Rachel Bade's "The Power of the Press" (2007) presents a comprehensive analysis of the role of media in shaping public opinion, particularly in the context of political and social movements. Her work explores how the press acts as a watchdog in democratic societies, scrutinizing the actions of government and other institutions. Bade argues that the press is crucial in ensuring accountability and transparency in the political process. She highlights the importance of a free press in protecting democratic values and safeguards against the concentration of power.

Bade's book is structured around several case studies, including the Watergate scandal, the Iran-Contra affair, and the Clinton impeachment trial. Through these examples, she illustrates the ways in which the press has played a pivotal role in uncovering abuses of power and holding those in power accountable. Her narrative is rich with evidence from court records, newspaper articles, and other primary sources, providing a detailed and nuanced understanding of the complex interplay between the press and political power.

"The Power of the Press" is not just a historical account but also a call to action, making a compelling case for the continued protection of a free press. Bade encourages readers to understand the significance of the press as a democratic institution and to support its independence in the face of growing threats to press freedom. Her work is a testament to the enduring relevance of a free and independent press in a democratic society.
essays are classics. Contributors G.E.M. Anscombe, Dana Ballard, Daniel Dennett, Fred Dretske, Jerry Fodor, H.P. Grice, David Marr, Margaret Talbot-Peppy, Zenon Pylyshyn, Paul Snowden, and P.F. Strawson

What does it mean to believe in God? What passes as evidence for belief in God? What issues arise when considering the rationality of belief in God? Debating Christian Religious Epistemology introduces core questions in the philosophy of religion by bringing five competing viewpoints on the knowledge of God into critical dialogue with one another. Each chapter introduces an epistemological viewpoint, providing an overview of its main arguments and exploring why it justifies belief. The validity of that viewpoint is then explored and tested in a critical response from an expert in an opposing tradition. Featuring a wide range of different philosophical positions, traditions and methods, this introduction, - covers classical evidentialism, phenomenon conservatism, proper functionalism, contextual epistemology and traditions-based perspectivism, allows readers access to a variety of ideas from the Analytic and Conservatism traditions - Addresses issues in social epistemology - Considers the role of religious experience and religious texts Packed with lively debates, this is an ideal starting point for anyone interested in understanding the major positions in the philosophy of religion, and, for each topic it considers, we have sought to provide a group of readings that reflects various philosophical view - offers primary source materials by a variety of significant philosophers including a balanced blend of classical and contemporary authorship the materials are supported - by clearly marked introductions, which better prepare students to understand the readings.

What is the status of belief in God? Must a rational case be made or can such belief be properly basic? Is it possible to reconcile the concept of a good God with evil and suffering? In light of great differences among religions, can one religion be true? The most comprehensive work of its kind, Reason and Religious Belief, now in its fourth edition, explores these and other perennial questions in the philosophy of religion. Drawing from the best in both classical and contemporary discussions, the authors examine religious experience, faith and reason, the divine attributes, arguments for and against the existence of God, divine action (in various forms of them), Reformed epistemology, religious language, religious diversity, religion and science, and much more. Relying on engaging style and thorough coverage of previous editions, the fourth edition adds a critical new chapter on the ontological status of religion and the nature of religious claims. It also features revised treatments of omnipotence, miracles, and providence and updated suggestions for further reading. A sophisticated yet accessible introduction, Reason and Religious Belief, Fourth Edition, is ideally suited for use with the authors’ companion anthology, Philosophy of Religion: Selected Readings, Third Edition (OUP, 2006).

A guide to Christianity. Spirituality that engages with the biblical story as human beings, we all qualify as philosophers, and Paul Copan contends that we take a position from (faith) shaped by philosophical stances but also personal heart commitments (worldviews). In this thoroughly revised and expanded second edition of Knowing God’s Wisdom, Copan continues his work from a distinctively Christian episcopate-oriented, biblically grounded, informed by apologetics, and engaging with questions about universality of human beings. Copan acknowledges the difficulties, mystery, and disagreements in “religion,” while attempting to show how the Christian faith does a much more adequate job of responding to a wide range of challenges as well as addressing our deepest human yearnings. With discussion questions for each chapter and an accessible approach, Loving Wisdom is ideal for the classroom or small group.

Of all the issues in the philosophy of religion, the problem of reconciling belief in God with the evil world arguably commands the most attention among philosophers. Michael J. Sullivan and Peterson’s The Problem of Evil: Selected Readings has been the most widely recognized and used anthology on the subject. Peterson’s expanded and updated second edition retains the key features of the original and presents the main positions and strategies for and against the existence of God, divine action (in various forms of theism), Reformed epistemology, religious language, miraculous events for and against the existence of God, divine action (in various forms of theism), Reformed epistemology, religious language, miracles, life after death, and much more. The volume is enhanced by study questions and suggestions for further reading. The book also may serve as a companion to the authors’ 1996 anthology, PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION.

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