

## **Ready to Make a Defense: Addressing Common Questions**

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### **I. Remember what is true concerning our witness**

A. Man is unable to come to God through human reasoning (Rom 1:18-21; 8:6-8; 1 Cor 1:18; 2:12-14)

B. Man can only come to God through Jesus Christ proclaimed (Rom 10:14-15)

### **II. Be ready to make a defense (2 Pet 3:15)**

A. There can't be one true religion –

How can you claim that there is only one true religion? All major religions are equally valid and basically teach the same thing. Therefore, It is close-minded to think yours can be the only right one.

B. The problem of evil

If there is a God, how can there still be evil? If God is (1) good and (2) all powerful then he would eradicate all evil. But since evil does exist in this world, then (1) God is not good or (2) God is not powerful or (3) both. Since evil exists, then such a God must either not exist, or if He does exist, He cannot be trusted.

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- C. Christians are hypocrites  
Why should I believe in the Christian faith when its people are a bunch of hypocrites? Hasn't the church been the source of decades of injustice in the world?
- D. How can a loving God send people to Hell?  
I have a problem in believing in a God who requires satisfying His wrath upon people forever for one sin. How can you square the Christian God being a God of love, yet can send people to hell forever? I cannot reconcile the idea of hell with a loving God.
- E. Science has disproved Christianity  
Hasn't science made clear that it is impossible for so-called miracles to happen, like spontaneous healing and raising a man from the dead? I can't take seriously a faith that ignores what science has proven.
- F. How can you know the Bible can be trusted?  
Isn't much of the Bible's teaching historically inaccurate? How can we be sure that the Bible's account of events is what really happened? It was also written to a culture far removed from us. How can it still be relevant in our day and age?