

The Plan

How to Defend Your Faith-Session 12

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

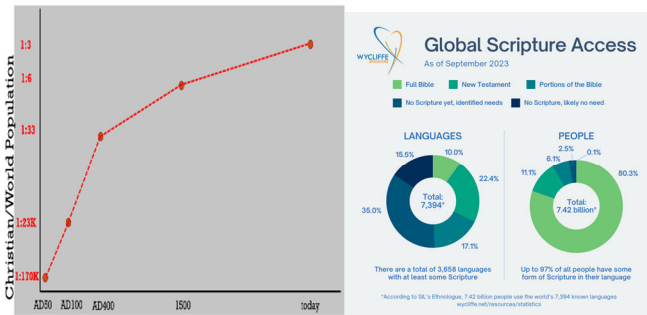


Law of Non-Contradiction

- Contradictory propositions cannot both be true!

ANSWER OBJECTIONS

Apply claim to itself!



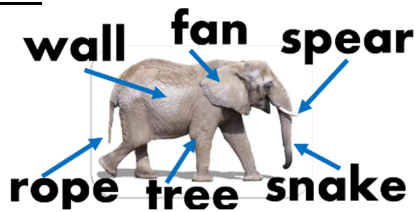
Objection to Absolute Truth

- There is no truth!
Is that true?
- You can't know truth!
How do you know that is true?
- All Truth is relative!
That sounds absolute?
- It's true for you... but not for me!
Is it true for everybody?
- No one has the truth!
Is that true?
- You ought not judge!
Isn't that a judgment?

Profound Joy

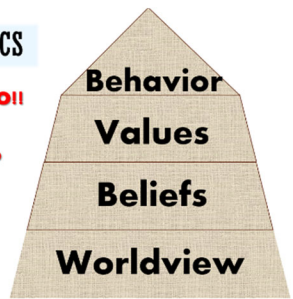
What I am anxious to see in Christian believers is a beautiful paradox. I want to see in them the joy of finding God while at the same time they are blessedly pursuing Him. I want to see in them the great joy of having God yet always wanting Him. (A.W. Tozer)

Worldview



WORLDVIEW BASICS

- What We Do!!
- What is Good?
- What is True?
- What is Real?



Evidence for God

1. Beginning (Cosmological Argument)
2. Design (Teleological Argument)
 - Universe
 - Galaxy
 - Solar System
 - Earth
 - Life
 - Sub-Atomics
3. Morality (Moral Argument)
4. Being (Ontological Argument)
5. Truth (Basis - Objective Truth)
6. Data (Information Argument)
7. Aesthetics (Beauty)
8. Consciousness (Mind)
9. Mathematics Principles
10. Logic & Reason
11. Science (Laws & Constants)

12. Purpose & Meaning
13. Jesus (Historicity & Resurrection)
14. Miracles (Supernatural)
15. *Spiritual Encounters (Metaphysical)*
16. *Near Death Experiences*

Arguments for God

- ✓ Cosmological: the Beginning
 - Immaterial; Timeless & Spaceless
 - Extremely Powerful (something from nothing)
- ✓ Teleological: Design
 - Extremely Intelligent
 - Sustains Creation & Has Purpose
- ✓ Moral: Morality & Ethics
 - Absolutely Morally Perfect
 - Is Personal
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Our Problem with Evil

- Evil is absence of goodness
- No evil without Goodness
- Goodness comes from God

“If God would concede me His omnipotence for 24 hours, you would see how many changes I would make in the world. But if He gave me His wisdom too, I would leave things as they are.”

– Jacques-Marie-louis Monsabre

“God whispers to us in our pleasure, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

– C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain

Can You Trust the Bible?

What are the Issues?

1. Bible Reliability
 - Canon (basis for the books in the Bible)
 - When & Who Wrote it (Proximity to Events)
 - Accuracy & Errors (original language manuscripts)
 - Translations (Why so many?)
2. Inerrancy (Contradictions)
3. Old Testament Problems
4. Miracles & Prophecy

Inerrancy

- Inerrancy means no contradictions.
- *“Inerrancy – in that men are often in error, but the Bible is not; it is truth” – Kip*

Objections to Jesus

- Myth or Legend

Evidence of Historical Jesus

- Deity Claims

Deity Claims from 1st Century

- Crucifixion

Non-Christian Affirm Death

- Resurrection

Evidence of Resurrection

Science and the Bible

Science		
•Biology	•Paleontology	•Genetics
•Health	•Astronomy	•Hydrology
•Medicine	•Cosmology	•Thermodynamics
•Physics	•Geography	•Microbiology
•Meteorology	•Geology	•Chemistry
•Oceanography	•Anatomy	•Mechanics
•Navigation	•Physiology	•Archeology



“for the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; He is about to conquer the highest peak; As he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.

– Robert Jastrow

