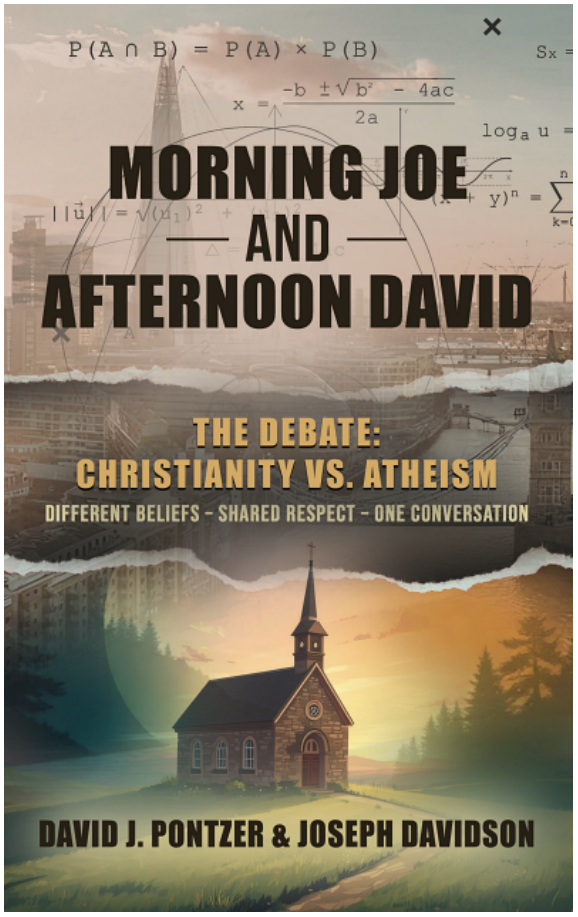


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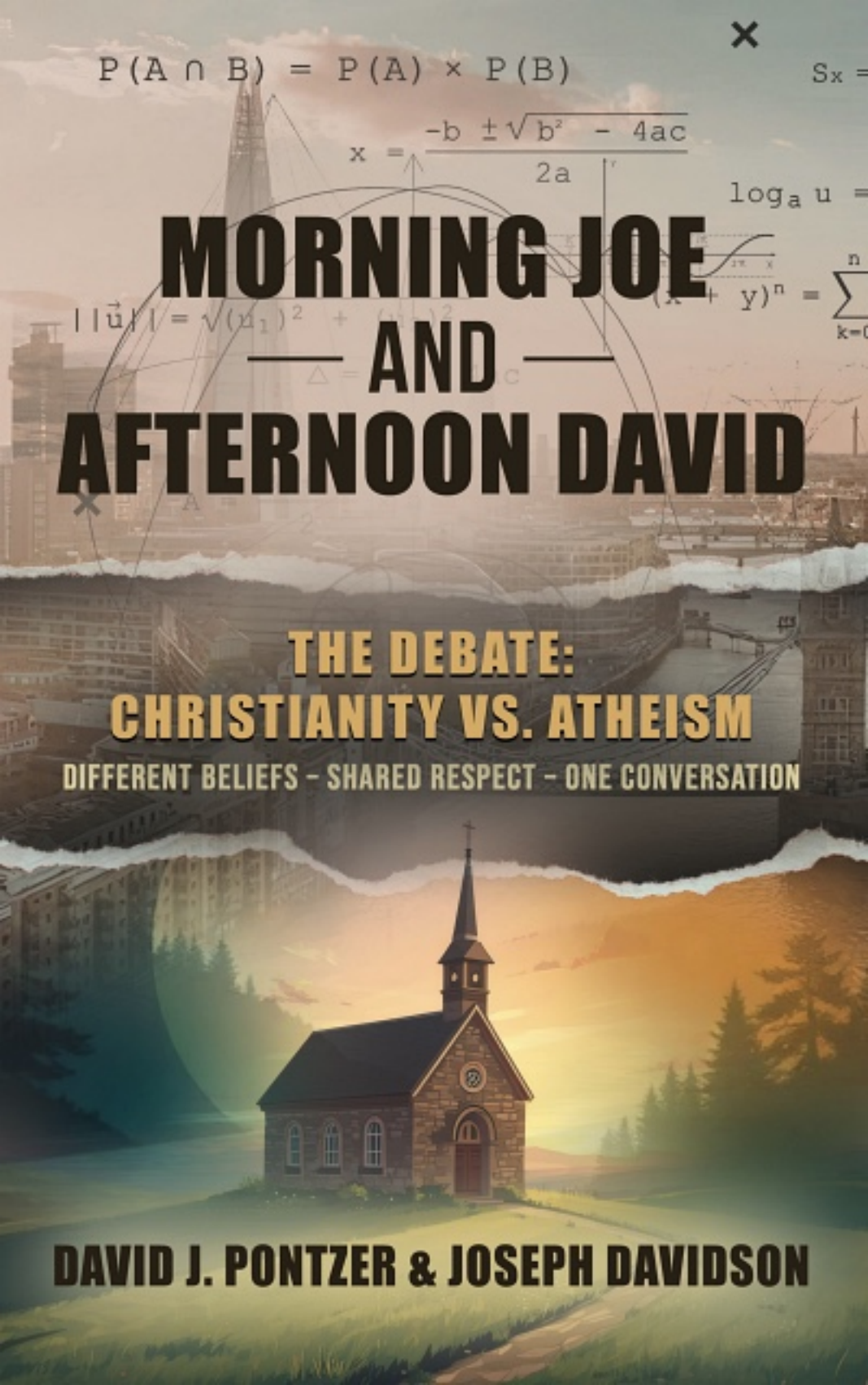
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David's Introduction

On July 1st, 2025, my first book, *The Whispered Shout,* was published. I don't make my living writing books. I don't need the potential income that such an endeavor could deliver. At the same time, I wanted to be faithful regarding the words God has inspired me to write, and I felt I should do something to promote the book. I just wasn't motivated to do any marketing.

Then I had this idea: I could go through my contact list and send a note to everybody I know or used to know. I could tell them that I've written a book and include a link to where they can part with $17.95 if they want to read it. Joe was one of those names on my list.

During most of my career, I worked with Joe. A very smart guy. Joe was a senior engineering manager at one of the factories in England. Over my long career, Joe and I collaborated on several projects; we conducted training conferences together and got along famously. We had a mutual respect for each other professionally, and for whatever reason, we had fun. We both had a lighthearted, don't take this work life too seriously, personality.

Joe is a thoughtful person and a good friend. He is retired now and reading my books. Joe does not believe in God.

For the rest of 2025 and well into 2026, it was "Morning Joe." Roughly once a week, when I sat down with my morning cup of coffee, a newly minted email from Joe appeared on my screen. The time in England is 5 hours later than in Michigan. Perhaps for him, my emailed response was "Afternoon David."

Since both of my books, *The Whispered Shout* and, more recently, *Resolute Joy*, were published, I have been praying that they would serve to nudge readers toward Jesus. I pray that for the believer, my writing would inspire a few life-changing "aha" moments as they seek the kingdom of God. For the non-believer, I pray that the reader would experience God drawing them to the discovery of a relationship with Jesus.

God is answering these prayers. For 12 months, Joe emailed me on a regular basis, chapter by chapter. My assignment, of course, was to type God's reply.

This book is a compilation of our back-and-forth correspondence. Joe asked many questions and expressed his thoughts on a wide range of topics from his unwavering atheist viewpoint. I responded from my rock-solid Christian perspective.

This is the great debate at the fiery junction of the spiritual and the physical. We are all faced with a decision about God, no exceptions. This book is about that decision. Your decision. And once it is made, how your convictions impact your life and the lives of others. Enjoy the read.

Each chapter of this book corresponds to the same chapter in *The Whispered Shout*. A synopsis of the chapter from *The Whispered Shout* is included, followed by the exchange of emails. This synopsis is sufficient to enjoy and understand the issues debated. For a deeper, more nuanced read, pick up a copy of *The Whispered Shout.* Visit DavidPontzer.com, or search for it at your favorite online bookstore.

David J. Pontzer, 2026
DavidPontzer.com



Joe's Introduction

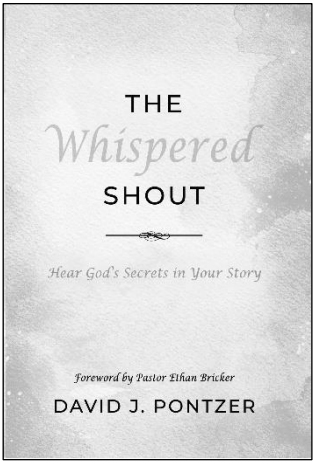
The email from Dave telling me he had written a book and asking me to consider reading it took me by surprise. He is a very talented man to whom the hackneyed phrase of 'thinks outside of the box' actually applies, but that never stretched to book writing in my mind. I was further surprised that the book was one describing his relationship with his God. I never knew he was religious, let alone so enthusiastic a participant in his faith.

I agreed to read the book and give him my feedback. Over the next 12 months or so, we exchanged emails – me giving him my critique of his arguments or use of language, Dave replying with further biblical quotes or other comments. I don't think either of us has changed our positions on faith; however, I do, in some small way, envy Dave's feeling of being loved by a superior being – something an atheist does not experience. I hope my inputs have helped Dave rephrase some of his more strident comments for any rewrites and helped him understand that atheism is a genuine, seriously thought-through belief in itself, not merely someone taking a contrary view of the world.

Dave has been a good friend through the years, whether it was in a pub in Dublin or him showing me the Southern Cross in the Brazilian sky. I wish him nothing but success with his literary efforts, notwithstanding my total rejection of his theories.

Joseph Davidson, 2026

More by David J. Pontzer



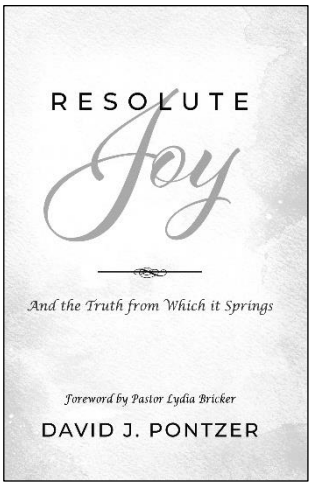
Are you longing for certainty and peace in the messy ambiguity of life? *The Whispered Shout* addresses the fundamental questions of why we exist and what our lives are meant for. His experiences and passion for science and engineering led him to Jesus, launching a lifelong pursuit of the what, why, and how God's kingdom operates in our daily lives. This life-changing account of his journey and the many practical discoveries he made along the way will impact anyone unsure or skeptical of who God is and what His plan is for their life. **https://DavidPontzer.com**

PRAISE FOR *THE WHISPERED SHOUT*

In *The Whispered Shout*, David joins the analytical with the supernatural. His book is packed with wisdom and invites us to perceive faith in a new light. **Pastor Ethan Bricker**

The Whispered Shout is what you get when you have an author who is obviously smart, is really funny ("funny" is different from just having a good sense of humor), REALLY writes well and honestly, and is spiritually mature, but still eager to learn. **El McMeen**

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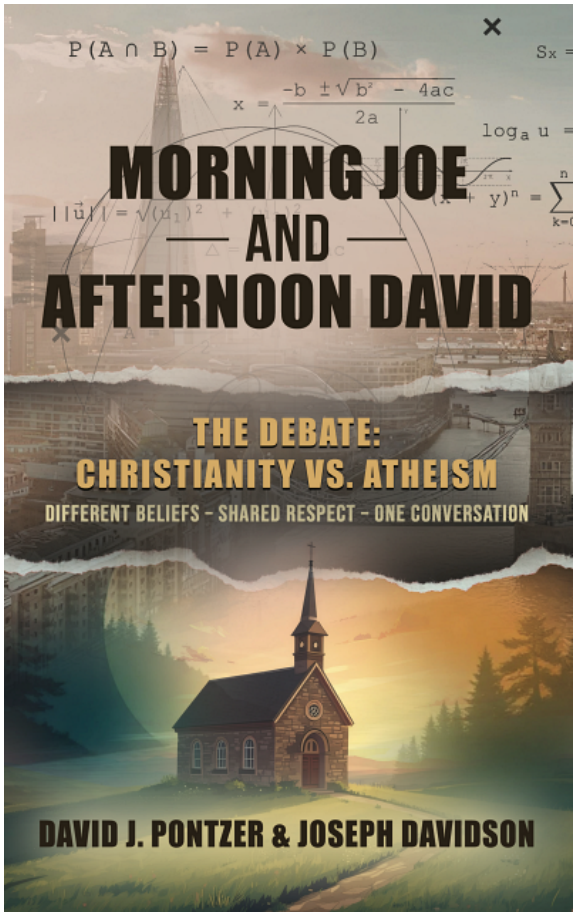
PRAISE FOR *RESOLUTE JOY*

I would scurry page by page with as deep a breath as I could take as I journeyed in finding this joy that is resolute even in the hardest of seasons…Wherever you find yourself, you'll discover as you journey through this book that joy is not a distant prize for the untroubled, but a living well, always present in the One who is true.

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