

Columbo II Discussion Time:

What would your response be to the following statements?

- 1) The Big Bang doesn't need God. You could start with a base of nothing but an infinite, continuous moment, until one tiny, little, insignificant thing happened: a point happened in the nothingness. This required no intelligence, so no intelligent God had to intervene. All we need is a tiny imperfection in the perfect nothingness that expanded and became increasingly complex, and soon you have galaxies and planets.

- 2) Life is too complex to have arisen from pure random chance. Life was brought to earth by aliens.

- 3) Jesus didn't really die on the cross, he recuperated in the grave, and then let himself out, and then he married Mary Magdalene.

- 4) Reincarnation was originally part of Christian teaching, but was taken out of the Bible in the fourth century.

- 5) Homosexual people are born that way.

- 6) You don't need God for morality.

- 7) People have value even if there is no God.

8) There is no God.



A silhouette of a hand moving a chess piece on a board against a blue background. The hand is on the left, and the piece is being moved towards the center. Other chess pieces are visible in the background.

Review

- **Ambassador Model**
 - **Knowledge** (accurately informed mind)
 - **Wisdom** (artful method)
 - **Character** (attractive manner)

Your Goal:

“Put a stone in someone’s shoe”

- Give them something worth thinking about
 - Something they can’t ignore because it continues to poke at them (in a good way)
- Not everyone is a “closer”
- Not everyone is ready to accept the Gospel
 - The “fruit is not ripe”
 - Message may be meaningless or unbelievable at that point in time
 - Message rejected and unbeliever may be harder to reach the next time

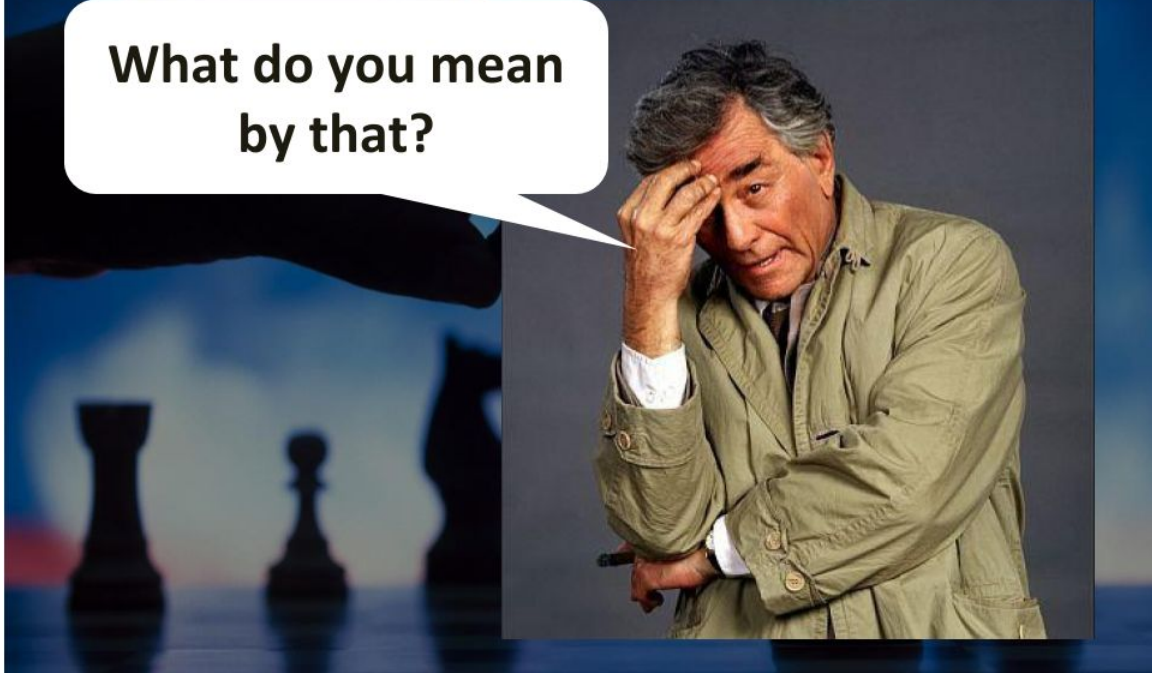
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“Columbo 1”

What do you mean
by that?



Homework

Anyone? Anyone?



Attacks on Christian Beliefs Often a “Bedtime Story”

- Christian presents argument
- Opponent counters with refutation that is a “really good story”
 - Feel this is adequate response to your argument
 - Rarely, if ever, justify why we should believe their story

