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## Book Review: Rational Faith

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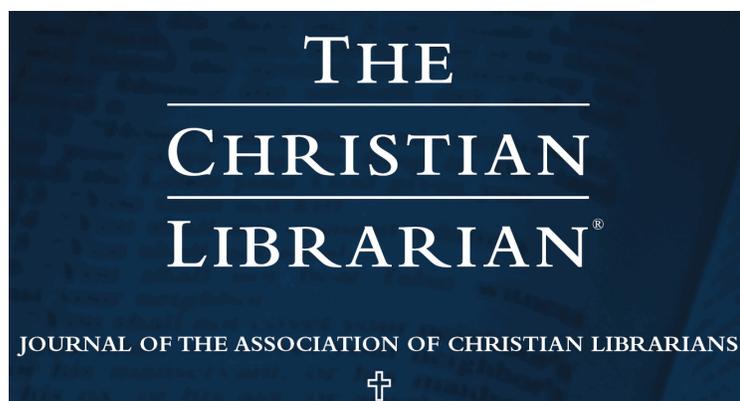
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## Davis' "Rational faith: A philosopher's defense of Christianity" (Book Review)

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Davis, S.T. (2016). *Rational faith: A philosopher's defense of Christianity*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press. 190 pp. \$11.79. ISBN 9780830844746

In this readable book (other than the Generic Cosmological Argument in chapter 2), Stephen T. Davis, Professor of Philosophy at Claremont McKenna College, seeks primarily to help college students who are Christians or who are considering Christianity to see that Christianity is not irrational. To do this the author provides effective reason to affirm: 1. objective truth, 2. the reliability of the Bible's portrayal of Jesus, 3. Jesus' resurrection, 4. Christianity in spite of claims against it in evolution and cognitive science, 5. the uniqueness of Christianity, 6. God's existence despite the presence of evil and suffering, 7. the superiority of Christianity over atheism to answer important questions, and 8. subjective Christian experience as positive evidence for Christianity. Since a majority of the chapters are adaptations of previous articles and lectures, some content is repeated in more than one chapter. Resources in the endnotes and the recommended reading list are generally authoritative, even if a majority of them are more than a decade old. While some readers may object to the author's denial of biblical inerrancy and endorsement of theistic evolution, he accomplishes his purpose admirably.

## **Reviewer**

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