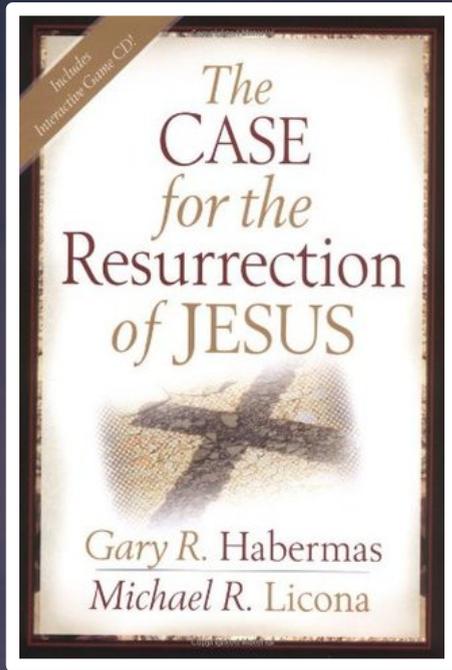


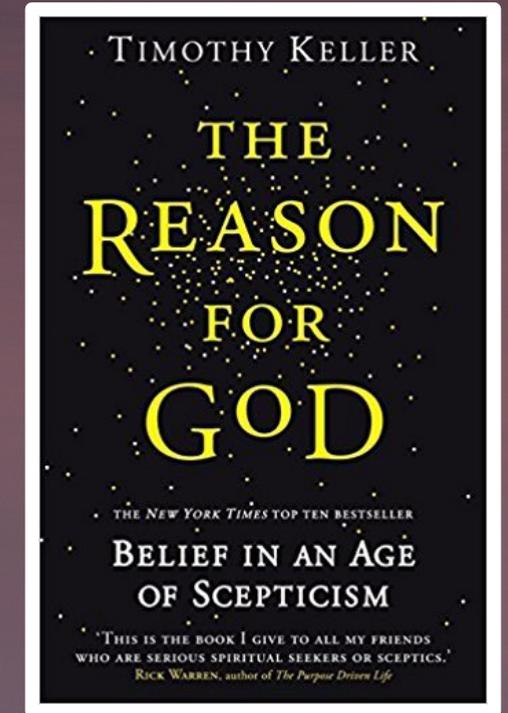
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<sup>15</sup> Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...



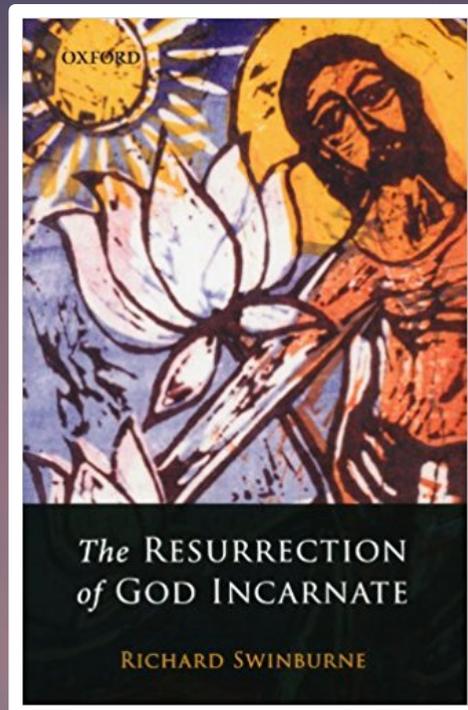
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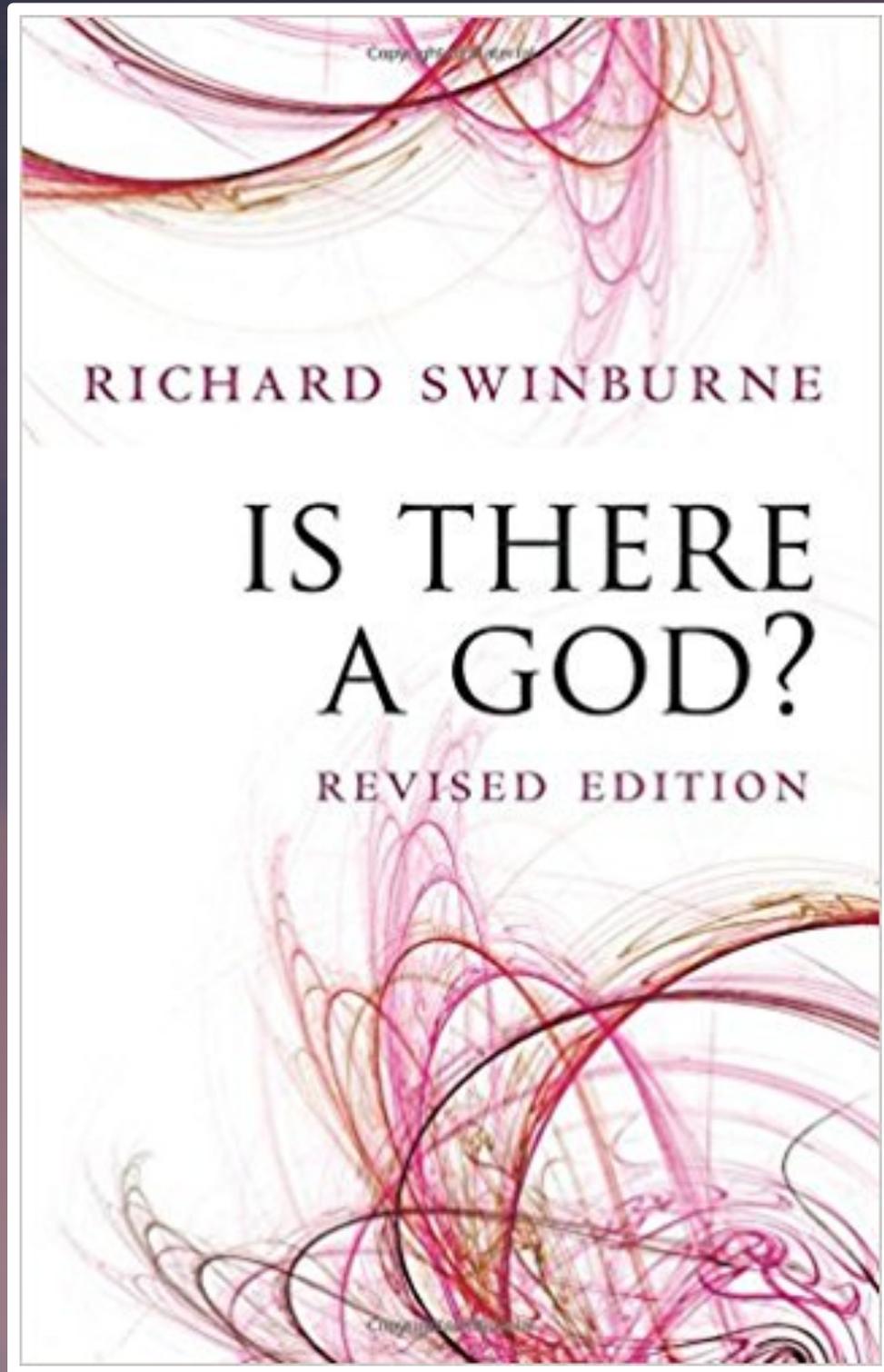
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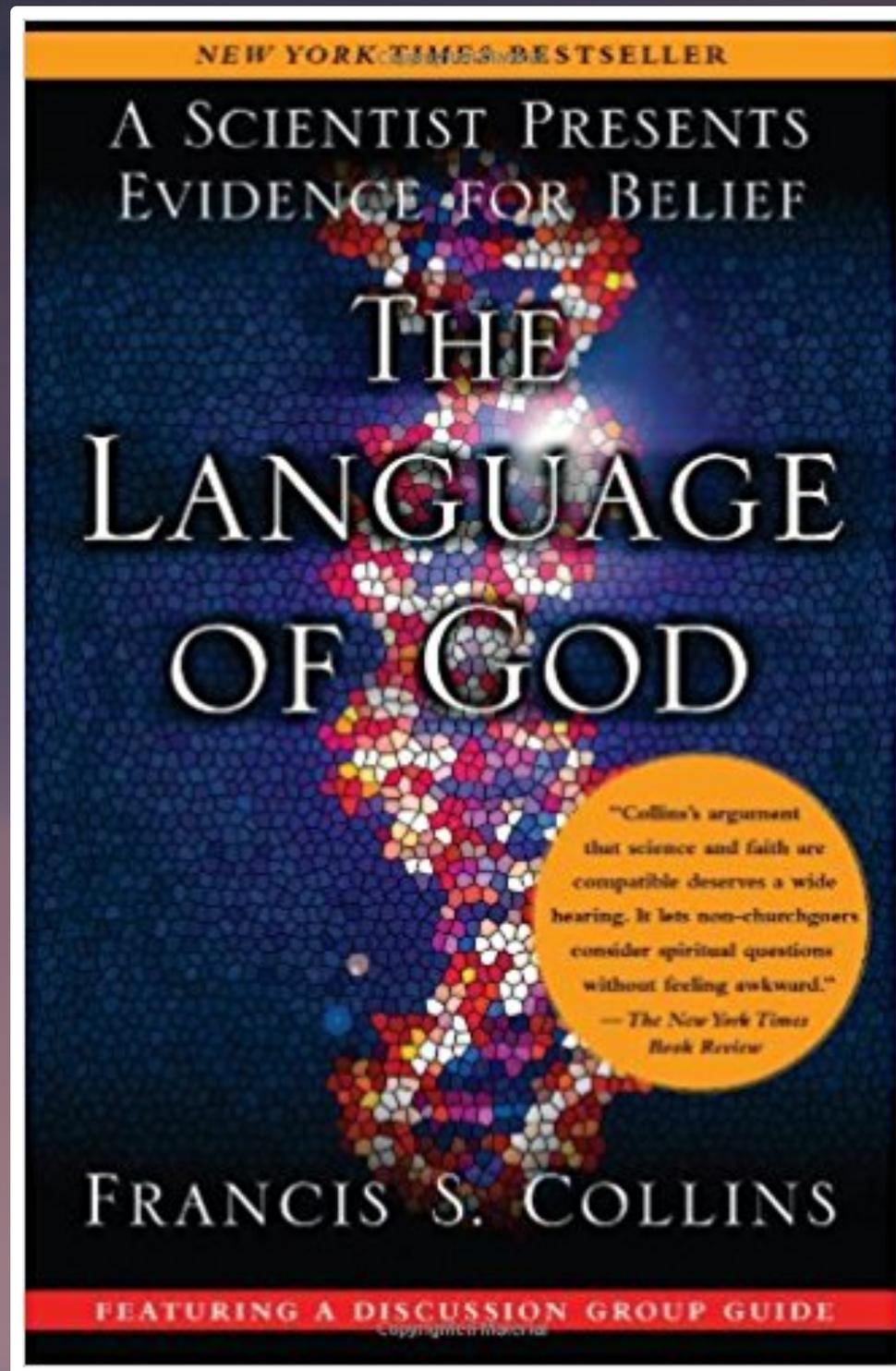
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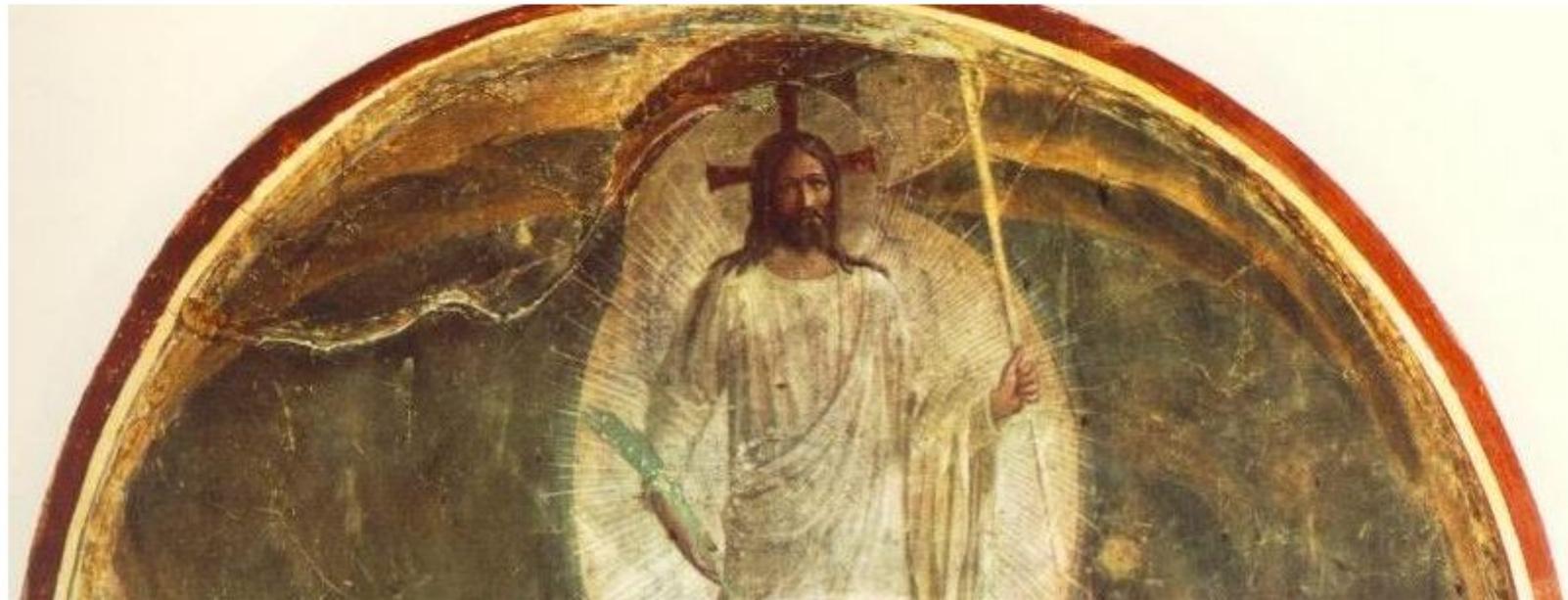
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# Religulous

**"Hellishly Hilarious!"**

- Peter Travers, *Rolling Stone*



*“They declared that the sum total of their guilt or error amounted to no more than this; they had met regularly before dawn on a fixed day to chant verses alternately among themselves in honor of Christ as to a god, and also to bind themselves by oath, not for any criminal purpose, but to abstain from theft, robbery, and adultery, to commit no breach of trust and not to deny a deposit when called upon to restore it ... I am all the more inclined to believe this since, in search for the truth, I tortured two of their serving girls – whom they call “deaconesses.”*”

Pliny the Younger, Epistle 10.96 (112 A.D.)

*“At this time there appeared Jesus, a wise man...he was a doer of startling deeds, he was a teacher of the people who receive the truth with pleasure. And he gained a following both among many Jews and among many of Greek origin...And when Pilate...condemned him to the cross, those who had loved him previously did not cease to do so.”*

Josephus, Antiquities 18.3.3 (93 A.D.)

*“Nero fastened the guilt [of the burning of Rome] and inflicted the most exquisite torture on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the **extreme penalty** during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of our procurator, Pontius Pilatus.”*

Tacitus, Annals 15.44 (115 A.D.)

*“The Christians, you know, worship a man to this day – the distinguished personage who introduced their novel rites, and was **crucified** on that account.”*

Lucian of Samosata, *The Death of Peregrine* 11-13 (180 A.D.)

## 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

<sup>1</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that **he appeared** to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ...

<sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. <sup>11</sup>

Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

*“But Polycarp also was not only instructed by apostles, and conversed with many who had seen Christ, but was also, by apostles in Asia, appointed bishop of the Church in Smyrna, whom I also saw in my early youth, for he tarried [on earth] a very long time, and, when a very old man, gloriously and most nobly suffering martyrdom, departed this life, having always taught the things which he had learned from the apostles.”*

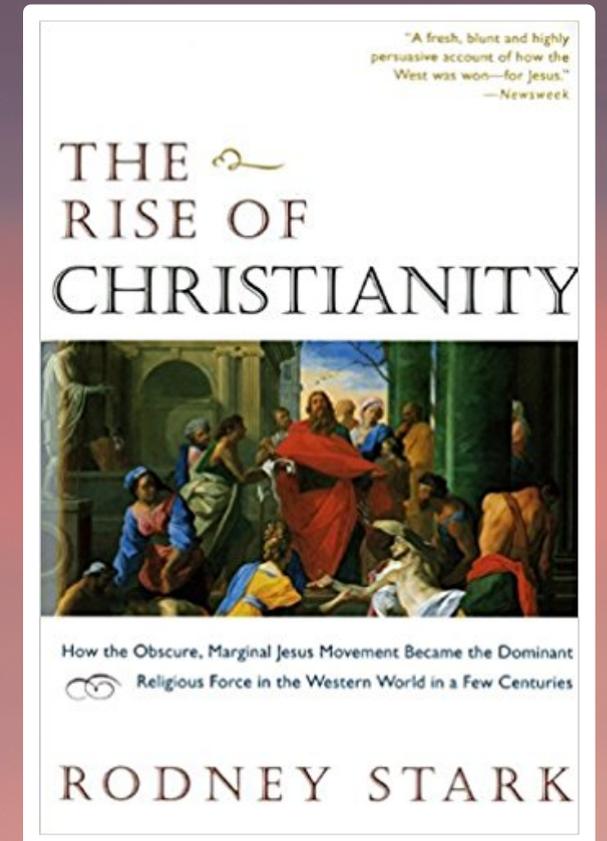
Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, 3.3.4 (130-202 A.D.)

33 A.D. — “more than 500 people”



350 A.D. — 33,000,000 people

Rodney Stark  
*The Rise of Christianity*  
(Haper Collins, 1996)



# ***Predictive Prophecies of the Bible that Christ Fulfilled***

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1. The Messiah would be born of a virgin  
*(Isa. 7:14; cf. Matt. 1:21)*
2. He would be a descendant of Abraham of the tribe of Judah  
*(Gen. 12:1-3; 22:18; 49:10; cf. Luke 3:23; Heb. 7:14)*
3. He would be of the house of David  
*(2 Samuel 7:12; cf. Matthew 1:1)*
4. He would be born in Bethlehem  
*(Micah 5:2; cf. Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-7)*

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5. He would be anointed by the Holy Spirit

*(Isaiah 11:2; cf. Matthew 3:16, 17)*

6. He would be preceded by a human messenger of the Lord

*(Malachi 3:1; cf. Matthew 3:1,2)*

7. He would have a ministry of miracles

*(Isaiah 35:5, 6; cf. Matthew 9:35)*

8. He would cleanse the temple *(Malachi 3:1; cf. Matt 21:12)*

9. He would be rejected by his own Jewish people

*(Psalm 118:22; cf. 1 Peter 2:7)*

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10. He would die a humiliating death (*Ps. 22; Isaiah 53*) involving:
- a. Rejection by his own people  
(*Isaiah 53:3; cf. John 1:10, 11*)
  - b. Silence before his accusers  
(*Isaiah 53:7; cf. Matthew 27:12-19*)
  - c. Being mocked (*Ps 22:7, 8; cf. Matt 27:31*)
  - d. Piercing his hands and feet  
(*Psalms 22:16; cf. Luke 23:33*)

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10. He would die a humiliating death (*Ps. 22; Isaiah 53*) involving:
- e. Being crucified with thieves  
(*Isaiah 53:12; cf. Luke 23:34*)
  - f. Piercing his side (*Zech 12:10; cf. John 19:34*)
  - g. Buried in a rich man's tomb  
(*Isaiah 53:9; cf. Matthew 27:57-60*)
  - h. Casting lots for his clothes  
(*Psalms 22:18; cf. John 19:23-24*)

# ***Predictive Prophecies of the Bible that Christ Fulfilled***

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11. He would rise from the dead

*(Psalm 2:7; 16:10; cf. Acts 2:31 and Mark 16:6)*

12. He would ascend into heaven

*(Psalm 68:18; cf. Acts 1:9)*

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## John 11:25-26

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;  
<sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"