

**HE IS NOT HERE**

**FOR HE IS RISEN**

**AS HE SAID.**



“To take account of the resurrection of Christ is to wake up in a new reality, strikingly different to the world inhabited by those for whom Christ rising from the dead is a myth or a hoax.

“It transforms our sense of who we are in the world, what we are to do, and why we are to do it.”

Christopher Watkins

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

Ephesians 5:14b

A New Reality

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“... who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.”

Philippians 2:6-7

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Jesus wipes out **hierarchy**!

“... and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:44-45

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“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21

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Jesus wipes out **religiosity**!

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,



“to an inheritance that is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for  
you,

“who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

“In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials ...”

1 Peter 1:3-6

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Jesus wipes out **bipolarity**!

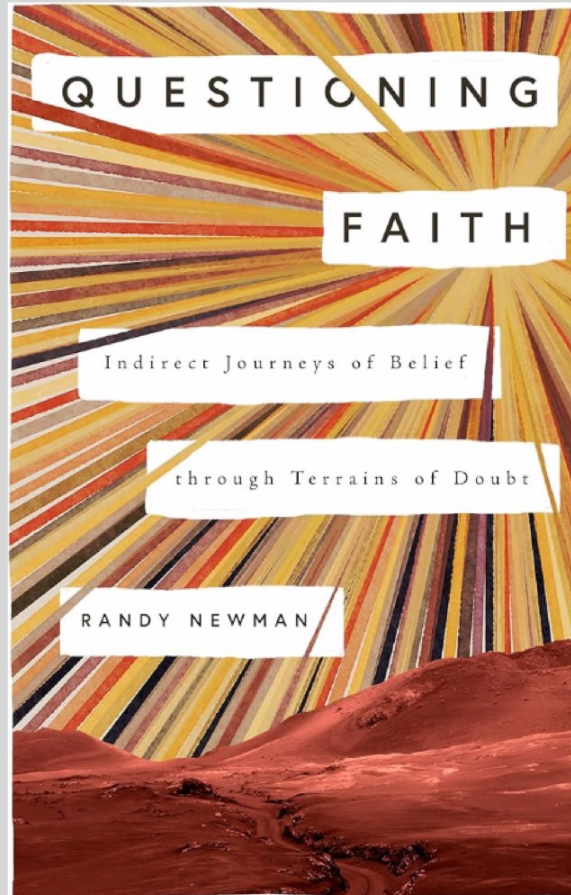
unrealistic ecstasy



unrelenting misery

“We know that we were not made for [death];  
we know how it crept into our destiny as an  
**intruder**; and we know **Who has defeated it.**”

C.S. Lewis





“I’ve found out the tough way that there simply isn’t anywhere you can go where Jesus isn’t already there waiting for you.

“Down in the deepest, darkest basement, he was there waiting for me. I couldn’t get depressed enough, I couldn’t sin deeply enough, I couldn’t hate and despair and pray for death intensely enough to drive him away.”

Greg Boros

“I came to believe in Christianity because it’s true. I realized if the resurrection is real, everything is different from what I thought.”

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“The Christian story provides us with such a set of lenses, not something for us to look at, but for us to look through.”

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- You were in darkness ... now you are in light!