

## Thinking About God

Thinking God's Thoughts began as the syllabus for the course on hermeneutics that Daniel Fuller taught for forty years at Fuller Theological Seminary. It is a comprehensive and "valuable tool for biblical interpretation and understanding ... [but] more than a tool, it is a way of thinking that marshals all the common-sense benefits of grammar, syntax, historical language conventions, and logic to discipline a reader's focus on the message a writer is conveying in a text" (Prof. Don Westblade). Because it was designed to enhance our understanding of the Bible, it mandates and models humility before the text. Thinking God's Thoughts presents a humble methodology that guides the practice of exegesis so that the resulting exposition of a text is valid. It provides the technology to build a bridge between us and writers of another time and place who had some important ideas to communicate. It also presents profound philosophical considerations concerning whether such an enterprise is possible and why concerning ourselves with the Bible is reasonable.

Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God." Are you one of those people who have wanted to get to know God better but never found anything in a church to help you do so? Do religious words sound like gibberish to you? If so, this book is for you. Thinking About God is written to explain, in non-theological language, what some of God is all about. It is a series of short meditations on some of the major words that we find in talk about faith, meditations in which the author re-imagines these words into more conventional language, language to which most of us can relate. Thinking About God believes that at the heart of the human experience is imagination, and at the heart of imagination is our picture of God. It aims to encourage you to look again at who God can be in your life, to inspire you to reconsider any misconceptions you may have about spiritually or the fact of Jesus in the human experience, to open yourself to new avenues of understanding in your perceptions of the larger forces that govern our lives. Thinking About God believes that we all are on journeys, really, ever seeking to enlarge our comprehension of who we are and where we are going. Its author shares his meditations as a fellow traveler, a traveler, mind you, who feels as if he has found something permanently spiritually transforming, but a traveler who is very much aware that others continue, by choice, to search for their spiritual destiny. Indeed, it is to all of these travelers that the author dedicates this book.

How do you know that what you believe is true? Is there absolute truth, and can you know it? Why do so many people disagree on "many important topics"? How do you know which one argument is better than another? Why do so many people disagree about what the Bible says? All these questions can be answered with one word: Logic. This book will teach you how to think with a coherent and biblical worldview. It will show the importance of absolute truth and critical thinking for understanding the Bible and the culture around us. After reading it you will be able to make clear, sound arguments for why you believe what you believe, and you will also be able to critique the arguments of others. Perhaps no skill is more needed in our current culture than the ability to think well and know truth. This book will give you the tools you need to better assess your own beliefs and the world around you. []

This work is the first study in any language of the thought and writings of Rabbi Zadok HaKohen of Lublin (1823-1900), who created a blend of ecstatic Hasidism and intellectual Talmud study. With extensive citations of his writings, it will be an entry point to his thought for many American readers. To illuminate R. Zadok's innovative spiritual path, in which one attains mystical experience through intellectual study of Torah, Birk explores the realm of spiritual psychology with particular attention to individual growth, sin, determinism, and pluralism. He shows that R. Zadok's thought combined mystical, Aristotelian, and psychological elements. This work also sheds important light on Lithuanian talmudic intellectualism and Polish Hasidism. It is the first book to present a critical, analytical portrait of hasidic theology. Particular attention is paid to R. Zadok's teacher, Rabbi Mordechai Leiner of Izbica, whose individualistic philosophy undergirds R. Zadok's teachings on the subject of free will. Finally, this superb study addresses the question of how a Jewish thinker in a traditional milieu was able to derive a theology with many elements we would consider modern, even though he was largely insulated from and, in theory, opposed to contemporary Western, non-religious thinkers. Published in association with Yeshiva University Press

Norman Vincent Peale and the Power of Positive Thinking

Thinking about God: Reflections on a Considered Life

Critical Thinking for the People of God

When God Rules Your Thoughts

The God Delusion, 10th Anniversary Edition

God's Thoughts Are Higher Than Our Thoughts

How to Think about God

**This is a book to help Christians to think about thinking. Focusing on the life of the mind helps us to know God better, love him more, and care for the world. Along with an emphasis on emotions and the experience of God, we also need to practise careful thinking about God. Piper contends that 'thinking is indispensable on the path to passion for God'. So how are we to maintain a healthy balance of mind and heart, thinking and feeling? Piper urges us to think for the glory of God. He demonstrates from Scripture that glorifying God with our minds and hearts is not either-or, but both-and. Thinking carefully about God fuels passion and affections for God. Likewise, Christ-exalting emotion leads to disciplined thinking. Readers will be reminded that 'the mind serves to know the truth that fuels the fires of the heart'.**

**""The author offers a providentialist approach to understanding history, giving Christians a strong, biblical foundation for recognizing God's Lordship and studying the past""**

**The last decade or so has seen many books from what might be called ""the new atheists."" One thinks, for example, of Richard Dawkins or Christopher Hitchens. They have captured the interest of the general reading public and have sold well. Often, however, they have loaded the dice against Christian belief in a most unfair fashion. Arguments and issues have been summarily dismissed after the most cursory of treatments. Thinking God, written by a philosopher and a theologian, father and son, invites the reader to a more reflective consideration of the issues around God and the traditional fabric of Christian belief in a fair and openhanded fashion. Issues, both traditional and more contemporary, have been engaged. The result is an invitation to think of Christian faith seriously, reflectively, and critically.""**

**""A very timely and helpful book which sets out and discusses in a clear and informed manner a number of fundamental challenges to belief in God today. The authors, turning to philosophy and theology, draw on the resources of the past while engaging in dialogue with contemporary thinking.""** -Santiago Sia Milltown Institute, Ireland **""This book discusses central topics in philosophical or fundamental theology and the philosophy of religion and will be very useful to Roman Catholic seminary and college students. It does not attempt to survey all possible positions on these topics, but aims at giving students a feel for how theologians and religiously oriented philosophers approach these topics and questions. Its great strength is that it stimulates critical reflection: it would serve as an excellent basis for class discussions.""** -Thomas E. Hosinski, CSC University of Portland Owen F. Cummings is Regents' Professor of Theology at Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Oregon. He has published many books and articles in the field of systematic theology and church history. Andrew C.

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**If you have ever wanted to believe in God, in the face of so much that would say He doesn't exist, this is the book for you. On the scientific level, The God's Honest Truth is just that, a book of truth, discussing what scientific proof is, as opposed to what is mere science fiction; regarding universal beginnings. It deals with issues of six-day creationism, offers evidence for a worldwide flood, and denounces evolution for what it is. On a theological level, it is a primer for contemporary biblical thinking, teaching believers what the Bible says on the important issues of life. It discusses why evil exists in the face of an all-loving God and whether the fate of sinful man will be perpetual torture in the fires of hell. Lastly, it walks readers through such historical subjects as Christian participation in warfare, slavery, and speaks to the more current issues of abortion and gay rights. Based strictly on biblical doctrines, when rendering decisions, it is meant as a guide through the ever-changing customs and conceived morality of life on planet Earth.**

What Was God Thinking?

Thinking About God's Love

An Introduction to a Pilgrim Worldview

Crazy Love

Thinking About God

Overwhelmed by a Relentless God

The Bible, Philosophy, and Science

**While extending a strong challenge to the superstition of atheism, the principal aim of this book is to demonstrate the fact that the major scientific discoveries that have been made so far, distinctively and expressly reveal the existence of an intelligent and omnipotent Designer who has thoughtfully and intentionally instituted all universal laws with stark precision and accuracy. In this discussion I have also emphasized the incapability of science to stand alone as a final deciding instrument on matters that extend beyond the natural realm. Hence no proof of the Divine Existence can be established by reference to science alone, but through logical reasoning based on obvious and explicit facts. I have also highlighted the reality that most scientific phenomena cannot be explained without recourse to the role of a Supernatural Power.**

**Interviews with the Infinite What does God think about what's going on down here these days? Why did He make the planet in the first place? How does He feel about romance, love and sex? What does He think of the environment, the death penalty, euthanasia and other important social issues? What's Heaven like, and- perhaps of more concern to some of us- is there a Hell and how bad is it? And what does God do for fun? God answers these and a host of other questions you've always wanted to ask Him in this absorbing collection of casual and candid interviews. What He has to say might surprise you!**

**Finney on atheism by Kurt Baier, John Dewey, Paul Edwards, Antony Flew, Sigmund Freud, Erich Fromm, Sidney Hook, Walter Kaufmann, Carliss Lamont, Wallace J. Matson, H.J. McCloskey, Ernest Nagel, Kai Nielsen, Richard Robinson, Bertrand Russell, and Michael Scriven.**

**John Edison provides answers to some questions many Bible students have been struggling with for centuries. The key to answering questions about God is often not found until the questioner has learned to trust God above any human wisdom. Most Bible answers are at the intersection of God's character, the culture when the statement was made, and common sense.What Was God Thinking? clarifies the Gospel, God's love plan to save all people from sin. God has prepared a home for us in Heaven followed by a return to Earth made new. This book explains what it means to be saved by grace, and what is involved in living as a person who has accepted all that God's grace has to offer. Each chapter of this book deals with an issue of life that affects our relationship with God. Each chapter deals with God's love and desire for us to be united with Him.**

Logic for Christians

God's Attempt to Save Mankind

Meditations of a Christian Hedonist

Tearing Down Walls, Walking in His Grace

Proof of God Within & Beyond Science

First Steps in Philosophy

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Developing out of a series of public lectures given to a large audience of non-theologians, this is one of the most attractive introductions to theology which has appeared so far. Perhaps, as Dorothee Soelle points out, in fact, "introduction" is not the right word, for this is above all an invitation to share her enthusiasm for theology, her delight in the beauty and the power of religious and theological language and the themes it expresses. The book covers all the major areas of modern theology. After discussing the nature of systematic theology and comparing orthodox, liberal, and radical approaches, it looks at the use of the Bible in theology. Then follow chapters on creation, sin, feminist liberation theology, the understanding of grace, Black theology, Jesus, cross and resurrection, the kingdom of God and the church, the theology of peace, the end of theism, and the question of God. Each chapter is followed by a bibliography. Dorothee Soelle, who is familiar with theology on both sides of the Atlantic, has herself revised this for the English-language edition.

Investigating how Jewish thinkers from the biblical to the postmodern era have approached questions about God and highlighting interplays between texts over time. Rabbi Kari H. Tuling elucidates many compelling--and contrasting--ways to think about God in Jewish tradition.

So many of us desire freedom - the freedom that is promised to us when we decide to follow Jesus. The freedom from the burden of our sin, the need to be "good enough," anger, jealousy, and envy. Even though we are believers we should be ashamed to say that we don't always experience peace, contentment, and joy in our life. We are looking for the grace that God has so graciously given to us and lead in our life... Breaking Pride is an eBook based on one simple truth: In order to walk in God's grace we need to tear down the walls of pride. A lot of believers, even though saved by God's grace, are still walking in pride rather than walking in His grace. Knowing what pride is and learning to identify pride in your life is the first step to overcoming a life filled with pride. Pride is rooted in fear and leads to anger, jealousy, and envy. Sin isn't keeping us from having a relationship with the Lord, it's our need. So many of us long to have an authentic and REAL relationship with the Lord, and we long to have the fruit of the spirit filled in our heart. Our desire is to achieve these fruits through will power. But we do not even realize that the pride that lives within our heart is what is blocking the fruit of the spirit from living within us. In Breaking Pride you will learn to identify different areas of pride in your life. Filled with encouragement, Breaking Pride will take you through a practical reading of what pride may look like in your life... Let's stop building walls of pride and start building the foundation of grace within our lives...

Revised & Updated Edition! God is love. Crazy, relentless, all-powerful love. Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe--the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor--loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it yet or not, we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don't's--it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything. Learn more about Crazy Love at [www.crazylovebook.com](http://www.crazylovebook.com).

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Desiring God

Jewish Views

An Ancient Guide for Believers and Nonbelievers

A God-Centered Approach

Shaped by God

Thinking about God

**As we become more deeply involved in thinking about God, it would be good to remember that the thinking is about God but is done by humans. We should be careful. We should not have too high an opinion of our own thinking. We might recall the statement of Isaiah 55.8-9: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." With the reminder that human thinking about God has important limitations, we should still try to think about God as carefully as possible. 1. How can we summarize the beliefs about God in the Bible? 2. How should we understand the Bible's many references to God and violence? 3. Can we derive a clear and comprehensive view of God and human destiny from the Bible? 4. Can we prove the existence of God by reason apart from the Bible? 5. What views have philosophers had about the basic nature of God? 6. How can we reconcile belief in God's goodness and unlimited power with the evil in the world? 7. Is God an appropriate subject for scientists to study? 8. Should scientific views of time, life, and space lead us to adjust some of our beliefs about God? 9. Are our views of God appropriate for the modern world? 10. Do you believe that you should do some more thinking about God?**

**Does God exist? Why did life on earth come about? Have the theories of evolution and the Big Bang proven that the entire universe occurred spontaneously? If there is a God who created this world, then why did he allow human suffering and evil to exist? These are the questions tackled in a lucid style in this book. Just because no one has seen a thing does not mean that it has no existence or cannot occur. Honest scientists of real insight teach that there is a very great deal more even to physical existence and the material universe than that which we mortals can perceive with our limited senses. They admit that there may exist a realm which is not accessible to human awareness or bound by the limitations of the human intellect; it is utterly beyond human perception and remains hidden or unseen. The known material universe with which we are familiar is like only the tip of an iceberg, the bulk of which remains hidden from our eyes.**

**An account of Peale's life and career discusses how his book "The Power of Positive Thinking" sparked a post-war revival of religion in America**

**I have spent much of my adult life writing plays, short stories, road shows, poetry, and skits. After spending a few years writing humorous pieces for the local newspaper, I was encouraged by my readers to have my articles compiled into a book. I have always enjoyed the humor found in everyday situations and, although they may be "caricatures" of my life, I am sure you will see plenty of your own life within these pages. Enjoy and remember years past and, above all, LAUGH!**

God's Salesman

The End of Theology

Transform My Thinking, God

An Introduction to Christian Theology

Making Sense of God

Breaking Pride

God on God

I wrote this book after seeing scores of people hit really dry times and plateaus in their Christian walk. David the Psalmist painted a picture of the Christian life as being a tree planted by a river of water that brings forth fruit in its season and whose leaf does not wither. God in His grace opened my eyes to things in my thinking that hindered my walk with God. I came to realize these things were part of my cultural upbringing. My culture had literally shaped the way I thought about things. It was through God's word that these weaknesses in my personal approach to God became clear. This book grew out of that understanding. I have refined the material here over the last 20 years as I have taught many people the things contained in its pages. This is not a prosperity gospel or name it and claim it kind of thing. This is truly about the things that hinder our relationship with Jesus Christ and keep us from coming to know Him in a deeper way. If you decide to get this I hope you find it helpful as you seek to know our God better.

Theology shapes every aspect of contemporary life, but George Pattison argues that thinking about God offers a creative counter-movement to the dominant technological culture. His argument is applied to questions of ethics, university study, the arts, and urban living.

Biblical and doctrinal foundations of a Christian worldview to help believers on their pilgrimage through God's world.

What'll find everything you need to know about being Jewish in this indispensable, revised and updated guide to the religious traditions, everyday practices, philosophical beliefs, and historical foundations of Judaism. What happens at a synagogue service? What are the rules for keeping kosher? How do I light the Hanukah candles? What is in the Hebrew Bible? You do! The Jewish holidays signify? What should I be teaching my children about being Jewish? With the first edition of Essential Judaism, George Robinson offered the world the accessible compendium that he sought when he rediscovered his Jewish identity as an adult. In his "ambitious and all-inclusive" (New York Times Book Review) guide, Robinson illuminates the Jewish life cycle at every stage and lays out many fascinating aspects of the religion--the Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism, the evolution of Hasidism, and much more--while keeping a firm focus on the different paths to living a good Jewish life in today's world. Now, a decade and a half later, Robinson has updated this valuable introductory text with information on topics including denominational shifts, same-sex marriage, the intermarriage debate, transgender Jews, the growth of anti-Semitism, and the changing role of women in worship, along with many other hotly debated topics in the contemporary Jewish world and beyond. The perfect gift for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or anyone thinking about conversion--this is the ultimate companion for anyone interested in learning more about Judaism, the kind of book its readers will revisit over and over for years to come.

Essential Judaism: Updated Edition

An Invitation to the Skeptical

God Is Thinking About You More Than You Think

An Introduction to Theology

And the Task of Thinking about God

Igniting the Fire of Loving and Pursuing God

Thinking about Jesus

Seeks to address the contemporary crisis of theology, exploring the possible future for an academic discipline that is rooted in the life and teaching of the Christian church, in a situation of intellectual pluralism. Argues for a commitment to dialogue.

There are very few books with this point of view. The meaning of Jesus words in Gethsamane and on the cross have a powerful perspective. People believe what they think the meaning of these words are but those beliefs are not in correlation with who Jesus is. This book has explained in great detail what the words that Jesus spoke in the garden mean. Not only explained but Scripture has been given to document these explanations. Do you know the power of Christ, do you know how He used His great power? You will be strengthened in Christ by reading this. You will also see Him more powerful, more loving, and be in awe of His magnificent, adoring, wonderful will and focus. Jesus is very God and very human all through the Passion. We have documented from the Bible that Jesus will be discouraged, not in the crucifixion but upon His return and why that is. We have documented as well that God and Jesus were not separated at all but that Jesus did what He did "because" God was with Him.

Are your thoughts leading you to live the fulfilling life God wants you to have? Our daily habits are the direct result of what we tell ourselves. What influences your thoughts? Is it cultural or what God says in His Word? This 5-week study features personal, daily assignments, as well as video teaching on the book of Philipians.

The God Delusion caused a sensation when it was published in 2006. Within weeks it became the most hotly debated topic, with Dawkins himself branded as either saint or sinner for presenting his hard-hitting, impassioned rebuttal of religion of all types. His argument could hardly be more topical. While Europe is becoming increasingly secularized, the rise of religious fundamentalism, whether in the Middle East or Middle America, is dramatically and dangerously dividing opinion around the world. In America, and elsewhere, a vigorous dispute between 'intelligent design' and Darwinism is seriously undermining and restricting the teaching of science. In many countries religious dogma from medieval times still serves to abuse basic human rights such as women's and gay rights. And all from a belief in a God whose existence lacks evidence of any kind. Dawkins attacks God in all his forms. He eviscerates the major arguments for religion and demonstrates the supreme improbability of a supreme being. He shows how religion fuels war, foments bigotry and abuses children. The God Delusion is a brilliantly argued, fascinating polemic that will be required reading for anyone interested in this most emotional and important subject.

Redeeming Our Thinking about History

Atonement and Redemption

The Power Of Positive Thinking

Thinking and Feeling in Tune with the Psalms

Thinking about God in an Age of Technology

Transformed Thinking

Loving God with All Your Mind

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God wants your heart... The Psalms are in a category of their own. They are not just commanding; they are contagious. And they can change us. Tears, affliction, shame, regret, grief, anger, discouragement, turmoil...we hear all these cries, we feel their overflow, and we see that all these things happen in relation to our totally sovereign God.

A vivid and accessible new translation of Cicero's influential writings on the Stoic idea of the divine Most ancient Romans were deeply religious and their world was overflowing with gods--from Jupiter, Minerva, and Mars to countless local divinities, household gods, and ancestral spirits. One of the most influential Roman perspectives on religion came from a nonreligious belief system that is finding new adherents even today: Stoicism. How did the Stoics think about religion? In How to Think about God, Philip Freeman presents vivid new translations of On the Nature of the Gods and The Dream of Scipio. In these brief works, Cicero offers a Stoic view of belief, divinity, and human immortality, giving eloquent expression to the religious ideas of one of the most popular schools of Roman and Greek philosophy.

On the Nature of the Gods and The Dream of Scipio are Cicero's best-known and most important writings on religion, and they have profoundly shaped Christian and non-Christian thought for more than two thousand years, influencing such luminaries as Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Dante, and Thomas Jefferson. These works reveal many of the religious aspects of Stoicism, including an understanding of the universe as a materialistic yet continuous and living whole in which both the gods and a supreme God are essential elements.

Featuring an introduction, suggestions for further reading, and the original Latin on facing pages, How to Think about God is a compelling guide to the Stoic view of the divine.

We live in an age of skepticism. Our society places such faith in empirical reason, historical progress, and heartfelt emotion that it's easy to wonder: Why should anyone believe in Christianity? What role can faith and religion play in our modern lives? In this thoughtful and inspiring new book, pastor and New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller invites skeptics to consider that Christianity is more relevant now than ever. As human beings, we cannot live without meaning, satisfaction, freedom, identity, justice, and hope. Christianity provides us with unsurpassed resources to meet these needs. Written for both the ardent believer and the skeptic, Making Sense of God shines a light on the profound value and importance of Christianity in our lives.

The God's Honest Truth

Thinking God's Thoughts

Yeshua

The Mysticism of Rabbi Zadok of Lublin

Making the Case Against Belief in God

Too many people want to classify Jesus as someone he wasn't. Jesus was either the Son of God or a madman. There is, however, more evidence that he was the Son of God than there is evidence that anyone or anything exists on earth today. Jesus made it clear to everyone that accepting him as Savior and Lord was the only way to achieve God's acceptance. He said, 'I am the way, the truth, and the light. No one comes to the Father except through me.' In his book Thinking about Jesus: God's Attempt to Save Mankind, author John F. Holman provides evidence that encourages people to think about Jesus and what he did and said while he was on earth. With that knowledge in hand, individuals are in a position to either accept Him as Savior and Lord or realize the consequences. God sent Jesus to show us the Way. Thinking about Jesus: God's Attempt to Save Mankind shows us that path to God.