

## 1-28-2026 – 6 Reasons Series

### **6 Reasons in Defense of Christianity. Week 4**

- **More people are leaving faith / religion behind. Doubts/questions.**

Peter said **1 Pet. 3:15** – “Always be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope.”

And **how we answer matters**. In equipping U w/ answers, I remind you that engaging in a discussion with a skeptic requires kindness/respect.

Don't dismiss as delusional... fools... idiots. Thoughtful questions...

Here are 6 reasons on which we can defend our faith:

#### **1. Followers of Jesus Are Hypocrites.**

- a. Many people have abandoned church b/c of hypocrisy. They see:

Hate/love. Rejection/inclusion. Judgment/grace.

- b. **Hypocrisy comes in 2 types:** inconsistency or immaturity.

- i. **Inconsistency** – knowing what's right, not always doing it.

- Every Christian & every person suffers from this.

- We're on a diet/cheat. Healthy living/skip the gym.  
Support the country/burn flag or storm the capital.

- ii. **Immaturity – walk by faith, but stumble . . . lack of insight.**

- Holy Spirit convicts us . . . constant process.

- Christian Maturity is not just learning more about God, but learning more & more that we're still being refined.

- c. Hypocrisy argument is **flawed b/c all people are flawed**. None perfect.

#### **2. The Problem of Evil/Suffering**

- a. Argument - the existence of widespread suffering in the world is incompatible with an all-powerful, all-knowing, and benevolent God.

- i. This ignores that all people have **free will**. We are **not puppets**.

- **Joshua 24:15** - choose this day whom you will serve

- **Deut. 30** – “I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse.” We choose which path to follow.
- ii. **People make choices** that bring either good or suffering.
- b. Second – there is God, but **there is also an Enemy**.
  - i. Good & Evil. The fallen angel wages war against the goodness of God.
  - ii. **Eph. 6:12** – “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers & authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, & against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”

### 3. Science vs Faith; i.e – the Big Bang Theory vs God’s creation.

- a. Big Bang - a naturalistic expansion from an extremely hot dense point which took billions of years;
- b. Genesis - a supernatural creation by God in six days, with distinct order of creation. Creation begins with water/land, not fire
- c. There are **3 points to make here**:
  - i. Science measures time by way it knows – how long it would take for something to be this old.... **usual process. God is not usual.** He’s extraordinary. [Adam – man, not baby]. **Scientific** measures and **concepts** related to Big Bang **keep changing**. Not sufficient
  - ii. Science says Earth is **4.5 billion yrs old**. Calculated from first measuring the decay rates of moon rocks & meteorites to establish a baseline. . . . Earth was created day 3, before moon, 4.
    - **But - 2 Peter 3:8** – “do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.” **God’s creation/God’s day.**
  - iii. **A chaotic, random explosion** cannot account for the design & order we see in creation.
    - **In science**, something from nothing? What caused the bang in the first place?

#### 4. Lack of Proof that God Exists.

- a. **Some want proof of God...** set up a hypothesis as in natural science, attempt to test empirically for God in same way test other hypotheses.
- b. Unsurprisingly, the “God hypothesis” fails such tests, so scientific atheists conclude that the hypothesis is false and that belief in God is unwarranted and irrational.
- c. **This ignores that things exist that are not directly observable.**
  - i. Atoms; electrons/protons/neutrons exist but aren’t seen. Bluetooth signal. Radio waves. Sound waves. Oxygen. Odors.
  - ii. Wind – we see its effects, but not the wind. Tastebuds.
  - iii. UV / Infrared rays. **Just b/c can't see doesn't mean doesn't exist**
- d. Jesus performed miracles to give people proof. Miracles still happen.

#### 5. Proof that Jesus Was Resurrected

- a. **Eyewitnesses saw Jesus executed, put in tomb.** He was really dead.
  - i. **Tomb guarded Stone, Seal & Guards.**
  - ii. If someone stole body, would’ve presented it – “He was a fake.”
    - A rumor came – but from Jewish leaders; bribed soldiers
  - iii. Disciples all willing to die for a lie? Before seeing the resurrected Jesus they ran away, hid, deserted Him, & Peter denied Him.
    - **The Resurrection changed them. Testimonial proof.**  
\*\* Testimonies support jury verdicts every day!

#### 6. Handling Doubts

- a. Doubts common. Eve – “did God really say u can’t eat from any tree?” Abraham/Sarah. Zechariah. John/baptist. Peter. Thomas, & John.
- b. **Jude 22** –“you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering.”
- c. Be merciful to those who doubt. . . even yourself. **“help my unbelief”**
- d. It’s an **Enemy tool**. Jesus: “unless you change & become like little children, U will never enter /kingdom of heaven.” **Trust**-what Faith is.