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A World Without Christianity? It's Unimaginable.

Scholar, professor, and author, Dr. Jeremiah Johnston tackles the unimaginable prospect of a world devoid of Christianity saying, "The very standard of life we enjoy in the West likely would disappear if Christianity vanished."

"In this fascinating book, Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston takes us on a tour around the world and throughout history as he considers the impact the Bible and the Christian faith have had on humanity. What would our world be like without Christianity? Quite simply, unimaginable." – **Steve Green, President, Hobby Lobby & Chairman of the Museum of the Bible**

The United States is still in the process of recovery and rebuilding after two historic hurricanes ravaged Texas, Florida and islands in the Carribean. One of the main sources of clean-up efforts and humanitarian aid has been through [Christian charities](#) and relief workers—more so than even the US Government.

If we didn't have those charities, would the good people in these states still be under water?

In his new book, *Unimaginable: What Our World Would Be Like Without Christianity* (Bethany, December 19), sought-after speaker and regular contributor to FOXNews.com, Jeremiah J. Johnston, Ph.D., takes on the prevalent theory of atheists that a world without Christianity would be a better one. Johnston recognizes a societal movement towards minimalizing Christianity and reminds readers that "you might get what you want, but you might not want what you get."

Unimaginable offers an inspiring look at the positive influence of Christianity, both historically and today. Johnston covers the far-reaching ways that Christianity is good for the world--and has been since the first century AD

Johnston divides his compelling research into three sections: the world before, without, and with Christianity. Within these parts, he addresses:

- ❑ Evils of fear, suffering, racism, bondage, and inequality before Christianity existed
- ❑ Mindsets of philosophers, scientists, and others that led to the atheist movement in Europe in congruence with the Age of Enlightenment and Industrial Revolution
- ❑ Connections between these atheist thinkers and the brutal



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- Nazi Germany, the Communist Soviet Union, Korean dictatorships, etc. and atheist links
- Jesus' unifying message and the immense value He places on human life
- Emergence of Democracy and our education and legal systems
- The irresistible nature of Jesus' message and Christianity
- The end of slavery, racism, fear, inequality, etc. found in Christianity

According to Johnston, "The ultimate purpose of *Unimaginable* is to shed new light on old questions: Does God love me? How do I know? Does God still work in the world? Is there a divine purpose to my life? If Jesus had not come, would life really be different?"

About Dr. Jeremiah Johnston

Jeremiah is known for his unique communication skills and his infectious love for people. Pastors, in unison, have remarked regarding the timely effectiveness of his ministry in their churches often drawing record attendance due to his compelling content and fresh presentation.

Johnston is a [contributor for Fox News](#) and has been seen recently on [FOX & Friends](#), [CNN Anderson Cooper](#), [CNN Inside Politics](#), [FOXBusiness Varney & Co.](#), [Newsmax](#), CBN and more. He ministers internationally in partnership with Museum of the Bible, president of [Christian Thinkers Society](#), a Resident Institute at [Houston Baptist University](#) (in the top ten most ethnically diverse campuses in North America) where he also serves as [Professor of Early Christianity](#). Jeremiah's passion is working with local churches and pastors in equipping Christians to give intellectually informed accounts of what they believe.



Jeremiah has distinguished himself speaking in churches of all denominations, and authored articles in both popular magazines, and scholarly books, journals and media programs. As a theologian, who has the unique ability to connect with people of all ages, and a culture expert, he has been interviewed numerous times and contributed articles across a

spectrum of national shows, including: Fox News, CBS This Morning, *Vanity Fair*, *Premier Christianity Magazine* & Premier radio, *RELEVANT Magazine*, *DECISION Magazine*, *The Christian Post*, Moody Radio Network, Salem Radio Network, numerous network affiliate television stations, and is repeatedly quoted in *USA Today* and their associated Faith and Reason blog.

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As a New Testament scholar, Johnston has published with Oxford University Press, E. J. Brill, Bloomsbury T & T Clark, Macmillan, and Mohr Siebeck. He completed his doctoral residency in Oxford in [collaboration with Oxford Centre for Missions Studies](#) and received his Ph.D. from Middlesex University (UK). He also earned advanced degrees in theology from Acadia University and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Jeremiah is married to Audrey, and they are parents to five children— including triplet boys!

Endorsements for *Unimaginable*

"Sweeping in scope and teeming with insights, this creative and compelling book shows us the horror of a world without Christianity. An eye-opening work that should be read with pen in hand to mark points to remember. Truly powerful and persuasive."

Lee Strobel, bestselling author of *The Case for Christ* and *The Case for Faith*

"This brilliant book is a wake-up call to a world that refuses to see the impact of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and to a church that has too often forgotten who we are and what we believe."

Sheila Walsh, co-host, *Life Today*

"In today's politically correct environment, Christianity is the militant secularists' default scapegoat, blamed for every societal problem. A sober review of history into the modern era exposes this calculated effort to demonize Christianity. *Unimaginable* documents Christianity's overwhelmingly positive influence on the world and, contrastingly, describes the horror anti-Christian forces have inflicted on mankind. Refreshingly, Johnston corrects the record."

David Limbaugh, bestselling author, attorney, and commentator

"A sophisticated, thoughtful book based on a profound assumption--and it entertains as well as instructs."

Dr. Rodney Stark, Distinguished Professor of the Social Sciences and Co-Director, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University

"Brilliantly conceived and beautifully written, *Unimaginable* is a splendid book for both Christians and non-Christians...I heartily commend Johnston for this outstanding work."

David S. Dockery, President, Trinity International University/Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

"For half a century, America has been moving away from its Christian heritage. Many apparently are oblivious to the value of this heritage and how it laid the very foundation on which this great nation was built. I am pleased to recommend this compelling and fascinating book."

Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas

"This book joins *What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?* and *Who Is This Man?* as historical affirmations of the positive effects of the Christian faith. Easy to read and thoroughly documented, *Unimaginable* shows how the fundamental values humans hold dear are traceable to Christianity. Where we find a



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rejection of those values we find death, destruction, and despair. Far from being a detriment to the world or the source of all ills, Christianity is foundational to our concepts of freedom, equality, and human dignity."

Thom S. Rainer, President and CEO, LifeWay Christian Resources

"Much of the way we interpret reality is determined by how we view the world, and the Christian worldview has shaped millions of lives across the globe. If you want to make the case for what you believe as a Christian, or simply want to investigate the truth for yourself, this book will help you in a new and meaningful way."

J. Warner Wallace, cold-case detective, Senior Fellow at the Colson Center for Christian Worldview, and author of *Cold-Case Christianity*, *God's Crime Scene*, and *Forensic Faith*

"*Unimaginable* is brimming with hope as the author proves not only the relevance of Christ to culture but also the heart-healing, spirit-restoring power available through the Savior. Bravo!"

Janet Parshall, nationally syndicated talk show host

"A timely, well-researched, and fascinating book...the definitive response to the claim that Christianity is 'poisonous' for the world."

Sean McDowell, PhD, Biola University Professor, speaker, and author of fifteen books, including *A New Kind of Apologist*

"Wow! This book is a FastPass to the epic ride known as the Christian faith...a must-read for anyone who wants to 'give an answer for the hope that lies within us' (1 Peter 3:15). The author's scholarly detail encourages parents, students, teachers, and pastors to dig deep."

Dr. Jay Strack, President and Founder of Student Leadership University

"Western culture is under assault, and it may not survive. That's why *Unimaginable* is so critical to this moment in history. I encourage you to share it with someone who thinks the Christian faith is outdated and irrelevant, because what comes after Christianity may be the end of us all."

Phil Cooke, PhD, filmmaker and author of *Unique: Telling Your Story in the Age of Brands and Social Media*

"What a difference the gospel makes! The book presents not only a powerful apologetic for a culture that takes for granted the legacy of the Christian faith but also a clear vision of the transforming power the gospel can bring to any society."

Paul Copan, Pledger Family Chair of Philosophy and Ethics, Palm Beach Atlantic University; coeditor of *The Dictionary of Christianity and Science*



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Suggested Interview Questions for Jeremiah J. Johnston, author of *Unimaginable*

1. How did *Unimaginable* come together?
2. The book is divided into three parts, each focused on a different aspect of your perspective – which is the most compelling to you? Why?
3. You include a lot of historical insight and examples of different worldviews. Won't there always be conflict between differing worldviews?
4. You say atheism is "dangerous" and has the bloodiest track record of any philosophy in human history. Please explain.
5. You say religion is the single most powerful force in changing history and bringing transformation in the world. But aren't all religions the same?
6. You outline the world's darkness before the coming of Christ in the opening section of *Unimaginable* – do you see that darkness being paralleled or echoed in our world today?
7. There were 5 philosophers who had a major impact on the western world negatively. Who were they and who would you say was the most dangerous?
8. You say, "Without God, something always fills the void." What do you mean by this? What are some current examples of this?
9. What Bible readings would you suggest for those who'd like to further examine the incredible shift in the world before and after Christ? (both Old and New Testament)
10. There are 7,487 promises from God in the Bible. In your opinion, what is the most important and why is it still relevant today?
11. Several divisive issues are brought up in the book: Racism, Women's Rights, Slavery, etc. What does Christianity have to do with these issues?
12. The book briefly touches on the push in our modern world for less Christianity in social, governmental, educational settings – what does this mean for our world? Is there hope?
13. You mention that the purpose of the book is to shed new light on old questions. One of those is: If Jesus had not come, would life really be different? What do you hope readers will conclude after reading this book?