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Question: I have recently read some books by Lee Strobel, such as *The Case for Easter*. He interviews you and mentions another book called *Living Your Faith: Closing the Gap between Mind and Heart*. I have tried to find this book, but I understand that it is now "out of print." Can you tell me where I might find a copy?

Answer: The book you mention (*Living Your Faith*) was written by Terry Miethe in 1993. In it I have an essay entitled, "A Plea for the Practical Teaching of Christian Philosophy." It also appeared in an earlier book by Dr. Miethe, entitled *A Christian's Guide to Faith and Reason* (1987). Both books were published by College Press in Joplin, MO (1-800-289-3300). You could try a used book seller like one of the many on Internet and check under his name. I'm sorry not to have much more information than that.

Question: I am trying to do an Apologetic study against the claims that Christianity was based on teachings from pagan religions. Could you inform me of any books that deal with this issue?

Answer: A very helpful book is Ronald Nash, "Christianity and the Hellenistic World" (Zondervan, 1984). Another good source is Norman Anderson, "Christianity and Comparative Religion," (Inter Varsity, 1984), esp. Chap 2. Another more specific essay is by Bruce Metzger, in "Historical and Literary Studies: Pagan, Jewish, and Christian" (Eerdmans, 1968), Chap 1. A real classic is Gunter Wagner, "Pauline Baptism and the Pagan Mysteries," (Edinburgh/London, 1967).

Question: I am looking for a list of strong books that discusses Jesus' resurrection from a historical standpoint. Can you help me out with a list of sources?

Answer: Some key works include William Lane Craig's *Assessing the New Testament Evidence for the Historicity of the Resurrection of Jesus* (Mellen, 1989). Craig also has a couple of debates on the subject, published by Baker Books and InterVarsity Press, respectively. My volumes on the subject include *The Historical Jesus* (College Press, 1996); *Did Jesus Rise from the Dead? The Resurrection Debate*, with Antony Flew and Terry Miethe (Harper and Row, 1987; reprinted by Wipf and Stock, 2003); *The Resurrection of Jesus* (Baker, 1980); *The Risen Jesus and Future Hope* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2003); co-authored with Antony Flew, *Resurrected?* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2005); and, co-authored with Mike Licona, *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus* (Kregel, 2004). For more popular books for your class, see Craig's *The Son Rises* (Moody, 1981) and my two little volumes entitled *Resurrection*, Vols. 1 and 2 (both from College Press, 2000).

Question: Please recommend a few books that critique the novel *The Da Vinci Code*.

Answer: Sure. See the following:

- 1) Ben Witherington, *The Gospel Code* (IVP, 2004)
- 2) Darrell Bock's *Breaking the Da Vinci Code* (Thomas Nelson, 2004)
- 3) Hank Hanegraaff and Paul Maier, *The Da Vinci Code: Fact or Fiction?* (Tyndale, 2004)
- 4) Erwin Lutzer, *The Da Vinci Deception* (Tyndale, 2004)

- 5) Josh McDowell, *The DaVinci Code: A Quest for Answers* (Holiday, FL: Green Key Books, 2006)
- 6) Karl Payne, *The Da Vinci Code* (TCT, PO Box 31, Redmond, WA, 98073-0031).