

Defending Your Faith Pt. 1

1. Christians must be prepared to give an answer for their faith.

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)

..... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,
¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

2. Your answer must be done with gentleness.

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- a. Never argue
- b. Act curious
- c. Ask questions

3. Your answer must be done with respect.

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..... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

- a. Expect people to believe different than you.
- b. Don't "put down" peoples' beliefs; build yours up.

4. Your answer must reflect your life.

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- a. If your belief is not consistent with your life then your belief lacks relevance.

5. If Evolution has answered the question of where we came from, there is no need to evoke God as an explanation for anything.

Now that we have the theories of evolution and big bang/multiverse theory there is no need for a designer to explain the origin and complexity of living things or the physical universe.

6. Christianity is too narrow minded. With all of the different religions out there what makes you think Jesus is the only way?

There are many different religions in the world, all followed by many intelligent educated people. Isn't it simply arrogant and narrow-minded to suggest that all of them apart from Christianity are wrong?

7. Why would a loving God allow so much suffering in the world?

If God is omnipotent, omniscient and wholly benevolent then he would eradicate evil and suffering but the world is full of it. Therefore he is either not all powerful, not all knowing, not benevolent or (most likely) does not actually exist.

8. Why would a loving God send people to hell?

An allegedly omnipotent, omniscient, benevolent God has seemingly freely chosen to sentence most human beings to hell. Why? Should such a God (if he exists) be trusted?

9. If God is real, why does he hide?

If God wants to be known why doesn't He show Himself? It makes no sense that the creator of the universe has chosen not to be seen but wants you to believe that He is real.

10. Miracles can't happen and there is no proof that they ever have.

The world operates according to observable laws of nature meaning that miracles simply cannot occur. Regardless there is no evidence to suggest either that they do or that they ever did.