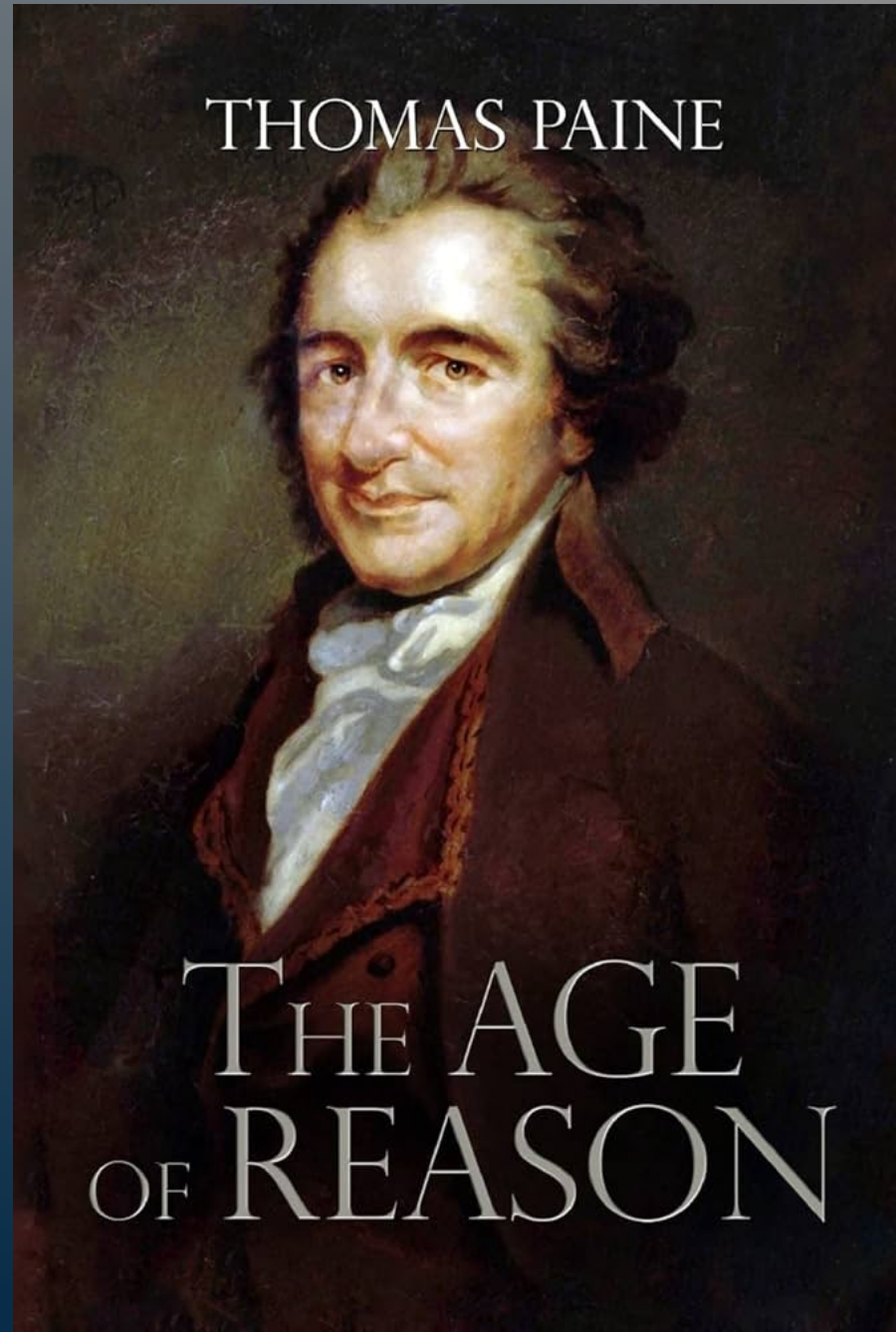


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THE AGE
OF REASON





“The God of the Old Testament is arguable the most unpleasant character in all of fiction.”

Richard Dawkins



*Many have denied Christ's deity but
have admired his morality.*

*-Jesus' claims don't allow that as an
option-*



We want certainty

Denial

Disengagement

Despair



We can have certainty of:

Who Jesus is

Knowing we have eternal life

"What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have observed and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—that life was revealed, and we have seen it and we testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—what we have seen and heard we also declare to you, so that you may also have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete."



*Eternal life is not just “more” it is
“different”*

Three tests

1 John 2

1. *The moral test: Obedience 3-6*

2. *The social test: Love 7-11*

3. *The doctrinal test: Truth 18-27*

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1.They help us make sense out of what we are seeing.

They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

1 John 2:19



1. They help us make sense out of what we are seeing.

2. They help us train.



"I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

1 John 5:13



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FITNESS TESTS RESUME



SIT-UPS
20 POINTS



PUSH-UPS
20 POINTS



RUN
60 POINTS

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A very low bar





Jesus said, "You have heard it said, love your neighbor and hate your enemy, I say, love your enemy."

A very high bar.

“Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

-Jesus-

Matthew 5:48

Three tests

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1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



How can this be?

The gospel has not failed!



How do I train for godliness?

Training grows confidence!