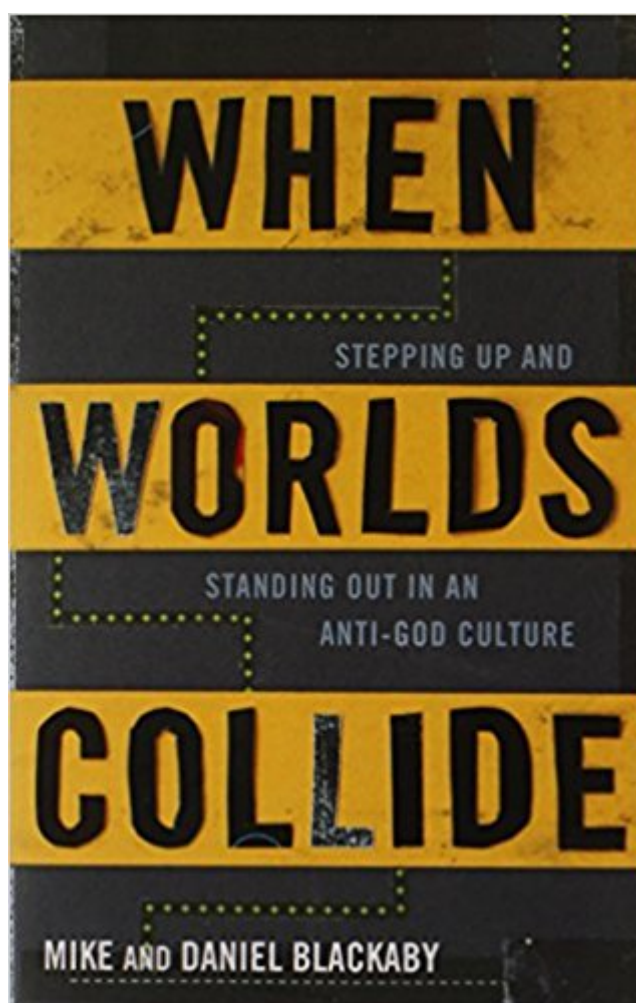


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When Worlds Collide: Stepping Up And Standing Out In An Anti-God Culture



Synopsis

The media-driven world places enormous pressure on people to conform to its secular point of view—and young people are especially susceptible to this ploy. Writing to a student audience, authors Mike and Daniel Blackaby (the grandsons of Experiencing God author Henry Blackaby) explain how Christians typically respond to this pressure in one of three ways, assigning names for each group: "Cave-Ins" are Christians who accept the world's values and compromise their faith or abandon it altogether. "Cave-Dwellers" are believers who fear the world and seek to insulate themselves from it and its influence as much as possible. "Colliders" are the Christians who remain true to their faith yet effectively engage the world and are used by God to change peoples' lives. When Worlds Collide is the Blackabys' case for becoming a Collider. In chapters packed with story-based devotional thoughts, plenty of humor, and easy steps for application, they prove it's possible to live an authentic Christian life that meets the world head-on without spiritual compromise.

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Customer Reviews

Mike Blackaby is the college and young adult pastor at First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Georgia, a youth conference speaker, and graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div.). He loves to play music and will ride any roller coaster as long as someone goes with him. Daniel Blackaby is a student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary near San

Francisco, California, and an avid musician. He loves dusty old classic literature. He is also an author of young-adult fantasy; the first book of his debut series *The Lost City Chronicles* will be published June 5, 2012. Both men are also speakers with Blackaby Ministries International led by their father Richard Blackaby and grandfather Henry Blackaby, coauthors of the best-selling book and Bible study *Experiencing God*.

Written in a brisk style, including numerous funny anecdotes, culture clips from history and literature and current pop culture, this book has it all. The authors present a poignant summary of the spiritual condition (apathy, anger, fear) that envelopes most young people. The book helps young readers to see how they have been responding to Christ, which then determines how they live out their faith. They will ultimately choose to cave in and fall away from their faith, or they will huddle together with other believers in an attempt at self-presentation. OR as the authors show, young people can do as the Bible says, and be 'in the world but not of the world.' If they live this way, their faith will make an impact on other young people who are desperate to know God, (or to reconnect with Him after a season away). Funny, honest, and well-informed - the authors provide much food for thought - as well as practical suggestions for action. Worthwhile read.

I bought this book on my kindle. It is an entertaining book written by two brothers on their spiritual growth as they were growing up and giving advice for teenage/ college age readers. It was good enough that I bought a paperback copy for my two sons to read.

I was very pleased as a mother to see my 12/13 year old son so joyfully dive into a book, especially one of this purpose. The applications to every day life are practical as well as entertaining for kids. The spiritual insight is very well conveyed for a book addressing a youth audience.

I'm a mom of a teenaged girl, and I am a youth leader so I try to make sure I'm at least aware of what's going on in today's "pop culture" since I know so well that pop culture definitely has influence over today's youth. If you don't believe me, turn on any television program, listen to any radio station,...better yet...just ask your kids! Everyday our kids are colliding head on with the world when it comes to pop culture. Authors Mike and Daniel Blackaby have written a great book on how youth may "embrace" pop culture, while at the same time staying true to their Christian faith. Having watched these two young men grow up in our church, (I heard them each preach their first sermon), to now seeing how God is using them both in ministry, I can testify to their Godly character! Their

book is a must-read for today's youth, college and career, and parent. Mike and Dan have stood true to their Christian heritage and to their beliefs while still running around in Star Wars and Harry Potter paraphernalia :) What I appreciate about Mike and Daniel is their self-deprecating humour sprinkled liberally throughout the book. They don't take themselves too seriously, but they are very serious when it comes to young people "colliding" intentionally with the world. As Mike and Dan write in their book: "Surely nothing galls (or delights) the world more than Christians who act holy on Sunday but live the rest of the week the same way everyone else does. It's something to think about when we are tempted to "blend in so we can witness." Should we wonder when the world concludes: "If their faith is so important, why do they try so hard to act just like us?" This is a must-read book for youth, college and career and parents alike!

The book is very relevant to today. The authors are funny and amazing story tellers, tying each story in to the points they're making.

This is a wonderful book. Very convicting. It geared for 18-23 but I really enjoyed it and I am in 40's. Worth the time to read! :0)

Incredible read. Love the analogy of the cave and the 3 different ways we participate in that. Read this book.

Excellent book for teenager going to college.

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