

More Sharing Your Faith

More Prepared to Answer – Telling the Greatest Story Ever Told, by Mark A. Paustian

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In my review of the first volume of Prepared to Answer - Telling the Greatest Story Ever Told, I pointed out Pastor Paustian's unique approach to evangelism. This approach centers around witnessing to people using Jesus' parables. This is a relatively non-threatening way to introduce people to the Savior and the importance of believing in Him for our eternal salvation. People love stories and will generally listen to you when you are telling one (e.g. "Jesus talked about that in his story about (the prodigal son, the sower and the seed, etc.)).

That said, many of the objections that Pastor Paustian addresses in his books also use reason and evidence similar to what might be used in a secular debate format. For example, to the objection: "Isn't Religion discredited by science?", Paustian uses excerpts from secular sources such as nuclear physicist Thomas Kuhn's "The Structure of Scientific Revolutions" and Albert Einstein ("The universe is not merely more complicated than we can understand. Its more complicated *than we can imagine.*") as well as Jesus' story about the lilies of the field to bolster his case for a universe created and sustained by God.

Here are just a few of the many objections that this second book includes: "Where was God when I needed him?"; "You're saying that God is a man?"; "Don't you condemn homosexuals"; "Christianity is so antiwoman"; and "I don't care for organized Religion". A concluding chapter entitled "What is God up to in the world?" is particularly moving with parts of Paustian's writing bordering on the poetic. This section addresses the feeling of many people who are upset that God is not doing the sorts of things we humans think he should be doing.

Northwestern Publishing House now offers both of Pastor Paustian's books (Prepared to Answer and More Prepared to Answer) for just \$23.98. This amounts to a 20% discount compared to buying both books separately. You will want to keep both of these volumes in your personal library to refer to whenever you need help with any of the objections that non-believers may bring to your attention.

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