

So I am a born again follower of Jesus, but I still struggle with having doubts sometimes. Sometimes late at night I'll get pounded and crippled by my thoughts. "What if you have the wrong religion? What if you were to die right now and go to hell because you were wrong?" The only thing that gets me through it is clinging to Jesus and hoping and praying that He's the One. But what if I only believe the things I believe because I was raised in a strong Christian home? I've been skimming through Richard Dawkin's "The God Delusion" (not to convert or anything - but to show me real life arguments against Christianity so I can do research and answer them), and it kind of just confuses me more. Dawkins is so sure that he is right, and we are so sure that we're right. It's like every argument we have for Christianity can be disputed, and every argument he has against Christianity we can dispute, too. We can explain away all the problems against Christianity, but atheists can explain theirs, too. It's like a big circle, and it's almost like there's no way you can ever come up with an unbiased view of the world. Or can you? Is there somehow I can find something that's completely unbiased and looks at the world to draw an honest conclusion?

There is no reason for a Christian to question his salvation if he loves Jesus and walks with him in faith (2 Cor. 5:7) and obedience (2 Jn 6). If one has the desire to remain in God's word, then the assurance of salvation should come naturally (Jn 5:24; 1 Jn 5:13). If it does not then, he may be being disturbed by dark spiritual forces. Pay them no mind (Jas 4:7). Satan has always tried to insinuate doubt in the mind of the believer (Gen. 3:1). As a baby desires milk, the new born believer desires God's word (1 Pe 2:2). If one has no desire to continue in God's word then; of course, he rightfully *has* reason to question his salvation. A baby does not desire milk just once. He hungers for milk and then eventually solid food. Similarly, true spirituality is an ongoing desire for God's word and seeking to know him (Phil 3:10).

Some believe that they are Christians but their hearts were never converted. They have only been playing Christianity. Once one's heart had been turned from stone to flesh (Eze 36:26), his life will look completely differently. Once one has been born again, he is given an altogether new nature (2 Co 5:17). The world will notice. Repentance is going one way, turning 180° and choosing to go another way--God's way. As marriage should point a husband and wife to Christ (Eph. 5:23-32), consummate belief is not mere head knowledge (Jas 2:19) but rather--heart trust (1 Sa 16:7, Mt 5:48). If one has head knowledge but no heart transformation, he is not a Christian. The world will not be displeased with a culture Christian (Ex 23:2) [no Christian at all] because he and the world are headed in the same direction--toward hell (Mt 7:13). Satan will not trouble a worldly Christian, because he belongs to him (Jn 8:44). Carnal Christianity is not Christianity at all. It is a dead faith which does not save (Jas 2:20). In time the unbeliever and the make-believer backslide and/or fall away altogether (Heb 3:12). God works in man's heart to woo him toward himself but Satan does the same. An individual picks God's way or his own way which is Satan's way. If one thinks evil thoughts step by step, or acts wickedly step by step, he should not be surprised when he hears upon death from our Lord: *I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!* Mt 7:23. The principle of reaping and sowing remains true: Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap (Ga 6:7). If one senses that his

heart is hardening, he should seek the Lord: Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, till he comes and rains righteousness on you (Ho 10:12). He should seek him and his righteousness (Mt 6:33) before he can no longer seek him at all (Ge 6:3, 2 Co 6:2, 2 Thess 2:11).

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life (Jn 14:6). He died for man's sins (1 Pet. 1:18, 19) satisfying God's justice (Rom. 3:25, 26) reconciling God and man (Rom. 3:25, 26) offering to whomsoever will believe in him (Ro 10:13) his perfect righteousness (2 Cor. 5:20, 21).

The Christian worldview helps us understand life's big questions, such as: What is real? Is there a God? Where did we come from? How should we live? Where are we going?¹

The scriptures are full and sufficient (Lu 16:29,31), an unerring guide (Pr 6:23; 2 Pe 1:19), written for our instruction (Ro 15:4), intended for the use of all men (Ro 16:26). Darwinian evolution is man's best guess after rejecting the truth found in God's word (Ge 1:1). The Christian has a bias toward God and the atheist has a bias against God. Both come to a conclusions based on evidence. Both have the same data. It is the interpretation of that data that makes a worldview.

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