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The Truth About God



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FRANZ KIEKEBEN



Synopsis

Can we prove that God does not exist? Franz Kiekeben, a former lecturer in philosophy at Ohio State University, claims that we can. In this radical new defense of atheism, Kiekeben shows, among other things, that the strongest arguments for God's existence fail; that the Bible offers no evidence in support of theism; that morality does not depend on the existence of a creator; and most important and surprising of all, that no gods can possibly exist."Franz Kiekeben's book speaks simply yet intelligently to readers who want a good primer for understanding why atheists don't believe. He expertly introduces them to a range of important issues in an easily understandable manner, and that's not an easy task to do. As such, this book fills a very needed gap. It's not so technical that it loses the average reader, nor is it so simple that it becomes simplistic. Well done!" - John W. Loftus, author of *Why I Became an Atheist* (2012), *The Outsider Test for Faith* (2013) and *How to Defend the Christian Faith* (2015)

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Customer Reviews

Franz Kiekeben studied (University of South Florida) and taught (Ohio State University) philosophy, having written for the SKEPTIC magazine and published academic articles on determinism and time travel. He recently sent me a book he has written called *The Truth About God* to review. The book

acts as a cumulative case against the existence of God which concludes by hoping to show that God is impossible, a stronger sort of claim than the usual probability claims we often see and use. Kiekeben romps through the usual arguments both for and against (the Christian) God, as we can see from the table of contents: Atheism and God: Defining one's terms Is atheism a religion? Should one be concerned about atheism? Christian Unapologetics: Internal inconsistencies Scientific errors and what they reveal The morality of the Old Testament Jesus of Nazareth: The Evidence What the hell? The Atonement Nonbelief Evil and the perfect being: Square circles and married bachelors The traditional problem of evil Free will Necessary Evils and inevitable consequences A new argument from evil The reverse problem Morality: Competing views God and morality Nontheistic objectivism Why not relativism? The meaning of ethical subjectivism Subjectivism and evil What atheists should say about morality God and the universe: God as the ultimate cause Why is there something rather than nothing? From watchmakers to irreducible complexity Hume's objections A fine-tuned universe?

In this book the author attempts to prove the nonexistence of god (all versions). Before he gets to what could be said to be his knock-down, drag-out argument, he covers the older arguments against god's existence. These are arguments against the Old Testament god and the New Testament's Jesus, perfect being (argument from evil), moral necessity, and need for an explanation for the universe. His final chapter is, what he claims to be a proof against any god or gods, whether theist or not. In the first chapter the author draws out the differences between theists and atheists. He moves on in chapters two and three to arguments against both the Old and New Testaments' god. He uses the contradictions, scientific errors, and lack of historical evidence to show this. In chapter four he lays out the arguments from evil. In doing this he shows where the counter arguments go wrong. The idea of the impossibility of a perfect being is supported as well. The need for an objective morality is examined in chapter five and found wanting. The author also points out the immorality of god. Chapter six looks at the design argument. He presents adequate evidence and arguments against this proof of god. The final chapter looks at what he considers a slam dunk argument against any type of god. I found the discussion of the reality of moral facts in chapter five to be very interesting. The author presents subjectivism as an alternative to objectivism and relativism in regards to these facts. Objectivism is the view that moral facts have objective reality. All theists and some atheists accept this view. Theists take this view because god provides the moral facts; where would we find them if god did not provide them?

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