

INTRODUCTION

1. Why have a site called Atheists Say the Darndest Things?

There are several reason actually,

- A). First, mine is a Christ-centered life, and that is the driving force behind my conviction that it is time to address and respond to the charlatans who are Atheism's apostles and prophets today.
- B) Secondly, I am also driven by the fact that I was, before God opened my eyes and gave me new ears, an ardent and angry Atheist. But, even then, blind as I was to all truth, I was truthful with myself about the ramifications of being a true Atheist. You see, I understood that being an Atheist demanded that I face the fact that life, my life, was meaningless. I further realized that I had no soul, which meant that I was merely a superior mammal. That insured that life would be reduced to merely seeking both pleasure and the avoidance of pain. Lastly, since I believed that I was the product of a primordial soup that accidentally exploded into being, I realized that there could never be "purpose" to my life. Atheism, I saw clearly, was a philosophy of utter despair. But, I had the courage and determination to face life bravely.

Today's Atheists, on the other hand, are cowards and charlatans. They know that all I've written in the previous paragraph is true, but they fail to live down to what they preach, and then they insist that there is purpose and meaning to life. It is a lie, and they know it. But, they obscure the truth so they can make disciples of the gullible masses, especially aiming at impressionable and lazy high school and college students.

"The world is a kind of spiritual kindergarten where millions of bewildered infants are trying to spell God with the wrong blocks. E.A. Robinson

C). Thirdly, I believe that my background as an ardent Atheist

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who has, by grace, come to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus, puts me in a position to help Christians navigate today's troubled waters. There is a war for mens' souls, and our culture as we know it is raging right now. I humbly submit that I have an idea how we ought to engage both our friends and enemies at this time. I leave it to you to determine if my plan is a wise one.

But, I promise you that **my plan does not allow for spectators.** We are born to be warriors for the Lord and His truth. The teaching that Christian disciples can be undisciplined spectators is a deceit that has been foisted on the Church. It is time that deceit is slain. A bottom-up philosophy enjoins all disciples to engage people just like themselves. I promise you that your life is an important cog in history's wheels. But, there is a cost to bravery and a price to pay for standing for the truth. What would you expect but to give your life in return for the Savior's?

2. For whom is this site designed?

The site is designed to be used by the average man and woman, folks just like me and my bride, Lois, in the Church today. You see, I am a rather common man. I was raised in a pool hall, so you should not expect to find fine speech and its trappings. What you should expect is the voice of a heart that overflows with gratitude for what the Lord has accomplished for an arrogant rebel. Redemption accomplished and applied? Yes, yes, yes. My life, like yours, if you are a Christian, is nothing but grace.

It is with this in mind that I've discovered what I believe is a useful way to evangelize and defend the faith once delivered to you and through you to the rebels you know. Those rebels may be your friends, co-workers, sons, daughters, or neighbors.

In the end, I aim to "persuade", not "win". I will cover this in depth in the section titled, "A Discussion about Discussions".

A bottom-up approach places the burden squarely on the shoulders of the common Christian, yes, you and me. We should speak to those we love about Christ and their souls' danger, and I believe I can help all of us "common folk" with an approach that suits today's cancellation culture. I,



also, humbly believe that I can instill knowledge and confidence in you. My aim is to equip you.

"The common people care more for enjoying the world than examining it."

G. K. Chesterton

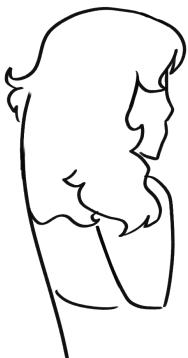
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES ARE NOT COMMON PEOPLE.

3. Is "Atheists Say The Darndest Things" a hint that you are going to quote Atheists directly?

Yes, I believe in permitting Atheism's apostles to speak for themselves. I have purposely and determinedly chosen the 4 most prominent Atheists of our time to present Atheism's truths. The 4 are Sam Harris, Richard Dawkins, Stephen Hawking, and Christopher Hitchens. The latter 2 are now deceased, but their writings are plentiful and influential. You will note that I am not attacking Atheism's lightweights like Lawrence Krauss and Daniel Dennet. Rather, I have allowed Atheism's titans to present their case. You shall see that titans, in reality, are not as formidable and fearsome as you've likely thought.

4. So then, what is the best way to approach and utilize the website?

My bride, Lois, and Justin Reed have set the website up wonderfully, in my opinion. After the introduction and a word about Atheism's Traveling Medicine Show, you will run across a section that covers 27 questions, assertions, objections, topics, etc, that are either raised or endlessly hurled at you as a believer. Additionally, I have included a handful of topics that I've found to be helpful in discussions with Atheists and pretend Atheists. I have put them forward one by one, and there is a PDF that accompanies each wherein I examine the question, assertion, etc, and then explain how I might reply. The ones you will most regularly encounter are the first 6. My brief video for each of the 27 is buttressed by the videos that are found under "videos" at the top of the home page. Primarily, I aim first to acquaint you with the objections, etc, as some will be foreign to you at



first blush. Once acquainted, I will point out the error in the Atheist's thought who is raising the objection, etc. Then, I will explain how I might respond.

My responses will be permeated with Christian doctrine, as that, in the end, is the sword that is labeled "truth." My hope is that all of this will draw you nearer to our beloved Lord.

"Let your credo be this.

Let the lie come into the world.

Let it even triumph,

But not through me."

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

I will suggest an order for you. First, watch and then read "The Introduction" — video and pdf.

Second, watch the videos and then read the pdfs for:

- 1.) The Traveling Medicine Show
- 2.)Welcome to the War!
 With Whom am I at War?
- 3.) Common Atheist Assaults, Assertions, and Advertising Jingles
- 4.) What's the person across from you likely to believe?

 And What About You?
- 5.)Breeze through <u>27 Typical Questions</u>, <u>Assertions</u>, <u>Proclamations</u> <u>And Objections</u> (Quickly)
- 6.)Study <u>The Discussion About Discussions</u>
 What Is The Average Person Across From You Be Likely To Be Like?

Lastly, peek at Additional Discussion About Discussions, The Alphabet Of Success, The Must Learn 4, A Few Questions About Questions, A Few Thoughts About Questions, A Few Facts About Facts, and Quips And Rejoinders. Then listen to the videos on the same topics.

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