

# Deism

# Reading List

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Note: This reading list is NOT presented as a definitive canon of deism, nor does it claim to exhaust the range of deistic thought; it is a provisional selection assembled on the basis of personal interest and preference.

The list is compiled in honor of, and with thanks to, the [Classical Deism server](#), whose thoughtful discussions and the people behind them made this possible. Y'all are amazing.

I have also attempted to include multiple accessible formats for each text, including Pdf and online versions where available; if any of these links are inaccessible or insufficient, feel free to reach out.

Ps. Most books are also available on the internet archive! Borrowing books is free. Just sign in with your email. [Internet archive](#)

## On Deism & Against Religion

### *Philosophy Selection*

#### The Age of Reason

*By Thomas Paine*

pdf: [Age of Reason.pdf](#)

Online: [Age of Reason. Online](#)

INTERNET ARCHIVE: [Age of Reason. INTERNET ARCHIVE](#)

#### Oracles of Reason

*By Charles Blount*

pdf: [ORACLES OF REASON. pdf](#)

Online: [ORACLES OF REASON. Online](#)

INTERNET ARCHIVE: [ORACLES OF REASON. INTERNET ARCHIVE](#)

#### REASON, THE ONLY ORACLE OF MAN; OR, A COMPENDIUS SYSTEM OF NATURAL RELIGION

*By Col. Ethan Allen*

pdf: [REASON, THE ONLY ORACLE OF MAN. pdf](#)

Online: [REASON, THE ONLY ORACLE OF MAN. online](#)

INTERNET ARCHIVE: [REASON, THE ONLY ORACLE OF MAN. INTERNET ARCHIVE](#)

#### THE PRINCIPLES OF NATURE, OR A DEVELOPMENT OF THE MORAL CAUSES OF HAPPINESS AND MISERY AMONG THE HUMAN SPECIES

*By Elisha Palmer*

pdf: [PRINCIPLES OF NATURE. pdf](#)

Online: [PRINCIPLES OF NATURE. online](#)

INTERNET ARCHIVE: [PRINCIPLES OF NATURE. INTERNET ARCHIVE](#)

#### De Veritate

*By Lord Derbert of Cherbury*

pdf: [De Veritate.scanned pdf](#)

Online: (couldn't find)

INTERNET ARCHIVE: (couldn't find)

The Principles of Deism Truly Represented, and Set in a Clear Light: In Two Dialogues  
Between a Sceptick and a Deist: The First CONCERNING the Christian Revelation: The Second  
CONCERNING Natural Religion

*By Francis Gastrell*

pdf: [PRINCIPLES OF DEISM. pdf](#)

Online: [PRINCIPLES OF DEISM. online](#)

INTERNET ARCHIVE: [THE PRINCIPLES OF DEISM. INTERNET ARCHIVE](#)

A DISCOURSE OF FREE-THINKING, occasion'd by the rise and growth of a sect call'd  
Free-Thinkers

*By Anthony Collins*

pdf: [A DISCOURSE ON FREE THINKING. pdf](#)

Online: [A DISCOURSE ON FREE THINKING. online](#)

INTERNET ARCHIVE: [A DISCOURSE OF FREE THINKING. INTERNET ARCHIVE](#)

A DISCOURSE OF THE GROUNDS AND REASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN TWO PARTS: TO WHICH IS  
PREFIXED AN APOLOGY FOR FREE DEBATE AND LIBERTY OF WRITING

*By Anthony Collins*

pdf: [A DISCOURSE OF THE GROUNDS AND REASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. pdf](#)

Online: [A DISCOURSE OF THE GROUNDS AND REASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. online](#)

INTERNET ARCHIVE: [A DISCOURSE OF THE GROUNDS AND REASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.  
INTERNET ARCHIVE](#)

FRAGMENTS FROM REIMARUS : CONSISTING OF BRIEF CRITICAL REMARKS ON THE OBJECT OF JESUS AND  
His disciples as seen in the New Testament

*By Hermann Samuel Reimarus*

pdf: [FRAGMENTS FROM REIMARUS. pdf](#)

Online: [FRAGMENTS FROM REIMARUS. online](#)

INTERNET ARCHIVE: [FRAGMENTS FROM REIMARUS. INTERNET ARCHIVE](#)

God and Human Beings

*By Voltaire*

pdf: [God & Human Beings. pdf](#)

Online: (couldn't find)

INTERNET ARCHIVE: (not available)

TOLERATION and other essays (most notable: The Sermon of the Fifty)

*By Voltaire*

pdf: [TOLERATION. pdf](#)

Online: [TOLERATION. online](#)

INTERNET ARCHIVE: [TOLERATION. INTERNET ARCHIVE](#)

GROUNDWORK OF THE METAPHYSIC OF MORALS

*By Immanuel Kant*

pdf: [GROUNDWORK OF THE METAPHYSICS OF MORALS. pdf](#)

Online: [GROUNDWORK OF THE METAPHYSICS OF MORALS. Online](#)

INTERNET ARCHIVE: [GROUNDWORK OF THE METAPHYSICS OF MORALS. INTERNET ARCHIVE](#)

Critique of Pure Reason*By Immanuel Kant*Pdf: [Critique of Pure Reason. pdf](#)Online: [Critique of Pure Reason. online](#)Internet Archive: [Critique of Pure Reason. Internet Archive](#)*Literature Selection (deist themes)*Candide*By Voltaire*Pdf: [Candide. pdf](#)Online: [Candide. online](#)Internet Archive: [Candide. Internet Archive](#)The Jefferson Bible (The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth)*By Thomas Jefferson*Pdf: [Jefferson Bible. pdf](#)Online: [Jefferson Bible. online](#)Internet Archive: [Jefferson Bible. Internet Archive](#)De Rerum Natura (On the Nature of Things)*By Lucretius*Pdf: [On the Nature of Things. pdf](#)Online: [On the Nature of Things. online](#)Internet Archive: [On the Nature of Things. Internet Archive](#)*On History*The Faiths of the Founding Fathers*By David L. Holmes*Pdf: [Faiths of the Founding Fathers. pdf](#)

Online: (not found)

Internet Archive: [Faiths of the Founding Fathers. Internet Archive](#)

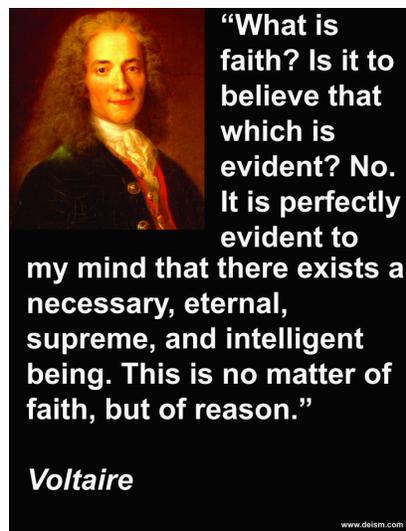
Note: Certain modern and popular-level works have been deliberately OMITTED, as this list is oriented toward texts that exhibit a higher degree of philosophical rigor and are more directly concerned with reason, natural religion, and the intellectual foundations of deistic thought, with the intention of preserving works of quality that uphold a HIGH STANDARD of Reason and ensuring that what is included contributes meaningfully to a serious and structured engagement with the subject.

While preferences may differ, the intention is to maintain a consistent and reasonable standard for inclusion. Recommendations are welcome and will be considered on an individual basis.

Additionally,

The works included vary in their treatment of religion, with some offering critiques of organized religion and others engaging a bit more closely with Christian themes. Their inclusion reflects relevance to the subject in a historical context and does NOT constitute an endorsement of Christian deism

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