

Challenges to a Challenging Faith, David Cole, Gracewing Publishing, 1995, 1995, 9780852443170

Yes, an accident or a suddenly deteriorating health situation can abruptly bring you face-to-face with a challenge to your faith. 2 If you should find yourself in a hospital for any reason, what will you do to maintain integrity if someone there tells you that you will die without a blood transfusion? Will you hastily accept that this claim truly represents your condition? Are you fully convinced that you do not want blood? Are you ready to face this challenge to your faith and "abstain from blood"? Acts 15:28, 29. 3 Successfully resisting an unwanted, spiritually contaminating blood transfusion Any challenges I would raise are the same questions I ask myself. Perhaps this is actually one of the exciting aspects of science and theology: our models are constantly being stretched, and this is a good thing. And almost certainly, we will need to get beyond the standard models of interaction that have become so ill-fitting. Is the mind or soul natural? Things get complicated very quickly when we try to define what nature is, and how God relates to nature. As Jim Stump writes in his new book *Science and Christianity: An Introduction to the Issues*, "nature is not an uninterpreted concept" (91). Challenges are meant to be met and overcome. Liu Xiang. Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew. Cicely Tyson. Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you, they're supposed to help you discover who you are. Bernice Johnson Reagon. Only by contending with challenges that seem to be beyond your strength to handle at the moment you can grow more surely toward the stars. Brian Tracy. It isn't the mountain ahead that wears you out; it's the grain of sand in your shoe. There is nothing like a challenge to bring out the best in man. Sean Connery. Embrace each challenge in your life as an opportunity for self-transformation. Bernie S. Siegel. You have to meet all of the challenges, big and small. Chamberlain chooses the right seven challenges to faith, describes them clearly and fairly, responds carefully and rationally, and provides today's serious Christians with answers that will at once strengthen the faith of believers and refute the objections many non-Christians have toward placing their faith in Christ."--James W. Sire, author of *The Universe Next Door*. I have read a number of books of late which defend their own religious beliefs by attacking other faiths. This is not the way to stand up and defend yours. Especially with atheism (which is a very narrow minded religion in it's own right). Paul Chamberlain highlights the most awkward questions levelled at Christianity and disassembles them using many sources.