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The essential book for dismantling Richard Dawkins' atheistic agenda. Scott Hahn and Benjamin Wiker collaborate to debunk Dawkins' theories and show how inconsistent and illogical his conclusions truly are. This is the definitive book for college students or faithful Christians hoping to answer Dawkins' claims and assert the logic and beauty of their faith.

## Answering the New Atheism: Dismantling Dawkins' Case Against God Details

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**Kevin says**

## **Rational refutation and a good read**

I'm a big fan of Scott Hahn, and I was following and internally validating the logic of most of his arguments....until the last chapter. There, the authors devolved (ironically?) into the same kind of alarmist hyperbole they berate Dawkins for in chapter one. I suppose that was intentional, but it's difficult to refute a ridiculous argument with another ridiculous argument. I very much enjoyed the rest of the book, but I would have been more convinced of the validity of the arguments had it not gone off the rails somewhat in the last chapter...

Still a big fan, though, and I definitely recommend this book.

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**Anne says**

My mistake here was that I have not actually read anything Dawkins has written. After reading this tightly reasoned rebuttal, I don't plan to. I thought these reasoned counterarguments helped me get the general gist of the debate. But this is really a particular rebuke of one of Dawkins's books instead of a consideration of general atheist arguments, so it wasn't quite what I expected and didn't really grab me.

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**Rob Squires says**

I didn't have my hopes up very high before picking up this title, which is co-authored by a couple of Roman Catholic intellectuals, since many theistic responses to the works of Richard Dawkins *et al* that I've read have been rather weak. However, I was pleasantly surprised by this book which, I feel, gives Richard Dawkins a much needed spanking.

This is not to say that there are not still challenges on the religious side in synthesizing the claims of scripture with the findings of modern science (and in this regard this book is intentionally one-sided). However, Answering the New Atheism: Dismantling Dawkins' Case Against God makes it abundantly clear that there are a few unanswered questions on the atheist side as well. These are very difficult, possibly insurmountable, questions that science may well never find an answer to. If you want to find out what they are, then pick up a copy of this worthwhile book.

In the end, the thoughtful analysis in this book will allow you to see, as even fair-minded atheists like Thomas Nagel admit, that believing in God is still a very rational option. Indeed, all the Darwinists and atheists have done is construct an alternative to the religious explanation for why there is life on planet earth...but taking God out of the equation causes some very serious difficulties. Thus it is not just a matter of which side can **prove** the other wrong, since "proof" in regards to some of these questions is something of an inappropriate (if not impossible) word. Rather, it's a matter of which worldview, the theistic or the atheistic, is more coherent when all aspects of human knowledge, not just empirical science, are taken into account.

Read it and see why!

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### **brian d rogers says**

It took me a while to go to this book. Maybe I was afraid of what I'd find. I shouldn't have feared, sometimes Dawkins' thoughts had me laughing. I don't have anything to fear as far as faith. Knowing that this book is not setting out to prove God, so much as help the reader look at Dawkins' own principles of why He believes God isn't necessary. All I need to do is watch the news or look at the world around me to know, that if we don't have God, and we rely solely on humanity...times are going to get worse, a lot worse. As far as the world, I'll pass ... I'm not even meant to exist in a world based on evolution, so...I'll keep my faith in the God of the bible. It'll blow your mind to think Dawkins supports a law of natural selection that "should" view Stephen Hawking as a genetic deformity un fit for life. No, forget that, forget Dawkins.

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### **Stacy says**

I won this book as a FirstRead.

This book is a thorough rebuttal to Dawkins' works, including The God Delusion. It was refreshing to see a Christian argument that was based on science, not just what the Bible says, since that would hold no validity to an atheist. I was surprised to see that even other atheists disagreed with many points Dawkins tried to make in his books.

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### **John says**

I received a free copy of this book from a goodreads.com First Reads Giveaway, and apparently the FCC requires I mention that in my review of it.

This is a very good book. The authors take a look at Richard Dawkins' book The God Delusion, and systematically rebut it. One of the things I particularly appreciated was that authors recognition of the fact that if you are trying to establish whether the Bible is true or not, you can't use the Bible as an authoritative source to make your argument. As such, they take each of Dawkins' points and argue it on its own merits and within the framework Dawkins himself establishes. Part and parcel of this method is the fact that the authors do not try to prove that the Christian worldview is correct, they simply show that Dawkins' worldview is self-contradictory, that is, even if you accept all of Dawkins' assumptions, his conclusions are still invalid.

This is definitely a worthwhile book.

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### **Michael says**

Not for the (intellectual) faint of heart. I only understood about 75% of what the authors were talking about. This is deep, dense rebuttal of Richard Dawkins's atheism. I think I agreed with most of their points, but not

having a strong background in philosophy made some of this book quite impregnable. Short, erudite, and--for me, at least--difficult.

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### **Ivan Herrejon mfd says**

loved it!

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### **Kris says**

An awesome mix of penetrating critiques and a bit of witty satire. Short and to the point - this will have a proud place on my shelf one day!

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### **Ann Kerley says**

Lot of good reasoning and argument against Dawkins' rhetoric. Great for anyone seeking to find substance with which to put Dawkins in his place. Does actually dismantle his case against God and demonstrates that often his 'reasoning' is driven by his imperative to prove God does not exist, no matter how ridiculous a position he places himself in to do so. Sound, scholarly read.

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### **Rob says**

This was a First Reads book through Goodreads. Overall, it was a critical analysis of the faulty reasoning and logic in Richard Dawkin's book "The God Delusion." The authors kept the subject semi-lighthearted considering the complicated nature of the matter, which dealt with the existence of God from a physical, philosophical, and moral understanding. Though likely from a Catholic perspective, it was decent book on the matter.

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### **John says**

This is another typical "yes it is-no it isn't" book: if you believe in a personal God (and dislike Dawkins) then this is a great book, if you don't then all the arguments are weak and unconvincing.

Either Dawkins (more like Baruch Spinoza) is correct and there is no personal God, or he is wrong and there is one. In either case the morals of Christianity advocated by the authors must come from the same source as Dawkins' (when they are good ones). Since Dawkins doesn't believe in a personal God he should always be doing bad things, and because the authors do believe in a personal God they should always be doing good things, right?

However, if you step out of the authors argument frame and look at a bigger picture the real answer is there

is no answer.

This book offers nothing new.

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### **Matt Terboss says**

I don't normally read books of this sort, but I had read a few things from Scott Hahn and decided to give it a try and I was surprised at how much I enjoyed the book. The authors had pointed out more than few things which I hadn't thought of when dealing with Atheism and I did so in an easy to read manner. I would definitely recommend this book to another person.

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### **Suzanne says**

This short book (about 150 pages) answers Richard Dawkins' criticisms of the Christian idea of God.

Dawkins asserts that chance can explain the origins of human life and any unusual phenomenon. Hahn goes to show that such odds are so great that they're virtually impossible. Hahn also tackles Dawkins' vision of morality. If evolution explains everything, and evolution is the reason we are here, and evolution produced our intelligence and reason, then why argue against harsh behaviours that work against survival of the fittest? There's a fundamental contradiction in Dawkins' view. Hahn warn that the New Atheists, if they get control of power, would try to rid the world of Christianity, much in the same vein as the Communists and the radicals in the French Revolution.

This books answers Richard Dawkins, but it's not a book that really argues for God's existence. It uses science to point to God's existence (which is very helpful) but it won't demonstrate Aquinas' classic proofs (although he does address Dawkins' misconceptions of them.)

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### **Barron says**

This was a good book, even if at times confusing. I had less trouble understanding the final three chapters than I did the first five. Scott Hahn and Benjamin Wiker are both Catholic theologians and it shows. Of course, they were writing this book from the perspective of theologians who were trying to debunk Richard Dawkins' philosophy in his book "The God Delusion" without resorting to the Bible or Christian theology which Dawkins does not consider authoritative. That could not have been an easy task.

As it begins, several colleagues have come to Wiker because a book called "The God Delusion" by a man named Richard Dawkins has been causing a large number of seminarians to lose their faith. Benjamin Wiker decided to read the book to see what, if anything, could be done about it. He brought fellow theologian Scott Hahn on board and together they wrote this book "Answering the New Atheism: Dismantling Dawkins' Case Against God".

They do a fine job of presenting the Christian viewpoint and showing why Dawkins' philosophy based on evolution and Darwinism is dangerous and just does not hold water. I personally would have liked to have

seen the first five chapters dumbed down a little for people like me who don't hold degrees in Theology, but then again it was not really written for me but for seminarians who would have at least some background in Theology.

I can happily recommend this book to anyone with an interest in debunking what is being called the "New Atheism".

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