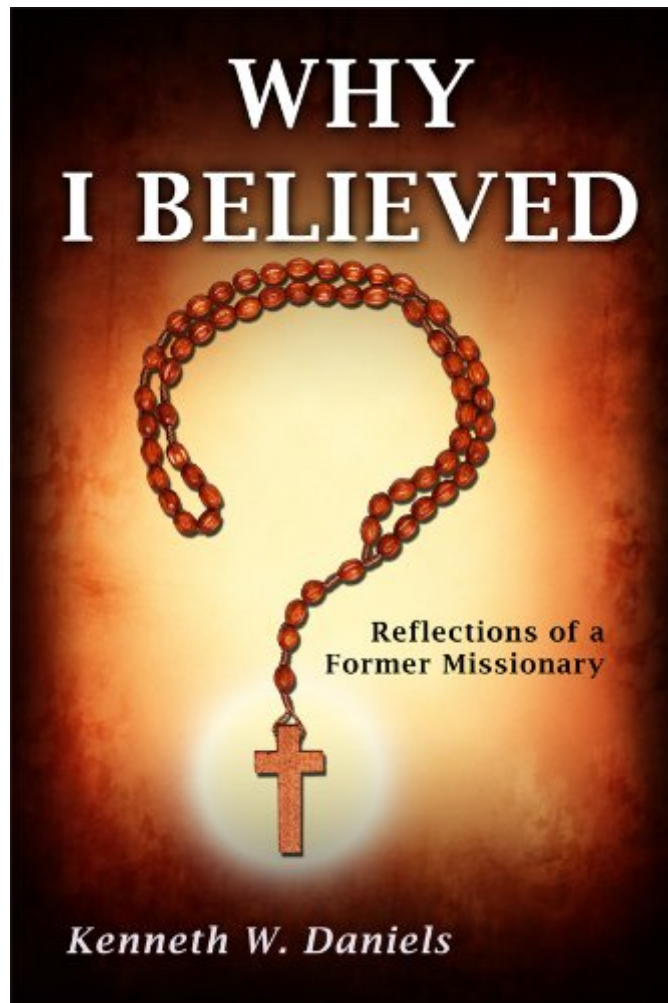


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Ken Daniels has produced a powerful work that will give Christian readers much to think about. "Why I Believed: Reflections of a Former Missionary" is an important book that should be widely read. The author's approach is gentle and honest while still managing to be unflinching and thorough. As a former fundamentalist Christian missionary who devoted far more time and energy

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