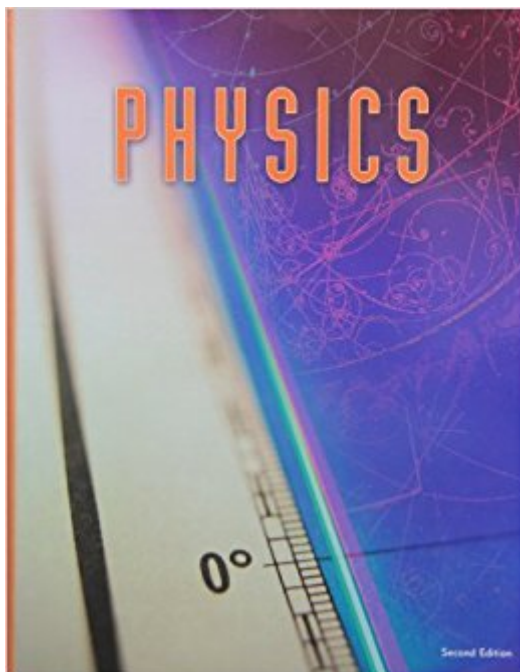


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of them are perverse and unpleasant, overbearing, like next door neighbors or Ann Coulter. I am not sufficiently versed in physics to get down and subject this textbook (from Bob Jones U.) to an Inquisition which religionists might compare to that perpetrated by the Catholic Church upon, say, Galileo*. However, it seems to me that the obiter dicta and outright preachments found throughout this book (not all of them just in sidebars) would not persuade bright youngsters to believe anything that depends upon facts that some religionist thinks he has found *meta ta physica*. The timeline and substance of Bob Jones' physics continues up through Einstein, Niels Bohr and the quantum mobsters. Nothing that I could see had been subtracted, nor, perhaps more to the point, had anything *substantive* been added to this subject, which some of the more backwoods religionists might accuse of being "Another Gospel". We now have people running for President of the United States who might make this accusation, but none of them seem to have been involved in writing this textbook. If you're thinking of brushing up your first year physics and this book falls, gratis, into your hands, give it a look. My only real criticisms would be: 1) the sidebars and godly insertions waste the student's time, without, probably, contributing to belief or disbelief (this negative somewhat balanced by the awareness that people with the right sense of humor might find such stuff refreshingly entertaining), and 2) I wasn't sure how their caveats and pieties (if that's the word) would really be that different from the caveats and pieties the authors might have used around similarly PC Jews or Muslims. An interesting topic, because I do think such an undertaking would have to be different, but that, of course, has nothing to do with physics. *Galileo is dealt with respectfully, and, more to my surprise (since I've heard that he was, in his own way, a believer), the sidebar is written without an undue "Blame the (Catholic) Church!" meme.

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