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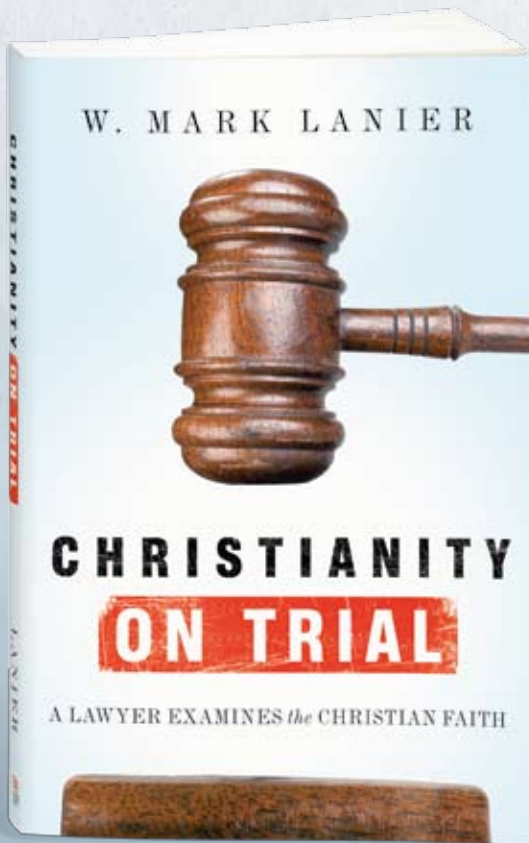
**NOW HE DEFENDS**  
**THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

*“Mark Lanier is uniquely qualified to give God a fair hearing today. His skills as a trial lawyer are renowned. . . . Christianity on Trial is a great read for any wishing to examine the compelling evidence about Jesus Christ and reach a verdict about his claim on people’s lives.”*

—SIMON VIBERT, vice principal, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford



## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A DISTINGUISHED TRIAL LAWYER TAKES HIS LEGAL SKILLS INTO THE COURTROOM OF CHRISTIANITY?



**Does the Christian faith hold up under scrutiny?** What does science tell us about the plausibility of a god? Can we trust the alleged eyewitness testimony of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus?

Today’s generation wants answers to these questions—solidified in fact and evidence. W. Mark Lanier gives us just that, using his experienced legal eye to examine the plausibility of the Christian faith.

Following the format of a **traditional legal trial**, Lanier takes us from opening statement to closing summation by way of testimony from well-known witnesses. These sources and many others investigate the sticky subjects of the Christian worldview that are commonly scrutinized by skeptics or overlooked by marginal believers.

Lanier presents a **persuasive case for the Christian faith** and leaves it up to us to choose what is worthy of belief and what is not. *Christianity on Trial* provides a thought-provoking starting point in the search for truth.



*“Like a lot of people who study religion, you question your faith and beliefs. I’ve been through the questioning, and I’m more convinced than ever that there’s truth in who God is. It is the driving force behind who I am and what I do.”*

—W. MARK LANIER in the *Houston Chronicle*



Hailed as a “superstar among plaintiff’s lawyers” by the *National Law Journal*, Lanier is an acclaimed trial lawyer and the founder of the **Lanier Law Firm**, with offices in New York, Texas and California. Lanier’s illustrious reputation has been widely recognized with national accolades and is based on his courtroom battles with powerhouses such as **Vioxx and Toyota**.

As well as being featured prominently in dozens of newspapers and journals, Lanier is a frequent guest on television news shows such as **CNBC’s *Squawk Box*, Fox News’ *Your World with Neil Cavuto* and Fox Business News’ highly rated *Varney and Company* with Stuart Varney.**

Even with his storied career, practicing law is just a day job for Lanier.

His lifelong commitment to Christianity and his undergraduate education in biblical languages have nurtured his passion for developing his faith and sharing it with others. In 2010, he founded the **Lanier Theological Library**, one of the nation’s largest private theological collections, which houses over 70,000 books, biblical artifacts and museum-quality reproductions of ancient documents.

An ordained minister, Lanier teaches a weekly 750-member Sunday school class at Champion Forest Baptist Church and also founded the **Christian Trial Lawyers Association**, a network of principled attorneys who minister to others through civic-minded endeavors. Above all, Lanier possesses the legal expertise and a passion for justice and truth that the headlines can’t begin to capture.



*“Authored by one of the nation’s leading trial lawyers, Christianity on Trial brilliantly employs the truth-finding methods of the legal process to produce an eminently readable, highly persuasive work. . . . In his inimitable fashion, Mark Lanier combines his superb expertise as a courtroom lawyer with profound knowledge of biblical scholarship and thoughtful reflection on daily life. ”*

—**KEN STARR**, former solicitor general of the United States and current president of Baylor University

## KEY WITNESSES CALLED TO THE STAND

- Bible scholar and translator **J. B. PHILLIPS**
- **ALBERT EINSTEIN**
- British physicist **SIR JOHN POLKINGHORNE**
- Ancient Greek philosopher **HERACLITUS**
- **CHARLES DARWIN**
- Humanist **THOMAS HUXLEY**
- World-renowned linguist **NOAM CHOMSKY**
- **PLATO**
- **FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE**
- French philosopher **RENÉ DESCARTES**
- Oxford philosopher **NICK BOSTRAM**
- **SOCRATES**
- **ADOLF HITLER** and the Third Reich
- Behavioral psychologist **B. F. SKINNER**
- **MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE** and **JOHN**

## TALKING POINTS

- Why did a top trial lawyer decide to write a book about the Christian faith? Isn't that the jurisdiction of the theologian?
- How did making this case for Christianity compare to Lanier's other trials, like the Toyota or Vioxx cases?
- What is legal "burden of proof" and how is it used to make a case for Christianity?
- What is the difference between direct evidence and circumstantial evidence? How can such evidence be used to examine God and the Christian faith?

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