

Defend the Faith: Excuses and Answers A response to non believers.

Do you know how to respond to the following common objections to Christianity? (Brief answers on page 2)

1. I believe in God but not in religion.
2. Religion restricts my personal freedom and keeps me from being a natural human.
3. "My God," doesn't make demands of me.
4. Most of the wars and atrocities in history have been caused by religion.
5. Do you believe in Mickey Mouse?
6. Religion is anti-intellectual. Leaders in science and arts do not profess religion.
7. Church is boring to me.
8. I have better things to do with my time.
9. Religion does not fit into my life's dream.
10. Religion is old fashioned and has no place in our brave modern world.
11. I give you the right to choose Christianity. Please give me the right to not hear about it.
12. As a child I was forced to go to Church. As an adult I do as I please.
13. I don't want a bunch of unelected old men telling me what to do.
14. I just do not accept that any one religion or person speaks for God.

1. I believe in God but not in religion.

Would you even know about God if it were not for religion? Religion is the way God Himself chooses to express His being and the purpose of His creation.

2. Religion restricts my personal freedom and keeps me from being a natural human.

Just the opposite is true. The most natural human being is the person who is all God created him to be. A savior is someone who sets us free. Choosing to follow Jesus alive in His Church is the most freeing thing you can do.

3. "My God," doesn't make demands of me.

A god you make up to please yourself is no god at all.

4. Most of the wars and atrocities in history have been caused by religion.

This simply is not accurate history. While there have been some wars and persecutions in the name of religion, they were really politically motivated. No movement in all history has brought about so much good as Christianity. Check it out honestly, without prejudice and see.

5. Do you believe in Mickey Mouse?

Making fun of something does not make the reality go away.

6. Religion is anti-intellectual. Leaders in science and arts do not profess religion.

At the level of college professors it seems many scientists are atheists. However many honest scientists at the cutting edge of quantum mechanics and astro-physics are finding there is something beyond what science can do and are discovering God in their work.

7. Church is boring to me.

If you only go to Church for entertainment you will soon be bored. If you are allergic to Jesus and holiness you quite likely will dislike Holy Mass. If you don't understand that the Mass is a space/time vehicle that brings you to the real presence at Calvary and at the same time to the eternal heavenly liturgy, you will lack the excitement of the experience. If you don't love Jesus with your whole being, then Holy Mass is simply a boring duty.

8. I have better things to do with my time.

Maybe other things, but certainly not better things.

9. Religion does not fit into my life's dream.

Then your dream must be dysfunctional; out of touch with reality.

10. Religion is old fashioned and has no place in our brave modern world.

Some have said similar things in every generation. New things come and go, but the Word of God is ever new. The modern things of today are the old fashioned things of tomorrow. Christianity, however, is always relevant because it comes from the unchanging author of all reality.

11. I give you the right to choose Christianity. Please give me the right to not hear about it.

Thank you. You have the right to not listen, but you cannot force me to keep my beliefs locked in a closet. Christianity is a whole-life religion.

12. As a child I was forced to go to Church. As an adult I do as I please.

As a child you were forced to go to school, to eat properly, to be vaccinated, to be polite, to take a bath, to wear cloths, and lots of good things. As an adult you may choose otherwise. Your choice doesn't make it the wise thing to do.

13. I don't want a bunch of unelected old men telling me what to do.

When we elect people we tend to choose those who will say what we want to hear. This is not the path to truth. Church does not force us to do anything. It only informs us of the way to success in life by God's grace. .

14. I just do not accept that any one religion or person speaks for God.

When several or everyone speaks for God and they disagree, what a confusion that is. God is no fool. Throughout history the Lord chose individuals to speak for Him to His people. Moses, the prophets, kings, and high priests. In our time God has chosen St. Peter and the apostles, and the successors to Peter and the apostles, our pope and bishops. God does not have a communication problem. Many of us have a prideful listening problem. There are several world religions that have come to some truth, but when they disagree, only one can be correct. Here is where God's incarnate authority comes in.