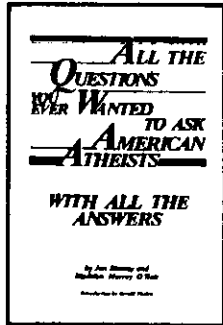


# From The American Atheist Press Bookshelf

## All the Questions You Ever Wanted to Ask American Atheists — With All of the Answers

by Dr. Madalyn Murray O'Hair and Jon G. Murray



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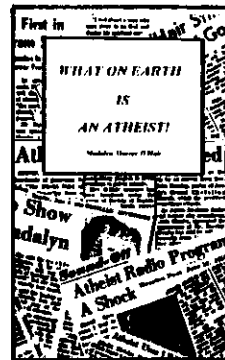
From 1959, the Murray-O'Hair family has been "facing the nation" in television and radio interviews and talk/back shows, in debates, panel discussions, lectures, forums, informal gatherings, parties, banquets, conventions, brunches, lunches, at podiums, microphones, loudspeakers. They have done this before private groups, fraternal and business organizations, universities, women's clubs, in churches. They have spent hours with the hard media. They have been accosted in stores, restaurants, business places, swimming pools, public toilets. Even in airplanes, buses,

trains, subways they have been stopped for questioning.

Deluged with questions by mail, in newspapers, in magazines, in person, in a continuing way they have come to be the professional voices of American Atheism in our time, in both our nation and throughout the world. This has been a battering, for — by and large — the questions have been more attacks than queries. Together, they have assembled their usual answers, just as they usually give them on the air, in the public, or wherever delivered. As you study this book, and study it you must, you will become aware for the first time what American Atheism is.

## WHAT ON EARTH IS AN ATHEIST!

by Dr. Madalyn Murray O'Hair



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If any Atheist speaks up for what he or she thinks, ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE. He or she is accused of everything with which a human being can be charged. *De minimus* he is a "communist, a child beater, a criminal of the lowest sort, who knows nothing of love, and who is lacking completely any understanding of beauty, and is incapable of 'feeling' or emotional response."

This attack has been tolerated by the Atheist community. Hardly anyone stands up to say, "How now, Brown Cow — you can't say that about us." As a consequence, go to

your library tomorrow and see if you can find any books in it about Atheism, written by Atheists. Even colleges and universities do not stock such items.

Dr. O'Hair felt, after the Supreme Court case which removed the bible and prayer from the public schools of America that it was necessary to let the people of America know what Atheists are, and so, after a legal struggle with the FCC, a radio program was begun to explain just that. This book is a compilation of the verbatim transcripts of the original 52 shows aired over those radio stations that would sell time to American Atheists.



## NOBODY HAS A PRAYER

by Dr. Madalyn Murray O'Hair



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The issue of prayer in government and in schools has absolutely not died down in the last 23 years since the Murray-O'Hair family began its drive to stop this governmentally supported religious nonsense. The millions of dollars and years of time and human energy which have been consumed in an attempt to circumvent the 1963 US Supreme Court decision, which removed bible reading and prayer recitation from the public schools, are mind-boggling. Nothing will stay the christian zanies. Their real-life zeal to include every person in our nation into their religious

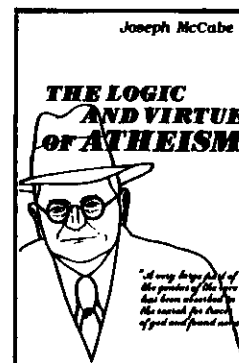
schemes is more frightening than any Amityville horror stories on the tube.

No matter where you go, no matter with whom you talk, you will need to be informed on this single issue — unfortunately — for perhaps another ten years. Here, at your fingertips, is a complete compilation of all the facts you need to know: the leading legal cases involved, including that first one — *Murray v. Curlett*, and the last one just decided in Tennessee; a complete review of the legal history of the prayer fight; and articles on the theory and meaning of prayer from the American Atheist Radio Series.

You will be happy to have the book in your hands. Without it, you can't counter "their" arguments. So, bolster yourself rightly this time with a copy of *Nobody Has a Prayer*.

## THE LOGIC & VIRTUE OF ATHEISM

by Joseph McCabe

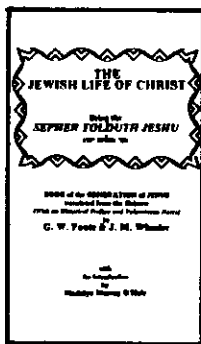


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Joseph McCabe grew up thoroughly indoctrinated to believe that no finer life could be his than to become a catholic priest. When a teenager, he entered the roman church's franciscan order of monks. Though faithful, he was not so religious that he could be blind to the sordid, hypocritical, mentally unhealthy interior life of the priesthood. In a long crisis of faith, McCabe sought to defeat his doubts by intensive study of the roman catholic theologians. The end result, after 12 years as a priest, was his realization that the theological "proofs" of christianity were nonsense.

The solid foundation of McCabe's life philosophy was his absolute certainty that Atheism is the only hope to right all that is wrong with civilization. The atheistic approach to problems, that is, the application of scientifically guided reason not distorted with artificial concerns such as the mythical need of the human species for religion, is by McCabe seen as the only means to really reconstruct society to meet the challenge of a civilization possessing a level of science and technology unsurpassed by any previous civilization on this planet. McCabe revalues all ethics by the sole realistic standard or test: Does an ethical "law" have value in human service? For McCabe, the virtue of Atheism is that it prepares the reason to be scientifically guided and the logic of Atheism teaches the reason to be rational.

## The Jewish Life of Christ, being the SEPHER TOLDUTH JESHU



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This is the story of a character named jeshu who stunningly resembles the notorious jesus of the "gospels." The difference is that this jeshu story can be dated at 90 years before the alleged birth of christ.

Most Atheist bible scholars have known about the *sepher tolduth jeshu* for over a hundred years. Yet, no one researching the life of the mythological jesus christ can find references to it in any of the standard works.

Indeed, the jews — attacked by the christians, with their talmud often destroyed — continue to hold an unreasonable fear of disclosure that

at any time in their history they could have composed any piece of literature in derogation of jesus christ. The position of the jews, currently, is that this piece of literature was written by christian clerics in the 1500s in order to place an onus on the jews, the better to persecute them, since it would incite the ordinary christian reading it against the jews.

Voltaire in his *Lettres sur les juifs* says that: "The *tolduth jeshu* is the most ancient writing that has descended to us against our religion. It is a life of jesus christ, altogether different from our holy gospels. It appears to be of the first century, and even to have been written before the gospels."

## WAR IN VIETNAM — THE RELIGIOUS CONNECTION

by Dr. Madalyn Murray O'Hair



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For the first time in America here is the true story of church involvement in the War in Vietnam. Since the end of American participation in that war, many accounts of the conflict have arisen in book and film. None have struck, however, at the reason why America was involved in that small Southeast Asian country at all.

In 1967 Dr. O'Hair researched the history of the Vietnam conflict and concluded that it was a religious war, a holy crusade not unlike those of early European history. The facts she reveals were so startling that this booklet was completely censored out

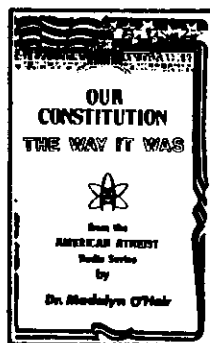
of her 1974 release *Freedom Under Siege*, as a prospective chapter therein, by the publisher.

Here it is now, uncensored, as originally written with copious footnotes. This booklet is must reading for any geopolitical observer or anyone who still has doubts about the role of the church in modern day political and military circles in the United States.

In the wake of the largest military buildup in our nation's (and the world's) history and of concerns over our possible military involvement in Central America, the true story of the *why* of Vietnam is more important than ever.

## OUR CONSTITUTION — THE WAY IT WAS

by Dr. Madalyn Murray O'Hair



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One of the many things that Atheist spokespersons are confronted with by the media and by the public at media events is the statement "This country was founded on christian principles by god-fearing men."

The implication follows then that Atheism is an inappropriate thing for Americans if the nation indeed had a christian founding. The general public, gullible as it is, has swallowed this line of thinking for many generations. In actuality, nothing could be further from the truth.

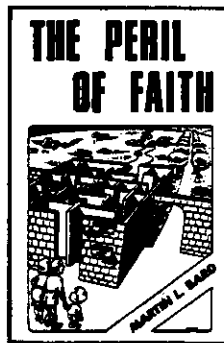
*Our Constitution — The Way It Was* is a collection of scripts of the

American Atheist Radio Series dealing with this question in an effort to clear up the many strongly held public misconceptions about the founding of our nation. All of the scripts, as well as the entire American Atheist Radio Series, are authored by Dr. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, Founder and President of American Atheists.

These short selections will quickly bring you up to date on the true sentiments of our "founding fathers" with respect to organized religion. This is a booklet not alone for the adult but is excellent to be shared with your children as a part of their learning experience about early America.

## THE PERIL OF FAITH

by Martin Bard



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Historically, there has been a scarcity of literary material concerning Atheistic alternatives to the primitive superstitions which are called religion.

Researchers are continually confronted with the problem of finding sufficient authoritative works authored by legitimate or knowledgeable Atheists. Even these have extraordinary difficulty finding raw data on which they can depend. Literally, an Atheist researcher or writer has no where to go. And so, they substitute: they write with their hearts, or with their heads substituting their ability to

think, to reason, to analyze for the lack of primary resources. They know that what they see, read, hear, feel about religion is erroneous and they have only their logic as a basic resource to prove that it is all wrong.

*The Peril of Faith*, by Martin Bard, is the latest addition to the now ever-growing list of Atheist books trying to put handles on some facts and draw some logical conclusions. This author has a well designed ("easy reading, but informative") style, a package of information showing the result of his intellectual outreach to find contemporary arguments for Atheism. His expression, seemingly simple so that it can be understood by all, is still a vehicle for the great amount of information which he imparts to the unsuspecting reader.

# PAGAN ORIGINS OF THE CHRIST MYTH

by John G. Jackson



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The cardinal doctrines of the christian religion are 1) the "fall of man," and, 2) the "atonement" through mystical resurrection of jesus christ and the christian acceptance of his sacrifice to save the christian from the "ignominy" of death.

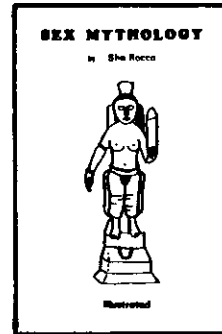
In this book the two intertwined doctrines are traced to their origins in older mythology-based religions. The historicity of jesus christ is rapidly scanned and revealed to be what it is: a composite of older stories of savior gods. The trinity stories and the pagan stories from which all are derived are carefully delineated. The remarkable

similarity between krishna ("born" 1,400 years before christ) is highlighted to show that the parallels can only have had one source. The sun-gods and the vegetation-gods are compared. Through it all is the zodiacal influence, in terms understandable by all.

The specialists of our day will find here, in the clearest language, drawn in the simplest of terms, a solution to the worries they have had with the complexities of doctrines, of theological balderdash. The laymen will be relieved to have an explication they can understand. Young people will delight in it. We recommend that you make this booklet your prime choice for a "christmas" present to the christ-followers in your family or circle of friends. It will shatter their pretensions to christianity.

# SEX MYTHOLOGY

by Sha Rocco



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Speaking to an educated woman of the ancient meaning and remarkable origin of the cross, another woman inquired, "What, the cross of christ?" Her unconsciousness that it had any other relation than that pertaining to the crucifixion of jesus illustrates a prevailing lack of historical knowledge in most people throughout christendom. The hope to bring within the reach of the average man of letters a chapter of mythological lore which has heretofore been confined to the few is one motive for offering these pages to the public.

Improved taste of modern time must question the crudities of former days, and ask the reason why. Natural forces give direction to usage, and type to habits. The same agencies modify and polish them. The hallowed powers of one era become detritus of a later one; and in still later eons of time those decayed objects reappear as relics, and show, to our surprise, how much that is held to be original in our age is really the unconscious inheritance of a bygone ancestry.

Ancient religious literature is conspicuous for the number of gods held in veneration. We find in christendom but three, or, at most, four. Explanation of the "trinity" and the natural origin of those four great creative, all-absorbing gods are here elucidated upon historic and well-nigh scientific bases. Over twenty five illustrations are introduced to aid the text.

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