

Christianity

The ***ONLY***
Logical Religion



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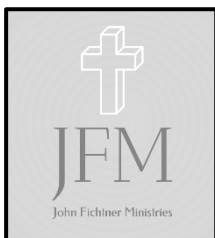
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Give me your bottom line first and then make your explanation brief.
That is why:

- My table of contents gives the main subjects!
- The Intro. briefly answers each question in the booklet.
- The chapters are brief studies, filling in each point.

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1. **My Years of Searching and Hard Questions**

The LAST Religion I wanted to consider was Christianity.

Years of searching every major world religion made me face some hard questions.

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2. **What is the Nature of Man?**

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Are people basically GOOD in our hearts? Can that be proven or disproven?

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3. **What is God's Nature?**

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Every major religion believes that God is Fully JUSTICE and Fully LOVE. Yet, this causes a problem that no other religion can resolve.

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4. **If Man is Bent toward Selfish & Self-Deceived then WHY do many people do good or kind acts?**

God gave each person a conscience. The purpose of our conscience is to make us aware of how much we need help.

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5. **My Personal Defiance of God!**

The **more** Christianity **answered** my **questions** the more I did **NOT want** to become a Christian.

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Chap. 1

My Years of Searching and Hard Questions

When I look back, I realize now that there were a lot of **hidden motives** in **why** I was **determined** to find **ANY other** religion other than Christianity.

1. Growing up my **dad** claimed a nominal Christian faith, even though he did not go to church and had nothing of Christ in his life. Because I was **determined** to be **different** from my dad in **every way**, I was determined to find a **true religion** that was **NOT** Christianity.
2. I was a **rebel** at heart and felt that **Christianity** was an **“American”** religion.
3. Over the years, the **more** I **researched**, the more I realized that these **“Real”** Christians **scared** me. It was too obvious that **they had something** that no one else had.

Because of these hidden motives, I spent many years deeply researching the other world religions.

I did not just research other religions. I REALLY WANTED one of them to be true. I really wanted one of them to be worth the investment of my life.

I visited their mosques, temples and meeting places. I read their holy books and writings. I met and talked with their leaders, priests, teachers, Imams etc.

The **more** I **met, talked** and **attended meetings** the **WEARIER** I became.

Everyone talked about God, Deity, Eternity etc. but their talk all seemed to be a vague picture of **“TRY Hard to be GOOD”**.

They **ALL AGREED** that man is basically **GOOD** and that if we all tried harder – life would be better.

This led me to my first HARD Question!

Is man basically good?

Chap. 2

What is the **Nature** of **Man**?What does **Sociology** say?

I found a great **disconnect** between what I heard from the leaders and books of different **religions** and what I was **studying in college**.

I was studying Sociology in college. Sociology is defined as:

*“The scientific study of human society, its structures, and **social behavior patterns**.”*

Sociology has **PROVEN** many times that **mankind** is **NOT** basically **good** in their hearts! Here are five areas of proof.

i. Morals in Society when that society prospers

If mankind was good in heart, then each time a society **PROSPERED** - kindness, moral goodness and caring for others would **INCREASE!**

In **100%** of the cases, the **EXACT OPPOSITE happened**. The more a society prospered, the more evil, unkind, angry, perverted and cruel people were to each other.

This involves studies of **hundreds** of societies over **thousands** of years. The results are shockingly conclusive. Rarely do you find a 100% result in a sociological study of the history of man. However, this question produces a 100% consistent response.

Morals **ALWAYS Decrease** as society prospers.

ii. Raising Children.

If each individual is good in heart, **GIVE** each child **WHATEVER** they **WANT** all the time and they will become **wonderful, mature, kind, un-self-centered** adults.

Every parent would **LAUGH** at this. Every parent knows that all children are **born selfish**.

Every parent knows that if you constantly give your child everything they want, they will eat junk food, watch screens constantly and live more for themselves every year. The words **“I WANT”** would be the only passion in these children’s lives.

iii. Arguments, Anger and Confirmation Bias

Think about every Argument or Tension interaction you have ever observed. If you were a neutral observer, then you quickly saw that **BOTH** parties in the argument were:

1. **Emphasizing** their **Strong** Points &
2. **Minimizing** their **Weak** Points.

In other words, **BOTH** parties were being **SELFISH!**

They did **NOT** want **Truth**. They simply wanted to **WIN** the Argument.

It doesn't matter if it is the irritated check out person with the irritated customer or the long term family argument – every argument is proof of man's selfish nature.

Every litigation lawyer and mediator can tell you that the selfish nature of man is exhausting and endless.

You see **arguments** and **tensions EVERY** day of your life.

All of these arguments and anger are proof of the nature of man.

The Polarization of Society.

Because of the **internet**, we have **access** to **more information** than anyone in past generations could have imagined.

If man were basically good, then having access to all sides of a discussion would **eliminate anger** and **arguments**.

If man were basically good, then political parties would work hard to see the value in their opponents points and all disagreement would be easily resolved.

Yet the **OPPOSITE** has happened.

We **choose** to **IGNORE** any information that disagrees with our preferred stance.

Confirmational Bias is defined as:

*“**Only positive** evidence is sought, or evidence that **supports your expectations** or **hypotheses**.*

*Evidence that could **prove them wrong** is systematically **disregarded**.”*

All of this confirmational bias is proof of the nature of man.

iv. Self-Deception – I am a good person!

If you are reading this and you are **NOT** a True Christian, then you do **NOT LIKE** what you are reading. You are already trying to **COUNTER** these points.

It did **NOT OCCUR** to you to remain neutral and study them accurately. Instead, you **WANT** them to be **WRONG**.

This bias stance is not something you examine. Most likely you are not even aware of how biased you are.

At the deepest level, there is something very **frightening** about **admitting** or **facing** your **own** level of **selfishness**.

To succeed in this Self-Deception that you are a “*Good*” person, you have worked very hard to:

- **Dismiss** or **Diminish all aspects** of your own selfishness.
- **Magnify Massively** any **positive** traits in your life.

Do you understand why you are trying to “*Justify*” yourself?

In your heart, you know that one day you will stand before a perfectly **JUST** God.

None of those lies will matter when you stand before a Holy, Perfect, **JUST** God who will bring to light every one of your selfish motives and selfish actions and will judge them.

The only one who can “*Justify*” us or make us “*Pure*” and “*Innocent*” is Jesus. However, for Jesus to “*Justify*” us, we must first **stop clinging** to our Self-Deceptions and face the truth. As Romans 3:26 says, God is:

"Just and the Justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus"

v. Self-Deception – Do I have real LIFE?

In the booklet titled “**TEST Yourself**” I go into detail about the different goals of our life and how they leave us emptier and devoid of true LIFE.

Yet the **emptier** our life becomes the more we **LIE** to ourselves and **pretend** that we are **satisfied** with our lives.

Since this is an entirely different booklet study we will only briefly mention it here.

Conclusion for Chapter 2

Man's selfishness and self-deception are obvious and proven in hundreds of human interactions all around us every day.

The study of Sociology gave me the correct tools to see the obvious Nature of Man.

Yet, when I talked to the **different religious leaders**, they would blindly deny these truths without any logic or proof. They would just keep parroting that man is basically "**Good**" and **can IMPROVE** himself. They would not answer any other question on that subject.

They would usually **forcefully change the subject**.

- **ONLY** Christianity teaches that man is born **BENT** toward **selfishness**.
- **ONLY** Christianity also teaches **Self-Deception** – that the **more** selfish we become, the more we **DENY** our selfishness.

After all of this, I was torn. I had to acknowledge that only Christianity faces the hard truth of Man's Nature.

However, I still did **NOT want** Christianity to be true, so I kept researching and asking more hard questions.

My next question was a twofold question.

*"What is the **Nature** of God?"*

*"Is God a **Personal** God?"*

Chap. 3

What is God's Nature?
Is God a Personal God?

To my surprise, every major world religion believes that God's nature is Fully **JUST** and Fully **LOVE**.

However, Christianity is the **ONLY** religion that believes that God is a **Personal God**.

When I put these two together, I began to realize why other religions become so vague and confused on these two subjects.

- If God is Fully **Justice**, then **EVERY** person deserves **damnation**.
 If there is a God – then he is responsible to **CORRECT** every single wrong. Since each of us wrong others daily in our attitudes, actions, motives and judgements, then each of us has billions of wrongs that must be judged. Everyone deserves damnation and there is no option of heaven for anyone.
- If God is Fully **Love**, then **EVERY** person gets **heaven**.
 Satan, Hitler, every Pedophile, Murderer & Cruel individual is in heaven, and they do **NOT** have to change or repent in any way.
 Heaven is no longer a perfect place.

This dual perspective of the nature of God is in practically every religion.

Yet, it creates a **problem**. **HOW** can God be **BOTH**? I was painfully aware that **ONLY Christianity solved** this paradox in the death & resurrection of Jesus.

To make matters even **more painful** for me, I was rather **shocked** to find that the **only** world religion that believes in a **PERSONAL God** who is **interested** and **invested** in **every detail** of my life is **Christianity**.

Putting those two things together, I began to understand why other religions avoided these hard questions and did not believe in a personal God. Here is a summation of this aspect of my research.

*“How can a **Sinful** man*

*who has **Billions** of instances of **Selfishness** in his life*

***Stand** before a **PERFECT** God who must **Fully Judge** each act of selfishness?*

*How can **this man** ever enter a **Perfect Heaven**?*

If Man is Bent toward Selfish & Self-Deceived

then **WHY** do **many** people do **good** or **kind** acts?

Every human can do good or kind acts. In fact, most people **HOPE** that their good or kind acts will somehow **OUTWEIGH** their selfish motives and acts when they stand before a **Perfect** God.

However, Jesus said it clearly that God is PERFECT PURITY and he has the **right** to **demand** PERFECT PURITY from his creation.

Mt. 5:48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The PURPOSE of our Conscience.

This sense of “Right” and “Wrong” is in every human and is one of the greatest proofs of the existence of God.

Romans 2:15 They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness

The Purpose of our Conscience is to show us how much we need Jesus. The longer I am a Christian the more I realize that it is those who **still** have a **tender** conscience who are **most likely** to become Christians.

Our Conscience can be Seared and Corrupted.

The **more** we **resist** our conscience and **deny** our own selfishness the more **Seared** or **Corrupted** becomes our conscience.

I Tim. 4:2 hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron

Titus:15 To those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.

The Blood of Jesus can CLEANSE our Conscience.

Please read the booklet titled: “*The Blood of Jesus*”. In that booklet, I share the most emotional story of my life.

Heb. 9:14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

My Personal Defiance of God?

After **years** of this research, I was so **discouraged**.

It seemed like the only option of truth and the only answer to the hard questions was Christianity.

Yet, I vehemently did **NOT want** to be a **Christian**. It was obvious from the “Real” Christians that this God of Jesus **gave everything** and **required me** to **give everything** to him.

I did **not** want to **give up control** of my life.

In fact, the last year of my research, I **viciously persecuted** Christians. I lied to them. I lied about them. I did everything I could to break their peace.

The more I attacked them, the kinder, more patient and more loving they were to me. That scared me even more.

This all culminated in a March night in 1977.

I went for a walk at 2am and began to shout at this God of Christianity. I said to him:

*“OK – **YOU say** that I can’t be a Good Person unless I let Jesus take over my life and change me on the inside.*

*I **DEFY** you!*

*I may not **yet** be a **GOOD** person, but I will be a **BETTER** person.*

*From this point forward, I will do **BETTER**.*

I will be better at Not Drinking, Not Cussing & Not being Immoral.

I will be better at being Kind to everyone and a Giving person.

My morals had been sliding for years, but I felt that I could exert my force of will to reverse my moral slide.

To my shock, from the moment I challenged God, I got **WORSE!**

Not just a **Little** worse.

I was more selfish, evil, and mean than I had ever been in my life and I got **worse every week**. Every single day, I got up **DETERMINED** to try harder and each day I got worse.

No One Tries to be Pure

The word “**Good**” actually means to be “**PURE**”

No one ever actually **TRIES** to be **PURE** person.

In my defiance, I faced my ugly traits and was determined to work toward Purity!

Here’s what I discovered:

The **more** people **TRY** to be **PURE**,
the **more** they **SEE** their **OWN** selfishness.

The **LESS** people try to be pure,
the **LESS** they **SEE** their selfishness.

The **OLD** Testament section of the Bible makes so much sense.

As humans we passionately avoid the subject of “**Purity**”.

Instead, we try to make our **OWN RULES**. We keep changing our rules to convince ourselves that we are a “Good” person. We avoid all subjects that make us uncomfortable.

In the Old Testament, God **HAMMERS** the point that **GOD** sets the rules. God’s rules are **PURITY** in **Actions** and **Motives**.

I was Completely Broken

About 4 months after my defiance of God, I was broken. I knew that:

1. Christianity is the Only **Logical** Religion
and
2. Christianity is the Only Religion that answers the **Hard** Questions.

Even more, I knew that this God of Jesus wanted to **know** me **personally**. He kindly answered my challenge.

That summer in July 1977, I gave everything to him.

For almost 50 years now, he has filled me with his love and his joy.

He **CHANGED** me on the inside.

He has **CONTINUED** to change me on the **INSIDE**.

I am **HIS Forever!**

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