

WHY DO SOME PEOPLE REJECT THE RATIONAL EVIDENCE FOR CHRISTIANITY?

Introduction – Throughout our series we have demonstrated that everyone makes faith assumptions. We examined these assumptions and showed the God of monotheism necessarily exists. The worldviews of secular humanism and Eastern mysticism are self-contradictory and, therefore, false. We proved that the Bible is a reliable witness and that Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead. In comparing the three monotheistic faiths, we saw why Christianity is superior. We also resolved the problem of evil as an objection to monotheism. So why do some people reject this rational evidence for proving the truthfulness of Christianity?

- A. Many people have had a bad experience with religion or religious people.
 - 1. Hypocrisy is a big problem.
Luke 12:1
 - 2. Religious rules and rigidity turn off some people.
Colossians 2:16-18; 22-23
- B. Why doesn't God speak directly to everyone so they could know the truth?
John 12:27-31
- C. Why doesn't God give miraculous signs to everyone, so they could know the truth?
Matthew 12:22-28
- D. Some people have false expectations for God.
 - 1. Job and his friends assumed that the karma principle was universally true.
Job 42:5-6
 - 2. Some want to know why God did not answer their prayers.
John 9:31-34
- E. It is a matter of the human will and one's ability to see and hear.
John 7:16-18

James 1:21

2 Corinthians 4:1-4

Conclusion – It is not a lack of rational evidence that causes people to reject Christianity. Remember Pascal's wager.

What allows Christians to move beyond rational probability compared to the other option?

1. The work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:7-14

2. The taste test

1 Peter 2:1-3

2 Timothy 2:12b: *I know him whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.*