

## Why Did I Choose Christianity?

Of all the religions out there in the world such as Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Judaism, agnosticism, atheism, etc, why did I choose Christianity?

I chose Christianity because I know it is the truth. Many say that it doesn't matter what religion you are because any or all of them could be true. How can this be? Hinduism teaches there are multiple gods while atheism teaches there is no god. Both religions could be false but both cannot be true. Maybe I need to define what truth is. Some today say truth is nothing more than a person's own perspective or belief. However, truth is consistency with reality. If I **believe** I can fly and I decide to jump off a 30-story building, I will die because the Law of Gravity is truth—or consistency with reality. My perspective or personal belief about the Law of Gravity is irrelevant. As related to religion, what choices are there? There could be no god, multiple gods, or one God. Which situation is true—or consistent with reality? Is it possible that there is no god like agnosticism, atheism, Buddhism, and Confucianism teach? Is it possible that there are multiple gods like Hinduism teaches? Is it possible that Allah of the Quran is the real God like Islam teaches? Is it possible that the God of the Old Testament but not the New Testament is the real God like Judaism teaches? How can I know the real truth? Here's how. If I can verify even ONE of these religions as being true, that automatically excludes ALL other religions as being true. It is impossible that more than one of these religions is true because they all teach, believe, and practice completely different concepts and not all of them can be consistent with reality. If we have determined that  $2 + 2 = 4$ , that excludes any other conclusion.

Is it possible that there is no god like agnosticism, atheism, Buddhism, and Confucianism teach? Atheists try to prove there is no God by stating that the universe came into existence through an explosion (called the Big Bang) and that everything evolved from this explosion over billions and billions of years and that is how we came to be. I am no scientist, but I can see contradictions to scientific laws this belief creates. The First Law of Thermodynamics states that no matter is made or destroyed. Where did all the matter that makes up the universe come from if there is no God? There is the Law of Biogenesis which states that life begets life. How did life begin if there is no God? There is the Law of Entropy which states that from order comes disorder. How did the universe go from total chaos of an explosion to a perfectly functioning orderly universe capable of sustaining life if there is no God? Where did morality (good and evil) and man's conscience come from if there is no God? According to atheists, man is simply an evolved ape. Animals do not have morals or a conscience but man does. How can this be possible if there is no God? Animals do not seek God but man does. Why does man look up wondering where he came from if there is no God? The evidence of a Supreme Creator is all around us. There is a distinct difference between animals and man. Man is unique. We can think and communicate and create and feel and reason far above any animal. How is that possible if we were not created in God's image? What a sad outlook on life atheists must have. We were an accident. We are nothing more than animals. We have no souls. There is no God. There is no purpose to our lives except to get a few years of pleasure. When we die, we cease to exist. There is enough evidence, including our own existence, to know without a doubt that there is a God. Therefore, I can boldly say that agnosticism, atheism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and any other religion that teaches there is no God is false.

Is it possible that there are multiple gods like Hinduism teaches? If I can verify that the God of the Holy Bible is true, then I can conclude that multiple gods is false. The Law of Excluded Middle states that a proposition is either true or false. Therefore, the one God of the Holy Bible either is or is not true. How can I know if the

Holy Bible is true or not? I have written another paper entitled *“Why Do I Believe the Bible?”* where I have looked at enough evidence to reasonably conclude that the Holy Bible is from God and is absolute truth as it claims to be. The Holy Bible teaches that there is only one God. Therefore, I can boldly say that Hinduism and any other religion that teaches there are multiple gods is false. In addition, I can also boldly say that Islam is false because Allah is not the God of the Holy Bible but of the man-made document called the Quaran written mostly by one man named Muhammad in the 600’s A.D. Finally, I can boldly say that Judaism is false because it rejects the New Testament and Jesus Christ which is part of the Holy Bible and which I have reasonably concluded as being absolute truth.

Since there is only one God and that God is the God of the Holy Bible and the Holy Bible is from God, what does it teach? Here are the main points of the Holy Bible:

- God created everything including mankind.
- God created mankind because He wants children.
- However, God created mankind with free will to choose Him or not.
- He created the first two people—Adam and Eve.
- Adam and Eve used their free will and disobeyed God (or sinned).
- Their sins separated them from God.
- Every human being since has been born innocent but eventually uses their free will to sin against God and are separated from Him.
- God knew mankind would sin and had a plan of salvation before the foundation of the world.
- When the time was right, He sent His Son, Jesus, to the earth.
- Jesus lived on the earth for 33 years teaching and providing us with a perfect example to follow and then died on the cross to bear mankind’s sins to reconcile man back to God.
- Every human being must decide whether to obey God’s plan of salvation or not.
- The plan of salvation includes:
  - Hearing God’s Word (the Holy Bible) Romans 10:17
  - Believing it Mark 16:15-16
  - Repenting of one’s sins Luke 13:3
  - Confessing with the mouth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God Romans 10:9-10
  - Being baptized for the remission of sins Acts 2:38
- When one obeys the plan of salvation, God adds that person to the group of faithful, obedient believers called the church or the kingdom or the body of Christ (Acts 2:47).
- If that person remains faithful and obedient to God even unto death, they will go to Heaven (Revelation 2:10).
- There will be a Judgment Day when every human being will give an account of his life to God (II Corinthians 5:10).
- Those faithful obedient Christians in the church will go to Heaven (I Corinthians 15:24).
- Those who do not know God and do not obey Him will go to Hell (II Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Note: God adds us to the church when we believe and obey His plan of salvation. But which church? There are literally thousands of different churches today that teach, believe, and practice different things. Read my

paper entitled, **“Why Am I a Member of the Church of Christ?”** Many say, “Choose the church of your choice. It does not matter.” It does matter. It is a matter of life and death.

Sadly, there are millions of people in the world today who not only are a member of a false religion but never even give religion a second thought. They are so wrapped up in the mundane details of this world, they never think about the “big picture.” They never think about where they came from, why they are here, and what will happen to them when they die. Many others just believe as long as they do not murder, rape, or rob banks and are generally a “good” person, they will go to Heaven, if there is a Heaven. Those who ignore God, or believe they can get to Heaven their own way rather than God’s way, will end up just as lost as an evil murdering, raping, bank robber.

Some may criticize me saying I should not push my religion off on anybody else. Or I have no business telling someone their religion is wrong and mine is right. It’s very difficult getting into a religious discussion with people today. It’s considered politically incorrect and inappropriate to talk to anyone about politics or religion. Why? Think about this--*if* Christianity is true (which I believe it is with every fiber of my being), then every human being *will* stand before God on Judgment Day and give an account of his life to God just as He said in II Corinthians 5:10. We *will* be judged by God’s Word as Jesus said in John 12:48. Those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of Christ *will* spend eternity in Hell just as God said in II Thessalonians 1:7-9. Therefore, shouldn’t I spend the rest of my life trying my hardest to teach the truth to every person I possibly can so they can make an informed decision to either accept or reject Christianity and go to Heaven or Hell just as Jesus commanded all Christians to do in Matthew 28:19-20 and Mark 16:15-16? How can I sit silently knowing that my neighbors, friends, family, co-workers, etc. are not true New Testament Christians? That would be like watching someone walk out onto a busy highway unaware and not warning them that they will get hit and die if they continue walking that way. I think the most tragic thing in this world is knowing that millions upon millions of people will lose their souls, not because they are truly evil and wicked people, but because they never made the effort to really investigate Christianity and make an informed decision to either believe and obey it or to reject it.