

The following are arguments used by some atheists to disprove the existence of God.

1. "I Knew a Nasty Christian Once."

Discrediting by association can be useful. An example is:

"There are Christians who have done abominable things, so God must not exist."

According to some atheists, this argument disproves the existence of God. However, it cannot be used in other areas, such as, "Isaac Newton beat his wife so gravity doesn't exist."

2. "Big Rock"

This argument has been a mainstay for generations. It is premised on a bit of fancy language which sets up a situation that is a contradiction and therefore impossible by definition and then demands that it not be. The basic argument goes like this:

"If God can do anything, He could make a rock so big that He could not move it. If God can't move it, then He can't do "anything." And if He can move it, then He could not make one big enough, therefore He still cannot do "anything" and therefore does not exist.

This argument should not be used to prove the inverse.

"If everything exists by chance alone and everything includes God, then God exists by chance, and created everything, therefore chance does not exist."

3. "Evil World"

Goes something like this:

"If God is all good and all powerful and yet there is evil in the world, then God cannot exist."

Christians might try to tell you that it is because God allows free will, man chooses to sin, and that causes suffering. But you can tell them that is just avoiding the question, because the idea of free will makes evil irrelevant, and you can't "avoid" more than that.

4. "Science"

Science has disproved any idea of God. Everyone know this, though how it disproves Christianity is still a bit of a mystery. If someone brings this up, you can use words like "paleontology," "geological age," or "quantum event" and then say:

"It's an involved discussion fraught with technical jargon and you would have to be conversant in diverse and esoteric theories and other stuff and things."

And if that doesn't work just say:

"Well, if you don't know, then I'm not gonna tell you."

5. "Other Religions"

Political correctness shows us that all religions must be accepted as true and since they all disagree with each other about who God is, we cannot know what God is. If we cannot know what God is, there must be no proof of God. If there is no proof of God, then He doesn't exist.

Therefore, since all religions are true, no gods exist and Christianity must be false.

6. "Why Doesn't God Come Down Here and Talk to Me?"

Here the premise is that nothing can be known without seeing it for yourself. The author of this primer first made use of it in 1960 thus:

"If Nixon really wants me to go to Vietnam why doesn't he come to my house and tell me himself instead of using this silly draft card?"

Of course, when using this argument against the idea of God, it is unnecessary to move to Canada.

7. "Too Many Copies Spoil the Manuscript"

Since it is well known that the Bible has been copied over many times since the original manuscripts were written, it can be assumed that it has changed so much that no one can really know what was originally there. You can't say that God preserved it, because #1 already proved that God doesn't exist. If someone brings up discoveries of early documents which they say prove the textual integrity of the Bible, just tell them they are ignoring more recent copied texts found long ago in favor of older less copied texts found recently. While they are working that out you can move on to another topic before they realize what you said.