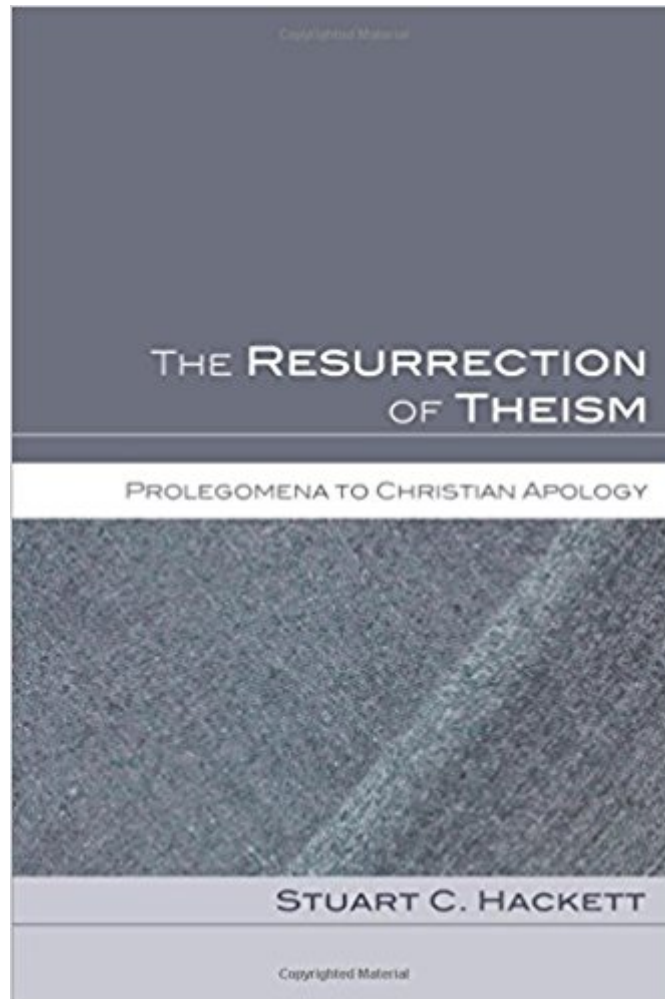


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Christian theology, such as the masterpiece of Aquinas, has begun its work with arguments for the existence of God. David Hume and Immanuel Kant put a stop to that, arguing that the knowledge gained by sense experience can never give rise to reasons for belief in God. This spell hung over philosophy until the middle of the twentieth century, when philosophers like Alvin Plantinga and Stuart Hackett began to fight back. This book is pretty heavy reading, not for the novice. Stuart Hackett systematically picks apart the critiques of Hume and Kant. After lifting Kant's spell on whether we can know things about God, he then proceeds to give arguments for the existence of God, performing one *reductio ad absurdum* after another on each and every objection raised. This book is a tour de force on the existence of God, demolishing everything that stands in its way.

This is, without question, one of the finest books of Christian philosophy and apologetics that I have ever had the pleasure of reading. Hackett's logic is absolutely sound. The one thing that is difficult to understand, is why this book is not received more recognition and acclaim. I have read numerous works of philosophy, apologetics, theology and Christian thought, but I've never run across anything to equal the sheer power and confidence of this work. Certainly it is not an easy book to read. It requires study, and concentration. But any effort that is expended on going through this work is amply repaid by the sheer pleasure of reading and studying such an important work and Christian philosophy and apologetics. I only wish that I had become acquainted with this work even earlier in

my life. My next project is to read everything I possibly can by Stuart Hackett. This man is a true philosophic genius, as well as a highly intelligent and deeply dedicated Christian thinker. I'm truly grateful to Stuart Hackett for composing such an important work.

I first became aware of "The Resurrection of Theism" the first semester my freshman year at Wheaton College in the early 1960s. Stuart Hackett, who was a relatively young man at the time, was our teacher. He was as rigorous an instructor in class as he was in his writing. And he expected philosophical rigor of his students, so much so that I, as an overwhelmed freshman, quickly switched my major to history. Thankfully, I found my way back to philosophy and when, during my senior year, I took philosophy of religion from Dr. Hackett, I was far more prepared for his lectures. The rigor found in his lectures is in even greater evidence in "The Resurrection of Theism." This is not a book for casual reading while watching a baseball game on television. The book requires one's undivided attention and must be read slowly and carefully. Each paragraph serves to materially advance the argument Hackett is presenting. However, if one sticks with it to the end one will have a far greater understanding, not just of what is wrong with the so-called refutations by David Hume, Immanuel Kant, and others of the arguments for the existence of God, but of the approach to philosophy of all forms of subjectivism, particularly logical positivism, as well as the well-meaning but ultimately failing fideism of Kierkegaard and others.

Wonderful read and a delight to spend time with...

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