

“Too Tough To Swallow”

Helpful Study Resources

After evaluating a number of Books, Websites and Podcasts your SRCC Leadership Team has created a list of helpful resources to further equip your Biblical knowledge and apologetic understanding. We suggest that you try one or two of these and determine which might challenge you personally & spiritually. To be clear, your SRCC Leadership Team may not agree with all the theological positions being presented, but we do find that all of these resources provide tremendous benefit to any believer who desires to do further study.

Books:

The Bible Handbook of Difficult Verses – Josh McDowell & Sean McDowell

A father & son apologetic work examines the tough questions of Scripture - Genesis through Revelation. A resource that will help you grow in your understanding of God’s Word and equip you to confidently explain it to others. Easy to read too.

Hard Sayings of the Bible – Intervarsity Press

A handy reference book created by a variety of Biblical Scholars. It examines over 500 of the most troubling verses for readers in the Bible.

Unbelievable? Why After Ten Years of Talking with Atheists, I’m Still a Christian – Justin Brierley

Reflecting on conversations with Richard Dawkins, Derren Brown, and many more, Justin explains why he still finds Christianity the most compelling explanation for life, the universe, and everything. And why, regardless of belief or background, we should all welcome the conversation.

Letters from a Skeptic: A Son Wrestles with His Father’s Questions @ Christianity – Greg Boyd

Over the course of almost three years Greg Boyd and his father Ed corresponded about Christianity, the Bible and faith, Ed, a skeptic with a lot of questions, engages his son's expertise with love, transparency and candor.

A Case for Christ & A Case for Faith – Lee Strobel

Well known resources from a very reputable source. Strobel, an ex-atheist and journalist, who investigates the evidence for Christ and the toughest objections to Christianity.

Websites:

RZIM (Ravi Zacharias International Ministries) - <https://rzim.org>

RZIM has been a stalwart in Christian Apologetics for upwards of 40 years. The founder of the ministry Ravi Zacharias has been at the fore-front of Christian Apologetics with the mission of impacting those who are cultural shapers across the globe with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sean McDowell – www.seanmcdowell.org

The son of well-known Christianity Apologist Josh McDowell, Sean’s stated mission is “bringing truth to a new generation.” He has articles, books, Podcasts and a blog filled with helpful resources.

Apologetics315 - <https://apologetics315.com>

This is a huge website with more resources and references than you could possibly imagine. This is a GREAT place to start! This page was founded by Brian Auten who is a part of the ministry called Reasonable Faith in Belfast, Ireland in the UK.

Christian Apologetics & Research Ministry - <https://carm.org>

This website was founded by Matt Slick in 1995. Slick provides a great place where you can quickly identify a location for a number of resources on world views, world religions, early church fathers, cults, etc. Each of these main headings has options for additional topics within that general area. These are then linked to various articles the reader can pull up and evaluate.

William Lane Craig – www.reasonablefaith.org

Dr. Craig is a professor of Philosophy and Theology at Talbot Seminary and author of over 30 books. With books, articles and media Reasonable Faith aims to provide in the public arena an intelligent, articulate, and uncompromising yet gracious Christian perspective on the most important issues concerning the truth of the Christian faith today,

Reasons To Believe - www.reasons.org

Founded by Dr. Hugh Ross is the website “Where Science and Faith Converge.” RTB's mission is to spread the Christian Gospel by demonstrating that sound reason and scientific research—including the very latest discoveries.

Podcasts:

Unbelievable - www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/Saturday/Unbelievable

A weekly Podcast where Justin Brierley typically has two special with opposing perspectives against one another dialog in a very civil and constructive. The podcast is a taping of the radio broadcast of their weekly show from the UK sponsored by Premier Christian Radio.

Greg Boyd - Greg-Boyd-Apologies--Explanations-Podcast

Greg is a Pastor, Professor and author. He boldly tackles some of scriptures and life's more challenging issues. Greg passionately believes that faith and reason are not mutually exclusive, but that the mind and heart were made for congruity.

Stand to Reason - www.str.org

A ministry of Greg Koukl from Southern California who has a weekly three-hour radio program. Koukl typically has one topic that he starts off with that he addresses and then has an open line call-in segment. The show has a wonderful variety where Koukl can oftentimes model his “Tactics” method of apologetics with callers to his radio show.

Reasonable Faith - www.reasonablefaith.org

It can be said with a high degree of confidence that William Lane Craig is perhaps one of the foremost respected apologists of our time. He is also recognized as one of the most prominent people who participates in formal debates with the likes of Christopher Hitchens and others from the neo-Atheist movement. With this kind of deeper intellectual podcast Craig limits each podcast to 15 – 30 minutes. If you are more inclined to be stimulated from a philosophical perspective this is the best podcast for you!

Straight Thinking - www.reasons.org

Kenneth R. Samples in the Straight Thinking podcast, Samples takes on a wide range of issues such as world view issues, cultural issues, classical apologetic issues, Biblical difficulties and provides insights on various historical apologists like Blaise Pascal & C.S. Lewis. Samples is a great teacher and is often interviewed through the process.