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About the Author Sam Harris is the author of the bestselling books *The End of Faith*, *Letter to a Christian Nation*, *The Moral Landscape*, and *Lying*. *The End of Faith* won the 2005 PEN Award for Nonfiction. His writing has been published in over fifteen languages. Dr. Harris and his work have been discussed in *The New York Times*, *Scientific American*, *Nature*, *Rolling Stone*, *Newsweek*, *Time*, and many other publications. His writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Times* (London), *The Boston Globe*, *The Atlantic*, *Newsweek*, *Annals of Neurology*, and elsewhere. Dr. Harris is cofounder and CEO of Project Reason, a nonprofit foundation devoted to spreading scientific knowledge and secular values in society. He received a degree in philosophy from Stanford University and a PhD in neuroscience from UCLA. Please visit his website at www.samharris.org.

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