

## Christian Arrogance! The Only Way?

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***Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."***

***John 14:6***

### **Example A)**

"Before I present some of my reasons for rejecting your faith, ... I want to acknowledge that there are a few things you and I agree about... The Bible is either the word of God, or it isn't. Either Jesus offers humanity the one true path to salvation (John 14:6), or he does not. We'd agree that to be a real Christian is to believe that all other faiths are in error and profoundly so. If Christianity is correct, and I persist in my unbelief, I should expect to suffer the torments of Hell. Worse still, I have persuaded others, many close to me, to persist in a state of unbelief. They, too, will languish in 'everlasting fire' (Matthew 25:41). If the claims of Christianity are true, I will have realized the worst outcome of a human life."

Sam Harris

### **Food for Thought**

I will deal with all the normal Atheist outrage as follows:

Me	Atheist
	"The only way? The only way! There are other religions, you know!"
First, such rants are tiresome. I normally smile and ask,  <b><i>"If Jesus actually said that He was the only way to God, wouldn't a Christian have to believe him?"</i></b>  (I slowly smile)	

Me	Atheist
Whatever happens next, I am going to ask what religion, if any, he or she follows. Hopefully, he or she replies,	
	"I don't have a religion, I'm an Atheist."
Next, I'm going to ask, <b><i>"Atheism's a religion, isn't it?"</i></b>	
	<Atheist replies>
Whatever the reply, I am going to ask for a definition of religion.	

Why? I want to start a discussion. I could have simply replied after the initial volley of, "The only way? The only way!" [Yes, I believe Jesus is the only way], but that is guaranteed to end a discussion before it begins. How can I hope to persuade them if there is no discussion?

Wherever the discussion about religion goes, I'm going to explain why I consider Atheism to be a religion. If need be, I'll explain the Atheist church movement.

This quiets most normal people.

Where am I heading? I'm heading to the Sam Harris quote. If they aren't familiar with Sam, I ask that we take the time to look him up on their phone. Then I summarize what Sam wrote or I paraphrase what he said. Look at Sam's quote again, what of importance does he say?

1. Sam intends to reject Jesus as the only way, but he does agree with the following:
  - a. The Bible is either the word of God or it isn't
  - b. Jesus is either the way or He is not
  - c. If he's wrong about Jesus, Hell's torments await him

- d. If he's wrong, his friends and his beloved face torments, endless torments
- e. If he's wrong, Sam faces the worst outcome a human can face

Look, if you have trouble memorizing and recalling, why not pull the exact quote up from the photos on your phone? Personally, I am so inept with my phone that I rarely do this. My ability to recall is superior to my iPhone skills.. Truthfully, I'm pathetic when it comes to cell phone usage, which means my recall ability has to be really good. That's bad, because it isn't.

Me	Atheist
<b><i>"Sam has stated it succinctly, hasn't he?"</i></b>	
	Blah, Blah, Blah
<b><i>"Say, the converse is true as well, right? I mean, isn't Atheism claiming that it has the truth? If Atheism is right, aren't all other religions just wrong ways?"</i></b>	
	Blah, Blah, Blah
<b><i>"Looks like 'I have the truth' is something everyone either believes or says?"</i></b>	
	Blah, Blah, Blah
<b><i>"May I tell you why I, an Atheist, became persuaded that Christ was the only way?"</i></b>	

You must know why you became persuaded that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Never be ashamed to say that no one comes to the Father except by Him.

If you are not sure why you believe Christ is the only way, review my reasoning on what I believe is the best way to prove the deity of Christ in a normal conversation.

Remember, you are not submitting a term paper; you are having a normal discussion with a normal person, a person just like you.

**For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.**

**Romans 1:16**

**For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.**

**Romans 1:18**

**It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

**Hebrews 10:31**

Once again, we do well to remember that it was Jesus, the Creator and King of all, who makes the claim that He alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The One who is before all things, and in whom all things exist (Colossians 1:17), is the One who is being plain and issuing a warning when He proclaims, "no one comes to the Father except through me."

Jesus is not and cannot be arrogant. Sam Harris' Judge on judgment day will be just when He is just when He judges this smug and arrogant lightweight. Sam will be, if he doesn't repent, terrified by God's wrath and consumed by God's wrath. Both his terror and God's wrath will be everlasting. Psalm 90 asks, "who knows the power of Your anger?"

Friend, Sam thinks this is a game for a college cafeteria. It assuredly is not. As a Christian, it is once again your duty to know that the evidence for Christ's death and resurrection are a sure foundation for your belief, your faith.

If Sam were seated across from me, I would reason with him about rationality and faith. Then, I would warn him that deceiving other souls into Hell along with himself assures him of a terror few in Hell will experience. My warning would be a mercy from God to Sam.

All religions except for Christianity insist on blind faith of this variety or that.  
Christianity detests blind faith!

Never be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the Light in a world awash with darkness.