Koukl's "The story of reality: How the world began, how it ends, and everything important that happens in between" (Book Review)

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Gregory Koukl, founder and president of Stand to Reason along with being an adjunct professor of Christian Apologetics at Biola University, challenges the reader to embrace an understanding of the Christian story. Koukl explains the Christian worldview as a story of reality and divides the book into six parts which are: reality, God, man, Jesus, cross, resurrection. He argues Christians need to grasp the story so truth would be known to Christians and non-Christians. He clarifies misconceptions about the Christian story so individuals view the story as a reality. Kroukl illustrates his argument so the reader has an impression of going through the journey of finding the reality of the Christian story. He concludes that this story it is not the end, but a new story begins when Christ returns.

The reader was left wondering about the Holy Spirit being a part of the Christian story in Koukl’s argument. The absence of the Holy Spirit in Koukl’s work left the reader with an unclear depiction of the Triune God. Even though the audience could be either Christians or non-Christians, it is implied that the intended audience was Christians. The nature of the book serves as an introductory into grasping the Christian worldview and the purpose of the book was achieved. Ideally, the contribution to the field would be to decrease doubt into Christianity and aid as clarity to Christians and non-Christians.

The book provides an option to be used in a small group at a local church because it gives the reader numerous things to ponder and allows for great discussion. The book would benefit an undergraduate apologetics class because it would guide the student to think how he or she is defending the Christian faith. The book challenges a reader to ensure that he or she know the true story of Christianity.

**Reviewer**
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