quite good.
2. The study notes are decent, if one understands the context. It is not aiming to give an exposition of each passage, but to focus on the apologetical application of passages. Still, it gives interesting historical, archeological, and contra-cultist insights. Interestingly as a side-note, the Study Bible takes a premillennial approach to Revelation 20.

3. Wide margins. I applaud the formatters on this one. This bible has wider-margins than most. This was a huge plus in my opinion. One can legibly write thorough notes in the margin.

Cons:

1. Some of the study notes take an almost facile approach to some really hard questions. But this doesn't happen too often.

2. It assumes and asserts the validity of natural theology. This is worse question-begging than what presups are accused of!!

Neutral:

The translation is the Holman Christian Standard Bible. This should be evaluated independently of the Study Bible. I sort of like the translation.

The notes of the study bible take a mildly Calvinistic slant. It is not as Calvinistic as R.C. Sproul but is more Calvinistic than Geisler, Moreland, and Lane Craig (even though the last three are contributors).

I have the hardback quality. The binding is very good and quite durable. I thoroughly recommend this study bible.

Mike Duncan says

This Bible is concise and translated from the original Greek. I love the "Twisted Scripture". They tell where cults and various other religions get their basis in the Bible. In just about every book, some two or three in the longer books, is an article by one of the many listed apologists. They explain why God allows pain and suffering and whether or not a certain religion is authentic or a cult. It reads very easily, as it is written in modern english. Yet no translation is lost. The notes are plentiful. I have a Kindle version and you touch the little cross and you get an explanation of the verse or the circumstances suroounding said verse. I recommend this book to any serious Bible scholar and anyone who is interested in futhering their knowledge of the Holy Bible. I'm not going to add a finished date, because I hope to study this book in perpetuity.

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Melissa Travis says

Numerous, excellent articles interspersed throughout, written by top-notch apologists. Also, inter-textual "Twisted Scripture" notes that explain how various passages are used erroneously by unorthodox belief

systems such as Mormonism, New Age, and Jehovah's Witnesses.

Atchisson says

Currently reading this version in an effort to read it again this year. Last year I read it front to back (different version). This year I am doing it chronologically. The Apologetics Study Bible offers some nice insight into the history of different interpretations, scholarly explanations and arguments, and a straight-forward style of writing that allows the message to be easily conveyed. This version is now my choice for daily reading. It helps fill in the gaps on everything from historical background to comparative religious belief on the text to simple pronunciation. Love this!
