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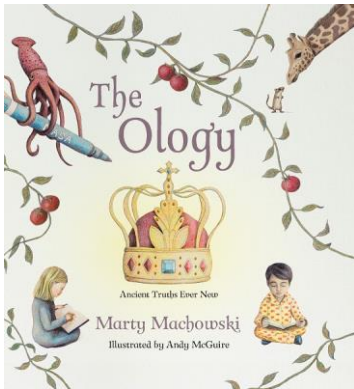


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PRESS RELEASE

Children can understand the deep truths of the Bible

Theology comes to life in this new book from acclaimed children's author Marty Machowski



Seattle: Theology is brought to life for young people in the new book ***The Ology*** (New Growth Press/October 19, 2015/ISBN: 9781942572282/\$29.99), penned by celebrated children's author **Marty Machowski**, with stunning illustrations by Andy McGuire.

The Ology is the first of its kind — a systematic theology book designed specifically for young people between the ages of 6 and 12. One might think the topic is too complicated for young minds, but Machowski disagrees. "It sounds more complicated than it really is. Theology is just the study of God, and systematic is simply study in a logical, organized way. We teach kids about God, one step at a time. We start at the beginning with God, who created the world, and end with the promise that Jesus is returning again."

The book begins with a tale sure to draw in every young mind: In the cellar of an old stone cathedral, two children discover an ancient book that ushers them into a story of adventure, mystery and wonder. Together they discover life-changing truths about God, themselves and the world around them.

The Ology arrives during a time when society is presenting many values that run counter to how Christian parents want their children to view the world and themselves. It's never been more important for kids to grasp important topics such as how God created Adam and Eve in His image — that they were the first husband and wife, the nature of sin, and our need for salvation. An early understanding of these important spiritual concepts will begin to build our children's worldview during the critical formative years.

The Ology is also unique in that it includes built-in adaptations that make it captivating for younger kids while still stimulating for preteens. The book is subtly layered; from McGuire's beautiful colored pencil-over-watercolor pictures, to the Bible references sprinkled throughout and the study guide in the back with probing questions, the book can be enjoyed and explored by the whole family. Even moms and dads will benefit from this easy-to-understand, step-by-step explanation of God and how he relates to all of us.

Machowski joins parents in their desire to foster a love in their kids for the Bible. "Parents want to see their children develop a love for God and live for him," states Machowski. "That can't happen without teaching them good theology and giving them the gospel message. *The Ology* only scratches the surface of a gold mine that runs miles deep. God's Word is an inexhaustible deposit of truth. I'm just opening a door to an eternity-long study of God."

For more information about *The Ology*, visit www.newgrowthpress.com. Also visit Marty Machowski's online home at www.martymachowski.com and follow him on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/martymachowski).

Advance Praise

"This is a wonderful new book that will equip parents for the task of discipleship and also help children immerse themselves in the Christian worldview."

~ R. Albert Mohler, Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

"There are many good theologians in the church today, and many teachers who love children. But few are a combination of both like Marty Machowski. I am delighted to commend this engaging resource to help all of us know and worship the God of the Bible!"

~ Justin Taylor, managing editor, *ESV Study Bible*; coauthor, *The Final Days of Jesus*

"I love Marty Machowski's books, and even better, so do my children. *The Ology* is another beautiful and creative book meant to expose children to the deepest and most important truths. I am reading it with my children and would encourage you to do the same."

~ Tim Challies, blogger at www.challies.com

About the Author



Marty Machowski is a family life pastor at Covenant Fellowship Church in Glen Mills, PA, where he has served on the pastoral staff for more than 20 years. As leader of their children's ministry, Promise Kingdom, he has worked for many years to develop kids' Bible curriculum and devotional material that connect church and home. His passion is equipping families to understand the Bible as one gospel story and help them share that with their children.

He is the author of the Gospel Story for Kids series, which includes *The Gospel Story Bible*, *Long Story Short*, *Old Story New* and the *Gospel Story Curriculum*, as well as the Advent devotional and curriculum *Prepare Him Room*.

Machowski, his wife, Lois, and their six children reside in West Chester, PA.

Suggested interview questions

- For many adults, the thought of picking up a book on systematic theology can be overwhelming. Why write a book of systematic theology for children?
- How were you able to make the more complex biblical topics some adults wrestle with accessible to children?
- You've said parents are teaching theology to their kids during everyday interactions. Can you share an example of what that looks like for you as you parent your children?
- Tell us about the story that introduces young readers to *The Ology*.
- How did you manage to make *The Ology* connect just as well with a 4-year-old as with a 6th grader?
- How is this book designed to be read with younger children? What elements can be added for teens?
- Why was a companion worship CD developed for *The Ology*, and how do you recommend parents use it?
- The illustrations in the book by Andy McGuire are beautiful and unique; tell us about your collaboration you chose which pictures would enhance different points of theology.
- You have written a number of books and curriculum teaching the Bible and theology to children. Why is this a particular passion for you?
- What makes *The Ology* unique from other books written for children?
- You start *The Ology* with a beautiful dedication. Can you tell us who Carl Rausch was and how he influenced your faith?
- How did you organize the topics addressed in the book, and why did you put the Bible section last?
- What have you heard from adults about what they've gleaned from *The Ology* while reading it with their kids?
- What is your favorite part of *The Ology*?
- How do you hope *The Ology* impacts children's lives?

Marty Machowski is available for interviews to promote the release of *The Ology*. To request a review copy or schedule an interview, please contact Audra Jennings, audra@liffusegroup.com.