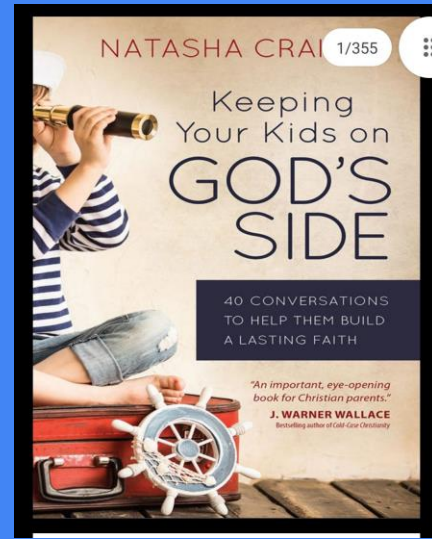


Keeping Your Kids On God's Side



40 Conversations To Help Them Build A Lasting Faith

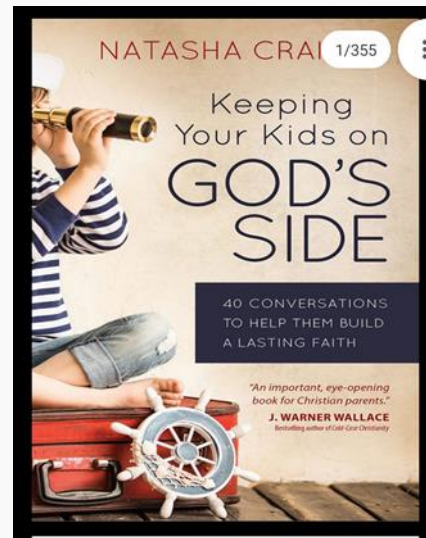


REMINDER

- OBJECTIVES

- Encourage the Church to equip themselves with answers to the difficult faith questions
 - AND
- Encourage parents to talk to their children about these topics to prepare them for the world

SOURCE MATERIAL



Grassroots Apologetics/Answers for Parents

- What is Apologetics?
 - *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. 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 - 1 Peter 3:15 NIV*
 - *We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, - 2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV)*
- What is this program?
 - 40 Hot Topic conversations
 - Short overview of Answers to the difficult questions
- What this is NOT
 - Scripted final full answers
 - Continued self education is needed

PART 2 - Conversations About truth and Worldview - Question Thirteen

13. HOW CAN COMMON SENSE HELP DETERMINE WHAT IS TRUE?











COMMON SENSE DETERMINES TRUTH?

1) COMMON SENSE

- CHRISTIANITY DEFIES COMMON SENSE
- THE CLAIM:
- *JUST USE A LITTLE COMMON SENSE AND YOU WILL KNOW IT ISN'T TRUE*
- NOT GOING TO EXPLAIN ALL MIRACLES
- ADDRESSING THE CLAIM

COMMON SENSE DETERMINES TRUTH?

- 1) COMMON SENSE
- 2) FIRST ARGUMENT

- COMMON SENSE IS BASED ON INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE
- BUT PERSONAL EXPERIENCES ARE LIMITED
- SO COMMON SENSE NOT ENOUGH TO EVALUATE COMPLEX TRUTH

COMMON SENSE DETERMINES TRUTH?

- 1) **COMMON SENSE**
- 2) **FIRST ARGUMENT**
- 3) **SECOND ARGUMENT**

- **MANY THINGS ARE WEIRD BUT TRUE**
- **TRUTH OF RELIGION USUALLY INVOLVE UNIQUE REVELATIONS**

COMMON SENSE DETERMINES TRUTH?

- 1) COMMON SENSE
- 2) FIRST ARGUMENT
- 3) SECOND ARGUMENT
- 4) SUMMARISE

- VERY LIMITED BASIC TOOL TO NAVIGATE NEW EXPERIENCES
- CANNOT BE APPLIED TO THINGS:
 - OUTSIDE IT'S SCOPE &
 - CAPABILITY TO EXPLAIN
- CHRISTIANITY IS NOT COMMON SENSE
- BUT IT DOES MAKE SENSE

QUESTIONS

HOW CAN COMMON SENSE
HELP DETERMINE WHAT IS
TRUE?



PART 2 - Conversations About truth and Worldview - Question Fourteen

13. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE TRUTH?

14. IF CHRISTIANITY IS TRUE, WHY ARE THERE SO MANY DENOMINATIONS?

SO MANY DENOMINATIONS?

1) THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

- SOME OBJECTIONS NOT ABOUT BELIEF BUT:
 - RESULTS OF WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE
 - INTELLECTUAL COMPETENCE OF BELIEVERS
- AS PER WIKIPEDIA: MORE THAN 40,000
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Christian_denominations

***HOW CAN CHRISTIANITY BE TRUE IF THERE IS SUCH
DISAGREEMENT OVER THAT SUPPOSED TRUTH?***

- THE FOLLOWING A RESPONSE TO A BLOG POST BY
NATASHA CRAIN

SO MANY DENOMINATIONS?

1) THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

THE ELEPHANT IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS ITS THOUSANDS OF SECTS, MANY OF WHOM HOLD LONGSTANDING, DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED BELIEFS WHICH ALL CANNOT BE TRUE. SUCH A SITUATION SEEMS INEXPLICABLE FOR AN ALLEGEDLY REASONABLE RELIGION LIKE CHRISTIANITY. AFTER ALL, OTHER, FAR YOUNGER ENTERPRISES THAT ARE BASED ON REASON AND EVIDENCE—SCIENCE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE—FOR THE MOST PART LACK THIS SPLINTERING...

LET THE FIRST TEST OF CHRISTIANITY'S REASONABLENESS BE WHETHER IT CAN CONVINCe ITS OWN ADHERENTS TO SHED INCORRECT GOSPELS AND UNITE BEHIND A SINGLE DOCTRINE. THIS ACHIEVEMENT SEEMS TRIVIAL FOR A RELIGION THAT'S TRULY REASONABLE, ONE HEADED BY A DEITY WHO IS SUPPOSEDLY NO AUTHOR OF CONFUSION.

SO MANY DENOMINATION?

- 1) THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM
- 2) WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

RELIGIOUSTOLERANCE.ORG “TOLERANTLY” DEFINES THE WORD CHRISTIAN:

WE ACCEPT AS CHRISTIAN ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP WHO DEVOUTLY, THOUGHTFULLY, SERIOUSLY, AND PRAYERFULLY REGARDS THEMSELVES TO BE CHRISTIAN. THAT IS, THEY HONESTLY BELIEVE THEMSELVES TO BE ATTEMPTING TO FOLLOW THE TEACHINGS OF YESHUA OF NAZARETH (A.K.A. JESUS CHRIST) AS THEY INTERPRET THOSE TEACHINGS TO BE.

SO MANY DENOMINATIONS?

- 1) THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM
- 2) WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

- ANYONE WHO IDENTIFIES AS A CHRISTIAN IS A CHRISTIAN
- DENOMINATIONS WITH A WIDE RANGE OF BELIEFS
- SELF IDENTIFICATION POLITICALLY CORRECT
- WORDS THEN NOT USED MEANINGFULLY
- *SO THEN, WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?*

SO MANY DENOMINATIONS?

- 1) **THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM**
- 2) **WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?**
- 3) **ESSENTIAL DOCTRINES**

1. **THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST (COL 2:9; JN 1:1;14)**
2. **SALVATION BY GRACE (EPH 2:8-9; ROM 3:20)**
3. **THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST (1 COR 15:14, 17)**
4. **THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST (1 COR 15:1-4; GAL 1:6-8)**
5. **MONOTHEISM (BELIEF IN ONE GOD) (DEUT 4:6; 1 TIM 2:5)**
6. **THE TRINITY (IN ESSENCE AND NATURE – UNITED)
(MAT T 3:16)**
7. **JESUS THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION (JN 14:6; ACTS 4:12)**
8. **THE BIBLE – AUTHORITATIVE AND INERRANT**

SO MANY DENOMINATIONS?

- 1) THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM
- 2) WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?
- 3) ESSENTIAL DOCTRINES
- 4) UNITY, NOT UNIFORMITY

- IN ESSENTIALS – UNITY
 - IN NON-ESSENTIALS – LIBERTY
 - IN ALL THINGS – CHARITY
-
- MOST DENOMINATIONS AGREE ON ESSENTIALS
 - DISAGREEMENT AND DEBATES ON NON-ESSENTIALS
 - SOME DISAGREEMENTS BIRTH NEW DENOMINATIONS
 - EXAMPLE THE SCHISM OF 1054 AND THE REFORMATION
 - STILL UNITED BEHIND THE ESSENTIAL DOCTRINES

SO MANY DENOMINATIONS?

- 1) THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM
- 2) WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?
- 3) ESSENTIAL DOCTRINES
- 4) UNITY, NOT UNIFORMITY
- 5) LAST POINTS

- MOST CHRISTIANS – HANDFUL OF DENOMINATIONS
- 40,000 A LOT OF CHURCH SPLITS, BUT NOT DENOMINATIONS
- DISAGREEMENT NOT SPECIFIC TO CHRISTIANITY ONLY
- SCIENCE HAS DISAGREEMENT

QUESTIONS

IF CHRISTIANITY IS TRUE, WHY
ARE THERE SO MANY
DENOMINATIONS?



PART 2 - Conversations About truth and Worldview - Question Fifteen

13. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE TRUTH?

14. IF CHRISTIANITY IS TRUE, WHY ARE THERE SO MANY DENOMINATIONS?

15. IS CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR MILLIONS OF DEATHS IN HISTORY?

CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

1) THE CLAIM

- SAM HARRIS “THE END OF FAITH: RELIGION, TERROR AND THE FUTURE OF REASON”
- ***“THE MOST PROLIFIC SOURCE OF VIOLENCE IN OUR HISTORY.”***
- ***“IDEAS WHICH DIVIDE ONE GROUP OF HUMAN BEINGS FROM ANOTHER, ONLY TO UNITE THEM IN SLAUGHTER, GENERALLY HAVE THEIR ROOTS IN RELIGION.”***



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- THE GENERAL CLAIM: CHRISTIANITY CAN'T BE TRUE IF IT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR SO MUCH EVIL IN THE WORLD
- HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

VS

- “INSTRUCTIONS” THAT DIRECTS BEHAVIOUR

CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

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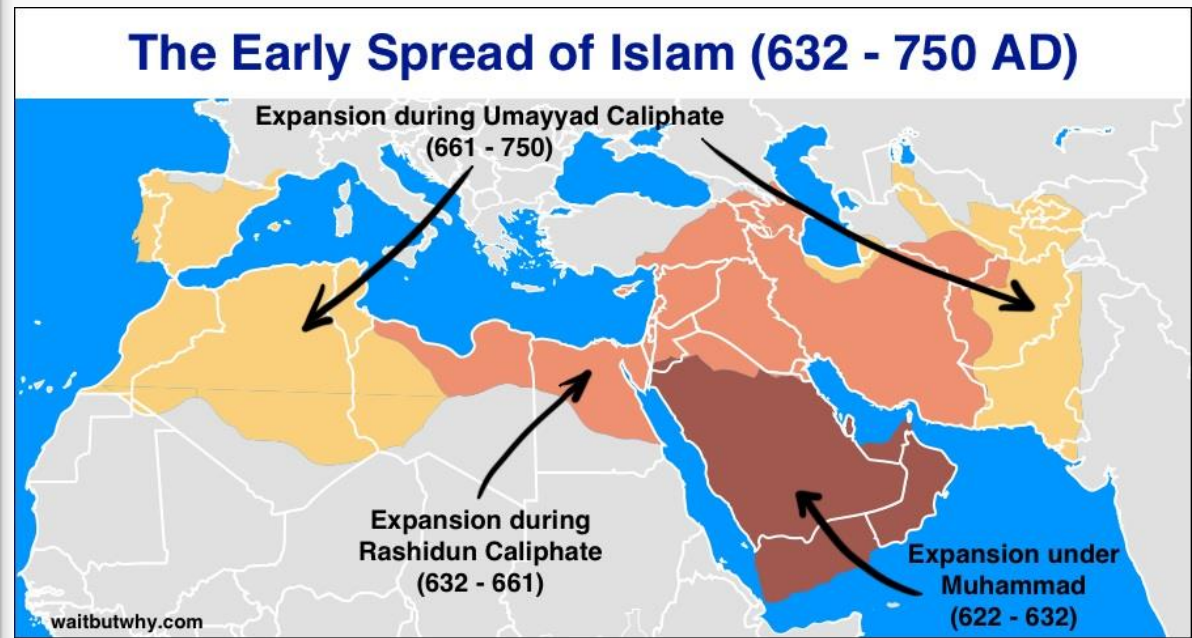
- IS THE “INSTRUCTION” IN THE BIBLE?
- IF NOT, THEN SINFUL HUMAN BEHAVIOUR
- “ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WARS”
 - *121 (6,87%) OF 1,763 KNOWN/RECORDED CONFLICTS*
- “THE GREAT BIG BOOK OF HORRIBLE THINGS”
 - *11 OF THE WORLDS’ 100 DEADLIEST ATROCITIES CITE RELIGION AS THEIR SOURCE (4 DEBATABLE)*
- THE CRUSADES AND WITCH HUNTS

CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

- 1) THE CLAIM
- 2) THE CRUSADES

THE CRUSADES (1096 TO 1291)

- MUHAMMAD (570-632) FOUNDED ISLAM





HUNGARY

Croatia

Diocletia

BYZANTINE
EMPIRE

• Dyrrachium

• Thessalonica

Constantinople

• Nicaea

Trebizond

SELJUK SULTANATE
OF RUM

• Antioch

Black Sea

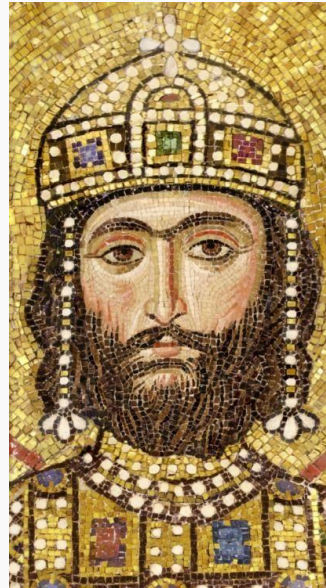
KINGDOM
OF SICILY

Mediterranean Sea

CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

- 1) THE CLAIM
- 2) THE CRUSADES

- 1095 EMPEROR ALEXIOS I KOMNENOS SENDS A PLEA TO POPE URBAN II
- FIRST HOLY CRUSADE DECLARED IN 1095
- NINE TOTAL - ESTIMATED **1-3 MILLION** DEAD



CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

- 1) THE CLAIM
- 2) THE CRUSADES

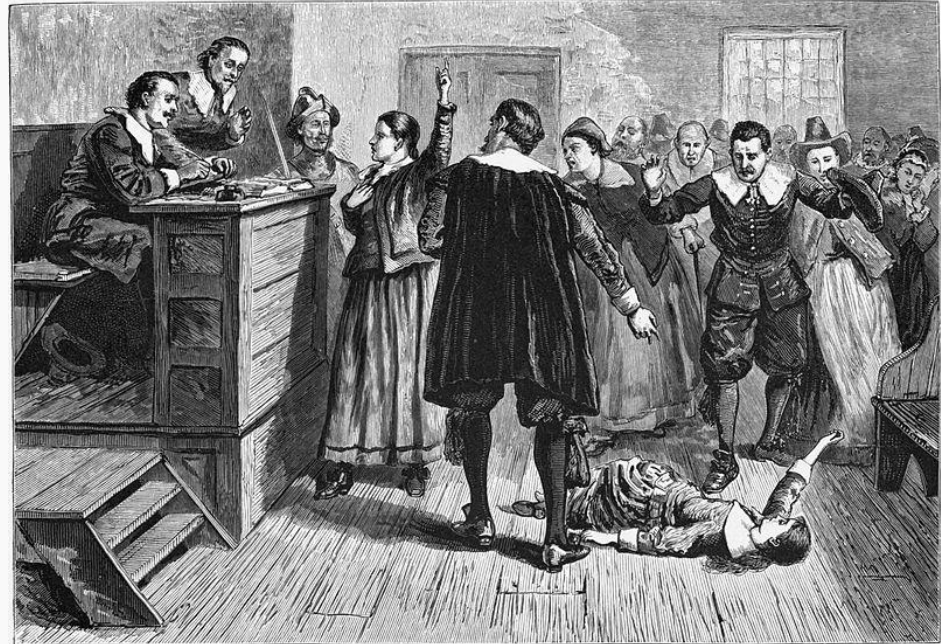
- IS CHRISTIANITY TO BLAME?
- NO BIBLICAL MANDATE
- CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKERS
(LUKE 1:79, MATT 5:9, 44, PS 34:14)
- SCEPTICS POINT TO
 - JESUS COMES TO BRING A SWORD MATTHEW 10:34, 38-39
 - PETER TO TAKE A SWORD (LUKE 22:36-37)
- SCRIPTURE OUT OF CONTEXT – METAPHORICAL LANGUAGE

CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

- 1) THE CLAIM
- 2) THE CRUSADES
- 3) THE WITCH HUNTS

WITCH HUNT TRIALS (1400 TO 1782)

- THE TRIAL REACHED THEIR PEAK IN THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES
- THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS MOST POPULAR
- ESTIMATED **60,000** DIED OVER 4 CENTURIES



CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

- 1) THE CLAIM
- 2) THE CRUSADES
- 3) THE WITCH HUNTS



BURNING OF THREE WITCHES IN BADEN, SWITZERLAND (1585)

CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

- 1) THE CLAIM
- 2) THE CRUSADES
- 3) THE WITCH HUNTS



COLORED 1678 ENGRAVING SHOWS ACCUSED SCOTTISH
WITCHES BEING HANGED IN 1661

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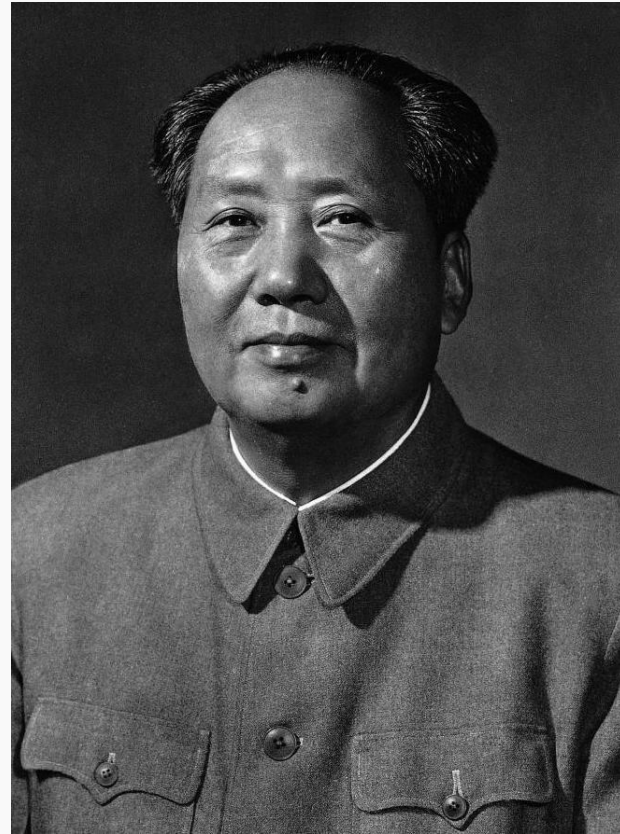
- IS CHRISTIANITY TO BLAME?
- OT LAW REQUIREMENTS

VS

- NT REQUIREMENTS – SET THE CAPTIVE FREE
- ACTS 16:16-18 – FORTUNE TELLING SLAVE GIRL
- ACTS 8:17-24 – SIMON THE SORCERER

CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

- 1) THE CLAIM
- 2) THE CRUSADES
- 3) THE WITCH HUNTS
- 4) NOT ATTRIBUTED TO
CHRISTIANITY



MAO ZEDONG, FOUNDER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF **40-70 MILLION PEOPLE** FROM STARVATION, FORCED LABOR, AND EXECUTIONS.

CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

- 1) THE CLAIM
- 2) THE CRUSADES
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JOSEPH STALIN, COMMUNIST DICTATOR OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS (USSR) FROM 1929 TO 1953, LED TO **20-60 MILLION DEATHS** FROM ARTIFICIAL FAMINE, EXECUTIONS, AND FORCED LABOR

CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

- 1) THE CLAIM
- 2) THE CRUSADES
- 3) THE WITCH HUNTS
- 4) NOT ATTRIBUTED TO
CHRISTIANITY



ADOLPH HITLER AND HIS NAZI PARTY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENOCIDE OF ABOUT **10 MILLION** (JEWS AND OTHER VICTIMS DEEMED RACIALLY INFERIOR) DURING WORLD WAR II.

CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

- 1) THE CLAIM
- 2) THE CRUSADES
- 3) THE WITCH HUNTS
- 4) NOT ATTRIBUTED TO CHRISTIANITY



RWANDAN GENOCIDE OF '94: IN A SPACE OF **3 MONTHS**, ESTIMATED **800,000** PEOPLE DEAD.

CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

- 1) THE CLAIM
- 2) THE CRUSADES
- 3) THE WITCH HUNTS
- 4) NOT ATTRIBUTED TO CHRISTIANITY
- 5) THE PERSON

- TRUE: IF CHRISTIANITY DID NOT EXIST
- PROBLEM NOT BELIEF STRUCTURE
- IT IS THE PEOPLE
- ***“WHAT IS CAUSING THE QUARRELS AND FIGHTS AMONG YOU? DON'T THEY COME FROM THE EVIL DESIRES AT WAR WITHIN YOU? YOU WANT WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE, SO YOU SCHEME AND KILL TO GET IT. YOU ARE JEALOUS OF WHAT OTHERS HAVE, BUT YOU CAN'T GET IT, SO YOU FIGHT AND WAGE WAR TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM THEM”***
(James 4:1,2, NLT)

CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH?

- 1) THE CLAIM
- 2) THE CRUSADES
- 3) THE WITCH HUNTS
- 4) NOT ATTRIBUTED TO
CHRISTIANITY
- 5) THE PERSON
- 6) CONCLUSION

- DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
 - WHAT PEOPLE DO
 - WHAT THEY CLAIM TO BE DOING
 - WHAT THEIR INSTRUCTION ACTUALLY SAY

QUESTIONS

IS CHRISTIANITY RESPONSIBLE
FOR MILLIONS OF DEATHS IN
HISTORY?



PART 2 - Conversations About truth and Worldview - Question Sixteen

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16. ARE CHRISTIANS LESS INTELLIGENT THAN ATHEISTS?

CHRISTIANS CLAIM THEY KNOW OBJECTIVE TRUTH

1) INTRODUCTION

- THEO HAS AN IQ OF 100 AND AINE HAS AN IQ OF 125 - WHICH STATEMENT CAN YOU EXPECT TO BE TRUE?
 - A. AINE EARNS LESS MONEY THAN THEO
 - B. THEO IS MORE LIBERAL THAN AINE
 - C. THEO IS AN ATHEIST WHILE AINE IS A CHRISTIAN
 - D. THEO IS A CHRISTIAN WHILE AINE IS AN ATHEIST
- LECTURER ANSWER: D

CHRISTIANS CLAIM THEY KNOW OBJECTIVE TRUTH

1) INTRODUCTION

- TWO MAJOR STUDIES DONE
 1. COUNTRY-LEVEL STUDY
 2. INDIVIDUAL –LEVEL STUDY
- ***SCIENCE DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING, SCIENTISTS DO!***
DR FRANK TUREK

CHRISTIANS CLAIM THEY KNOW OBJECTIVE TRUTH

- 1) INTRODUCTION
- 2) COUNTRY-LEVEL STUDY

- 2009 RESEARCHER STUDY
- AVERAGE NATIONAL IQ WITH THE NATIONAL PERCENTAGE OF ATHEISTS FOR 137 COUNTRIES
- CONCLUSION: “THE HIGHER THE IQ THE LESS LIKELY THE PEOPLE ARE TO BE RELIGIOUS”

CHRISTIANS CLAIM THEY KNOW OBJECTIVE TRUTH

- 1) INTRODUCTION
- 2) COUNTRY-LEVEL STUDY

- COUNTRY LEVEL STUDY:
- IN 2009 RESEARCHERS COMPARED THE AVERAGE NATIONAL IQ WITH THE NATIONAL PERCENTAGE OF ATHEISTS FOR 137 COUNTRIES AND CONCLUDED ***“THE HIGHER THE IQ THE LESS LIKELY THE PEOPLE ARE TO BE RELIGIOUS”***
- CHALLENGES AGAINST THE STUDY:

CHRISTIANS CLAIM THEY KNOW OBJECTIVE TRUTH

- 1) INTRODUCTION
- 2) COUNTRY-LEVEL STUDY

1. THE VALIDITY OF MEASURES USE TO DETERMINE INTELLIGENCE AND ATHEISM IS QUESTIONABLE
 - a. MEASURING NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE IS CONTROVERSIAL AS IT DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE COMPLEXITIES OF ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION, LITERACY, NUTRITION AND HEALTH CARE.
 - b. CALCULATING THE PERCENTAGE OF ATHEISTS OR RELIGIOUS PERSONS IS EQUALLY DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF
 - i. LOW RESPONSE RATES
 - ii. WEAKNESS IN RANDOM SAMPLE SELECTION
 - iii. REGIME(GOVERNMENT) OR PEER PRESSURE INFLUENCING RESPONSES
 - iv. TERMINOLOGICAL VARIATION BETWEEN CULTURES (EG MEANING OF THE WORDS 'RELIGIOUS' OR 'SECULAR')

CHRISTIANS CLAIM THEY KNOW OBJECTIVE TRUTH

- 1) INTRODUCTION
- 2) COUNTRY-LEVEL STUDY

2. MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE RAW DATA SHOWS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ATHEISM AND INTELLIGENCE IS LIMITED TO COUNTRIES WITHIN A SPECIFIC NATIONAL IQ RANGE ONLY
 - a. DATA SHOWS THE EFFECT SEEN IS MOSTLY LIMITED TO COUNTRIES WITH A NATIONAL IQ BETWEEN 85-95. COUNTRIES BELOW AND ABOVE THIS AVERAGE SHOWED ZERO STATISTICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTELLIGENCE AND ATHEISM. ONLY 38 COUNTRIES OF THE 137 THEREFORE SHOWED A STATISTICAL RELATIONSHIP. PERSPECTIVE: IF EACH COUNTRY WAS A PERSON THEN 99 OF THEM SHOWED NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEIR IQ AND RELIGION. ONLY 38 PEOPLE SHOWED A POSSIBLE RELATION BETWEEN THE TWO (THAT'S ONLY 28%)
 - b. THE COUNTRIES THAT DID SHOW SOME RELATIONSHIP ARE ALL LOCATED IN CENTRAL ASIA, SOUTH EAST ASIA AND SOUTH AMERICA SUGGESTING UNDERLYING REGION-SPECIFIC FACTORS PLAYING A ROLE.

CHRISTIANS CLAIM THEY KNOW OBJECTIVE TRUTH

- 1) INTRODUCTION
- 2) COUNTRY-LEVEL STUDY
- 3) INDIVIDUAL LEVEL STUDY

- IN 2013 RESEARCHERS PULLED TOGETHER ALL PAST STUDIES CONDUCTED ON THIS TOPIC FOR INDIVIDUAL PERSONS. (THERE WAS 63 SUCH STUDIES.)
- 35 SHOWED ***“ATHEISTS ARE SMARTER”***
- 2 SHOWED ***“RELIGIOUS PEOPLE ARE SMARTER”***
- 26 SHOWED ***“NO SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIP”***

CHRISTIANS CLAIM THEY KNOW OBJECTIVE TRUTH

- 1) INTRODUCTION
- 2) COUNTRY-LEVEL STUDY
- 3) INDIVIDUAL LEVEL STUDY

1. SAYING THAT ATHEISTS ARE SMARTER IGNORES ALMOST HALF OF ALL THE STUDIES EVER DONE. COMBINING ALL THESE INDIVIDUAL STUDIES IS PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE THEY VARY EXTENSIVELY ON
 - i. WHO WAS STUDIED (AGE & BACKGROUND),
 - ii. HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE STUDIED (SIZES RANGED FROM 20 PEOPLE TO 14000 PEOPLE),
 - iii. WHEN THE STUDIES WERE CONDUCTED (OVER 84YRS),
 - iv. WHAT MEASURES WERE USED TO DETERMINE RELIGION (CHURCH ATTENDANCE VS 'RAISED CHRISTIAN') AND
 - v. WHAT TESTS WERE USED TO ESTABLISH INTELLIGENCE (UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS VS VOCABULARY TEST).

CHRISTIANS CLAIM THEY KNOW OBJECTIVE TRUTH

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- 3) INDIVIDUAL LEVEL STUDY

- CORNELL STATS PROF WILLIAM BRIGGS SAID:

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- LIKE MAKING A CAKE WITH TOMATO SAUCE AND BULLY BEEF

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- b. Even if we accepted the data could be combined it showed
 - i. Religious behavior had no relationship to intelligence
 - ii. Religious belief had no relationship to intelligence in teenagers
 - iii. Religious belief had a weak negative relationship to intelligence in students and adults
2. The results said atheists are smarter but the mathematical magnitude of that is very small. The majority of factors that impact religious beliefs are factors other than intelligence.

CHRISTIANS CLAIM THEY KNOW OBJECTIVE TRUTH

- 1) **INTRODUCTION**
- 2) **COUNTRY-LEVEL STUDY**
- 3) **INDIVIDUAL LEVEL STUDY**
- 4) **INTELLIGENCE AND FAITH**

1. BELIEF IS NOT A FUNCTION OF THE MIND, IT IS OF THE HEART. PEOPLE WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT'S LEADING DO NOT ACCEPT THE THINGS THAT COME FROM GOD AND CONSIDER THEM FOOLISHNESS (1 COR 2:14). THE MIND GOVERNED BY THE FLESH IS HOSTILE TO GOD (ROM 8:7).
2. BUT WE SHOULD NOT LEAVE OUR MINDS OUT OF OUR FAITH. LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND (MAT 22:37). DO NOT BE CHILDREN IN YOUR THINKING. BE INFANTS IN EVIL BUT IN YOUR THINKING BE MATURE (1 COR 14:20). WE DEMOLISH ARGUMENTS AND EVERY PRETENSION THAT SETS ITSELF UP AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND WE TAKE CAPTIVE EVERY THOUGHT TO MAKE IT OBEДИENT TO CHRIST (2 COR 10:5)
3. THE BIBLE WARNS US AGAINST SELF RELIANT THINKING. NOT AGAINST THINKING. TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND DO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING (PROV 3:5)

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- 5) CONCLUSION

PSALM 14:1

THE FOOL SAYS IN HIS HEART "THERE IS NO GOD"

QUESTIONS

ARE CHRISTIANS LESS
INTELLIGENT THAN ATHEISTS?



NEXT WEEK

17. How Do We Know Jesus Existed?

18. Did Jesus Really Claim to Be God?

19. Did Jesus' Followers Really Believe He Is God?

20. Why Did Jesus Need to Die On The Cross For Our Sins

