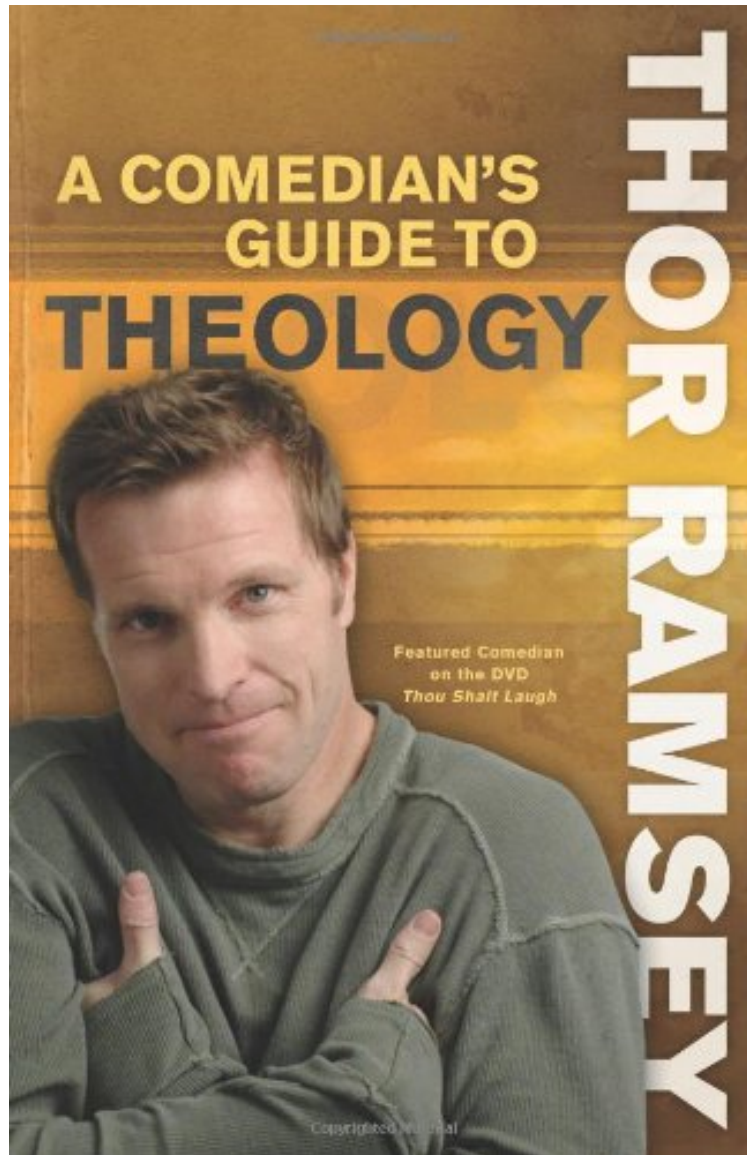


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very funny!By CustomerI turned many heads as I read this book laughing. The mixture of theology with a stand-up writing slant made this book a refreshing read. Don't get me wrong -- Thor is a seriously committed Christian, and his book reminds us of areas of the faith many of us have passed by on the way to the American Dream. He especially pokes holes in the Emergent church culture, which missed the American Dream and ended up in the cereal aisle. You can tell that I loved his jokes (though my wife only rolled her eyes). Pay attention while reading, though, because at times they can distract from the message behind them. If you are a fan of standup comedy, get this book. If you feel that you are confused about the truths of Christianity, read this book. As Thor wrote, "If you care about the Truth, get this book, because the Truth is, I need the money."4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. humor at its best in form, content, and goal!By mycromacThor Ramsey's "A Comedian's Guide to Theology" is a brilliantly funny work! I am VERY picky when it comes to media that many claim to be humorous (movies, books, stand-up comedians, etc.). In many instances, I find what many consider "funny" to be humorless, crass, or uninspired. However, I took a chance on this book after thumbing through it for the better part of an hour in a Borders. I found myself laughing out loud and sharing whole passages with my wife while in the store. So, though there are no critical accolades on the back cover of the book (a travesty if you ask me!), I purchased it. Ramsey's book was so funny and theologically compelling that I inhaled it in a week. And, yes, I did just use the phrase "funny and theologically compelling" with reference to an evangelically-minded book. Usually, if we're talking "funny" and evangelically-minded, we're usually descending into a work whose so-called humor compromises and/or waters down sober, biblically sound theology. But Ramsey does no such thing here. Ramsey's humor underscores his commitment to biblical and doctrinal acuity. Ramsey's humor hammers home some crucial Christian theology that has fallen out of favor among those sectors of the church that are courting or have already fallen into apostasy (especially "Damn Theology: Why Hell is a Good Idea"). In this way, Ramsey's humor serves as a vehicle for critique of folks in- and outside of the church. This is a great and biblical usage of humor (check out the Old Testament prophets), and Ramsey, for the most part, does it well. Much of Ramsey's humor is driven by a joyful zeal over being a Christ-follower. If you can't tell, I highly recommend "A Comedian's Guide to Theology". Oh, and it's also worth your money because Ramsey occasionally takes on two sectors of the American church that need to be taken down a few pegs: (1) The Emergent Movement and (2) The Neo-Reformed Movement (both of whom need more take-downs due to their abysmal theological formulations).4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Funny With Great InsightsBy S. PeekThis is full of Christian truths and humor. Quite a combination. Although it is fairly short (234 pages), it is great on several fronts. It is funny, provides several very good theological insights, and contains some truths that really need to be heard. Two of the bad ideologies that he takes on well are the 'emergent Christian' movement and the 'prosperity Gospel' claims. Both are full of falsehoods and need to be challenged. The author does it in a way that is humorous, but still gets his points across. Regarding the Emergent Church, he writes: 'The Emergent Church seeks to appeal to postmodern people by denying most biblical truth. Okay, that was exaggerating the problem, so let me state it this way: The emerging church seeks to appeal to postmodern people by denying lots of biblical truth.' He adds: 'Proponents of the emerging church shy away from dogma and such ideas as proclaiming Christ as exclusive Lord and Savior, which is really encouraging to the Persecuted Church around the world where Christians are being killed for their faith.' The truths that he states regarding the so-called prosperity gospel are just as hard hitting and needed. Ramsey's observations about pastors, and particularly bad ones, should be sobering thoughts for anyone who is in or considering that field of service. He correctly states that 'preaching is the most noble of all professions'. He also puts that in perspective comparing pastors and doctors. Mr. Ramsey says, 'The only thing that a doctor's misdiagnosis can do is kill you. The preacher's misdiagnosis can send you to hell.' Along that line, he has some very insightful thoughts on the subject of hell. His musings on comparative religions are not to be missed. This is really a gem and should be read by all Christians, perhaps especially by those caught up in the emergent and prosperity fads.

Thor Ramsey (hereafter known as the Jon Stewart of the theological world) defends the essentials of the Christian faith in this volume of comedy for the thinking person. Armed with only a laptop and a rapier wit, he defends the inspiration of the Bible ("all Scripture is inspired by God"—in other words, when you tell someone off, quote the Bible), the doctrine of total depravity (calling someone out for their sins is a tricky business, especially if you don't know how to operate a bullhorn), and the supremacy of Christ (or why Thor's God is bigger than your god), along with a host of other essential doctrines of the Christian faith. Packed with funny stories and hard-hitting truths, this comprehensive collection of biblical insights and personal anecdotes will surprise readers, destroy their misconceptions and leave them wanting more. For readers looking alternatives to the conversation of traditional faith, or those who have a taste for fearless (and hilarious) honesty, A Comedian's Guide to Theology will permanently change how we all look at Christianity—or at least offer a good-hearted shove out of the box (or back in the box, if that's where you need to be). "What a supreme pleasure to read a book that I find powerfully honest, theologically kapow dead-on, and incredibly and ACTUALLY funny funny funny funny! This book is so brilliantly funny and dead-on that if I weren't a very mature Christian I might be jealous." —Eric Metaxas, New York Times best-selling author of Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery, and former editor of The Yale

Record.

From the Back Cover“There is a saying in the comedy club world that death is easy, comedy is hard. But I’m guessing they never read a King James Bible. That Book can scare the comedy right out of you.” Get ready to laugh—or cry—when Thor is in the house. Thor Ramsey is a top-notch comedian who packs venues nationwide, and A Comedian’s Guide to Theology will make you cry. Which is to say, it will make you laugh so hard that your eyes well up, your stomach aches, and your perspective on life is severely altered. Packed with funny stories, and hard-hitting truths, this comprehensive collection of biblical teaching and personal anecdotes will surprise you, destroy your misconceptions, and leave you wanting more. In the style of Jon Stewart, here is an entertaining yet pervasive look at some the biggest issues in Christianity today, told with sarcasm, cynicism and humor. Here's the book f or anyone looking for alternatives to the conversation of traditional faith or for those with a taste for fearless (and hilarious) honesty.