



Objections to Christianity and Answers

The purpose of this objection and answer article is to speak to people who are sincere in their questions and objections concerning Christianity. If you are not sincere, but are just a mocker of Christianity or are just trying to disprove Christianity, these answers will do you no good. You will just find some other kind of objection or question down the road that will keep you as a mocker. The problem with a mocker is that they don't believe the claims of Christianity because they don't want to, not because they aren't satisfied intellectually with what it proposes. If you are sincere, we trust the answers to these questions will help to show you that the Christian faith is not a "blind faith" as some would say. In the end, IT WILL come down to faith, but Christianity is also the only faith that "makes sense" to the thinking mind who is open to it. The objections and answers we have compiled here come from experience. These objections and answers are the same objections most people have to the Christian faith, whether they are mockers or genuinely seeking. We have spoken to thousands of people about Christianity through open air preaching and 1-2-1 witnessing. May God Bless you as you read and if you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Q. If God is all loving and all powerful, then why does He allow suffering and evil to exist?

A. This is the age old debate of God's Sovereignty v. Man's Free Will. Both of those things co-exist at the same time. It is hard for people to understand that, but let us try to explain through a little analogy: There is a boat that is leaving New York for England. It has its course set and nothing can change it. No one knows exactly when it will get to England, but they do know that it will get there at some point in time and that nothing can stop it from getting there. While the boat is on its way to England, there are many passengers on board. These passengers are free to do just about anything they like. They can eat, sleep, play, read, or just about whatever else they like. In this humble example, we can see both God's Sovereignty and Man's Free Will coexisting without conflict. It is God's Sovereignty that allows Man's Free Will. If God didn't allow free will, He wouldn't be a loving God. He would just be a tyrant in Heaven who had each person as a puppet on strings.

I would actually expect God to be asking us from Heaven, "Why are you allowing suffering and evil to exist?" Here in America especially, we have many means to stop suffering and evil. But, for the most part, we continue on with life as normal in our 1st class bubble. Are you really concerned about evil and suffering? Then do something about it. Are you really concerned with people who are starving in Africa? Then stop spending hundreds and thousands of dollars each month on



entertaining yourself to death and give that money to stop starvation. This question also presumes that evil exists. How do we know that evil exists? Well, we know evil exists because there is a moral standard.

Where do we get moral standards? Did a group of men just sit around in a circle one day and make them up? No, God is the author of moral law and we get our definition of moral law from Him, through our conscience. A conscience is something that everyone has. Some people have a conscience that is seared, dulled, corrupted or defiled due to ignoring it and telling it to shut up over a period of time, but everyone has one. How do we know that our conscience came from God? Well, let's take a look at the evidence of the origin of our conscience. What does your conscience do to you? It makes you feel bad when you do something wrong and either leaves you alone or makes you feel good when you do something right. The problem is that most things that we do wrong, we love to do. Whether it be lying to get our way or cover something or having sex outside of marriage, or cheating on a test so we can get a high score without studying. If we love doing the things that are conscience makes us feel bad about, then our conscience couldn't have come from us. Some people say that it comes from our parents. Well, consider this then: A group of men went as missionaries to try to reach some dangerous tribes in South America. These tribes were taught since the day they were born to kill people from other tribes. They were taught that this is what life was all about and that was how they were to live. Then the missionaries came. Listen to what one of the tribesman said, "We acted badly, badly until they brought us God's carvings." These tribesmen knew that what they were doing was wrong and bad before the missionaries arrived because their conscience told them so. With that as evidence that our conscience doesn't come from our parents, it must come from God! If it comes from God, then God does exist and you will have to answer to Him someday for every thought, word and deed.

- Q.** What about people who have never heard of Jesus or Christianity, will they go to Hell?
- A.** People don't go to Hell because they haven't heard of Jesus. People also don't primarily go to Hell for not believing in Jesus. They go to Hell because they have sinned against God and broken His Law. Let me explain by using an analogy. There is a guy on a plane. Another man walks up to him to inform him that the plane is going down and he is going to have to jump. He tells him that the parachute is under the seat and is guaranteed to work. The man doesn't listen and ends up jumping out of the plane without the parachute on. Minutes later, he goes "SPLAT!" when he hits the ground and dies. Why did this man die? Was it primarily because he didn't put the parachute on? No, it was primarily because he broke the law of gravity. Surely the parachute would have saved him from sure death, but he died because he broke the law of gravity. It is the same with man. Most people think they are "good" people. Not true. The Bible teaches that none are good, no not one. People usually think they are good because they compare themselves to other people or because they have never killed or raped someone.



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Let's be honest, we can always find someone worse than us, unless of course your name is Hitler. Let's take a look at God's Law (the Ten Commandments) for a second to see if you or anyone is really "good" in God's eyes.

The 9th Commandment says, "Thou shall not lie." Have you ever lied, even once? That includes fibs, half-truths and white lies? If you have, you are a liar. The 8th Commandment says, "Thou shall not steal." Have you ever taken something that doesn't belong to you? It doesn't matter the size, the value or how long ago it was. This also includes stealing an answer to a question off a neighbor during a test, burning a CD or DVD that you shouldn't be burning, stealing music off the internet and not being totally truthful on your taxes. If you have, that would make you a thief. The 7th Commandment says "Thou shall not commit adultery." But Jesus took it a little further by saying that if you even look at someone with lust in your heart for them, you have already committed adultery in your heart with that person. Have you ever looked with lust? Have you ever had sex outside of marriage? If you have, that would make you an adulterer at heart. If you are guilty of breaking just those three of the Ten Commandments, you would be a liar, a thief and an adulterer at heart. You will have to die someday and stand before God guilty of breaking His Commandments. That is why you, us and everyone else deserve to go to Hell. We are law breakers and because God is Good and Just, He must punish sin, just like any good and just Earthly judge must give criminals justice. The only way you can be free from the penalty you deserve for you sin is if a guiltless person will step in, pay your fine and take the punishment for you. Well, that happened 2000 years ago on the Cross. Him who had no sin became sin for us. Jesus paid our fine and took the punishment for our sins. The Bible says that if you will just Repent of your sins (confess and forsake them) and put your Faith in Jesus Christ, then you will be saved. God will grant you eternal life because you have put on the parachute that saves, Jesus Christ.

For the person who has never heard about Jesus, they will go to Hell because they have sinned. All have sinned and all therefore deserve judgment. Each person who has not heard the Gospel has two lights to deal with though. They have the light of conscience and the light of creation. If a person who had never heard of Jesus has obeyed their conscience and recognized that there was a creator God and was therefore seeking after Him, even though they don't know who He is, God will reveal Himself to them. Jeremiah 29:13 makes that clear. The problem is that most people do not obey their conscience, they make up a God that is fashioned by their hands and they don't seek after God. They love their sin and seek after more of it. There are exceptions to the rule though. The story of Cornelius is one. He was a "God-fearing" gentile who knew nothing of Jesus. But, he obeyed his conscience and sought after the creator God of the universe. God spoke to him in a dream and told him to send for a man named Peter. It was Peter the apostle. Peter spoke to them about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and they were saved. God saw Cornelius' heart and sent one of his messengers to share the words of eternal life with him. God will do the same today. The Bible makes it clear that God's desires for everyone to be saved and for no one to perish. If that



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is true, God will do everything within His power to save a soul who is damned to Hell. He will not force Himself on them, but He will try to jolt them and nudge them away from a life that deserves Hell and towards eternal life. God doesn't need to use man to preach His Gospel either. Although, it is very clear that man is the primary means for spreading the Gospel, God can still use Angels (the word Angel means "messenger") or He can speak it Himself.

In the end, if you truly care about the person in the "deep dark jungles of Africa, who has never heard the Gospel," then Repent of your sins, put your Faith in Jesus Christ and go be a missionary to them. You are just as accountable for where they will spend eternity now as anyone else, because you know the message they can save them from sure Hell.

More Will Be Added VERY SOON!