

The Apostles Creed In The Light Of Today's Questions

The president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary reveals how understanding and living out of the oldest summary of Christian belief leads to a confident, bold, joy-filled existence in a world of confusion and uncertainty. The Apostles' Creed has shaped and guided Christian faith for almost two thousand years. Few documents in the history of the church have similar influence on the life of ordinary believers. Shared by Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox traditions, the Apostles' Creed is perhaps the most compelling and formidable statement of Christian doctrine the world has ever known. But do we know what it really means--and how it applies to us today? In The Apostles' Creed, renowned theologian and pastor R. Albert Mohler Jr. works line-by-line and phrase-by-phrase through each section of the Creed, explaining in clear terms what it means and how it equips Christians to live faithfully in a post-Christian culture. From understanding the nature of the Trinity and the miracle of the Incarnation to the world-shaking truth of the resurrection and the hope of Christ's return, the theological heritage contained in this ancient statement has the power to shape us for vibrant and steadfast living today. The Apostles' Creed shows us how.

What God's children believe Because Jesus is risen, the world is made new. This is the good news. That's what I believe. Join FatCat as he discovers what all God's children believe. Everyone in God's big family believes these truths. And if you believe, then you are in that family too! How do God's children grasp the message of God's word? The church's answer has always been the catechism--simple confessions of deep truths. FatCat expresses the catechism in a fun and accessible way for God's children of all ages. With vibrant illustrations and thoughtful reflections for each line of the Apostles' Creed, children can visualize, memorize, understand, and confess the faith passed down over centuries.

This durable study edition of the Book of Confessions includes the official texts of the eleven confessional statements of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Each creed is introduced by an informative essay providing historical and theological background.

De Lubac shows that Christian Tradition is a living force and in the Apostle's Creed there is both depth and relevance for today's understanding of the Christian message. We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In this book, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters. Chapters include: God Jesus Christ The Holy Spirit The Church at the Communion of Saints The Forgiveness of Sins The Resurrection of the Body Creed: What Christians Believe and Why is also part of a six-week church-wide program that includes a Leader Guide, DVD, and youth and children resources.

Do you believe? Today, we're flooded with opinions and ideas. And they all might be interesting, but are they true? Would you die for them? Benjamin Myers re-introduces the Apostles' Creed, helping us to see how difficult and counter-cultural the Creed really is. It doesn't give us sweet, empty words. It's a faith that demands we die so that we might live. In the early church, many converts died for their faith so they needed to have a good idea what they might die for. Early church pastors and theologians used the Apostles' Creed as the essential guide to the basics of the Christian life. The Apostles' Creed has united Christians from different times, different places, and different traditions. The truths proclaimed in the Creed are eternal. Will you trust them?

Noted Bible scholar J. I. Packer examines each phrase of the Apostles' Creed, inviting readers to dive further into the essentials of the Christian faith.

This volume offers patristic comment on the first half of the third article of the Nicene Creed. Readers will gain insight into the history and substance of what the early church believed about the Holy Spirit and his work.

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This revised, expanded edition of the Common Worship President's Edition contains everything to celebrate Holy Communion Order One throughout the church year. It combines relevant material from the original President's Edition with Eucharistic material from Times and Seasons, Festivals and Pastoral Services, and the Additional Collects. Spiritual teacher and bridge-builder Brother David Steindl-Rast translates the Apostles' Creed for today, uncovering the deeper universal truths that can be an inspiration to all people. In Deeper than Words: Living the Apostles' Creed, Brother David reexamines the words with which the early followers of Jesus summarized their faith. Reading line-by-line with an open perspective, he reveals the often overlooked message of trust, compassion, peace, love, and awareness contained in this widely known but rarely examined statement. Deeper than Words moves beyond ritual and exclusivity and instead finds a deeper faith based in real human experience and the sense of limitless belonging that is shared by all people who seek to understand themselves and the world. The words of the Apostles' Creed are Christian, but its heart is a universal and timeless guide to fullness of life. From this transformation perspective, developed over a lifetime of contemplation, Brother David presents a powerful call to renewal through reconnection with the spiritual and a reawakening to shared sacred truths.

This volume in the popular For Today series, written by the highly respected theologian and author Justo González, explains the familiar Apostles' Creed in easy, accessible language. González explores not only what the Creed meant in the early centuries but also its ongoing importance and relevance for Christian faith and practice today. The For Today series was designed to provide reliable and accessible resources for the study and real life application of important biblical texts, theological documents, and Christian practices. The emphasis of the series is not only on the realization and appreciation of what these subjects have meant in the past, but also on their value in the present--"for today." Thought-provoking questions are included at the end of each chapter, making the books ideal for personal study and group use.

Primal Credo is a fresh, modern reading of the Apostles' Creed. Some followers of Christ have never heard of the creed and others recite the creed Sunday after Sunday without giving it much thought. This book will help you grow in faith if you are a new Christian or a seasoned saint. Enter into the creed and discover your DNA as a believer in Jesus Christ. The Apostles' Creed is an entry point into God's story. From "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth" to "I believe in...the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting" the Apostles' Creed provides a helpful synopsis of God's story recorded in Scripture. Both the creed and the Scriptures are gifts from the historic church to the contemporary church. The creed works to keep us focused on the big ideas of the Bible, namely God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The creed has been around nearly as long as there has been a Christian Church and for centuries followers of Christ have looked to the creed as a guide to weed out wrong ideas about God, creation, Jesus, salvation, and the end of human history. This book offers a compelling reflection on the Apostles' Creed, guiding the reader through the language of the creed without big, hard-to-understand, theological words. Primal Credo allows everyday Christians to understand and live out the essentials of the Christian faith. Book reviews: Postmodern people are happily rediscovering spirituality, but must wonder if or where faith might find authentic roots. Vreeland's guidance through the Creed offers a fresh connection to the apostolic faith and community. These meditations take us to the heart of how Jesus' early disciples understood his message and still bear witness to it today. -Brad Jersak, Author / Teacher, Fresh Wind Christian Fellowship, Abbotsford, British Columbia In Primal Credo, Derek Vreeland offers the world an engaging reading of the Apostles' Creed. He writes well and crafts vivid images to convey the power and importance of a creed that many repeat weekly without reflecting on its true meaning. He weaves theological reflection around illustrations drawn from the best of modern and ancient sources. To drive home his writing, Vreeland ends each chapter with discussion questions that will help individuals and groups to go deeper in their own journey with God. I happily endorse Primal Credo and hope that it gains a wide audience. -Brian D. Russell, Ph.D., Professor of Biblical Studies, Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando, Florida Don't just read this book. Live it. In Primal Credo, Derek Vreeland provides a vehicle for personal and group study. Witty, scholarly, pastoral and above all, accessible, Primal Credo gives professional and layman alike a deeply personal interaction with a touchstone of the Christian faith. Today the creed is finding whole new audiences as Christians rediscover its pithy encapsulation of orthodoxy. In this concise study, Vreeland proves an apt and engaging companion for that discovery. -Walter Rogero, Pastor, Calvary Gospel Church of the Assemblies of God, Arlington, Virginia If you desire to go deeper in your walk with God, Primal Credo is a must read. This book is relevant and thoughtful. As Christians, we too often look for the new and the trendy while paying little attention to the power of the past. Derek has provided a livable guide from an ancient creed, one that can help you personally reconnect with, and find new meaning from, the basic theological foundations of the Christian faith. I highly recommend this book. -Dr. Stephen Gray, Church Planting Director, Free Methodist Church, Austin, Texas

Starting with a biblical view, The Apostles' Creed 'He Descended into Hell' covers the history of theology by discussing the ideas of Augustine, the liturgy of the Early Church, the role of Christ's descent in Franciscan spirituality and in the theology of Thomas Aquinas. It also asks whether similar theological ideas are present in Judaism. In addition, it gauges the meaning of Christ's descent for today by reflecting on pastoral activities and on computer games. To conclude, a fundamental theological reflection systematizes and summarizes all the material present within the volume.

In the twelve months before his sudden death, Hans Urs von Balthasar had been writing a series of reflections on the twelve articles of the Apostles' Creed. These texts, which are undoubtedly among the last things he wrote, take on the character of a legacy, a spiritual testament. For they amount in their extraordinary compactness and depth to a little "summa" of his theology. What he had set out in detail in numerous books over five decades, he summarizes here in contemplative plainness and simplicity. All the characteristics that make von Balthasar's work so distinctive and valuable are to be found here: breadth of vision, loveliness of style, and an intuitive-contemporary passion that allows him to "pray intellectually and think 'cordially'." In his warm and extensive introduction to the book, Medard Kehl speaks of von Balthasar's "unclouded, almost childlike joy in the richness and beauty of the Mystery" of the threefold God, which "is evidenced in his interpretation of the creed."

The Apostles' Creed is an expression of Christian theology that was formed in a period of fascinating and creative debate. The creed is not simply a dogmatic, static, and cryptic symbol of Christian faith, but, on the contrary, a lively narrative that can still inspire imagination, critical reflection, and faith. In The Apostle's Creed, the ancient debates that led to the formulation of its twelve pronouncements are examined. The richness of early Christian thought is explored by looking at the ideas behind each creedal pronouncement and tracing the theological debates that inspired each statement. Early Christian theology is not treated as 'unanimous,' but as pluralistic. The polyphony of theological opinion, which characterized the Christianity of this period, is therefore highlighted and celebrated. In explaining the context that gave birth to the creed, this study refers to the testimony of various 'witnesses' of those theological arguments. This includes opponents of the apostolic and church Fathers: the Gnostics, 'heretics,' and Jewish and pagan critics of Christian faith.

Twenty years ago, not one nation on earth had legal same-sex marriage. Now, access to same-sex marriage is increasingly seen as a basic human right. In a matter of less than a generation, western cultures have experienced a moral revolution. Dr. R. Albert Mohler examines how this transformation occurred, revealing the underlying cultural shifts behind this revolution: the acceptance of divorce culture, liberation of sex from reproduction, the prevalence of heterosexual cohabitation, the normalization of homosexuality, and the rise of the transgender movement. He then offers a deep look at how the Bible and Christian moral tradition provide a comprehensive understanding upon which Christians can build their personal lives, their marriages, church ministry, and cultural engagement. Dr. Mohler helps Christians in their understanding of the underlying issues of this significant cultural shift and how to face the challenge of believing

