OUTREACH MAGAZINE NAMES CONFRONTING CHRISTIANITY APOLOGETICS RESOURCE OF THE YEAR

WHEATON, Ill.—Crossway is pleased to announce that Rebecca McLaughlin’s Confronting Christianity (Crossway, April 2019) has been named the Outreach Resource of the Year in the Apologetics category.

These awards are presented by Outreach magazine, a bimonthly publication helping local churches reach their community and change the world.1 The 17th annual Outreach Resources of the Year honor books specifically focused on outreach in areas such as evangelism, apologetics, compassionate service, and cross-cultural ministry.

“It is a tremendous honor to receive this award,” writes Justin Taylor, Crossway’s executive vice president of book publishing and book publisher. “We pray this recognition would cause more people to use Rebecca’s book in seeking to reach the lost with the glorious good news of Jesus Christ!”

The book has also received recent awards from Christianity Today (winner of the 2020 Beautiful Orthodoxy Book of the Year) and the Gospel Coalition (winner of the 2019 TGC Book Award in the Evangelism and Apologetics category).

Confronting Christianity addresses 12 controversial issues about Christianity—the Bible’s teaching on gender and sexuality, the reality of heaven and hell, and more—and shows how current psychological and scientific research actually aligns with teaching from the Bible.

“Rebecca McLaughlin’s defense of the Christian faith is what all defenses should be: sensitive, smart, and sound. This is apologetics done right—and exactly right for this age in which we live,” commends Karen Swallow Prior, author of Fierce Convictions. “Confronting Christianity is a book I will draw upon myself and will recommend widely to believers and skeptics alike.”

McLaughlin is also the author of the forthcoming book for preteens 10 Questions Every Kid Should Ask (and Answer) about Christianity (Crossway, January 2021), which will help kids think through topics similar to those explored in Confronting Christianity. For more information about the author, visit rebeccamclaughlin.org.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rebecca McLaughlin holds a PhD in Renaissance literature from Cambridge University and a theology degree from Oak Hill College in London. She is cofounder of Vocable Communications and former vice president of content at the Veritas Forum, where she spent almost a decade working with Christian academics at leading secular universities.

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT CONFRONTING CHRISTIANITY

“This book is compelling reading, not only because of its intellectual rigor and the fact that it is beautifully written but also because of its honest, empathetic humanity. Readers will find themselves expertly guided on a journey that involves them not only in confronting Christianity but also in confronting themselves—their worldviews, hopes, fears, failures, and search for identity and satisfaction—and, finally, in confronting Christ as the altogether credible source of life as God means it to be.”

—John C. Lennox, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics, University of Oxford

“McLaughlin probes some of the trickiest cultural challenges to Christianity of our day and clearly demonstrates the breadth and richness of a Christian response. Confronting Christianity is well worth reading and pondering.”

—Tyler J. VanderWeele, John L. Loeb and Frances Lehman Loeb Professor of Epidemiology and Director of the Human Flourishing Program, Harvard University

“In the West, many people are persuaded by dominant secular narratives and think they already know what Christianity is about. In this bombshell of a book packed with myth-busting statistics, McLaughlin reveals the many surprises in authentic Christianity.”

—Peter J. Williams, Principal, Tyndale House, Cambridge; author, Can We Trust the Gospels?

“A deep and caring response to current criticisms and confrontations of the Christian faith fills Rebecca McLaughlin’s book. She speaks from real-life experience of the personal and intellectual challenges we encounter today in considering the claims of Jesus Christ. Her open and faithful answers to serious questions provide not an easy stroll through imagined virtual reality but an adventurous rocky pathway through true and abundant life.”

—Ian Hutchinson, Professor of Nuclear Science and Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; author, Can a Scientist Believe in Miracles?

“Apologetics with heart, discernment, empathy, and rigorous study. Confronting Christianity will help you understand the hard questions of the Christian faith while also igniting a love for neighbor. McLaughlin doesn’t shy away from tough questions about diversity and the nations, as well as slavery and facing America’s past and present. Her answers are not only insightful; they have the potential to transform a heart of stone to a heart of flesh. Take up and read.”

—Trillia Newbell, author, Sacred Endurance; If God Is for Us; and God’s Very Good Idea
“Rebecca McLaughlin refuses to duck the biggest challenges to the Christian faith and takes on the hardest questions with empathy, energy, and understanding. She has studied widely, thinks deeply, and argues very persuasively. This is an outstanding resource for the skeptic, the doubter, and anyone who is ready to engage with some compelling thinking.”

—Sam Allberry, Apologist and Speaker, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries; author, 7 Myths about Singleness

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—Karen Swallow Prior, author, On Reading Well and Fierce Convictions

“Rebecca McLaughlin addresses the most frequent and pressing objections to Christianity in our time with unflinching honesty, rigorous clarity, and deep compassion. This book is written not merely for skeptics but also for those who have suffered much in this sin-sick, destructive world. It is brimming with hope and will surprise you—and likely change the way you think about Jesus.”

—Jon Bloom, Cofounder, Desiring God; author, Not by Sight

“What Christianity has to offer the world is bound up in its strangeness. Only a distinctive word can be truly good news in a world like this. In a secularizing age, though, Christianity is often not simply odd to the world but also unexplained and seemingly inexplicable. In this book, Rebecca McLaughlin takes seriously both the Bible and the questions of nonbelievers. If you’re a non-Christian and have wondered why Christians think and do as they do, this book will be a good start to exploring those questions. If you’re a believer, this book will not only equip you intellectually but also call you to compassion and empathy for your questioning, unbelieving neighbor, as well as prepare you to bear witness to the Light that has come into the world.”

—Russell Moore, President, The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

“A fresh voice, arresting arguments, and an easy-to-read style. McLaughlin writes for curious thinkers everywhere, and handsomely repays the open-minded reader.”

—Os Guinness, author, The Call