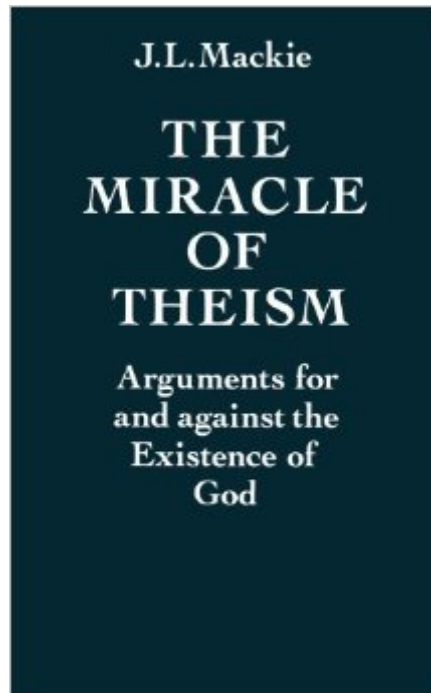


The book was found

# The Miracle Of Theism: Arguments For And Against The Existence Of God



## Synopsis

A Miracle of Theism

## Book Information

Paperback: 288 pages

Publisher: Oxford University Press; 1 edition (January 13, 1983)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 019824682X

ISBN-13: 978-0198246824

Product Dimensions: 8.5 x 0.9 x 5.4 inches

Shipping Weight: 13.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (27 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #106,268 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #10 in [Books > Religion & Spirituality > Other Religions, Practices & Sacred Texts > Theism](#) #587 in [Books > Textbooks > Humanities > Religious Studies](#) #1445 in [Books > Textbooks > Humanities > History](#)

## Customer Reviews

The Australian philosopher John Mackie, sadly now deceased, has always been one of my favorite philosophers, and when I heard from several religious people that this was in their view the best critique of religion, I decided to buy it at once. The book is indeed highly rewarding of its praise, for it is the most thorough philosophical (here as opposed to scientific) critique of all (mono)theist apologetics written so far. Unlike such recent anti-theist writers as Dawkins and Dennett, Mackie is extraordinarily charitable to the theists' claims, making sure to mention every possible argument in their favor and using only counter-arguments that could not possibly be considered controversial or contingent on a given scientific theory, etc. In fact, he is much more charitable in some places than is really necessary; I would not have the same patience with the meaningless phrasings of Swinburne or KÃng that Mackie has. In any case, Mackie diligently and cordially addresses each of the main issues surrounding theist apologetics: miracles, the ontological argument, the cosmological arguments (including Kalam), moral arguments, the issue of consciousness, free will, the argument from design, the argument from faith alone (Kierkegaard), the argument from popularity (William James), the problem of evil, the possibility of atheist morality, and so on. Mackie shows himself at his best here - an impressive array of arguments and decisive counterarguments, even against such modern superstars of apologetics like William Lane Craig and Alvin Plantinga, are dealt with in sequence with seemingly no effort at all.

This is one of the most admirable literature of philosophy of religion that J.L. Mackie has contributed before his death at 1981. Fortunately, it was published posthumously in 1982 for future readers to examine Mackie's critique against Theism. What makes this critical book so impressive and excellent is Mackie's astute, comprehensive, and sophisticated critiques, along with his fair-minded attempts to understand the Theistic arguments, against theistic arguments; Mackie's analysis on the strengths of theistic arguments shows that he is capable of being intellectually fair-minded and practices the principle of charity, but his critique on the weaknesses of those arguments also demonstrates his impressive ability to pinpoint the vital weaknesses in those arguments with deadly precision and insight that could make anyone doubt those robust arguments for theism. What obviously attracts me to this book was the simple fact that Mackie's rigorous and analytical critique against Theism is in contrast unquestionably superior to any arguments made by other atheists such as the New Atheists. While the New Atheist will simply ridicule theism, Mackie takes Theism so seriously that he uses the most of his intellectual resources to show why Theism is such an ironically miraculous claim. Instead of wasting your time reading "God Delusion", "Letters to the Christian Nation", "God is not great", or any of that new Atheist nonsense that is only good for simple-minded Atheists who want an easy argument against obviously horrible formulated arguments for Theism, it is a MUST to read this book to find yourself reading critiques against the more robust (or more interesting or eccentric) arguments for the existence of God made by Plantinga, Swineburne, and others.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Miracle of Theism: Arguments For and Against the Existence of God  
Their God Is Too Small: Open Theism and the Undermining of Confidence in God  
Moon-O-Theism: Religion Of A War And Moon God Prophet Vol II Of II  
The Digital Divide: Arguments for and Against Facebook, Google, Texting, and the Age of Social Networking  
Evidence For God, The: A Case for the Existence of the Spiritual Dimension  
A Case for the Existence of God Who Designed the Designer?: A Rediscovered Path to God's Existence  
Crimes Against Logic: Exposing the Bogus Arguments of Politicians, Priests, Journalists, and Other Serial Offenders  
Ice Core Evidence - Dispelling Arguments Against Immanuel Velikovsky's Theories Based On Greenland Ice Cores  
The Miracle Morning for Writers: How to Build a Writing Ritual That Increases Your Impact and Your Income (Before 8AM) (The Miracle Morning Book Series)  
Apple Cider Vinegar: Miracle Health System (Bragg Apple Cider Vinegar Miracle Health System: With the Bragg Healthy Lifestyle)  
The Miracle Ball Method: Relieve Your Pain, Reshape Your Body, Reduce Your Stress [2 Miracle Balls Included]  
Theism, Atheism,

and Big Bang Cosmology (Clarendon Paperbacks) The Coherence of Theism: Second Edition  
(Clarendon Library of Logic and Philosophy) Rationality and Religious Theism (Ashgate Philosophy  
of Religion Series) (Ashgate Philosophy of Religion Series) Atheism and Theism Skeptical Theism:  
New Essays The Resurrection of Theism: Prolegomena to Christian Apology Reincarnation and  
Karma: Two Fundamental Truths of Human Existence : Five Lectures Given During January to  
March 1912 in Berlin and Stuttgart Essence of Existence: Brief story of matter and people

[Dmca](#)