



Reaching Out to an Atheist

Understanding the Atheist's View

The Atheist's View of Truth and the World

- Truth comes from observation
- The objective domain
- The subjective domain

The Atheist's View of Religion and Science

- Religion belongs to the subjective domain.
- Religion only flourishes in a primitive society.
- Religion gives people false hope and mental strength.
- Religion is dangerous.

The Atheist's View of God

- They need proof of God 's existence.
- “God” is a concept created by the human mind.
- The concept of “God” is illogical.

The Atheist's View of Creation

- Evolution and the Big Bang Theory
- They accept an imperfect theory by putting their blind faith in the development of a future scientific discovery.
- “The Creation Theory” is a fairy tale. It is too simple to be scientifically convincing.

The Atheist's View of the Bible

- It is like a fairy tale.
- It contains some wisdom, yet shouldn't be taken too seriously.
- It has inconsistencies and contradictions.
- They need sources other than the Bible as proof

The Atheist's View of Jesus Christ and the Gospel

- Jesus is a fairy tale figure.
- Jesus is a miracle worker.
- Jesus is a foreign god.
- Jesus is a religious leader.
- Jesus is a good moral teacher.
- The gospel is a religious doctrine.

The Atheist's View of Prayers and Answers to Prayer

- Answers to prayer cannot be a good test of the existence of God.
- Answers to prayer are regarded as coincidence.
- Prayers offer emotional and mental comfort.

The Atheist's View of the Unknown World: The Supernatural Domain

- Most atheists are superstitious.
- Many of them believe in fate and destiny. They may worship fortune or chance.
- They think converting to a religion is too costly.
- They believe superstitious practices are more affordable. What if it is true?
- They sometimes conduct religious practices to gain God 's favor.

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**What I Do When
Reaching Out to
an Atheist.**

Sharing God and the “Creation Theory” with an Atheist

- Explain the logic of the falsification of the “null hypothesis” .
- Ask them to provide an alternative theory to explain the existence of the world.
- Tell them why the Bible ‘s creation explanation is more convincing than other theories.

Does Truth Only Come through Observation?

- The world is composed of both the visible and invisible: the physical world and the spiritual world.
- My personal encounter with the spiritual world.
- Tell them supernatural and unexplainable things happened.
- Challenge them to consider “What is truth?”.

Use Prayer for Your Atheist friend

- Encourage them to pray.
- The power of the Holy Spirit will reveal truth to them if they sincerely pray.
- Prayerfully watch for those divine appointments.

Explaining the Bible to an Atheist

- The composition of the Bible itself is intriguing to atheists
- Logically explain to them the origin of the Bible. Explain how it is consistent with world history and the fulfillment of prophecy.

Jesus Christ and the Gospel

- The character of Jesus attracts people.
- Faith in the gospel must come from the Holy Spirit.
- 1 Thessalonians 1: 4-5. “For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction....” NIV

General Practices

- Most atheists are very empty, seeking satisfaction and meaning. Most of them need God.
- God has already worked in their life long before He brings them to us.
- Prayerfully seek wisdom from God.
- Find out why they ask that question. What is going on in their minds? What is the struggle in their hearts?
- Be aware of influences of other religions. Be prepared to tell the differences and defend our faith as the only truth.
- Be prepared to answer their questions about God, religion, science, the Bible etc. **before** preaching the gospel message to them.
- Share personal testimonies and patiently wait for God ‘s divine appointment.
- Love them and “be” the gospel.
- Pray for God ‘s power to break atheist strongholds.