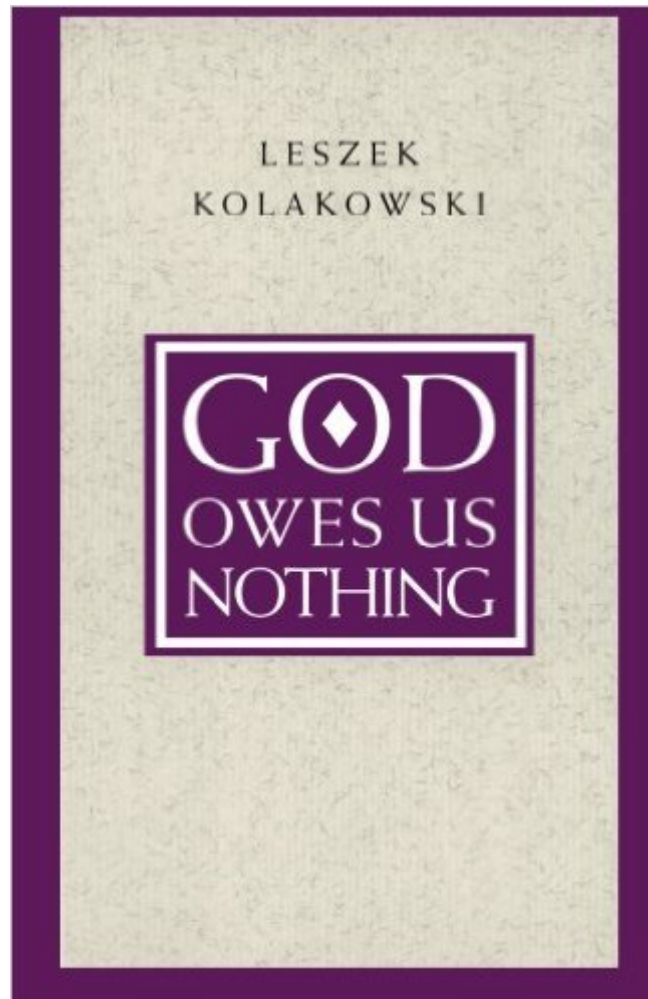


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The quintessential delusion that modern man suffers from is his presupposition that historical criticism must be viewed through the biased eyes of present thought, even and especially when dealing with those dark days before the so-called "Enlightenment". Historical revisionism is a gentleman's game after all, for it provides us with an agreeable assortment of rationalizations for

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