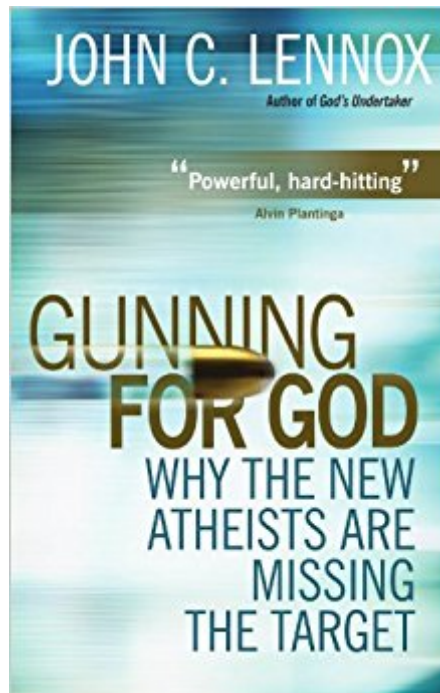




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# **Gunning For God: Why The New Atheists Are Missing The Target**



## Synopsis

New ideas about the nature of God and Christianity that will give Dawkins' best friends and worst enemies alike some stimulating food for thought. Tackling Hawking, Dawkins, Dennett, Hitchens, and a newcomer in the field; the French philosopher Michel Onfray; John Lennox points out some of the most glaring fallacies in the New Atheist approach in this insightful book. Since the twin towers crashed to the ground on September 11, there has been no end to attacks on religion. Claims abound that religion is dangerous, that it kills, and that it poisons everything. And if religion is the problem with the world, say the New Atheists, the answer is simple; get rid of it. Of course, things aren't quite so straightforward. Arguing that the New Atheists' irrational and unscientific methodology leaves them guilty of the very obstinate foolishness they criticize in dogmatic religious folks, this erudite and wide-ranging guide to religion in the modern age packs some debilitating punches and scores big for religious rationalism.

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"Recent books touting atheism have been grounded more on dyspepsia than on dispassionate reason. In this book John Lennox considers the best, most recent science from physics and biology, and demonstrates that the picture looks far different from what we've been told." Michael Behe, author, Darwin's Black Box, on God's Undertaker "A brilliantly argued re-evaluation of the relation of science and religion, casting welcome new light on today's major debates. A must-read for all reflecting on the greatest questions of life." Alister McGrath, author, Glimpsing the Face of God on God's Undertaker "[An] erudite and wide-ranging

John Lennox is a professor of mathematics and the philosophy of science at the University of Oxford. A popular Christian apologist and scientist, Lennox travels widely speaking on the interface between science and religion. He is the author of Christianity: Opium or Truth?, The Definition of Christianity, God's Undertaker, and Key Bible Concepts.

Scientific Evidence Trumps Philosophical Argumentation: Of all the different philosophical proofs of God's existence, I found the various versions of the Cosmological Argument to be the most convincing; however, ONLY when the premises and conclusion are backed-up by tons of convincing Scientific Evidence. Even the Cosmological Proof of God's Existence becomes absolutely pointless and worthless, unless there is copious amounts of Scientific Evidence backing up every premise and the conclusion as well. In the end, it always ends up being the Scientific Evidence which convinces you that God really does exist, and not the philosophical proof itself. Scientific Evidence, Observational Evidence, Empirical Evidence, and Experiential Evidence trump philosophical sophistry every time! A philosophical proof is absolutely worthless unless the premises and the conclusion are backed-up by lots of EVIDENCE. Faith or trust in true evidence, produces a True Faith or a True Belief. Faith or trust in false evidence, produces a False Faith or a False Belief. ALL faith or belief or trust is based upon EVIDENCE. If there is no evidence, then there will be no faith. I have absolutely no faith in the philosophical proofs that are lacking evidence or run contrary to the Scientific Evidence. When it comes to the Cosmological Argument, I have purchased a few books from William Lane Craig. He has become the world-wide philosophical expert on the Cosmological Argument. If you want to learn the best and receive the best evidence on a subject, then you go to the best. --For a nice selection of different philosophical proofs for God's existence, check out the little book "Does God Exist?" by William Lane Craig. Even though this is a short book, William Lane Craig tries to present adequate amounts of scientific evidence to support each of the premises and the conclusion generated by each philosophical proof. I have also purchased and been reading: KALAM COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT (LIBRARY OF PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION) January 1, 1979, by WILLIAM LANE CRAIG. "The Cosmological Argument from Plato to Leibniz: (Library of Philosophy and Religion)" by William L. Craig. It's the scientific evidence that convinces you that God really does exist. These various philosophical proofs ONLY come alive when their premises and conclusions are completely backed and sustained by scientific evidence. --If you are willing to venture away from William Lane Craig, then I would recommend these books: "God's

Undertaker: Has Science Buried God?" by John Lennox. "Stealing from God: Why Atheists Need God to Make Their Case" by Frank Turek. "Gunning for God: Why the New Atheists are Missing the Target" by John Lennox. "I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist" by Norman L. Geisler, Frank Turek. "There Is a God: How the World's Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind" by Antony Flew, Roy Abraham Varghese. These were the first ones that I read, which combined philosophical argumentation and scientific evidence to make their case. I found them quite convincing. The Scientific Evidence proves whether the philosophical argument is true or false. It is the Scientific Evidence which convinced me that God exists, not the philosophical argument or philosophical proof. The philosophical argument simply gives the Scientific Evidence a structure and a goal. The philosophical argument puts the Scientific Evidence to good use and convincingly demonstrates that God really does exist.

Using logic, reason, experience, Revelation, and humor Lennox again takes on the weak arguments of the post-modern unbelievers. New Atheists, as he calls them, really are anti-theists who demand allegiance to their own set of beliefs and rejection of faith. Lennox aims to show that they are wrong and succeeds convincingly in this easily read book. He shows that faith and science are consistent and refutes the illogic of the aggressive foes of faith. He addresses morality, the true and undistorted nature of God, atonement explanations, and miracles, and throughout he reveals the emptiness of the New Theists' philosophy. Interestingly, he notes that his discussion of the Resurrection has few arguments from the New Atheists because, in spite of their insistence on evidence before anything can be believed, they largely dismiss the evidence of Christ's Resurrection. Lennox, a mathematician and professor, is a giant among modern apologists, and this book, like others he has written, is another invaluable resource for those interested in defending the faith against its aggressive foes.

His very presence in ALL Creation...His breath within mankind's soul that created mankind in His Image..His overwhelming Love that gave mankind the gift of Free Will...and the Love Story of His Rescue Plan for mankind through His son, Jesus Christ ...all this is my ammunition to support my fierce belief that I belong to Him.

Very well considered and intelligently argued, in my opinion. Dr Lennox makes many of the same points he raised in his book, "God's Undertaker. Has Science Buried God?", but still some compelling points.

Material very well presented and a must read for those who do not understand this issues with anti-theists.

Very well written and conceived. I learned a tremendous amount that I had not previously considered. Well done. Well done.

This book is extraordinary, it is a must for everyone believer or not. I gave this book as gift to some friends and all were very impressed. It really helps the understanding of the today dilemma.

This book houses truths that are both self evident and evident based on our world's scientific advancement. The more we discover about our world and ourselves the more we realize what we have yet discover. God is Truth and He gives us truths about our universe one piece at a time. Great book and an encouraging journey of faith increased by reason.

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