

# The Battle for Your Mind

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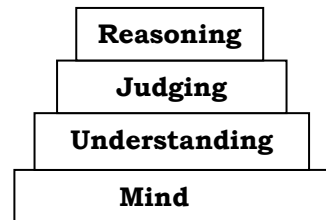
**An emotional faith may comfort you but an intelligent faith will convince others. If you have no good reason for your faith people will see no reason to trust your faith.**

Think for a moment, we exist in this awesome universe of wonder and beauty and never stop to wonder. How tragic, we wake up at the rising Sun, listen to the rhythm of the rain, sail over its vast ocean, fly through the silver cloud, breathe its life supporting oxygen, enjoy the fruits from the garden, observe the brilliant sunset, sleep under the starry heavens and never wonder why.

Christianity is not based on a mystical experience but an historical fact. God came into our space-time history with a supernatural entry, reveal himself in human flesh, spoke the greatest message, walked on water, still a raging sea, made the lame to walk, caused the blind to see, fed 5,000 with a few pieces of bread and fish, lived a blameless life, died a terrible death, and rose from the grave. Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ and his righteousness

When it comes to faith and reason there are four approaches to **Faith** and **Reason**.

1.  $R - F = M$  (Scientism).
2.  $F - R = F$  (Fideism)
3.  $- F - R = P$  (Postmodernism)
4.  $F + R = C$  (Theism)



There is a place for faith and reason in Christianity.

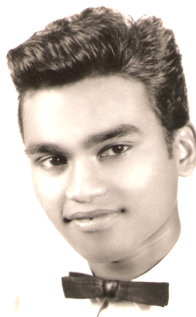
***One who holds a true belief or faith without understanding is just like a blind man who happens to take the right road Plato***

*Some people are moved by Reason  
Some people are moved by Emotion  
Some people don't move at all*

***There is enough evidence for those who want to believe but there is no evidence for those***

### **My Security In Christ**

Answers for Truth  
Forgiveness of sin  
Peace of mind  
Power for living  
Proof for Faith



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### **His claims for Divinity**

To forgive sin - Matthew 9:1-8.  
To judge the world - John 5:25,29.  
To give eternal life - John 3:16.  
To be sinless - John 8:46.  
To be the object of faith - John 8:24.  
To answer prayer - John 14:13.  
To be worthy of worship - Matthew 14:33.  
To be the Truth - John 14:6.  
To have all authority - Matthew 28:18.  
To be one in essence with God – John 10: 30

*To think or not to think, that is not the question. Everyone must choose between good thinking and bad thinking.*

*I first saw the light of Christianity when I was seventeen. My father professed to be a freethinker and my mother promoted mystical pantheism. From an early age my dad ingrained in me the axiom "Test before you trust." "Think before you try." I have always wanted to know if there is a reason for our existence. Is there a cosmic purpose to the riddle of life? Are we merely the outcome of a cosmic accident? Just a random collection of atoms floating in an infinite space? Is Truth merely an illusion of the mind? Can we discover Meaning in a meaningless Universe? Purpose in an empty space? Is life merely, as Shakespeare puts it "A tale told by an idiot full of sound and fury, signifying nothing?"*

*Life is greater than logic but to abandon logic in our search for truth is to open the door to dilution. A belief system, that is irrational or inconsistent with reality, fails to compete in the contest for truth. All belief systems cannot be equally true, for the simple reason they contradict one another therefore only one can be true. To suggest that there is no difference between true belief and false belief is to state something incoherent. It is a false belief, a contradictory proposition, and a meaningless statement. In this game, the word right or wrong has no possible meaning. Common sense must prevail in order to escape nonsense.*

Only God is great enough to create us, wise enough to guide us, powerful enough to save us, good enough to forgive us, big enough to satisfy us, and worthy enough to worship.

It is estimated that in one lifetime the average American citizen will consume 150 head of cattle, 2400 chickens, 225 lamb, 26 sheep, 310 pigs, 26 acres of grain & 50 acres of fruits & vegetables.

*Faith Without Evidence is blind.  
Evidence without Faith is empty.*

The climate of our time is marked by Apathy and Skepticism. Today many dismiss Christianity as irrelevant, irrational and old fashion. We are frequently told to abandon the old faith in the light of modern science, pluralism and postmodernism.

How do we respond? Is there a way to win the new minds? How do we communicate our faith? Our approach must be Biblical, Relevant, and Logical. God has given us a heart to love him, a will to serve him, and a mind to know him. To ignore the mind is to reject his commandment and disregard his gift. A mindless faith is no better than a blind faith. An unchallenged Skeptic is a bolder Skeptic still. By our ignorance and silence, we encourage the unbeliever in his unbelief (Col 4:6; 1Per 3:15 Pro15: 28).

What must exist for evil to exist? Can we affirm something is wrong without knowing what is right? How can we say something is bad if we can't prove what is good? What is our objective moral ground for moral objections? Where there is no God there is no objective evil. All we have is a subjective view of reality. A subjective view has no logical place in a rational dialogue. Imagine a universe without God; it would be like one blind man telling another how to get lost. Evil is a by-product of that which is good. A bad relationship between the good. Evil has no metaphysical independent existence. It is like blindness, a lack of sight. Like the rust in a car or hole in a garment.

Evil does not question the existence of God but merely his operation. Evil exists because God allows his creatures free will, God is totally good and there is no darkness in him. He never causes evil. Man freely acts their way rather than God's way. We freely choose our way, hence we bring evil into the world. We have corrupted our natural world. God promised to handle evil his way. Because He is ultimately in control, He constantly uses suffering to accomplish good purposes. Suffering does have a purpose.

We suffer because we sin.

We suffer because others sin.

We suffer because we live in a fallen world.

We suffer because God allows us to make choices.

If human actions are to be truly meaningful, then God cannot intercede every time evil takes place. There are some things logicians call meaningless fallacy. There are some things God cannot do because they are meaningless nonsense not because he is powerless. Can God create a stone so heavy He cannot lift it?" Can God create a yellow bird, which isn't yellow? Can God make a square circle a round square? God cannot make Himself cease to exist. God cannot make good evil. He can't make mistakes He can't create a self-contradiction and a meaningless nothing.

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