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| **Why Progressives Need God** An ethical defence of monotheism  Jonathan Clatworthy  Environmental destruction, poverty in the midst of obscene wealth, one war after another. Our biggest crises are getting worse. Secularism makes this inevitable by denying any moral authority higher than the ruling classes. By contrast, religious traditions offer accounts of who made us, for what purpose and how we should live, but whilst some are more constructive than others it is only monotheism, defined as divine harmony, that provides the philosophical and ethical framework necessary for people to lead better lives. Drawing on cultural analysis, political philosophy, Christian apologetics and theodicy the author shows why, in order to resolve our crises, progressives need to reaffirm the goodness of the natural environment as a blessing from a good god.  **Author Bio** Jonathan Clatworthy is a theologian promoting liberal approaches to Christianity and seeking to engage creatively with contemporary social issues. He lives in Liverpool, UK. Online: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/jonathan.clatworthy.90), [Author Website](http://www.clatworthy.org), [Blog](http://www.modernchurch.org.uk)  **Previous Titles** Making Sense of Faith in God (9780281064045), SPCK, 2012. Liberal Faith in a Divided Church (9781846941160), O-Books, 2008. The Windsor Report: A Liberal Response (1905047290), O-Books, 2005.  **Endorsements** *In this extraordinarily wide-ranging study, Jonathan Clatworthy presents the case that ethics, taken seriously, requires monotheism as its foundation. He surveys various kinds of theism and atheism, and shows that monotheism makes more sense of the world than any variety of secularism. A challenging and important book, accessible to anyone interested in ultimate questions.* ***John Barton, Oriel & Laing Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture (Emeritus), University of Oxford***  **Promotional Plans** Social media promotion across JHP Christianity imprints, alongside author's dedicated personal blog and regular contributions to www.modernchurch.org.uk. Articles for theological, philosophical and political journals and websites. Author is to give a talk on the topic of the book in the July 2017 at the Modern Church conference. Interviews for radio/podcasts.  **USP** Jonathan Clatworthy defends God from a Green and Left political perspective. The book offers well-needed hope for the future of society, by arguing that society can be bettered by the coming together of progressives.  **Competing Books** On the Meaning of Life 9780415248006, by John Cottingham Routledge, 2002  **Categories** RELIGION (General)(REL067030) -> Christian Theology (General)(REL067030) -> Apologetics(REL067030) PHILOSOPHY (General)(PHI005000) -> Ethics & Moral Philosophy(PHI005000) RELIGION (General)(REL084000) -> Religion, Politics & State(REL084000) |  | **Publication Date** November 2017  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78099-774-2 $25.95  |  £14.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 392PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78099-780-3 $9.99  |  £6.99  **Library of Congress** 2016959096 |
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