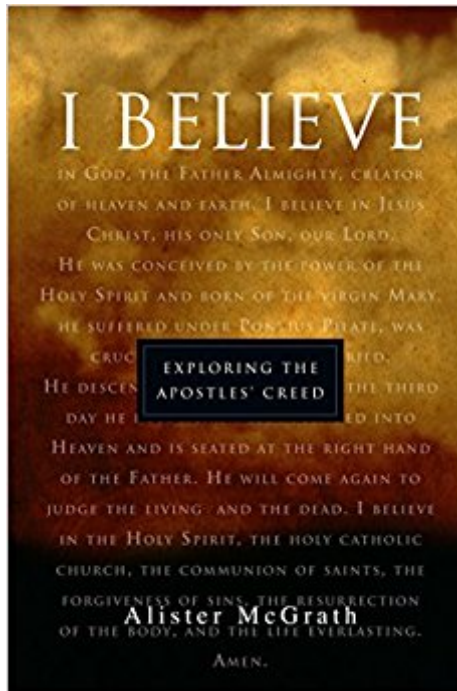


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# "I Believe": Exploring The Apostles' Creed



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Alister McGrath (DPhil, DD, Oxford University) is the Andreas Idreos Professor of Science and Religion at Oxford University. He previously held the chair of theology, ministry and education and was head of the Centre for Theology, Religion & Culture at King's College, London. He is in constant demand as a speaker at conferences throughout the world and is the author of many books including *The Dawkins Delusion?* and *Christianity's Dangerous Idea*.

Concise, inexpensive, nicely packaged, clearly written. And by someone who is both highly

competent (Oxford prof.) and actually believes the Creed is true. The study questions at the end of each chapter, and the non-technical approach make this idea for small group discussion or a c.e. class. Overall, this would be my first choice. For those who want more words and a slightly more pugnacious approach, also get Michale Horton *We Believe*. For a GREAT intro., and some other good insights, by a Catholic scholar who is less orthodox than McGrath -- Luke Timothy Johnson's new *The Creed* (2003) is a good second choice. For a variety of moderately liberal and neo-orthodox perspectives, and a mix of theological and sermonic materials, check out the new Van Harn, ed., *Exploring and Proclaiming The Apostles' Creed* (2004). But get McGrath first.

This is an excellent concise book on the Apostles' Creed. McGrath is unusual in that he is a committed believer. Today too many authors are afraid of acknowledging that they are believers. This is an excellent book to be used for group discussions and groups. There are distinct titles with study material and discussion points. The text is rich in both OT and NT sources. I am intending to use it for an adult bible study group. It would make for a good Advent or Lent series of group discussions. I look forward to reading more books by this author.

Clear and concise overview of the apostles Creed and what it means in the life of the believer

I've only skimmed the table of contents. My congregation is going through the creed, and it's the first serious study I've done of it. Just looking at the Table of Contents and a few of the first pages hints of a serious read!

Very informative and well written.

McGrath does an excellent job going over the history and the meaning of the historic Apostles' Creed. He takes each phrase and gives historical and theological explanation as to its significance. It is a short read and each chapter has good discussion questions following it for a meaningful group use.

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