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**THE MISGUIDED QUEST TO DESTROY YOUR FAITH**  
**Garrison Confronts *The New Atheist Crusaders* Head On**

Becky Garrison, religious satirist and senior contributing editor for *The Wittenberg Door*, is taking a stand. Where most Christians assume the character of the Cowardly Lion chanting, "I do believe, I do believe, I do believe," Garrison refuses to simply thrust tracts at self-proclaimed atheist infidels.

Instead, Garrison steels her pen and takes on the ungodly program of the New Atheists, skewering each argument with her sharp satiric wit. Garrison turns aside the atheists' assault without ignoring its real criticisms, namely, the church's inadequate response to war, evolution, medical ethics, social justice, and other important issues in the post-9/11 world.

**In *The New Atheist Crusaders and Their Unholy Grail: The Misguided Quest to Destroy Your Faith* (Forward by Phyllis Tickle) (Thomas Nelson, Inc., ISBN# 978-0-8499-1972-5, January 2008), a challenge has been issued on matters of faith, and Becky Garrison meets it head on in this witty yet poignant answer to the Anti-God gurus Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, and Daniel Dennett.**

"While it may appear to the casual observer that I am on a random hunting spree when I respond to their vitriolic venom with spiritual snark, my intent is to use the satirical format to get these secular scholars to look a little closer at themselves. This can be a lonely battle, for satire appears to be a lost art form in today's tense times," writes Garrison.

"Speaking as the senior contributing editor for the nation's largest, oldest, and only religious satire magazine, I can attest that one can be a practicing Christian and still have some serious issues with the institutional church. Heck, I've been ranting against church crud since 1994, a good ten years before Harris hacked out *The End of Faith*."

**Becky Garrison**, author of *Red and Blue God*, *Black and Blue Church* and *Rising from the Ashes: Rethinking Church*, serves as Senior Contributing Editor for *The Wittenburg Door*, the only religious satire magazine in the United States. Her additional recent writing credits include work for *Christian Retailing*, *Charisma*, and *Prism*. Garrison also contributes to *The Ooze* and blogs on *God's Politics*. She has a dual Master of Divinity/Social Work degree from Yale University and Columbia University, and an undergraduate degree in theater arts from Wake Forest University.

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