Faith Is Not a 4-Letter Word

Jay Seegert
I would like to personally thank you for watching the Origins program. Origins was a special program, near to the heart of my late husband, Russell Bixler.

I trust that the information in this presentation will be helpful in your study of creation science. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of Origins... you're making the television production of this program possible.

Norma Bixler
A few comments about Faith
From the skeptics
Faith is NOT a virtue.

Faith is gullibility.
Faith is dishonesty.
Faith is blindness.
Faith is the absence of reason.

Faith should not be respected.
It should be detested.
If it's true that we don't need God, it's also true that we don't need religion. Religion, in one form or another, has caused more suffering than any other belief system known to humankind.

~ Sam Harris
“Faith is the great cop-out, the great excuse to evade the need to think and evaluate evidence. Faith is belief in spite of, even because of, the lack of evidence.”
“Faith is believing what you know ain’t so.”

MARK TWAIN

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Even the church...

Reason is the greatest enemy that faith has.

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Training Classes 5:00 PM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM

John Lindsey II

"Come now, let us REASON together says the LORD."
Isaiah 1:18
VICTORY TABERNACLE HOLINESS CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM  WORSHIP 10:45 AM
SUNDAY NIGHT  6:00 PM  WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM

IF UR FAITH IS BIG ENOUGH FACTS DNT COUNT
DEFENDING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH
Christianity: Two Major Elements

1. God exists
Not supposed to prove!

2. The Bible is the Word of God
Can't prove!
Distance light travels in a vacuum in \( \frac{1}{300,000,000} \) second.

1 meter

General Conference on Weights and Measures

Ultimate Authority
If the Bible truly is the Word of God...

Ultimate Authority

...then there’s no way to prove it!
Ultimate Authority

We don’t “prove” the Bible is from God…

…it is our starting point!
Foundation for Belief/Worldview

Starting Point
Bias
Presupposition
Beginning assumptions

Everyone has to start somewhere
Foundations for Belief/Worldview

Science

Thoughts of other men & women

The Skeptic

FACTS
Foundation for Belief/Worldview

Science
Thoughts of other men & women
Trust’s his/her own reasoning
Use their reason to evaluate their own reasoning!

OWN REASON
Christianity: A Typical Defense
Evidence as Proof
Don’t Use Evidence as Proof

7 Reasons

Not to use evidence as “proof”
Don’t Use Evidence as Proof
Why not to use evidence as “proof”

1. Skeptic may have a different interpretation of the evidence.

Facts do not speak for themselves!
Don’t Use Evidence as Proof

Why not to use evidence as “proof”

1. Skeptic may have a different interpretation of the evidence.

Evidence → Conclusion → Worldview
Don’t Use Evidence as Proof

Why not to use evidence as “proof”

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CORRECT ORDER...

Worldview → Evidence → Conclusion
Don’t Use Evidence as Proof
Why not to use evidence as “proof”

Elevates science (evidence) in authority over the Bible.

SCIENCE

BIBLE
Don’t Use Evidence as Proof
Why not to use evidence as “proof”
Elevates science (evidence) in authority over the Bible.

BIBLE

SCIENCE
We don’t use evidence to prove the existence of God or the inspiration of the Bible... these beliefs are our starting point!
So what good is evidence?

Is there any place for it at all?
Testing Worldviews
Is it logical to use logic?

Questions for the Skeptic

Do you believe logic exists?
Do you believe there are laws of logic?
Are laws of logic physical things?
Are laws of logic the same everywhere?
Do laws of logic change?
Is it logical to use logic?

So you believe laws of logic are:

- Immaterial (non-physical)
- Universal (the same everywhere)
- Unchanging (same yesterday, today & tomorrow)
Is it logical to use logic?

Where did they come from?

Christian Worldview
Is it logical to use logic?

God

- Immaterial
- Universal
- Unchanging

Laws of Logic

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Testing Worldviews
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Testing Worldviews
Wrapping it Up

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