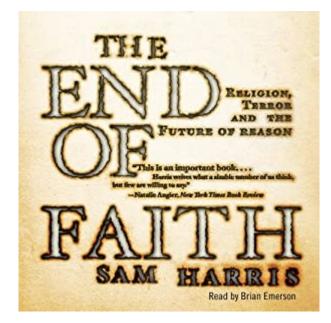


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The End Of Faith





Synopsis

In The End of Faith, Sam Harris delivers a startling analysis of the clash between reason and religion in the modern world. He offers a vivid, historical tour of our willingness to suspend reason in favor of religious beliefs even when these beliefs inspire the worst of human atrocities. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

True to his reputation, Sam Harris is extremely well thought out, speaks vividly but clearly, and takes a controversial stance but offers evidence and logic difficult to argue with. I will admit, while tolerance is a valuable moral undertaking, this book will not provide any effort in that direction. In fact, while Harris is completely void of any racial or religious hate, his stance is such that tolerance may no longer be the very best option-too much tolerance can act against us and may even be at the root of a global problem

It is a bold approach to tackling the issue of religious doctrines and how they affect their followers beliefs and actions. Sam Harris puts it all on the table and pulls no punches as he compares modern educated reasoning to the thoughts and philosophies of the authors of such doctrines espoused thousands of years ago and still blindly followed today. A person who is a firm believer of their doctrine of choice will not find this book comforting and will most likey call Dr. Harris the devil. A person who has serious concerns about following any of these doctrines will most likely come away from this book with further insight and common sense information to objectively look at the subject with a descerning eye. As Dr. Harris so clearly points out, we demand objective proof in almost anything we do or accept in our lives before we take action on it, except when it comes to religious faith... there it seems people are willing to follow their doctrine off the proverbial cliff with no questions asked. I commend Dr. Harris on his work and gumption to put it out there. I would highly recommend the book to anyone with a penchant for learning and truth when it comes how they should live their life.

At last a book that clearly demystifies the dangerous, soul-killing fantasies that form the basis of all the organized religions. Thank-you most deeply Mr. Harris for the clarity and reason you bring to the entire subject. In conversations with learned friends I have quoted and shall continue to quote you a great deal. You have put into cogent argument the ideas of so many people who, like me, lacked the literary skill you have in abundance. I look forward with trembling anticipation to reading your other books.Sincerely,Jack Blair.Vancouver.

Sam Harris remarked that "It is time that we admitted that faith is nothing more than the license religious people give one another to keep believing when reasons fail". In "The End Of Faith" Harris argues that such "Faith", which is believing in something despite lack of and or evidence to the contrary because you want it to be true, is dangerous in this day and age and may even lead to the destruction of humanity (especially with weapons of mass destruction now in existence). He was motivated to write this book, and much of his life work in general, after the events of 911.He makes his case with strong reasoning skills utilizing research, analogies, first hand account and more. He does so with great wit and flair (The Intro is particularly engaging leaving you wanting more and more.)It's important to stress that this book, unlike his colleagues other books, is not about the existence of God. It's about beliefs and how the nature of those beliefs are formed, behave and shape or world. If your looking for books on the existence of God I recommend "Godless" (Barker) & "The God Delusion" (Dawkins).I recommend this book and check out his other work. I would recommend you watch him talk to (on YouTube or his podcast) he's an even better public speaker.

Well, well done. Put into words something so many of us want to say, and he nails it in a straight forward manner. Could not put this down and will be getting more of his work. Do not miss this book, you will not be disappointed.

Sam Harris seldom disappoints and The End of Faith is no exception. The book is written so

eloquently and it clearly demonstrates the ill effects of religion on our world. Harris does a wonderful job of identifying, explaining and supporting every claim he makes. The pages upon pages of scientific data and research analysis made the book that much better. Sam Harris does a better job than both Dawkins or Hitchens in presenting his opinion in a way that doesn't immediately defend and I think that is critical in approaching someone who might otherwise slam the book shut. I'm very glad that Sam is such a young man because I can't wait to read the next 5 books he writes.

There is little that I can contribute to the discussion of this book that hasn't already been exhausted some ten-plus years after its publication. However, I will say that I think that Sam Harris is one of the foremost thinkers of our time and this is a great example of why.

Great book for opened minded people who can think for themselves. No one can prove what the truth is right??

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