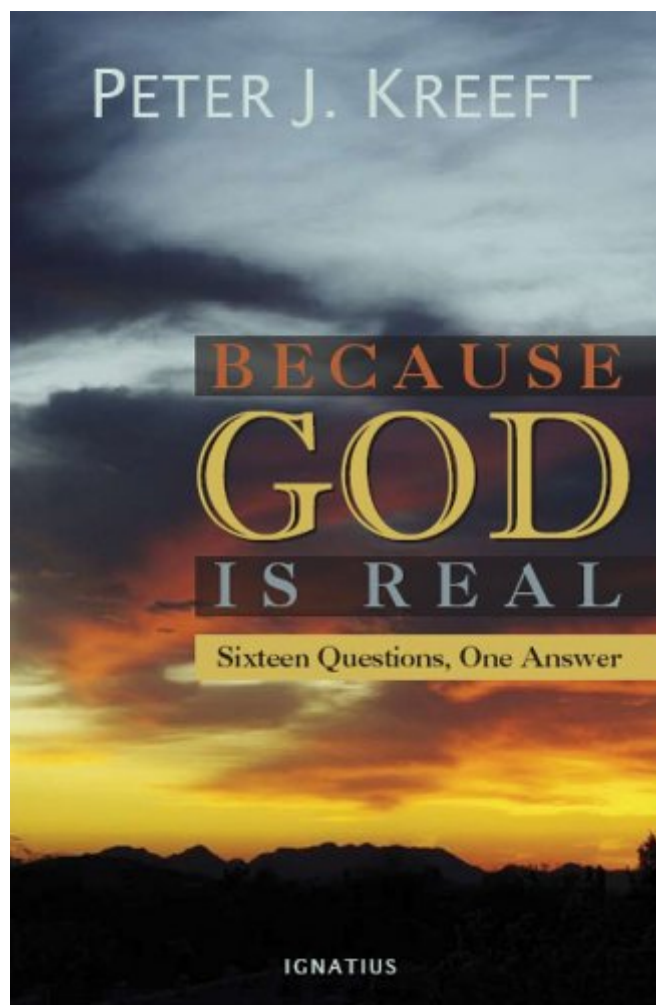


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Synopsis

Atheistic and agnostic writers are aggressively attacking traditional religious beliefs. Philosopher and prolific writer Peter Kreeft is up to the challenge in this work of popular apologetics aimed at both teens and adults. The masterful Kreeft tackles sixteen crucial issues about the deeper meaning of life. The questions that Kreeft explores range from, "Can you prove there is a God?", and "Why is Jesus different?" to "Why is sex so confusing?", "Why is there evil?", and "Why must we die?" Kreeft provides thoughtful, lucid, and persuasive answers for believers, unbelievers, and seekers to consider. As always, Kreeft is insightful, inspiring, and entertaining. This book is ideal for those exploring faith for the first time, as well as for confirmation and religious education classes. It's an intellectual and spiritual feast! This is vintage Kreeft.

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Customer Reviews

Peter Kreeft has distilled decades of wisdom about Thomistic theology and Catholic apologetics into a wonderful explanation of the Faith for young readers. Targeting students of Confirmation age --

adolescents to teens -- Kreeft poses a series of skeptical questions about God and gives thorough, charitable, and orthodox answers. While every chapter is praiseworthy, his answers to "Why is Jesus different?" are exceptional. Here is a sample: "The center of Christianity is Jesus because Jesus is not just a great human being; Jesus is God. The center of Islam is not Muhammad, because Muhammad, like Moses, claimed only to be a prophet, not God. The center of Buddhism is not Buddha, because Buddha, like the Hindu gurus, claimed only to be an enlightened man, not God. ... But Jesus is the center of Christianity because Jesus claimed to be God, and Christians believe that claim. ... The divinity of Christ is the distinctive Christian belief: it is the one thing all Christians believe and no one else does. If a Christian ceases to believe this, he ceases to be a Christian. If a non-Christian comes to believe this, he becomes a Christian." If any of what is excerpted above appeals to you, this is your book, as it is chock full of similar aphoristic expressions of Catholicism. There is a tremendous gap in catechetical materials for middle school-aged students; Peter Kreeft has helped fill it. Make "Because God Is Real" your standard Confirmation gift. (Yet readers of all ages will benefit from reading it.)

This book is written for younger Catholics, but I found it to be helpful for the adult reader as well. Its question/answer format answers the questions that many young adults ask. The answers are written in a clear/concise and understandable way. Peter Kreeft has an excellent command of the material and he delivers it in a non-pandering way. I bought this book for my confirmation candidate and all of my godchildren. It is also great for non-Catholics.

We read this book together with our teenaged kids, one chapter each week during Sunday dinner. It was thorough, tight and generated a lot of conversation. I would recommend every family doing this. I think we might read it together again in a year or two, just to see how our thoughts and understanding have changed.

If you are looking for a rational basis for Faith that is digestible by teenagers but satisfies adult catechetical hunger, then look no further. This book provides reasoned and seasoned answers to important questions about life and does it with minimal "prerequisites." One of the things I like best about this book is its beginning: "Why are questions good?" and it only gets better from there. I couldn't recommend this book more.

This book is excellent. We started it as part of Confirmation prep for one of our children. My

husband and I have both enjoyed it as much as our 14-year-old. It is very thoughtfully presented, true to the Catechism but not in any way out of touch or stuffy. The question/answer format is very useful. You can pick it up and put it down reading bite-sized chunks ... which is kind of what you have to do because it's so full of thought-provoking info. Highly recommend for anyone looking to learn more about their Catholic faith.

If you are a person who has never read anything written by Peter Kreeft, you are in for a treat. If you are someone who does not believe in God, I implore you, for the sake of your immortal soul, to read this book. If you are a Catechist, I highly recommend this book because it will help you explain to others "Why God is indeed real!" Actually, I believe this book should be a "MUST READ" for all Catechists - Catholic and Christian.

Kreeft's clear thinking is on display through out this book. He answers any and all questions that believers and non-believers have about Our Lord and Our God. Buy this book for yourself and buy one for a friend - it will change your lives!

I joined the legions of people interested in the BIG questions three times over my 8 decades of life. Some of my questions were/are, What is life's most important purpose, how reliable is the bible, and what's required of me to be in agreement with God. Peter Kreeft does an admiral job of mapping answers to those questions, and provides guidance previously unavailable. I consider this book to be one of his best.

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