
Words of Truth

An Atheist Has A Point

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I received an email in December wherein the person who wrote me wanted to poke fun at the word “faith” and at “religion” as a whole. This is what was cited by the person who emailed me: “Faith: noun. 1. The irrational belief in something despite overwhelming contradictory evidence. 2. Consciously choosing to circumvent and devalue logic, as seen as being blasphemous. 3. The idea that thinking and behaving without regards to critical thought is virtuous or desirable. 4. Unsubstantiated self-justification for the unwillingness to educate oneself about opinions which do not directly mirror, or are incompatible with, those of the individual” (<http://www.thegoodatheist.net/2010/12/20/faith-defined/>).

The fact is, the definitions above DO, in fact, fit many so-called religious people. Those definitions even fit the majority of members of so-called “churches of Christ” that I have met over the years. Most people who think they’re Christians are not even close. Jesus Himself said this: *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity”* (Matthew 7:21-23).

Many who profess to be Christians have really never tested anything. God expects us to test things before we believe them (I Thessalonians 5:21). I have met many, who proclaim to be Christians, that believe things the Bible doesn’t say that are also completely irrational. Think about it, there are people in churches of Christ who correctly declare that miracles have ceased (I Corinthians 13:8-13). However, they get up and pray for someone to be healed or pray for someone to have God’s protection during times of travel. If I were an atheist, I would poke at that! It is inconsistent, irrational, and biblically errant. Those of us who point out those errors are viewed as blasphemous.

The atheist was right in his first and second points in regard to many fake Christians. He is also right on his third point when it comes to fake Christians. They think that faith requires no critical thought. However, the biblical definition of faith shows that we should be critical thinkers. Faith is based on evidence, conviction (Hebrews 11:1). God wants us to reason (Acts 17:2).

This atheist was also right in his fourth point when it comes to many fake Christians. While we as Christians ought not be willing to hear or adhere to false doctrine (Colossians 2:8 and II Timothy 2:23), discussion of opposing views is not something truth should fear (Acts 15:1-35 and Acts 17:17). However, blind followers of fake Christianity are very much afraid of examining their own faith and those doctrines which others teach. We need to be ready to

answer things presented to us (I Peter 3:15). That does not occur when we just blindly follow the things we've always heard taught. The fake Christian does fit into all four points of the atheists conclusions. However, his definition is far from the truth when it comes to those of us who know (I John 5:20), believe (Galatians 2:20), and practice (James 1:21-27) TRUTH!

Real Faith Is Tested And Sure

I do not believe in God the way the world uses the word “believe”. I KNOW God is true and His word is the truth because I have tested it. Genesis 1:1-31 is proved to be the truth because of God’s supplied evidence throughout His word. Man did not know that God hung the earth on nothing (Job 26:7), until long after the Scriptures were recorded and massed produced. Man did not know that the earth is round (Isaiah 40:22), until long after the Scriptures were recorded and massed produced. Man did not understand the water cycle (Ecclesiastes 1:7, Ecclesiastes 11:3, and Amos 9:6), until long after the Scriptures were recorded and massed produced. Man did not know there were water springs in the sea (Job 38:16), until long after the Scriptures were recorded and massed produced. I believe in God and the Bible as His word because I have reasoned out that He knew things long before man ever did. That is rational belief inline with OVERWHELMING evidence.

In a court of law, fact can be established by witnesses. In scientific circles, tests are acceptable when noted by witnesses. God has done many wonderful works (Psalms 40:5, Psalms 107:8, and Acts 2:22). The miracles of our God were witnessed and documented by many for our benefit (Acts 2:32, Acts 3:15, Acts 4:33, Acts 7:44, I Corinthians 15:1-7, and Hebrews 2:1-4). I believe in God and the Bible as His word because I have the word of many witnesses that confirm the things I read are the truth.

Beyond the evidence of the Scriptures, there are things that exist naturally which prove that God is our Creator (Acts 17:16-31). We have seasons, food, and rain that prove a greater power exists (Acts 14:15-17). Try breathing without air. Try raising crops without sunlight. Now, try to make those things without a greater being than ourselves. The truth is, the atheist has much more blind faith than even the fake Christians do.

The Religion Of Atheism Is Faith Based On Stupidity

All it takes to deny God is, being a fool (Psalms 14:1; 53:1). The atheist believes we came from nothing, live by nothing, and will return to nothing. The atheist believes we are moral without no moral being teaching us anything. The atheist believes that all things exist universally, working perfectly together, without a maker. That is like looking at a house, that is in perfect working order, and saying it just showed up one day. Tell me, who is the irrational one. Tell the atheist to PROVE what they believe is true. They can't! Enough said!

Conclusion

Fake Christians make the case for atheism. Through ignorance and hypocrisy the fake Christian dishonors God. In that, the atheist has a point (Romans 2:23). What we must do is live the life that upholds the design God made us to be (Philippians 2:14-16). What we must do is show the ability to answer with reason and real faith.