

Defending your Faith

Faith and Reason – Changing Attitudes 180 Degrees

Science and Christianity

- *“Believing in finding a needle in a haystack is easier than believing the Darwin Evolutionary theory. The odds of Darwinian evolution being true, is like comparing to a million monkeys typing on typewriters, all typing at random, believing they will produce the collective works of Shakespeare.”*

David Berlinski PhD



- The Darwinian theory of evolution is like *“buying 20 lbs of sliced turkey adding a gallon of turkey broth, warming it up, sticking a few feathers in and suggesting that a live turkey will eventually come gobbling out if given enough time.”* James Tour PhD
- *“A Scientific dissent from Darwinism”* is a document signed by over 1,000 scientists skeptical of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of Life.
- The fine tuning of the universe, laws of nature and for life to exist, all indicate that an intelligence must be directing it. God is the most rational explanation. So, if there was a big bang, there must be a *“Big Bang-er.”*
- A 100 Year study of *“Scientific Nobel Prize”* winners revealed that 86% believe in God and 65% were Christian.

Bible Authenticity

- Scholars use a method called *“Textual Criticism”* to authenticate ancient documents. Scholars agree that *“The New Testament”* is the most authentic of all ancient manuscripts.



Jesus and Christianity

- The odds of 1 person fulfilling 8 future predictions are 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000! How big is that number? Fill the state of Texas knee deep in silver dollars, one having a black check mark on it and then blindfold someone. The odds that they would find that coin first, is the same odds of one with seventeen zeros. Jesus fulfilled over 300 prophecies.
- Christianity is an evidence-based religion which can be rationally believed by things that can be tested, not one solely to be trusted on blind faith.
- Jesus made the greatest impact in history in every genre of literature, art, and music. Even our calendar is centered around His birth.
- Almost the entire Western world is educated because of Christianity.



Archaeology: The Bible’s Best Friend

Archaeology has uncovered that many of the Bible’s people, places and events are anything but myths and legends but are historical truths. The Bible has nothing to fear from the spade.



For the most comprehensive list of evidence for God and Christianity and scholarly sources go to FAR180.COM

Why Christianity? Because it’s true, the evidence is beyond any reasonable doubt!

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What is FAR180?

- We are a lay mission whose purpose is to help “provide a defence and answer for the hope that is within you.” (1 Peter 3:15) We are ordinary Christians, a mixture of both cradle Catholics and Catholic converts, who have the desire to share the ideas that have increased our hope and faith. Our prayer is that through the videos and reflections for evidence for God and Christianity that we have prepared, your perspective on *Faith and Reason can change 180°*, and that with this course correction you can steer towards the fullness of the faith.
- We provide practical tools for Christians to share why they believe, inspire lukewarm believers and be a source for skeptics.

Resources available at FAR180.COM:

- Evidence: Science, Archaeology, did Jesus exist, the Resurrection, The Bible’s authenticity, Prophecies Jesus fulfilled, Moral law and more with Free PDF’s
- Small group participant guide with supporting YouTube videos and PDF hand-outs
- 16-page magazine “*Faith and Reason*” Free in PDF
- Live presentations by FAR180 team members
- FAR180 event center with Banners for occasions
- “*How to Defend your Faith*” A one page pdf handout with fun facts of evidence
- Blogs changing attitudes 180°
- Photography of God’s natural wonders & beauty
- Website: Most resources are at no charge

Why is Evidence Critical?

- Studies have proven that disbelief from a lack of reason is the number one cause why people leave the Church. Young people especially, want their beliefs trusted and confirmed with evidence.
- Today’s youth is three times more likely to become atheists. Seven out of ten leave the church comparing religion to believing in Santa Claus.
- Our youth are often ridiculed and unprepared for attacks on Christianity, underscoring the need to effectively equip them as teens. They want rational answers and if parents don’t give it to them other sources will.
- Many Christians whose faith is based solely on emotion, is often quickly undermined by atheist arguments when not grounded on objective truth.
- Doubting Thomas is the Bible’s scapegoat, but not alone in disbelief. Jesus rebuked all the other apostles “for their unbelief!” (Mark 16:14) Therefore, if Jesus’ eyewitnesses needed evidence why would our friends and family be any different?
- Why “Apologetics?” (*Providing a defence*) The Bible Commands It, the Culture Demands It, the Church Needs It, the Results Confirm It. Evidence is the yeast ingredient and like in bread, it raises faith.

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