

Lesson 10: Answers for the “Tough” Statements

1. There is no absolute truth. John 17:17; Psalm 119:160

In mathematical equations, there is one answer. If there are wrongs, there has to be a right. It doesn't matter what you believe; it matters what is true. The Bible's claims assume an absolute. They are not suggestions, opinions, or one of many truths.

2. Can you prove that there is a God? Romans 1:20; 10:17

Romans 1:20 says that Creation is proof of God. Stop and look around you. When you look at Creation, you know it demands a Creator, a designer, and someone to put it in order (i.e., natural law, cells in the body, etc.). More importantly, the Bible itself is a miraculous book (i.e., many authors with no contradictions is next to impossible). Besides, it is impossible to prove there is no God. There is no evidence to prove non-existence, so unless you have personally searched every nook and cranny of the universe, this is a statement that cannot be made. However, evidence CAN point to the existence of a God. I believe this is what the evidence points to – a Being who is in control that has created us.

3. How do you know the Bible is true? 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21

2 Timothy 3:16 says that every word of the Bible was given by God. Historical (documents mentioning once-questioned people have been discovered) and Archeological (once-doubted cities have been found) evidence has never contradicted the Bible. On the contrary, the evidence has always supported the Biblical viewpoint.

4. Doesn't evolution prove the Bible false? Genesis 1:1; Job 38:1-3

The probability that man evolved from nothing and happened to be perfect is statistically impossible. You would have a greater chance of winning the lottery without cheating five times in a row than evolution being possible. Fossil record has no missing links. There is no between mutations today, and every one of the so-called “missing links” have been disproved. Even further, you can only scientifically test present phenomena. To get the information for how the earth came to be, you would have to be there. We have someone who was there. No cave men have recorded evolution in their histories, but there are stories that mimic the biblical account.

5. Aren't there many paths, or ways, to heaven? John 14:6; Matthew 7:14

If there are many paths, then Jesus dying on the cross was the most senseless act in history. His death was essential so that we may have life. Truth isn't dependant upon beliefs. Beliefs should be dependant upon truth. Jesus said there is only one way to eternal life. Any other way would contradict Jesus' truth. YOU CANNOT HAVE CONTRADICTING REALITIES.

6. I don't believe in Hell, so there cannot be one. Revelation 20:15; John 5:39-40

Let's say you say an elephant is colored grey. I say the same elephant is blue. Is one of us wrong? Belief and faith do not determine truth. I cannot have enough faith to create a pizza out of thin air. Truth should determine what we believe and place our faith in. I've never seen Washington, Lincoln, maybe they are a fabrication to instill patriotism. I've never seen Eiffel Tower, Leaning Tower of Pisa, maybe all the pictures are just models. I've never seen Neptune; maybe it is science fiction. Our belief doesn't make something true or untrue. The important thing is to place your faith in the existing truth.

7. Doesn't the Bible teach reincarnation? Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:6

No, the Bible teaches new, eternal life. How you get it? We can only get to Heaven by trusting in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

8. Can God create a rock so big He can't lift it? 2 Timothy 2:23

God is all powerful. (Don't get wrapped up in these philosophical, unanswerable questions. Give a kind answer and try to bring them back in focus. If they refuse, kindly give them the Gospel and walk away to let them think).

9. When I am old I'll get right with God. James 4:14; 2 Corinthians 6:2

There are many examples of someone dying young (a.k.a. "before their time"). We are not promised another breathe in this life; this is why it is important to trust in Christ NOW.

10. How can God create evil? Romans 5:19; James 1:13-14

God didn't bring evil. Man did when he disobeyed. However, God provided the solution for our sin. (Give the Gospel)

12. Church is full of hypocrites. 2 Timothy 3:14; Titus 1:16

That makes those people wrong. It doesn't make God wrong. He is righteous and loves you.

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