

SHARING JESUS WITH...

APOLOGETICS AS PRE-EVANGELISM

A REVIEW

What is Apologetics?

“Always be prepared to give an *answer*” - 1 Peter 3:15

Using reason, logic, evidence, and philosophy to show why Christianity is true and the best explanation for the world we live in. Apologetics can be used to examine other worldviews like atheism and other religions as well.

Apologetics removes barriers that a person has to hearing the gospel and helps them see the truth of God’s Word.

There are different types of Apologetics.

Positive apologetics support the Christian worldview.

Negative apologetics breakdown competing worldviews.

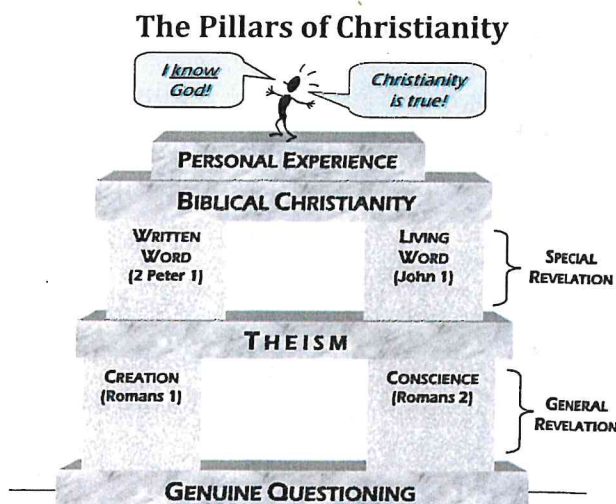
Examples: You can TRUST the Bible? Evolution is FLAWED.

Archeological evidence for why Mormonism is false. Evidence for the existence of God. Why the Hindu teaching of “every birth is a rebirth” is false? Contradictions in the Koran. Evidence that Jesus is ALIVE.

BUILDING A CASE FOR CHRISTIANITY

Where do I start?

Your personal experience in your relationship with God is valid, but it can be subjective and other religions and worldviews can tout their personal experiences too!



THE NATURE OF APOLOGETICS

Please Remember:

APOLOGETICS IS EQUALLY ABOUT HOW YOU SAY IT, AS MUCH AS IT IS WHAT YOU SAY.

“We need to approach it biblically, but also with a deep sense of compassion”

- Sean McDowell

You Can TRUST the Bible

T—Three Tests

R—Reliable (archeology)

U—Unique (40+, 3, 1600)

S—Signature of God (prophecy)

T—Truths of Life

Evolution is FLAWED

F—Fossil Record

L—Laws Violated

A—Absence of Observation

W—Without a Mechanism

E—Erroneous Examples

D—Design & DNA

The Cosmological Argument

1. Whatever begins to exist has a cause.
2. The Universe begin to exist.
3. Therefore, the universe has a cause.
4. The cause of the universe must be spaceless, timeless, powerful, personal, simple, immaterial, self-existing, infinite, and immutable. Sounds like the God of the Bible, right?

The Skilled Watchmaker

Theologian William Paley set forth this argument for creation by using a pocket watch as an example of design.

“Either matter created the mind or a mind created matter.”

Jesus is ALIVE

A—Acts of the Apostles

L—Lives Transformed

I—Illogical Fabrication

V—Verified by Witnesses

E—The Empty Tomb

C.S. Lewis famously crafted the Liar, Lunatic, or Lord argument.

Upcoming Topics

3/12— Hinduism

3/19—Mormons/LDS

3/26—Jehovah's Witnesses

Creation (Romans 1:20, Psalm 19:1-4)

There are many arguments that you can make for God as creator and against the theory of evolution.

The Cosmological argument, The Teleological argument, The Ontological Argument, Intelligent Design with DNA & the Laws of nature, Evolution is F.L.A.W.E.D., Irreducible Complexity with the eye and bacteria flagellum, Determinism vs. Free thought.

Conscience (Romans 2:14-15, 2 Corinthians 4:2)

The Bible teaches that God writes the natural law of God on our hearts/minds. We know right from wrong. We recognize that evil is objectively real and in the world.

The Moral Argument, The Problem of Evil, Why Reason would cease to exist within naturalism, Mother Teresa vs. Hitler.

The Written Word (2 Peter 1:19-21)

When you compare the Bible to other religious texts the Bible stands high above all other religious books.

Why you can T.R.U.S.T. the Bible, How we got the Bible, Textual Criticism, Undesigned coincidences, Embarrassing testimony, Copycat of other religions?, Archeology and the OT, Miracles. YouTube: Alisa Childers/Scott Stripling Top 5 Finds Affirm Bible

Contradictions in other religious books, Archeological problems with LDS beliefs. Gnostic gospels and other non-biblical texts,

The Living Word (John 1:1-5, Col. 1:15-20, Heb. 1:1-3)

Jesus was not just a good moral teacher, he made some bold claims about himself. Jesus also predicted his own death and resurrection. The proof we have is that Jesus is A.L.I.V.E.

Extrabiblical sources about Jesus and Christianity. The Minimal Facts argument.

We can also look at the lives of other religious founders, while none of them claimed perfect, there are reasons to be skeptically of the religious beliefs they espoused.