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## FOREWORD

THERE are two keys to reaching atheists. The first is to have a love that is coupled with patience. Many of these people are so blinded by their own undetectable pride that they don't even recognize the love that we have for them. They shoot their rescuers. They are like drunken know-it-all teenagers, with car keys in hand, bent on destruction. Our heart should therefore break for them. While others may write them off as "swine" and withhold pearls of truth, we will plead with them. They are above all men to be pitied, because an atheist doesn't die in the confidence of faith. The best he can have is the weakness of hope. He dies hoping that God and His promise of wrath don't exist.

Love them, buy gifts for them, take them to lunch, treat them with kindness and respect because they are human beings. It is easier to shake our heads with thoughts of saying, "I told you so" on Judgment Day, but the consequences are too great for any of that sort of consolation.

The second key is to make sure that we don't spend too much time addressing their "carnal" mind with apologetics, because that is where they harbor their hostility towards God's moral requirements (see Romans 8:7). Give them answers, but always keep in mind that the Bible tells us that they are "enemies

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of God *in their minds*” (see Colossians 1:21). So we must make sure we do what Jesus did and address the ally of their conscience, using the moral Law (the Ten Commandments). A. W. Pink said, “Just as the world was not ready for the New Testament before it received the Old, just as the Jews were not prepared for the ministry of Christ until John the Baptist had gone before Him with his clamant call to repentance, so the unsaved are in no condition today for the Gospel till the Law be applied to their hearts, for ‘by the Law is the knowledge of sin.’” (Rom. 3:20) It is a waste of time to sow seed on ground which has never been ploughed or spaded! To present the vicarious sacrifice of Christ to those whose dominant passion is to take their fill of sin, is to give that which is holy unto the dogs. What the unconverted need to hear about is the character of Him with whom they have to do, His claims upon them, His righteous demands, and the infinite enormity of disregarding Him and going their own way. You can see the effectiveness of the use of the moral Law on [www.GeniusTheMovie.com](http://www.GeniusTheMovie.com), and on [www.180Movie.com](http://www.180Movie.com). Please take the time to watch these clips, and *please* take the time to listen to “Hell’s Best Kept Secret” and “True and False Conversion.” These two free teachings will help immensely in your effectiveness to reach the lost. You will find them on the Home Page of [www.Livingwaters.com](http://www.Livingwaters.com)

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For more comprehensive (in depth) answers to difficult questions, see *The Evidence Bible*, and *The Defender's Guide to Life's Tough Questions*.



*“The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds learning to his lips” (Proverbs 16:23).*

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**Atheist:** “One who believes that there is no deity.”<sup>1</sup>

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**Evolution:** “Given enough time and enough accumulated changes, natural selection can create entirely new species. It can turn dinosaurs into birds, apes into humans and amphibious mammals into whales.”<sup>2</sup>

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1. Definition according to Encyclopedia Britannica’s Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary: <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/atheist>
  2. Live Science, “What is Darwin’s Theory of Evolution?” Ker Than, TechNewsDaily Senior Editor, December 7, 2012, <http://www.livescience.com/474-controversy-evolution-works.html>



# QUICK ANSWERS TO COMPLEX QUESTIONS

ASKED BY ATHEISTS

1. **“If your God was so great, I would see no reason why He would need to force people to submit to Him in worship.”**
  - a. We are free to be unthankful for our eyesight, hearing, food, sunlight, and all the pleasures He has lavished onto us. But if we die in our sins, we will get justice. That’s why we need a Savior. When He opens our eyes through the new birth, worship comes as easily as songs do to an early morning songbird.
2. **“Did the American Native Indians credit their conscience to your Jesus?”**
  - a. Not until they heard the gospel. They knew that there was a Great Spirit who made all things, and the Gospel put a Name to Him.
3. **“If I were God, I’d hate to have you people speaking on my behalf.”**
  - a. We do our best, but we are fully aware that “God has chosen the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe” (see 1 Corinthians 1:21). He chose the weak vessels of human beings to take the

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message of everlasting life to weak and dying human beings.

4. **“What happens to those who never get a chance to hear the Gospel and die before they do get a chance?”**
  - a. No one will go to Hell because they haven't heard of Jesus. They will be condemned for murder, rape, adultery, fornication, lying, stealing, etc. Put your concern for others to hear the gospel aside for the moment. If you die right now you will end up in Hell. Get right with God and become a missionary, if you really care about the lost.
5. **“Everyone is born atheist.”**
  - a. No one is “born” an atheist. If you really believe that, then trees and puppies are atheists. They begin life with no belief in God.
6. **“Do you wear cotton poly blend?”**
  - a. Polyester blends cause static and sweat. I far prefer the coolness of pure cotton. It makes sense that in the hot Middle East climate, God told the Hebrew people not to mix materials.
7. **“Why doesn't God heal amputees?”**
  - a. Why doesn't He grow hair on bald heads, make short people tall, replace missing teeth, cut my grass, and find my lost car keys? Why does He put up with

people who ask mindless questions?

We don't know. One thing we do know is that He is holy and perfect, and we have to face Him on Judgment Day.

8. **“Why did God create us sick then command us to be well?”**
  - a. When God made Adam, everything was “very good” (see Genesis 1:31). There was no disease, pain, suffering and death. These miseries came when Adam sinned. God cursed the ground and gave Adam and his offspring the death sentence. The Bible says that we “die in Adam,” but we can be “made alive in Christ” (see 1 Corinthians 15:22). You are free to ignore God's command to repent and trust in the Savior, but if you do, instead of receiving mercy, you will get justice.
9. **“Have you given everything away yet?”**
  - a. Nowhere in Scripture are Christians told to give everything away. Rather, we are told the opposite—to take care of our loved ones by providing for them (see 1 Timothy 5:8).
10. **“So why, oh, why did He create us, then destroy us, then repopulate us through incest if He had foreknowledge of exactly what we were about to do?”**
  - a. He didn't “destroy us.” We are still here despite the flood of Noah—because God

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in His kindness saved eight people, and He didn't repopulate us through incest because "incest" wasn't a sin or a crime in those days.

11. **“About 90% of prison inmates in America are religious. Roughly 75% are Christian. Roughly the same amount of serial killers are Christian.”**
  - a. Christians obey the law and love their enemies—they don't murder them. Religious hypocrites (pretenders) violate the law and kill people. They will be sorted out and punished on Judgment Day.
12. **“My life is great. I'm good without God.”**
  - a. All of us think we have our own definition of “good.” But “good” in God's Book means moral perfection, in thought, word, and in deed. That will be the standard of judgment on Judgment Day. If you think you have a great life, you will want to keep it.
13. **“Are you a meat eater?”**
  - a. When Jesus told the Parable of the Prodigal Son, He didn't say to “kill the fatted cabbage.” He said to kill the fatted calf. They had a barbeque. The Bible teaches that Christians are free to eat or not eat meat (see Romans 14).
14. **“Galileo was censured by the church, and**

**he's far from the only example. When the church would claim dominion over that which rightfully belongs to science, then atheists have every right to be angry at it for preventing human advancement. Would we have ever landed on the moon if the church had kept convincing everyone the Earth was flat?"**

a. Galileo wasn't an atheist. When the Roman Catholic church confined him to house arrest he protested, "I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use." Also, almost everyone (including scientists) believed that the earth was flat (except theist Christopher Columbus and some others). And don't forget that the men who landed on the moon read Genesis chapter one from space, and just before the landing they took communion and thanked God for sending a Savior.

**15. "The creator of the Internet, a homosexual, and Bill Gates, who gave away billions to help humanity, and the creator of FaceBook, and other atheists... are all going to Hell?"**

a. Being rich or inventing something doesn't mean that you get an automatic

pass if you violate criminal law. Anyone who has violated God's Law (the Ten Commandments) will end up in Hell, irrespective of how rich they are or what they've invented. Bill Gates is not an atheist.<sup>1</sup>

**16. "We don't know how we came here, but let's study and try to find out and not give a simple answer like 'God.'"**

a. Atheists don't like God being the answer to that question. That's like saying, "We don't know what two plus two adds up to, so let's not give a simple answer like 'four.'"

**17. "I am single; how is having lustful thoughts adultery?"**

a. When someone physically commits adultery they violate the Seventh of the Ten Commandments (even if they are single), and in God's eyes if we as much as lust, that Commandment is broken. We may have a definition of adultery,

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1. *The Telegraph* reported, "It does force us to sit down with the Pakistan government to renew their commitments, see what they're going to do in security and make changes to protect the women who are doing God's work and getting out to these children and delivering the vaccine." Source: "Bill Gates interview: I have no use for money. This is God's work." *The Telegraph*, 18 Jan 2013, <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/bill-gates/9812672/Bill-Gates-interview-I-have-no-use-for-money.-This-is-Gods-work.html>

but God's definition is much higher.

**18. “How did Judas die—did he hang himself, or did he fall headlong and his bowels gushed out?”**

a. He hung himself, and unsurprisingly his still-hanging and decomposed body fell to the earth and split open. There is no contradiction.

**19. “Are you scared to publicly say that Islam is of Satan, Muhammad is a false prophet, and Allah is not God—Islam is a false religion and it is your personal aim to wipe out Islam.”**

a. It's not the aim of Christians to wipe out Islam. We want every Moslem to make it to Heaven, and we therefore lovingly share the gospel with them.

**20. “If properly read, the Bible is the greatest resource for atheism man ever wrote.”**

a. Please encourage people to read it.

**21. “Do gays go to Hell?”**

a. “Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Corinthians 6:9–10). This is God's standard. If you don't like it feel free to take it up with Him.

**22. “Did Judas or did the Pharisees buy a**