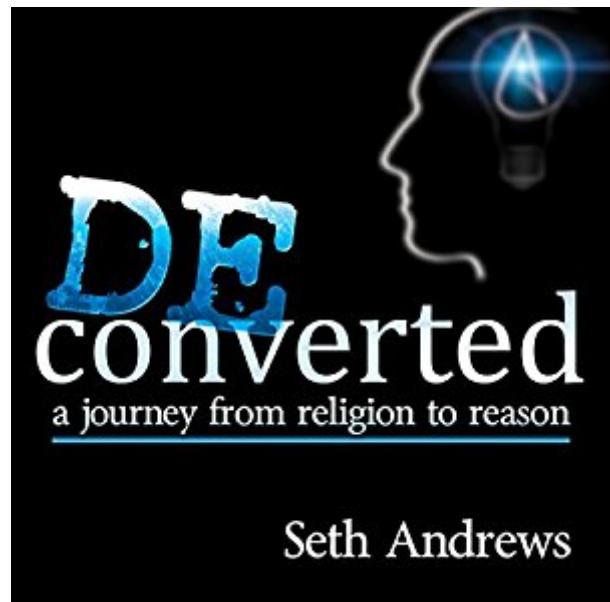


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Deconverted: A Journey From Religion To Reason



Synopsis

And then Noah loaded the dinosaurs onto the ark. Assertions like these seem comical until you realize that many Christian parents aren't kidding when they teach them to their children as facts. Every day, impressionable young minds are conditioned to blindly accept wild biblical tales of floating zoos, talking shrubbery, 900-year-old humans, the undead, curses, levitation, demon/human hybrids and men who obtain super-human strength from the length of their hair. Allegiance to these teachings is expected, often demanded. Curiosity is muted. Doubt is frowned upon as a sin. And for those who dare to raise a dissenting hand, the threat of Hell looms ominously. A former religious radio host raised in the cradle of Christianity, Seth Andrews battled his own doubts for many years. His attempts to reconcile faith and the facts led him to a conclusion previously unthinkable, and this once-true believer ultimately became the founder of one of the most popular atheist communities on the internet.

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Customer Reviews

I have read many of the more popular, well known atheist authors from Dan Barker's "Godless" to Ayaan Hirsi Ali's "Infidel" and their personal stories of struggling with religious belief, their doubt and their difficult personal journey, down the path from devoutly religious to freeing themselves, from religious faith and dogma and becoming non-believers. Seth's own story is no less compelling reading and just as emotional and moving."Deconverted: A Journey from Religion to Reason" is a well written autobiography told with humour and heart by an "average" person. It is the story lived by

many thousands of people in America and around the World, every day. This story could very well be your story of doubt and loss of religious faith. I think this book will be an insightful read for both the non-believer and the faithful. Those doubting their religious faith and the irrational religious dogma, will find solace in knowing that it is indeed ok to question one's religious faith and what you have been instructed to think by your Parents, Pastors and Priests. The Faithful will gain an understanding in simple terms, as to why their loved ones and friends can and do quit their faith and turn away from religious dogma. The reader will receive a first hand account of the experience of someone, who was raised in a very Christian home by loving, devout Christian parents in a majority Christian community, in the belt buckle of the Bible belt of Mid Western America and who, as an adult began to question his religious faith. The Believer who has doubts, will be able to relate to Seth and his story on a personal level. Seth had those same doubts about his faith, as you do and began to ask the difficult questions, started thinking for himself and finally followed where logic, common sense and reality, not faith, indoctrination and traditional ancient dogma, lead him.. To Reason!! highly recommend this book :)

Seth Andrews, the man who gave us The Thinking Atheist, knows Christianity. He was raised in it, worked in it professionally spreading its message across the airwaves, and finally reached a crossroads where his faith could not stand against the occurrences of this world. So many of us who have been on similar journeys can identify with what Seth has to say, and yet learn some insights that we may have not considered. His story is heart breaking. This is not the story of someone who faced one tragedy and threw it all away; most walking away from faith stories aren't. Not only does he share his story, but he also addresses common questions from Christians and answers them; what else from "The Thinking Atheist"? To those unfamiliar with Seth Andrews and his website/podcast/youtube page The Thinking Atheist, it may sound as if he is being condescending or arrogant. Nothing of the sort. In his words, the name "simply reflects the fact that my own liberation came when I stopped assuming and broke the chain of inherited belief through reason, curiosity and common sense. My freedom came when I began thinking for myself." "Deconverted" is a great read, not very long, yet very powerful. It's not just an atheist story, but a human one. It does more than take us one on man's journey through emotional ups and downs; it makes us think.

Seth, like most atheists I know, did not make his decision lightly. His book tells his readers where his quest for the truth took him. I have followed Seth since his beginning into atheism and found his book to show his, honesty, compassion, courage and wit. I highly recommend this book. I started

reading it and couldn't put it down until I finished it.

After reading a few of the other well-known atheist authors, I found Seth Andrews' book to be the most "comfortable". I've listened to many of his podcasts, and couldn't help hearing his voice as I read the book. It is written in more of a conversational tone than Dawkins or Harris, who are both scientists, and read as such. Seth, having a background in the entertainment industry, is much more personable. His story is easy to relate to for anyone raised in a religious household who may have grown to have doubts, such as I did. I highly recommend this book to anyone. But if you enjoy Dawkins, Dennett, Harris, and Hitch, you will love it. Seth Andrews adds a welcome new voice to the freethinking literary genre.

In this book tells his story of being true believer in God and Jesus Christ to becoming a skeptic and non-believer. Unlike books by authors such as Hitchens and Dawkins, Seth tells a more personal story. And unlike Hitchens in particular, Seth talks about his loving family and some positive parts of Christianity. The fact that he was a Christian for over 30 years and that he was immersed in the culture he can speak to the recently converted in a way that many others cannot. He shares a common story with us all, and though his journey is his own, many have traveled a similar road. Well written with short chapters, this book tells of his upbringing in a Christian household, his work in contemporary Christian radio to where he is now. He discusses some of the points of Christianity and religion in general he now questions or finds absurd, but does so not to confront, but merely to tell a story of where he was and where he is now. An excellent book. For those of you who are non-believers, it's a great read, and for those who have started to come out of the slumber, and rising to fully opening your eyes this book will be a great way to approach your questions and fears.

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