

# Why a Thoughtful Person on a Religious Quest Should Begin with Christianity

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## FOUR REASONS TO BEGIN A RELIGIOUS QUEST WITH CHRISTIANITY

1. **Christianity is** \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. 1 Corinthians 15:14: "If Christ is not risen, our faith is \_\_\_\_\_"
  - ii. There is no other religion that stakes its entire belief system to a single, testable, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Jesus gave \_\_\_\_\_ evidence that He was the Son of God, and these claims are testable (Jn. 20:30-31).
  - b. **Muhammad** refused to do \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. **Mormonism** is based upon a "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - d. **Zen Buddhism** focuses on \_\_\_\_\_ the mind.
2. **Salvation is** \_\_\_\_\_!
  - a. Christianity is unique in its offer of salvation by \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 2:8-9).
  - b. Salvation is a free gift and is available to \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 3:28)
    - i. **Islam**: (Surah 17:13) \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii. **Mormonism**: "For it is by grace we are saved \_\_\_\_\_."
    - iii. **Buddhists** must go through millions of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Religion is about man trying to get to God; \_\_\_\_\_ is about God coming to us.
3. **In Christianity, you get an amazing** \_\_\_\_\_ **fit**
  - a. A worldview is a view of the world, like a \_\_\_\_\_ of reality.
  - b. Worldviews answer basic questions about life:
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_?
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_?
    - iii. \_\_\_\_\_?
  - c. Can we live like our worldview is \_\_\_\_\_?
    - i. **Buddhists** say a human is a \_\_\_\_\_, much like a flame. This would seem to undermine our criminal justice system.

- ii. **Daniel Dennett:** Darwinism is a \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. **Timothy Keller:** “ If, as the evolutionary scientists say, what our brains tell us about morality, love, and beauty is not real, if it is merely a set of chemical reactions designed to pass on our genetic code then so is what their brains tell them about the world. Then why should we trust them? (*The Reason for God*)
- iv. **C.S. Lewis:** “If the value of \_\_\_\_\_ is in doubt, you cannot try to establish it by reasoning.”
- v. Christians don’t have to \_\_\_\_\_ their worldview.

4. **Christianity has Jesus at the \_\_\_\_\_**

- a. **Islam** says Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. **Buddhists** claim Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. **Hindus** say Jesus was an \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. **New Age** say Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. **Jews** say Jesus was a good Jewish teacher (wrong on a few points)
- f. **Jesus** said, “I am the way, the truth and the life, no one gets to the father but by me” (John 14:6).