
Subject: Re: question to christians about jesus
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Since Starbuzz will probably make it a point to respond with some sort of claim regarding me defending Christianity, I am doing no such thing. I am just attempting to answer the questions based on my personal beliefs. They may be wrong, but it in no way is a reflection of my attempt to defend any particular religion. Heck, even an Atheist could attempt to answer these.

1) Jesus was sent down to earth to see how humans behaved, to make God be more lenient on who comes to heaven. Before this time, God would of sent everyone down to hell for petty crimes. Jesus was made in God's image, this cannot be a mental image since Jesus was supposedly a "wonderful" man. So I assume it was in physical image. If this is true, how can God exist outside of time and space? Time and space are both needed for matter to exist.

This is where the idea of the Trinity comes into play. Three separate and distinct beings, but all the same. Jesus was God, but not God. Or, rather it may be understood as "God in human form" (a bit misleading, I know). I use that description only to explain. "God" (as God) may or may not exist outside of time and space, but Jesus did not as he was very much human. If you separate the two, but know they are the same it makes sense.

2) God has supposedly created all of us, if we don't believe in him we're going to be tortured for the rest of our lives. So why does he make it so difficult for us to believe?

The ideas of free will and human cognition. None of us as children believed what our parents said would happen if we did a particular thing, only to have them turn out right. If we can't even trust our own parents, I don't see how the idea of God would be any different.

3) Every living creature has been crafted by God, so how is it that 99% of them are now extinct?

Things die out by various means (Of course, "created by God" is ambiguous itself, so that leaves it open to interpretation as to how the creation happened). Humans are no different and could very well become extinct at some point.

4) There have been many missing links to the evolution chain. Some have been found, how can you explain a monkey that walks on 2 legs?

Evolution is real. It just depends on whether or not it had a "guiding hand" to accelerate the process.

5) How can a loving God specifically create a human being with a disease that tortured them until they die?

Genetics. Purely bad luck. The system which creates life is perfect (it does what it is supposed to do perfectly), but that does not mean that everything is finishes correctly. I don't know the genetic process well enough to go into detail, so I'll have to leave this attempt to answer as an incomplete one.

6) How can a loving God send a man to hell for not being able to believe in him? after all, God was the one who made it so hard.

It does make you wonder, though, why so many people DO believe when it is supposedly so hard. (Doesn't answer the question directly, I know. Think about it though, and perhaps you'll see what I am getting on about - and no, it is not attempting to get atheist to change their mind)

7) How can a loving God drown millions of humans and animals?

Can't answer this other than to say that I do not believe that every story in the old testament dictates specific events. Rather they are used to establish points - to what ends, I do not know. (Kind of like Aesop's fables, though in a religious context)

8) God created our planet, so why is there harsh conditions? Such as drought? Millions of people are facing a horrible life of famine and disease, how could such an intelligent being do that?

Again, simple chance. We live in a "perfect" world speaking in ecological terms. It has everything we could need to survive, but the weather patterns that bring us the good also bring us the bad. It would be physically (as in in the realm of physics) to have 100% good weather all of the time.

9) God exists outside time, so this means he can see into the future and past as he sees fit. Why didn't he just look into the future to see his son get tortured? Then he wouldn't have to send him down there in the first place.

This is just a personal viewpoint here (as are most of these answers, but this one in particular). God can see ALL possible futures, however the "human condition" (ambiguous term, I know) prevents the one future from being known (ie. free will). Only when a choice is made does it negate the other possible futures.

Even then, it may simply have been that it "had to happen" for us to get our acts together. A sort of self-sacrifice. Heh, another oddity here is that when we hear about self-sacrifice on the news or in movies, we cheer the hero who was willing to sacrifice himself to save humanity.

10) How do you explain the fact that scientists have created new life in a laboratory?

Don't really have to. Again, claiming that God created "all of us" does not necessarily deem that it was a direct 1-1 ratio of creation. Simply by creating the universe and allowing evolution to happen he created us. Whether life happens in the womb or in a test tube, it is still life happening.

11) God created each and everyone of us, so why are some people gay and lesbian? Doesn't this contradict the bible?

Psychological or Genetic issues (personal belief) is what may cause something like this to happen. That, in and of itself does not contradict the bible. Only the aspect of having sex with someone who is not of the opposite sex contradicts the bible.

12) With God's infinite wisdom, why are us humans (made in his image) so stupid (in relation)?

Again, image is far too ambiguous to answer this to any satisfying standard. Image has nothing to do with the simple fact of our lack of intellectual capacity. A brain can only handle so much information in proportion to its size.
