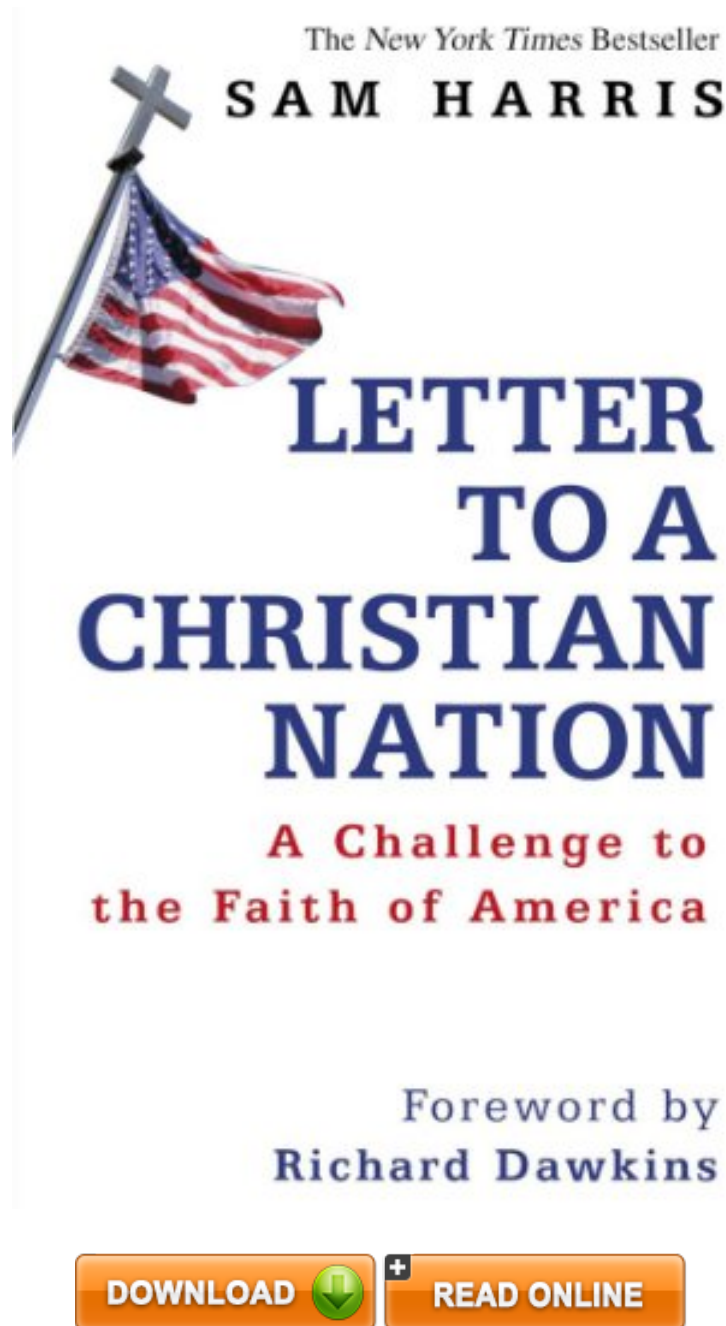


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weiterempfehlen. Echt interessant.41 von 42 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Every Religious Person Should Read this Book Von J. Osborn Sam Harris says what a lot of us have been thinking, but have been afraid to say in public. In this concise book, Harris directly attacks the very foundation of religious faith. One might expect such a book to be either mean-spirited or intentionally provocative. Christian Nation is neither, although some will experience it that way. Harris sticks to the facts. He does not believe that religious faith, including but certainly not limited to Christianity, is good for people. Harris is concerned with reducing human suffering and increasing human happiness. He agrees that many of the things that Jesus said about love and kindness are indeed valuable and wise. He points out, however, that the Bible contains much, much more than love and kindness. It contains cruelty, such as slavery, and pointless rules, such as the ban on graven images. In the end, Harris argues, religious faith, or any belief that is not based on evidence and reason, does not make sense and will ultimately lead to unnecessary suffering. No doubt, many good and loving people would be offended or hurt if they read this book. But that simply proves Harris' point. These people have been so blinded by faith that they cannot even consider the possibility they have been led astray. Hopefully, a good number of religious people will muster the courage to read the book anyway.56 von 59 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Nur wenn man schreit,... Von Michael Dienstbier Vor zwei Jahren brachte Sam Harris sein Buch "The End of Faith" auf den Markt. Das Ergebnis ist, dass er heute nur noch von einem Leibwächter begleitet sein Haus verlassen kann. Harris' kompromisslose Abrechnung mit der Irrationalität und den Gefahren der drei monotheistischen Religionen hat in den USA vielen Menschen vor den Kopf gestoßen. Und auch sein neues Buch "Letter to a Christian Nation" wird nicht gerade die Herzen der Evangelikalen im Sturm erobern. In einem imaginären Brief an einen (amerikanischen) Christen bringt Harris seine vernichtende Kritik präzise auf den Punkt. "Christians have abused, oppressed, enslaved, insulted, tormented, tortured, and killed people in the name of God for centuries, on the basis of a theologically defensible reading of the Bible" (23). Auf nur knapp 90 Seiten zeigt Harris zuerst anhand einiger Passagen aus dem Alten und Neuen Testament, dass sich die Bibel mitnichten dazu eignet, als Grundlage von moralischen und ethischen Handlungsmaximen anerkannt zu werden. Noch heftiger geht Harris mit den schwachsinnigen Dogmen des Islam ins Gericht, die jedes auch noch so brutale und menschenverachtende Verbrechen mit irgendeinem Koranvers zu rechtfertigen wissen. Als Grundbel sieht der Autor die Entstehung jeder monotheistischen Religion, dass Zweifel an der jeweiligen "Wahrheit" etwas Negatives und Verdammungswürdiges darstellen. Religion ist der einzige Lebensbereich, in dem der Glaube an etwas, was nicht nachgewiesen werden kann, nicht nur akzeptiert, sondern gar als eine Leistung betrachtet wird. Seine Position als Atheist definiert Harris folgendermaßen: "Atheism is nothing more than the noise reasonable people make in the presence of unjustified religious beliefs" (51). Fazit: Diese kurze Darstellung ist primär an ein amerikanisches Publikum gerichtet, wo die Anzahl derjenigen, die die Evolutionslehre ablehnen und ernsthaft glauben, dass die Welt vor 6000 Jahren innerhalb von sieben Tagen geschaffen wurde, geradezu obszön hoch ist. Wer mehr an der Thematik interessiert ist, dem seien die ausführlicheren Darstellungen "Breaking the Spell" von Daniel Dennett und "The God Delusion" von Richard Dawkins empfohlen, die beide erst dieses Jahr auf den Markt gekommen sind.

Kurzbeschreibung "A hard-hitting polemic against religious fundamentalism" - Foreword by Richard Dawkins "Thousands of people have written to tell me that I am wrong not to believe in God. The most hostile of these communications have come from Christians. This is ironic, as Christians generally imagine that no faith imparts the virtues of love and forgiveness more effectively than their own. The truth is that many who claim to be transformed by Christ's love are deeply, even murderously, intolerant of criticism. While we may want to ascribe this to human nature, it is clear that such hatred draws considerable support from the Bible. How do I know this? The most disturbed of my correspondents always cite chapter and verse. 'So begins Letter to a Christian Nation, Sam Harris's hard-hitting rebuttal of religious fundamentalism and blind belief. With deceptively simple arguments, he demolishes the myths on which Christianity was built, challenges believers to open their eyes to the contradictions of their faith and warns us of the dangers of America's ever increasing unification of Church and State. Sam Harris is the author of the New York Times bestseller The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason and winner of the 2005 PEN/Martha Albrand Award for First Non-fiction. He is a graduate in philosophy from Stanford University and is now completing a doctorate in neuroscience. He lives in New York. www.samharris.org Pressestimmen "I dare you to read this book... it will not leave you unchanged. Read it if it is the last thing you do" (Richard Dawkins) "Sam Harris's elegant little book is the most refreshing and wonderful source of ammunition for those who, like me, hold to no religious doctrine... Read it and form your own view, but do not ignore its message" (Roger Penrose) "Sam Harris is a brave, intelligent, clear-sighted author whose brilliant essay should be read by every adult who has ever believed that a religious faith can solve the world's problems" (Desmond Morris) "Harris and (Richard) Dawkins both share a wonderfully refreshing refusal to parse their language into more saccharine statements... Guaranteed to enrage all but the most delusional theist" (Irish Independent) "Harris picks apart the very seams of Christian belief in such a convincing fashion that any shred of belief I had has now been obliterated. This is a good thing. We only get one life - why waste one minute of it

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