

Dear fellow bookworm,

Will it never end? Book after book, one atheist after another all claiming that they have written to end humanity's scourge, and what is that scourge? What is the curse we must bear? It is that facet of society that believes in God, they are the source of terrorism, the source of conflict and tension. Why if they would join the rest of the world and think rationally they would not believe such nonsense much less kill and destroy in the name of God.

Sam Harris is one such author, he says about his own book; "The End of Faith" (he has also written "A Letter to a Christian Nation") provides a harrowing glimpse of mankind's willingness to suspend reason in favor of religious beliefs, even when these beliefs inspire the worst of human atrocities. This important and timely book delivers a startling analysis of the clash of faith and reason in the modern world. Harris argues that in the presence of weapons of mass destruction, we can no longer expect to survive our religious differences indefinitely. Most controversially, he maintains that "moderation" in religion poses considerable dangers of its own: as the accommodation we have made to religious faith in our society now blinds us to the role that faith plays in perpetuating human conflict. While warning against the encroachment of organized religion into world politics, Harris draws on insights from neuroscience, philosophy, and Eastern mysticism in an attempt to provide a truly modern foundation for our ethics and our search for spiritual experience.

Fear not Ravi Zacharias has written an eloquent yet firm response to Sam Harris's new book "The End of Reason."

Zacharias writes not only in response to Harris's work but also to refute other well-known atheists, such as Christopher Hitchens and Richard Dawkins, whose work runs along the same lines as those of Harris's. He opens his text by sharing his personal story of growing up in India, which some say is the most religious country in the world. Zacharias, though, says that many live there as practical atheists.

Ravi's writing in this book is much more, for lack of a better term, aggressive. Ravi says, "this is the most strongly worded book I have ever written." He does not make any personal attacks on any of the neo-atheists, and he is always the consummate gentleman in his analysis and arguments. But in his stern condemnation of the irresponsible and reprehensible writings of Harris and his cohorts, Ravi takes on something of the persona of a professor who is reprimanding students who have been lazy in their application of critical thinking. Indeed, the light of Ravi's well-written arguments illuminates the writings of the neo-atheists in general, and Sam Harris' writings in particular.

*Because The End of Reason* is well-written, short, to-the-point, and logical in its arguments, you will love it and read it more than once.

Good reading,  
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