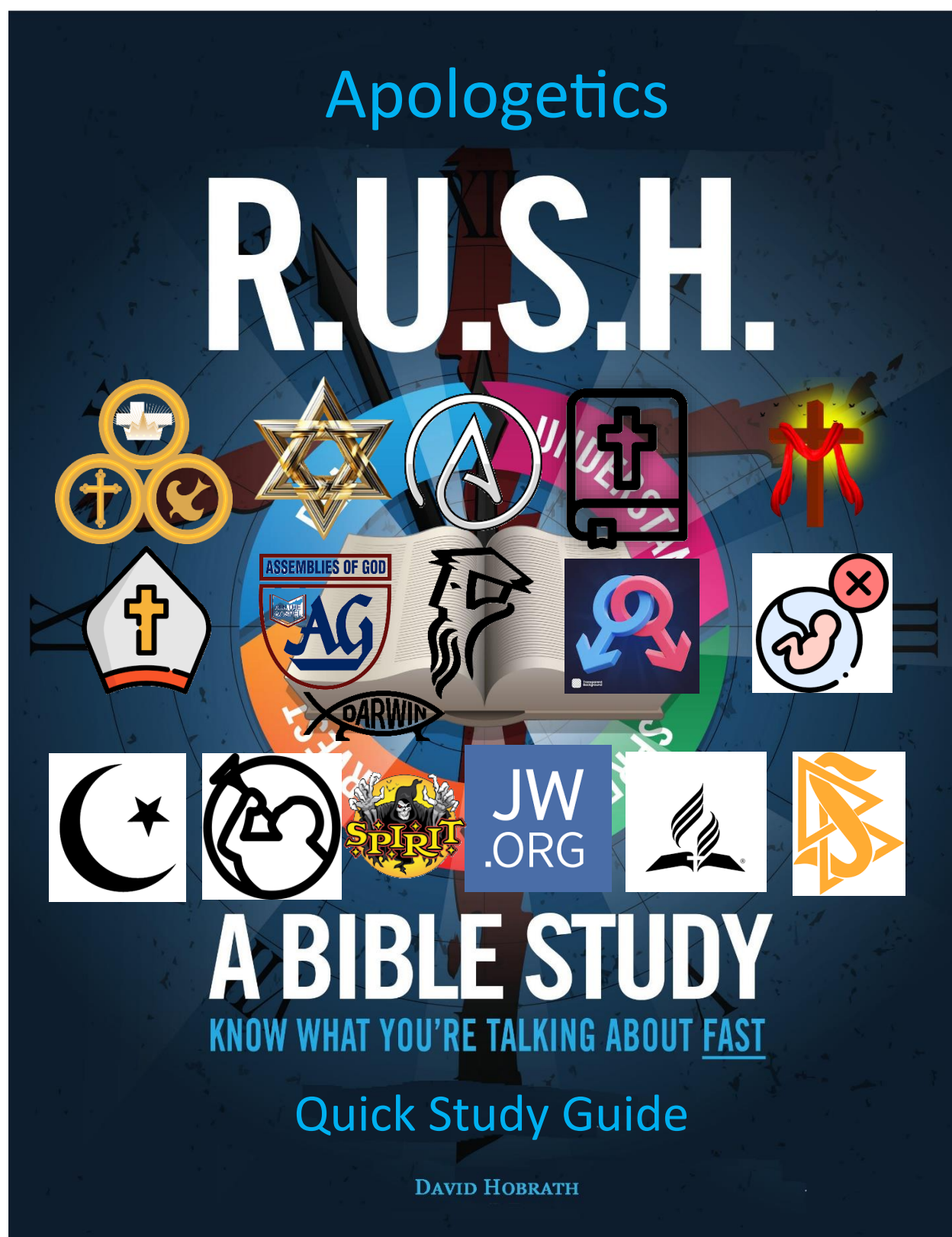




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Phase 1

The Trinity

There is only 1 God:

Deuteronomy 6:4: Hear, O Israel: The LORD thy God is one LORD.

There is a Plurality in the One True God:

Genesis 1:26: "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.'"

The Trinity Together:

Luke 3:22: "And the Holy Spirit descended upon Him [Jesus] in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My [the Father's] beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

The Father is God:

1 Corinthians 8:6: "Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom all things are and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things are and through whom we exist."

The Son is God:

John 1:1-4: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

The Holy Spirit is God:

Acts 5:3-4: But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

They are Distinct:

Matthew 12:31-32: Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

Matthew 24:36: But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

Jesus for the Jewish People

We will discuss here only 2 of the Jewish religions 13 beliefs. Points 3 & 12

3. The Third Foundation: God is Incorporeal. The third foundation of the Jewish faith is that God has no physical form and physical limitations by definition cannot apply to Him. Anything that describes God as moving or residing in a particular place – or having body parts like eyes or hands – is mere metaphor for our benefit.

This is simply incomprehensible to the Christian's view of God. How can someone honestly believe in an omnipotent (all-powerful) God, that can not choose to incarnate Himself? God can, and has, revealed Himself many times in many ways in scripture. God created the entire universe, that is so large you can't see it, out of atoms so small you can't see them. He can do whatever He wants. **Examples of God taking human form in the Old Testament, many more are in the handout available on-line:**

Genesis 3:8: *In the cool of the evening, the man and his wife heard **Yahweh Elohim** walking around in the garden. So they hid from **Yahweh Elohim** among the trees in the garden. ⁹ **Yahweh Elohim** called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?"*

Genesis 18:22 ²² *From there the men turned and went on toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing in front of **Yahweh**. ²³ Abraham came closer and asked, "Are you really going to sweep away the innocent with the guilty?"*

Genesis 32:30: ³⁰ *So Jacob named that place Peniel [Face of God], because he said, "I have seen **Elohim** face to face, but my life was saved."*

12. The Twelfth Foundation: Moshiach is Coming. This 12th point in the Jewish faith is that the Messiah is coming, they deny Jesus was the Messiah.

Daniel 9:25 shows that is in error. Daniel in Chapter Nine of his book tells of a visit from the Angel Gabriel. Gabriel's message outlines six things that would be accomplished over these prophesied 490 years (seventy "sevens" of years): Daniel 9:25 offers a precise timeline:

"Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens' and sixty-two 'sevens.'"

This points directly from Nehemiah's rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls to Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered the holy city and was temperately received as King. The prophecy is exact and awe-inspiring—foretold centuries before Christ's triumphal entry. Who else from this time period fits the bill for the Messiah? No one. **Only Jesus. Ref. Isaiah 53.**

Atheism

The Biggest Attack Against Atheism:

Causality. Hubble, Webb, Pensias, Wilson and Einstein have proven beyond a reasonable doubt that our universe, including TIME SPACE AND MATTER, had a beginning. As Christians, we believe God created everything. In other words, **God did something to nothing to create everything.** The Atheist believes **nothing did something to nothing to create everything.** The Christian view is the more reasonable position.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Existence of God

The Biggest Argument in The Existence of God:

Evil, pain and injustice exists so often in the world. Therefore, if God exists, He cannot be all-powerful, all-knowing and all-good at the same time.

We as Christians believe that if **God is love** as 1 John 4 teaches, then we must have freewill. If we have no choice in who we love, but are forced, then it is not truly love. It follows then logically, the possibility to reject loving God, and His love for us, must allow for evil to at least exist.

The Historical Reliability of Scripture.

The Sheer Number of Manuscripts, All of Which are Non-Contradictory, Validate its Chain of Custody.

Every Greek historian will quote Aristotle, for instance, with authority. Yet, we only possess 5 copies of his work dated at the earliest, 1100 years after he wrote them. We only possess 210 manuscripts from Plato's work dated 1400 years after the fact. They are both quoted as fact routinely around the world every day.

We have close to 25,000 manuscripts of scripture dating from 117AD – 300AD. You can argue if you believe it or not as far as telling the truth, but not that it is accurate as having truthfully been preserved. That is undeniable.

The Inspiration of Scripture



The Biggest Argument Against the Bible Being Inspired By God Is, “Extra-Ordinary Claims require Extra-Ordinary Proof”.

As a Christian, I agree. Where I depart from the non-believer is, I have read it before I decided for myself. Several thousand years before science discovered these truth's the Bible proclaimed:

The Earth is floating in Space. Job 26:7

The Earth is Spinning. Job 38:14

The Earth is round. Isaiah 40:22a

The Universe is expanding. Isaiah 40:22b

The Hydrologic Cycle. Job 36:27-28

Add to this list the **fulfilled prophecies, messianic prophecies, equidistant letter sequences, and medical instruction**, there can be no doubt to the reasonable person that God has inspired this book.

The Arguments for The Historical Jesus



The Level of Secular Scholarship is Replete To Such An Extent With Corroboration That Few Deny Jesus Existed As A Historical Person. These Are The Secular Mentions That Are Most Often Quoted.

Tacitus: 55AD – 118AD

Josephus: 37AD – 100AD

Celsus: Early 2nd Century C175AD

Pliny: 61-113AD

Suetonius: 49AD

Mara Bar Serapion: 1st Century

Mishna Letter: 200AD

Also realize that in all these, and other, mentions of Christ and Christians from the 1st FIVE CENTURIES that there exists zero claims that suggest Jesus did not exist. Zero.

As a Christian, I would be remis to omit, The Empty Tomb.

16 Tenets of Faith of The Assemblies of God



1. The Scriptures Inspired [2 Timothy 3:15-17]
2. The One True God [Deuteronomy 6:4]
3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ [John 1, Matthew 1:23]
4. The Fall of Man [Romans 5:12-19]
5. The Salvation of Man [Titus 3:5-7]
6. The Ordinances of the Church (Water Baptism & Communion) [Mat. 28:19, 1Cor. 11:26]
7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit [Acts 2]
8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit [Acts 2:4, Acts 10:44-48]
9. Sanctification [Romans 12:1-2]
10. The Church and Its Mission [Ephesians 1:22-23]
11. The Ministry [Mark 16:15-20]
12. Divine Healing [James 5:14-16]
13. The Blessed Hope [1 Thessalonians 4:16-17]
14. The Millennial Reign of Christ [Revelation 20:1-6]
15. The Final Judgment [Revelation 20:11-15]
16. The New Heavens and the New Earth [2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21]

Phase 2

Catholicism



My Central Argument Against Modern Catholicism is it's assertion that Salvation is only in the Roman Catholic Church (CCC 846, Vatican 2, Decree on Ecumenism), and Its Doctrines regarding Infallibility (CCC 2035) and Equality with Christ (CCC 2034).

All of these, and many other mistakes, come from the premise that The Roman Catholic Church does not rely solely on scripture for its doctrine. This, I believe, is a big mistake. The Roman Catholic Church uses, scripture, tradition and reason to formulate doctrine (**CCC82**).

Our position is:

**The Bible is the all-sufficient final authority for all matters of faith and conduct.
Mark 7:7, 1 Timothy 3:16.**

Calvinism

The Positions Held By Calvinists From My Point Of View All Seem To Violate The Clear Teaching of Scripture on Free-Will. That's Where the Arguments Seem to Conclude.

We learn from 1 Corinthians 13 that love doesn't force itself or demand its own way. Calvinism denies these traits of love, and if God is love, as both we and Calvinists assert, then Calvinism must be in error.

Joshua 24:15 *"And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*

LGBTQ+++

The Best Bible Verses on The Gay Lifestyle.

The Old Testament:

*"If a man practices homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman, both men have committed a detestable act. They must both be put to death, for they are guilty of a capital offense. **Leviticus 20:13 (NLT)***

*"A woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for whosoever doeth these things is an abomination unto the LORD thy God." **Deut. 22:5. (KJV)** "Women are not to wear men's clothing, and men are not to wear women's clothing; the LORD your God hates people who do such things." **Deuteronomy 22:5 (GNT)***

New Testament:

*"For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done." **Romans 1:26-28***

Woke, CRT Cancel Culture

The Best Bible Verses That Dismantle Cancel Culture are:

*"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others" **Colossians 3:13 NLT***

*"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. 12And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." **Revelation 22:11-12***

Abortion

God knows the Unborn Child, and Even Calls Us To Ministry From the Womb:

God guides the unborn child,

"You have been my guide since I was first formed . . . from my mother's womb you are my God"
Psalms 22:11-12

and even calls the unborn child to ministry.

"God . . . from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace"
Paul to the Galatians 1:15.

Evolution

The Four Postulates of Evolution:

- 1. LIFE COMES FROM NON-LIFE.** There is not one single example in existence that life comes from non-life.
- 2. ALL LIFE FORMS THAT WE HAVE TODAY CAME FROM SINGLE CELL LIFE FORMS.** We have many single cell life forms, and many complex life forms. However, we have not one single example of a two cell life form, not one single example of a three cell life form, not one single example of a four cell life form, not one single example of a five cell life form. Zero.
- 3. TIME AND CHANCE WORKS TO MOVE EVOLUTION FORWARD.** Time works against the theory of evolution according to the second law of thermodynamics.
- 4. MINOR GENETIC VARIATION IS EVIDENCE OF MACRO EVOLUTION.** Gregor Johann Mendel proved in his research on the genetic mechanism of trait inheritance that it is impossible to arrive at new species. You can get bigger chickens, and different colored cats, yes. But you cannot get fish from cows, or blood from a rock.

Phase 3

Islam

The Qur'an in Sura 5:47 commands Christians to judge the Qur'an by what the Bible says. The Bible clearly contradicts the Quran and proves it false.

Therefore, if the Quran is true, the Bible is true, and if the Bible is true, the Quran is false.

The Muslims repeatedly claim that the Bible has been corrupted and that the Qur'an is the only trustworthy scripture in existence. This is why Muslims often attack the Bible as being corrupted over time. But this cannot be according to the Qur'an.

The Quran says that the books of Moses, the Psalms, and the gospel were all given by God. Surah 2:87, Surah 4:163, Surah 3:3, and Surah 5:46.

The Quran states that the above are the word of God, and then states that the word of God cannot be corrupted in Surah 6:34 and 6:115.

Mormonism

The Biggest Issue In Disagreement With Mormons (Latter Day Saints), Is PolyTheism. The Bible Clearly Teaches Monotheism. There is Only One God.

Unto thee it was shown, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

Deuteronomy 4:35, 39.

Jehovah's Witnesses

The JW's Believe the Father alone is God. They further believe Jesus is the archangel Michael. (Watchtower 9/15/2005 p.7, Awake 4/22/1983, pg 24, Watchtower 4/1/2010, pg 19.) Since the Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe in the triune God, they teach that Jesus is a created being— specifically to repeat, He is the archangel, Michael.

John 1:1 shows clearly that Jesus is God.

"In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:1

And Hebrews 1:1-4, that He is clearly not an Angel.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by

himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. Hebrews 1:1-4

JW'S don't believe that Jesus blood washes away our sins. (Live forever, chap. 17 pp. 143-144 pars.6-7.) The Bible is adamant that Jesus blood washes us clean from our sins.

"Then the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from every sin. If we say we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins, because we can trust God to do what is right" 1 John 1:7-9

Scientology

The odd thing for me on Scientology is that I am not sure that it is a religion at all. It seems more like a pyramid scheme. However they have litigated pretty successfully defending their religious claim, so if I must, I will state that, if they are a religion, they are a false one. If you assume, as I do, that a person who belongs to a church is sincere, then what might make his/her religion false? Is sincerity enough? If so, can boy be a girl if he really means it? Nope. What are the standards that justify calling a religious movement false, or even a cult?

Jesus sharply rebuked the false teachers of His day. Consider His "woes" to the Pharisees as an example (Matthew 23:13,15).

"How terrible for you, teachers of the law and Pharisees! You are hypocrites! You close the door for people to enter the kingdom of heaven. You yourselves don't enter, and you stop others who are trying to enter." 15 "How terrible for you, teachers of the law and Pharisees! You are hypocrites! You travel across land and sea to find one person who will follow your ways. When you find that person, you make him more fit for hell than you are." (ICB)

Religions that deny Christ's deity, atonement, resurrection, and grace lead to an eternal hell and separation from God (John 10:1, 8; Matthew 5:29-30; 10:28 and 18:9).

Spiritualism

"If a person turns to mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people." Leviticus 20:6 (ESV)

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons," 1 Timothy 4:1 (ESV)

"You are powerless in spite of the advice you get. Let your astrologers come forward and save you—those people who study the stars, who map out the zones of the heavens and tell you from month to month what is going to happen to you. "They will be like bits of straw, and a fire will burn them up! They will not even be able to save themselves—the flames will be too hot for them," Isaiah 47:13-14 (GNT)

Seventh Day Adventists

The Seventh Day Adventists (SDA's) all firmly believe:

The authority of Ellen G. White: The spirit of prophecy was manifest in the ministry of Ellen White as a sign of the remnant church. Her writings are inspired counsel from the Lord and authoritative in doctrinal matters.

She was a follower of a "Pastor" named William Miller who falsely prophesied that Jesus would return between March 21st, 1843 – March 21st, 1884. The church exploded until the prophesy failed. The SDA "church" unfortunately was born as a result.

They changed the interpretation to mean Christ entered the final phase of His atoning work in the sanctuary in heaven instead. They should have just obeyed Deuteronomy 18:22.

As a result of viewing the Bible through the "lens" on Ellen G. White, they posit a legalistic view of the Saturday Sabbath, and Dietary restrictions in violation of 1 Timothy 4:1-5,

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith,
giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats,
which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving
of them which believe and know the truth.
For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused,
if it be received with thanksgiving:
For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.*

and Colossians 2:16-17.

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

¹⁷ Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

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and remember....

Win souls, not arguments. DH

