

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT GEOFF CROCKER'S

## *An Enlightened Philosophy*

REFUSING TO SETTLE for the nihilism and amorality implicit in much postmodern culture and thought, Geoff Crocker seeks to steer a pathway between traditional theistic religion and other non-rationalistic approaches. He sees usefulness in classical religious myths to augment a pure rationalism, providing enrichment and sustenance to the human search for value and ethics. His criticisms of the Church may be bruising for some Christians to read, yet his argument also challenges a value-free postmodernism or neo-rationalism and their application in 'the Market' and popular attitudes to moral discourse. Here is a new and clear voice in popular philosophy that deserves a hearing by religious and non-religious readers seeking to make sense of our world today.

—PAUL ROBERTS, Dean of Non-residential Training, St. Michael's College, Llandaff, Cardiff

GEOFF CROCKER BRINGS A FRESH VOICE to the God debate, arguing that Biblical mythology and critical thinking need not be enemies. (He is) Eloquent and persuasive.

—DAVID BOULTON, Author of *The Trouble with God* and *Who on Earth was Jesus?*

THIS IS A BOOK TO LEAVE YOU REELING, provoked and hopeful. Geoff Crocker embraces the death of God, yet not the simplistic mantras of Dawkins-style "new" atheism. Advocating nothing less than a synthesis of the sacred and the secular, he finds a divine power in religious myth even when its supernatural content is stripped away. Make no mistake: this book pulls no punches in its critique of the church, and many will want to argue with its bold claims. Ultimately, this is a work of profoundly spiritual hope, nothing less than a philosophy of life for disenchanting times.

—STEVEN SHAKESPEARE, Department of Philosophy, Liverpool Hope University

GEOFF CROCKER attempts to synthesize from both ends of the contemporary theistic/atheistic spectrum the moral framework for a viable 21st century living model. Although his timely volume critiques the writings of others, his own voice breaks out to challenge his readers with undisguised passion. His analysis of the Western zeitgeist rings true and he touches some interesting areas of secular and religious life. For lively and open-minded folk, particularly those who can't find the time to digest the plethora of philosophical re-thinking currently hitting the shelves, this book may act as a useful prompt to revisit their trusty traditional moral compass to find it needs considerable adjustment for journeying in a fast-moving new century. —PENNY MAWDSLEY, Chester Humanist Group, author of *The Stain that Won't Wash Out: The Persistence of Religion in our Cultural Fabric*