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hurray for michael palmer is how michael martin the distinguished american philosopher greeted palmer s the atheist s primer lutterworth 2012 atheism for beginners by providing a coursebook for schools and colleges differs from its predecessor in being designed specifically for teachers and their students yet although different in focus and format the intention remains the same to reinstate the importance of philosophy within the debate about god s existence and to act as a corrective to the largely darwinian criticisms levelled against religious belief by richard dawkins and the so called new

atheists so in palmer s lively history of atheism extending from the ancient greeks to the present day we meet the enduring philosophical arguments against god and the great literature in which they are expressed atheism for beginners is user friendly and presumes no special grounding in philosophy throughout assistance is given by numerous aids to learning there are exercises marginal notes essay questions bibliographies and a glossary also provided are fourteen short biographies of famous atheists in these respects palmer follows the format first presented in his widely read moral problems of 1991 long established as a core text in the teaching of philosophy in atheism for beginners palmer covers the main atheistic arguments discussing issues such as creation morality evil miracles and the motivations of belief particular attention is paid to the work of hume marx nietzsche and freud with a special chapter devoted to the development of disproof atheism atheism is often criticized for being unduly pessimistic that without god there is nothing to look forward to no life after death no final righting of wrongs and no hope of salvation but this palmer argues is a slander against the atheistic outlook he concludes therefore on a positive note explaining that happiness and personal fulfilment are to be found in the very materialism that religious belief rejects

can we do without religion can we have ethics without god is there such thing as atheistic spirituality in this powerful book the internationally bestselling author andré comte sponville presents a philosophical exploration of atheism and reaches startling conclusions atheists comte sponville argues are no less interested in a spiritual life than religious believers but by allowing the concept of spirituality to become intertwined with religion and dogma humanity has lost touch with the nature of a true spiritual existence using rigorous reasoned arguments and clear concise and often humorous prose comte sponville draws on both eastern and western philosophical traditions to propose the atheistic alternative to religion based on the human need to connect to each other and to the universe in doing so he offers a convincing treatise on a new form of spiritual life

the perfect antidote to the fiery rhetoric that dominates our current national debate over religion the little book of atheist spirituality is the ideal companion to such bestsellers as the god delusion and god is not great in this inspiring book bestselling author and philosopher andré comte sponville offers a new perspective on the question of god s existence acknowledging the good that has come of religion while advocating tolerance from both believers and non believers through clear concise and often humorous prose comte sponville offers a convincing appeal for a new form of spiritual life one that at its heart celebrates the human need to connect to one another and the universe

a publishers weekly best book of 2014 from one of england s most distinguished intellectual historians comes an exhilarating ride that will stand the test of time as a masterful account of the boston globe one of the west s most important intellectual movements atheism in 1882 friedrich nietzsche declared that god is dead and ever since tens of thousands of brilliant courageous thoughtful individuals have devoted their creative energies to devising ways to live without god with self reliance invention hope wit and enthusiasm now for the first time their story is revealed a captivating story of contest failure and success the age of atheists sweeps up william james and the pragmatists sigmund freud and psychoanalysis pablo picasso james joyce and albert camus the poets of world war one and the novelists of world war two scientists from albert einstein to stephen hawking and the rise of the new atheists dawkins harris and hitchens this is a story of courage of the thousands of individuals who sometimes at great risk devoted tremendous creative energies to devising ways to fill a godless world with self reliance invention hope wit and enthusiasm watson explains how atheism has evolved and reveals that the greatest works of art and literature of science and philosophy of the last century can be traced to the rise of secularism from nietzsche to daniel dennett watson s stirring intellectual history manages to take the revolutionary ideas and big questions of these great minds and movements and explain them making the connections and concepts simple without being simplistic the age of atheists is highly readable and immensely wide ranging for anybody who has wondered about the meaning of life an enthralling and mind expanding experience the washington post

a significant number of americans view atheists as immoral elitists aloof and unconcerned with the common good and they view science and scientists as responsible many in the public think that all scientists are atheists and that all atheist scientists are new atheists militantly against religion and religious people but what do everyday atheist scientists actually think about religion the research presented in this book shows that there are varieties of atheism among scientists and that not all atheist scientists see conflict between science and religion

prose 2020 single volume reference finalist philosophers throughout history have debated the existence of gods but it is only in recent years that the absence of such a belief has become a significant topic of philosophical analysis in particular for philosophers of religion although it is difficult to trace the historical contours of atheism as the lack of belief in a higher power the reasoned reflective and thoughtful rejection of theism has become commonplace in many modern intellectual circles including academic philosophy where disciplinary data indicates that a large majority of philosophers self identify as atheists as the first book of its kind to bring together a collection of writing on the philosophical aspects of atheism both historical and contemporary the companion to atheism and philosophy stages an explicit constructive and comprehensive

conversation between philosophy and atheism to examine the ways in which atheist thought intersects with ideas and positions from a variety of philosophical and theological sub disciplines the companion begins by addressing the foundational questions and lingering controversies which underpin philosophical thought about atheism exploring the implications of major developments in the history of philosophy for the modern atheistic worldview divided into eight distinct sections essays consider a range of thinkers who were widely believed to have been atheists including david hume mary wollstonecraft karl marx and elizabeth cady stanton and survey different kinds of objections to theism and atheism including logical evidential normative and prudential later chapters trace the relationship between atheism and metaphysics epistemology ethics and political philosophy oriented around topics such as pragmatism postmodernism freedom education violence and happiness deftly curated and thoughtfully composed a companion to atheism and philosophy is the most ambitious and authoritative account of philosophical thinking on atheism available and is a first rate resource for academics professionals and students of philosophy religious studies and theology

does the anzac ethos have roots in atheism does prayer have a place in parliament should creation science be taught in australian schools is atheism maligned in political debate will australia s future be godless while prominent international thinkers have made significant contributions to the general conversation on belief and religion australian have been less heard the australian book of atheism is the first collection to explore atheism from an australian viewpoint bringing together essays from 33 of the nation s pre eminent atheist rationalist humanist and sceptical thinkers it canvasses a range of opinions on religion and secularism in australia including contributions from michael bachelard dr leslie cannold robyn williams lyn allison tim minchin and dr philip nitschke this is a diverse and entertaining collection of thoughts on a world without god

sunday times bestseller a highly readable fascinating book that jerks the debate on religion versus atheism right out of its crusty rut into the light of serious intellectual scrutiny observer a meditation on the importance of atheism in the modern world and its inadequacies and contradictions by one of britain s leading philosophers when you explore older atheisms you will find some of your firmest convictions secular or religious are highly questionable if this prospect disturbs you what you are looking for may be freedom from thought for a generation now public debate has been corroded by a shrill narrow derision of religion in the name of an often very vaguely understood science john gray s stimulating and extremely enjoyable new book describes the rich complex world of the atheist tradition a tradition which he sees as in many ways as rich as that of religion itself as well as being deeply intertwined with what is so often crudely viewed as its opposite the

result is a book that sheds an extraordinary and varied light on what it is to be human and on the thinkers who have at different times and places battled to understand this issue

this book is the ultimate in depth guide to being an atheist it will not only provide all the information you need to become an atheist it will answer any questions people may have about what it means to be an atheist and what all atheists share in common this book will also work great as a journal which is what the author recommends you use it for write down your favorite lessons in life this book also works great for anyone involved in the great debate about atheism being called a religion the dogma needed to confirm that claim is well documented in this book

why are more and more people believing that there is no god it sometimes feels that much of the western world is now post religious but now the initial charge of richard dawkins and the new atheists has past what does atheism really mean that is the question that dylan evans addresses in this thoughtful and engaging atheist manifesto discover what values atheists share with believers explore how can a belief that something doesn't exist can still be a belief and find out whether modern atheism is new or just a new form of an old system of values building on the work of atheist philosophers and psychologists dylan evans shows how the history of atheist thought has developed and offers fresh ideas for how life has meaning from an atheist perspective

a compelling spiritual memoir that traces bignon's fascinating quest for answers to life's most profound questions lee strobels god wasn't in his plans until guillaume bignon was a french atheist and he was perfectly happy he was very successful as a software engineer in finance a musician and a volleyball player yet a chance encounter with a beautiful woman would change the way he thought about his life and beliefs forever confessions of a french atheist is the unusual story of guillaume bignon a man who didn't need god but who grew to believe in god after he thought through the nature of morality the relationship between science and faith the supernatural and the reliability of the bible with rigorous reasoning remarkable authenticity and a sense of humor guillaume takes the reader on a journey of his innermost questions and surprising discoveries

the easy way to understand atheism and secular philosophy for people seeking a non religious philosophy of life as well as believers with atheist friends atheism for dummies offers an intelligent exploration of the historical and moral case for atheism often wildly misunderstood atheism is a secular approach to life based on the understanding that reality is an

arrangement of physical matter with no consideration of unverifiable spiritual forces atheism for dummies offers a brief history of atheist philosophy and its evolution explores it as a historical and cultural movement covers important historical writings on the subject and discusses the nature of ethics and morality in the absence of religion a simple yet intelligent exploration of an often misunderstood philosophy explores the differences between explicit and implicit atheism a comprehensive readable and thoroughly unbiased resource as the number of atheists worldwide continues to grow this book offers a broad understanding of the subject for those exploring atheism as an approach to living

probably no doctrine has excited as much horror and abuse as atheism this first history of british atheism first published in 1987 tries to explain this reaction while exhibiting the development of atheism from hobbes to russell although avowed atheism appeared surprisingly late 1782 in britain there were covert atheists in the middle seventeenth century by tracing its development from so early a date dr berman gives an account of an important and fascinating strand of intellectual history

the twenty first century is witnessing the emergence of a new atheism advocated by pundits such as christopher hitchens and richard dawkins in the impossibility of atheism author clayton sullivan shows that arguments theists have used in the past to counter atheists contentions about the nonexistence of god do not work with today s version a new tactic is required sullivan provides a more effective method of countering new atheism in the impossibility of atheism his method is based on the work of the ancient philosopher parmenides according to parmenides it is impossible for the mind to think about something that does not exist sullivan contends therefore that atheism is fraudulent or intellectually bankrupt because atheists ignoring parmenides do not understand that it is impossible to think about god if he does not exist let sullivan help you learn more about how the theories of an ancient philosopher make it impossible for someone to be an atheist he also explains why despite that fact some people cling to atheism sullivan also shows that not all atheists are alike in fact there are some atheists he admires still any person who reads this book will realize theism a belief in god is a cogent belief that should not be ridiculed

this handbook is a pioneering edited volume exploring atheism understood in the broad sense of an absence of belief in the existence of a god or gods in its historical and contemporary expressions it probes the varied manifestations and implications of unbelief from an array of disciplinary perspectives and in a range of global contexts

exploring the rise of atheism an an explicit philosophical position notably on the work of denis diderot hyman traces its development in the later ideas of descartes locke and berkeley

a comprehensive biography of the treatise of the three impostors a controversial nonexistent medieval book like a lot of good stories this one begins with a rumor in 1239 pope gregory ix accused frederick ii the holy roman emperor of heresy without disclosing evidence of any kind gregory announced that frederick had written a supremely blasphemous book de tribus impostoribus or the treatise of the three impostors in which frederick denounced moses jesus and muhammad as impostors of course frederick denied the charge and over the following centuries the story played out across europe with libertines freethinkers and other strong minds seeking a copy of the scandalous text the fascination persisted until finally in the eighteenth century someone brought the purported work into actual existence in not one but two versions latin and french although historians have debated the origins and influences of this nonexistent book there has not been a comprehensive biography of the treatise of the three impostors in the atheist s bible the eminent historian georges minois tracks the course of the book from its origins in 1239 to its most salient episodes in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries introducing readers to the colorful individuals obsessed with possessing the legendary work and the equally obsessive passion of those who wanted to punish people who sought it minois s compelling account sheds much needed light on the power of atheism the threat of blasphemy and the persistence of free thought during a time when the outspoken risked being burned at the stake

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