

LIGHT IT UP!

Responding To An Atheist (week 4)

Various Scriptures

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Bottom Line:

Faith in God is only found in the context of someone who believes God exists. We should have reasoned responses for those who claim to be atheists.

1. Objection: "I don't believe in _____."

Hebrews 11:6

A. Learn more about their views. Questions you could ask:

- 1) Why don't you believe in God?
- 2) How do you account for the order and design that we see in nature?
- 3) Would you be willing to evaluate some of the evidence for the existence of God and the deity of Christ?

B. Learn to communicate basic _____ (arguments) for the existence of God.

1) Who _____ it all?

(The cosmological argument):

The universe could not exist on its own so there must have been a first cause that brought it into being.

Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16

Questions you could ask:

- 1) If you believe in the Big Bang, where did the matter that exploded come from?
- 2) How did life begin?

For many years life on this planet was thought to have originated by spontaneous generation (the emergence of life from inanimate matter).

Spontaneous generation has NEVER been observed or induced.

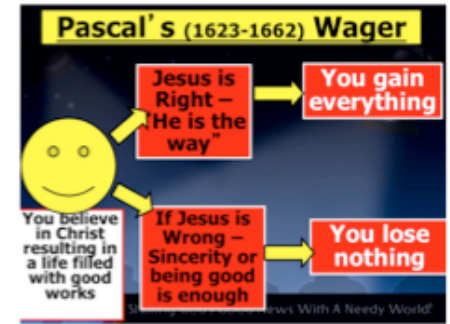
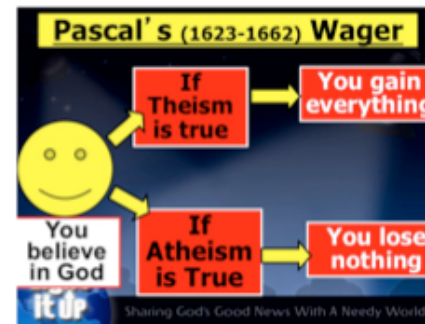
2) Who _____ it all?

The teleological argument:
The universe displays great complexity or design; thus, it must have been designed by a great Designer/God.

Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1



"There shouldn't be galaxies out there at all, and even if there are galaxies, they shouldn't be grouped together the way they are....The problem of explaining the existence of galaxies has proved to be one of the thorniest in cosmology. By all rights, they just shouldn't be there, yet there they sit. It's hard to convey the depth of the frustration that this simple fact induces among scientists.' Dr. James Trefil, Professor of Physics, Mason University, world renowned cosmologist



Verses to Memorize:

Romans 10:9 Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.