

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED
TWELVE QUESTIONS WITH SUBQUESTIONS
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1. IS THERE REALLY A GOD?

OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can you actually prove that God exists?

Since God's existence cannot be proved, isn't agnosticism the most reasonable position?

Hasn't science demonstrated that the idea of a God is unnecessary?

Why postulate a God when evolution explains the origin of life and man?

2. WHY BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS:

How can a rational person today accept the stories of miracles in the Bible?

Aren't miracles contrary to the laws of modern science? There is no historical basis for the miracles in the Bible – aren't they simply myths and legends designed to create religious faith?

If there were miracles then, why doesn't God perform miracles today?

3. ISN'T CHRISTIANITY JUST A PSYCHOLOGICAL CRUTCH?

OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS:

Isn't Christianity, like all religions, just a crutch for emotionally weak people?

Don't people just create God in order to cope with the future?

Why should it matter what you believe as long as you have a sincere faith?

If you were raised to believe in God, can you ever deny that preconditioning?

What if I don't need religion?

4. How ACCURATE IS THE BIBLE?

OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS:

Isn't the Bible full of contradictions and errors?

The Bible has been copied and translated so many times – hasn't this process led to errors?

How can you be sure that the Bible is the same now as when it was written?

Didn't the church arbitrarily decide which books should be included in the Bible and which books should be rejected?

So many people have different interpretations of the Bible – what makes you think that yours is correct?

How can you place your faith in a book that condones genocide and slavery?

Doesn't the Bible make a number of claims that are scientifically inaccurate?

5. WHY DO THE INNOCENT SUFFER?

OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS:

If God is all-good and all-powerful, why did He make a world with so much suffering?

Why do innocent people suffer from things like disease and natural disaster?

If God is so good, loving, and powerful, why doesn't He put an end to suffering now?

How could a loving God send people to hell? Did God create evil?

If God knew man would sin and bring evil into this world, why did He bother to create him in the first place?

6. IS CHRIST THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS:

Isn't Christianity too narrow?

Since all religions are basically the same, does it matter what you believe?

Isn't the choice of which religion you take just a matter of personal preference?

An estimated 75 percent of the world population is not Christian – can they all be wrong?

Christ can be the only way to God for you, but how can you claim that He is the only way for everybody?

7. WILL GOD JUDGE THOSE WHO NEVER HEARD ABOUT CHRIST?

OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS:

Would God condemn an innocent heathen simply because he never heard about Christ?

What about religious people who don't know about Christ and call their god by a different name?

What happened to people before the coming of Christ?

What about infants and people who are mentally incapable of understanding the Gospel?

8. IF CHRISTIANITY IS TRUE, WHY ARE THERE SO MANY HYPOCRITES?

OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS:

Too many Christians I know are phonies. If that's what Christianity is all about, why should I become a Christian?

If Christians are really concerned about others, why don't they show it?

Some non-Christians I know seem to live better lives than a lot of people who go to church – doesn't this show that Christianity isn't all it claims to be?

How can people who profess to be Christians still be full of racial hatred, materialism, and social insensitivity?

Many churchgoers seem to have holier-than-thou attitudes. Why should I join the ranks of the self-righteous?

9. WHAT ABOUT GOOD WORKS?

OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS:

If people try their very best, won't God let them into heaven?

I know many non-Christians who are far better people than most of the Christians I've met. Would God really refuse them?

Doesn't God require me only to be better than the average human?

Don't I have to have faith in Christ and live a good life if I want to go to heaven?

10. ISN'T SALVATION BY FAITH TOO SIMPLE?

OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS:

Isn't just believing too easy?

You don't get something for nothing. Why should it be any different with salvation?

Doesn't the Bible say, "God helps those who help themselves?"

What happens to the incentive for being good? Why would anyone appreciate salvation if it were free?

11. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE MEAN BY BELIEVE?

OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS:

How much faith do you have to have?

Doesn't everyone believe in Christ and His existence?

What if I want to believe but still have doubts?

Don't you have to stop sinning to believe in Christ?

12. CAN ANYONE BE SURE OF HIS SALVATION?

OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can't a Christian simply stop believing in Christ?

Aren't there certain sins that could cause a person to lose his salvation?

Will God let someone into heaven who claims to believe in Jesus but lives an immoral life?

Salvation is appropriated by faith, but doesn't a person need to maintain it?

Don't some verses teach that a Christian can "fall from grace"?