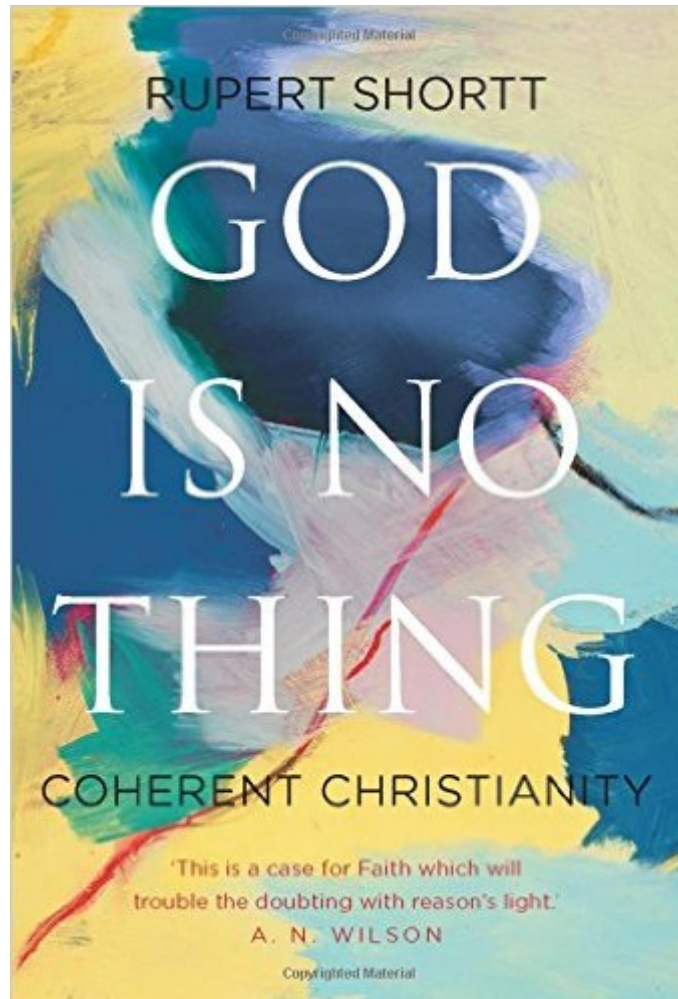


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"God is no thing, but not nothing." These words from the renowned thinker Herbert McCabe point to a fallacy at the heart of New Atheist polemics against religion: the deity rejected by Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, Sam Harris and their followers is not God as taught in classical tradition, but merely a blown-up thing. From this basic error flow many more misunderstandings about Christianity and other creeds. As a result, debate on life's biggest questions has grown vitriolic as well as confused. The problem is all the more acute because religion refuses to fade away. Even though parts of the Western world now appear almost totally secularized, Christianity remains the most potent worldview on earth alongside Islam. Globalization and democratization have only strengthened the two faiths still further. In this hard-hitting but constructive book, Rupert Shortt argues that Christianity is a much more coherent, progressive body of belief -- philosophically, scientifically and culturally -- than often supposed by its critics. Alert to the menace posed by religious fundamentalism, as well as to secularist blind spots, he shows how a self-critical faith is of huge consequence to wider human flourishing.

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This is a pithy, incisive book on an important subject. I am far from an expert on the debates Shortt discusses, but I was impressed by the clarity of mind displayed in this book and finished it with a much better understanding of the theological & philosophical issues that Shortt analyzes with great cogency.

Interesting and on the cusp of importance. Too bad he didn't unroll at length the insight hidden in his title. I had just given months of thought to "God is No-thing" and looked for help to this book. Otherwise it's well written and thoughtful but more "contemporary" than metaphysical.

It really did more than my expectations

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