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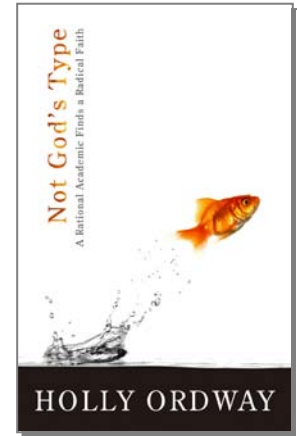
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Brief Description

Holly Ordway should never have become a Christian. A young, white, highly educated atheist and professor of English, she represents the kind of person that many observers of religion say cannot be converted anymore—A demographic supposedly beyond the reach of the church in postmodern America. Yet through a series of conversations with a wise and patient mentor, Holly not only became convinced of God's existence, but also embraced Jesus as her Savior and Lord. In this memoir of her conversion, she turns her analytical mind toward the path that leads from darkness to light—from death to life. Simultaneously encouraging and bracing, she offers a bold testimony to the ongoing power of the gospel—a gospel that can humble and transform even self-assured, accomplished, and secular-minded young professionals like herself.



Author Information

DR. HOLLY ORDWAY (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Massachusetts Amherst), once hostile to Christianity, was finally challenged to take up the question of what is actually true: atheism or theism. Her desire for truth took her on an intellectual and emotional journey from atheism to faith in Christ as her Lord and Savior. She is currently a professor at a community college, a lay reader and the parish librarian at her church, and a competitive sabre fencer.

Suggested Interview Questions:

1. You were a serious atheist, and hostile to Christianity. What got you started on the road to Christianity?
2. What was the biggest roadblock that you had to overcome before committing your life to Christ?
3. Why did you become a Christian, specifically? Did you consider other religions?
4. Who were some of the most influential thinkers to you in your journey to faith? What were some of the ideas that they conveyed that made the biggest impact?
5. Who are the most influential thinkers to you now?
6. You are studying apologetics now; why did you start, and how do you plan to use that training in the future?
7. Now that you are a Christian, how do you deal with things you don't understand? How do you deal with doubt?
8. How do you define "faith"?
9. You became a Christian largely by way of intellectual arguments. What would you say to people who come to faith emotionally, or because they are raised in the church?
10. What has been most influential in your growth in the Christian life?
11. Atheism is growing more popular with books from Dawkins, Hitchens, and others. Why do you think that is the case, and what should we do about it?