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- 1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,
- 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the Word I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.
- 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
- 4 that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,
- 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
- 6 Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.



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7 Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.



The Resurrection of the Dead

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.



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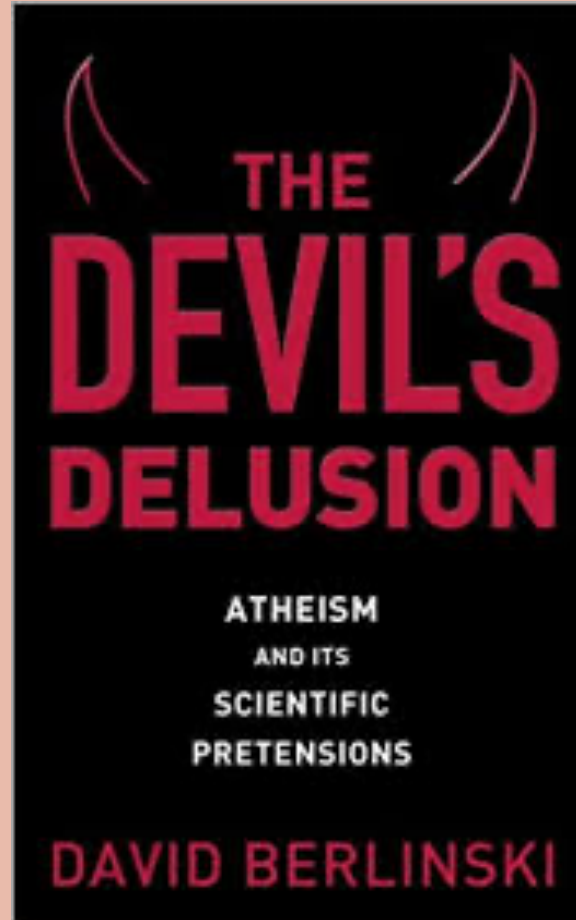
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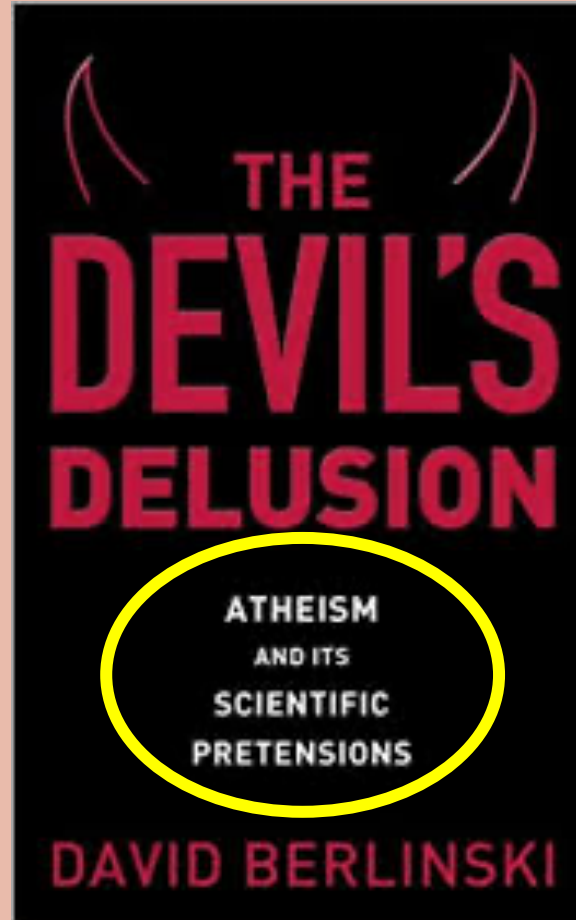
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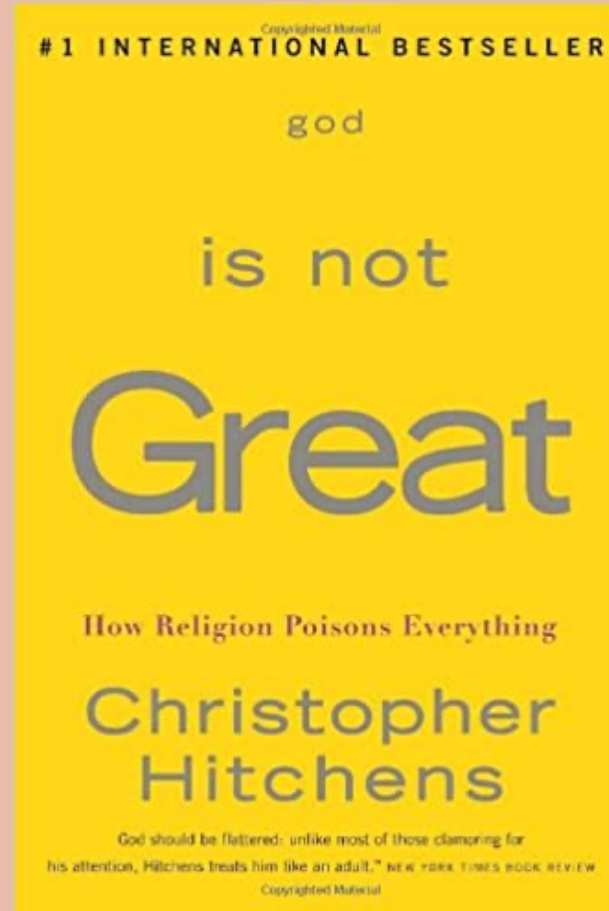
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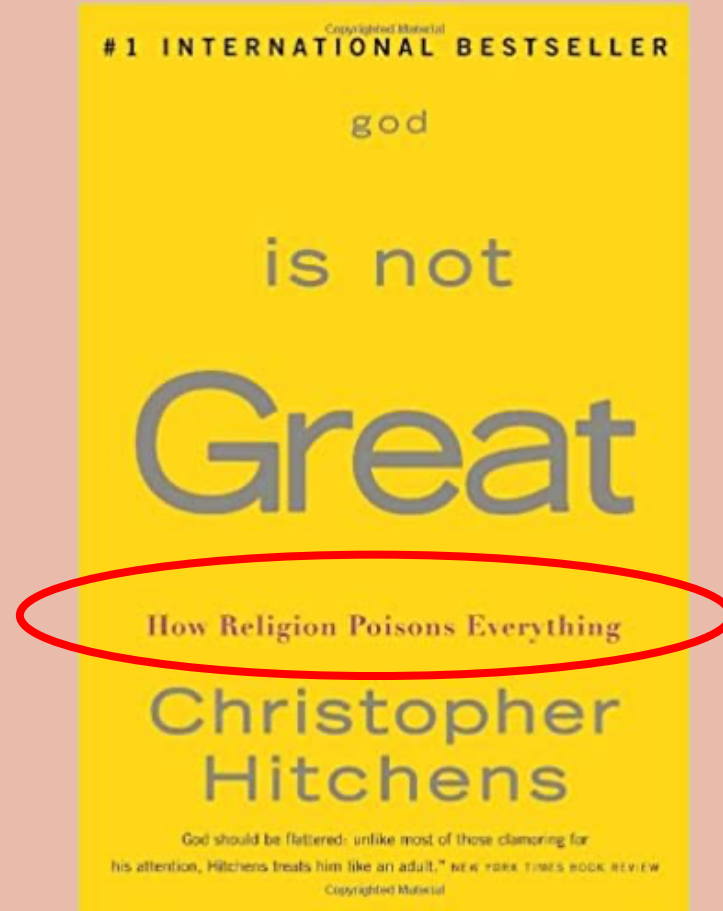
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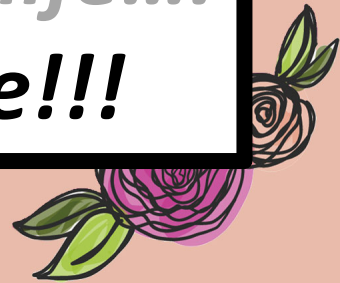
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- 22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 23** But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits,
then at His coming those who belong to Christ.
- 24** Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the
Father after destroying every rule and every authority and
power.
- 25** For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.
- 26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death.



32 What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus?

If the dead are not raised,

"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

34 Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning.

For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.



Mystery and Victory

50 I tell you this, brothers:

flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,
nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.



54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable,
and the mortal puts on immortality,
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56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

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*Jesus offers Himself to you as a
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a daily fellowship with your
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*Jesus didn't come to make nice
people nicer....*

*....He came to raise
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