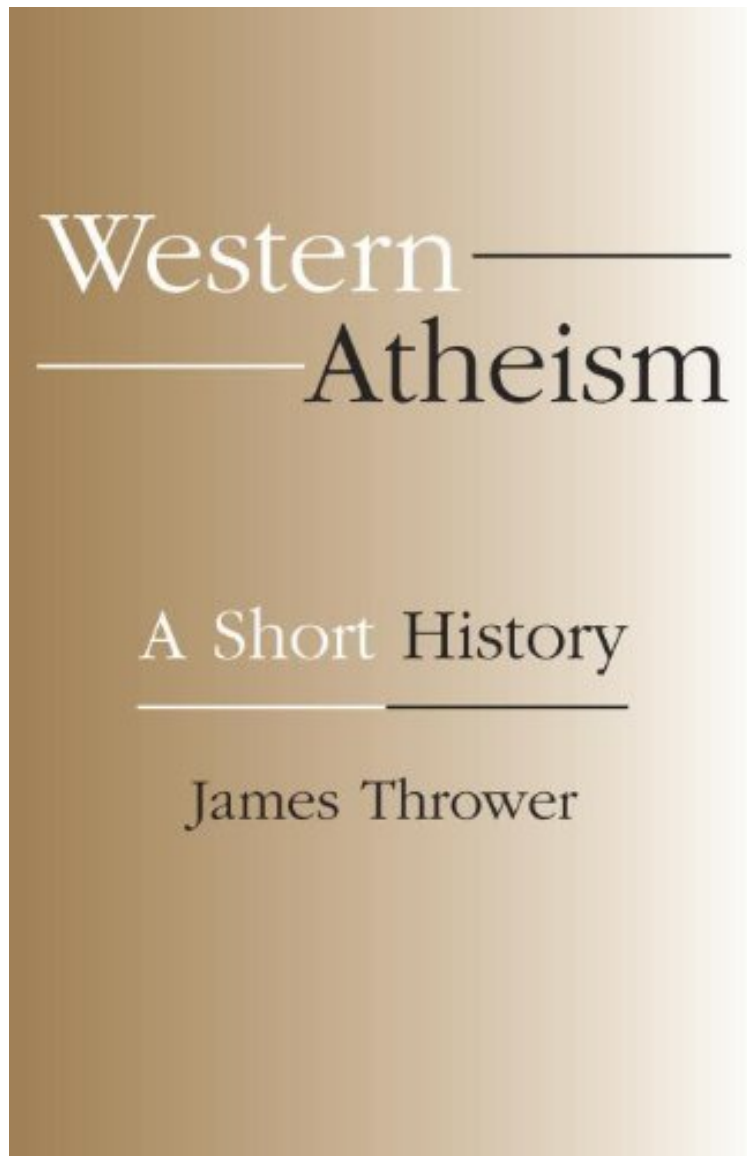


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Understanding those that do not BelieveVon D.CaracciloThe intellectual status of "unbelief" rose significantly in
Western Europe as a result of the clash in the Middle Ages between the powerful force of faith and the emerging but

still limited influence of reason. James Thrower, a professor of the history of religions at King's College at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland offers an account of unbelief - "the naturalistic alternative." *Western Atheism: A Short History* examines the thinkers (of the likes of Nietzsche, Epicurus, Philo, Drachmann, Dostoyevsky, Aristotle, and Ayer) and schools by illustrating the leading issues separating the theist from the atheist and agnostic. It sheds light on world events and inconsistencies inherent in supernaturalism and theistic theories. Exploring a premise that atheism is far from strictly a modern phenomenon, Thrower, who also taught at the universities of Ghana, Durham, Leningrad, and Gdansk, conveys that the thinking of "a world stripped of the divine" is nearly as old as Western thought itself. Furthermore, "Thrower discusses atheism both as a reaction to belief and as a separate and consistent form of belief" individual from theism. He contributes that reason, science, and humanity's endless search for knowledge as the catalyst for the transformation of "disbelief" as a predominate opposition to the religious outlook on life to take on a more positive attitude, gradually evolving into a worldview independent of any and all religious interpretations. *Western Atheism* explores the thought that deliberate denial of the existence of a Being, who is responsible for the activity of nature and for the course of history, presupposes a systemic analysis and explanation of natural and historical phenomena as the necessary effects of existing uncreated causes. In short, it is an appeal to ensure scholars understand that, much like theology, atheism can no longer operate simply within the parameters of Western tradition.

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