

PERSONAL EVANGELISM: Video 4

ANSWERING OBJECTIONS

People often have objections to the Gospel based on prejudice or wrong teaching. Here are simple answers to some of the most common objections. Become familiar with these answers so that you are able to present them with confidence when objections are raised to your presentation of the Gospel.

- **THE BIBE CONTAINS MISTAKES AND CONTRADICTIONS**

If you have your Bible with you, hand it over and politely ask the person to show you one mistake or contradiction. On very rare occasions somebody may point to a verse or chapter in the Bible, and if you don't have an immediate answer you should offer to obtain a detailed clarification. This should create an opportunity for you to contact the person again!

Note that if you don't have a Bible with you, just ask the person to name a mistake or contradiction.

- **THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE**

This is true, not only in many different languages but, as is the case with English, many translations in the same language. The relevant fact, however, is that all translations everywhere say exactly the same thing about sin and salvation through Jesus Christ.

- **GOD IS NOT REAL / THE BIBLE IS NOT TRUE**

Your response should be firm and confident: "That is your opinion. My faith is based on the fact that I have met Jesus Christ and he changed my life. Everything the Bible says about Jesus has proved to be true in my experience and in the experience of millions of people for thousands of years. Jesus can change your life too, if you will invite Him in!"

- **I LIVE A GOOD LIFE. I EXPECT TO GO TO HEAVEN WHEN I DIE**

"Let me be sure that I understand you correctly. Are you saying that you trust in yourself and what you can do for God, instead of trusting in what God has already done for you?"

"The fact is that God is not interested in your faith in your performance: He wants you to put your faith in Christ's performance on your behalf, because only Jesus Christ was able to meet the very high standards of a very holy God."

- **WE CAN'T KNOW FOR SURE WHERE WE WILL GO WHEN WE DIE**

“Are you saying that a loving God would want you to be unsure about the vital question of where you will spend eternity? Would God really want to keep you guessing?”

“The truth is that God loves you so much He promises a simple way to inherit eternal life, explained by Scripture in words so simple even a child can understand how to receive God’s amazing gift.”

- **A LOVING GOD WILL NOT SEND ANYONE TO HELL**

“The truth is, we choose to go to hell when we refuse God’s gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. If we continue to resist God and keep Him out of our life, He will not suddenly become our best friend when we die!

“He will give us what we want – to go forever to a place where He is not. But we won’t like it very much. Nothing of God is there: no light, no love, no mercy or goodness of kindness, and no end of pain. Nobody will enjoy that place!”

- **IF GOD IS LOVE, WHY IS THERE SO MUCH EVIL IN THE WORLD?**

“Why blame God? Our free will is God’s greatest gift, but it can also be our greatest problem. The evil we see around us is the terrible result of people using their free will to defy God.

“But you have the opportunity today to become part of the solution and no longer part of the problem!”

- **YOU CAN'T EXPECT THE SAME RULES TO APPLY TO EVERYBODY. PEOPLE ARE DIFFERENT**

“Are you saying that in some circumstances, for some people, cowardice or murdering their mothers would be acceptable?”

“The fact is, there is a universal sense of right and wrong that comes from God and all people everywhere know when they are doing wrong.”

- **YOUR WAY IS NOT THE ONLY RIGHT WAY TO GOD**

“Firstly, it’s not my way, it’s God’s way. He makes the rules and we have a choice to accept them or reject them.

“Secondly, all religions teach that following their rules and rituals will get us to heaven. But there is only one truth, found in the Bible, that teaches we cannot do it on our own and God has made a way for us. Now you have a choice: to try to do it your way, or God’s way!”