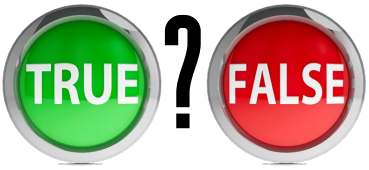


What If
CHRISTIANITY
Is





Why Consider This Question?

- As A Means of Answering Error 1st Cor. 15:12-19

- *Note the Challenge to Truth*

1ST COR. 15:12

- *Note the Consequences, if True*

1ST COR. 15:13-19

- *Note the Evidence or Proof*

1ST COR. 15:20; 3-4, 8



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Why Consider This Question?

- **Truth Fears No Challenge**

- *God Wants Us to Know the Truth*

JOHN 11:47, 48; 1ST TIM. 2:3, 4

- *His Word is Truth*

JOHN 17:17; PSA. 119:160

- *Truth Will Make Us Free*

JOHN 12:47, 48; 8:31, 32

? The Challenge: Christianity is False

- The 'Reasons'

- *Science*

Science eliminates the need for religion in a human society. Religion is basically one giant pyramid scheme.

— **Li Leung Yuen**

...as scientific evidence clearly shows, this is false. Death and suffering existed since the beginning, in fact the whole process of natural selection pretty much requires it. Adam and eve never existed, it's just a myth. The evidence for evolution is beyond any doubt. Considering the above, we can see that Science has clearly disproven Christianity.

— **Redditor Inceliano**

The Challenge: Christianity is False

- The ‘Reasons’

- *Bible Contradictions & Errors*

There is clear evidence that the Bible, supposedly inspired by God, is riddled with the type of errors that we would expect from Iron Age men but not from the creator of the universe.

— **Bill Flavell, “Why Christianity is False”**

What is incredible about the Bible is not its divine authorship; it’s that such a concoction of contradictory nonsense could be believed by anyone to have been written by an omniscient god. To do so, one would first have to not read the book, which is the practice of most Christians; or, if one does read it, dump in the trash can one’s rational intelligence — to become a fool for god, in other words.

— *American Atheists website*

The Challenge: Christianity is False

- The ‘Reasons’

- *God’s Character & Actions*

Christians have consistently ignored the Old Testament portrayal of God’s murderous behavior.

— **Michael Runyan, “4155 Reasons Why Christianity is False”**

If we had read the Bible without anyone telling us what to think of it, we would have concluded that YHWH was the villain from the beginning.

— *Redditior Jehosheba*

? The Challenge: Christianity is False

- The Faulty Arguments Used

- *Science*

“All scientists agree...”

- *Bible Contradictions & Errors*

Disproven/Refuted Many Times

- *God’s Character & Actions*

Judgments Made Without the Knowledge God Has



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The Consequences, if Christianity is False

- Regarding Jesus:
 - *A Liar or Lunatic?*

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse....You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

— C.S. Lewis



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The Consequences, if Christianity is False

- Regarding Jesus:

- *A Liar or Lunatic?*

- *Mass Deception?*

- *A Blasphemous Claim, if Not True*

JOHN 8:54-59; MATT. 26:63-65;

LEV. 24:16



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The Consequences, if Christianity is False

- Regarding God:

- *A Liar*

ACTS 2:22; HEB. 2:3, 4; ROM. 1:4

- *No Different/Better Than Any Other 'God'*

- *No Plan for Our Salvation*

2ND TIM. 1:8-10; 1ST PET. 1:18-20



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The Consequences, if Christianity is False

- Regarding the Bible:

- *The Work of Mere Men*

2ND TIM. 3:16; ROM. 1:16

- *Merely A Collection of Myths*

- *A Lie*



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The Evidence

- **The Writers**
- **The Time Span When it Was Written**
- **The Places Where it Was Written**
- **The Continuity of its Content**
- **The Real Challenge: Try to Duplicate It!**



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The Evidence

- **The Circulation**
- **Its Survival Through Attempts to Destroy It**

I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world-and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.

— Charles Colson

