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Review of *God and Positive Christianity* by Robert W. Wildman, Ph.D.

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This book by Dr. Bernard Murdoch is important because it reviews in detail the myths and inaccuracies in the Bible which affect large numbers of people in detrimental ways. Also, because many of the concepts in the Bible are illogical, many thinking people are deterred from going to church and too frequently lose all faith in religion.

There are other authors who have pointed out these negative aspects of religious doctrine, but Dr. Murdoch has given many more details and examples than have been presented before. This book is not pessimistic and does not undermine religion, but presents a more logical and positive approach to religious belief.

The book points out the inadequate knowledge that existed when the Bible was written and continuation of acceptance of what they believed and wrote would be foolish and harmful. An analogy would be to continue to practice medicine as was suggested 2000 years ago.

In Part I, Dr. Murdoch points out the Pagan concepts which became a part of the Old Testament. In Part II, a more positive Christianity is presented based on statements that very likely came from Jesus and not people who attributed sayings to Him, putting their words in His mouth.

Reading this book will be threatening to some who want to believe that the Bible is without error, but it will free many from damaging and illogical concepts and give them a stronger and more reasonable religious philosophy.

Psychologists can profit from this book as church members who have many religious doubts. It will also assist in providing patients with more help in the area of religious problems and many other difficulties that are related to religious and morality beliefs.

This book is well worth the $20+ that it costs.

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