

# FAITH (IN)FORMING

## FREE Lecture Series

### The Secular Creed: Engaging Contemporary Challenges to Christian Faith

It used to be that people thought North America was getting more and more secular. Today we see that actually the world is more religious than ever. Statements of faith are everywhere today. Here are some we might see on our morning drive:

***Science is Real | Black Lives Matter | Love is Love  
Women's Rights are Human Rights | Kindness is Everything***

These statements represent a kind of Modern Western creed; a secular creed. Like all beliefs, they carry important convictions about the world. They also include criticisms of Christianity. How do we respond? Usually by rejecting them outright; putting up walls and making counter-claims of our own. But this posture helps no one. Join us as Dr. Rebecca McLaughlin invites us into a different approach.

It's vital that we as Christians learn to lovingly untangle the claim that "Black Lives Matter" from the claim that "Love is Love," to affirm equality for women while also being womb-to-tomb pro-life, and to love people who identify with different sexual identities.

Rebecca will encourage us to resist simply defending our tribe, but rather to take secular criticism of the church seriously. Join us as Rebecca helps us to understand these complex issues better and more biblically ourselves. Hopefully, so we can talk more helpfully with others.



**Dr. Rebecca McLaughlin**  
**Apologist, Author, and Speaker**

Rebecca McLaughlin holds a Ph.D. in Renaissance Literature from Cambridge University and a theology degree from Oak Hill College in London. She is the author of *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion* (2019), which was named book of the year by *Christianity Today*, and of *10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) about Christianity* (2021), *The Secular Creed: Engaging 5 Contemporary Claims* (2021), and *Is Christmas Unbelievable? Four Questions Everyone Should Ask About the World's Most Famous Story* (2021). She lives in Cambridge Massachusetts with her husband Bryan, and their three children.

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