

Crispy Critters.

It's unbelievable what unbelievers have to believe to be unbelievers.

I have three salient questions for you, my skeptical friend:

1. How is it, that four different men, and countless eyewitnesses, never recognized or recorded, even "one," instance of pride in Jesus Christ, in three and one half years of His life? How is that possible?
2. How is it, that four different men, and countless eyewitnesses, never heard or recorded even "one," instance of the words: I'm sorry, I made a mistake or please forgive me, from the lips of Jesus Christ? How is that possible?
3. How is it, that you probably never recognized any of this yourself? How is that possible?

This letter is intended to demonstrate to every atheist, agnostic, skeptic and card carrying unbeliever, that you don't know everything. Hardly anyone wants to be labeled as a fool; and even actual fools, often reject that title. When a person rejects logical and rational conclusions, it generally indicates that they are caught up in the emotional realm. The emotional realm, is the "realm without rule." It is not a good place to be, when making decisions that will determine your eternal destiny. For instance, many unbelievers have spoken one or both, of the following two statements:

1. Jesus Christ was a great moral teacher.
2. Jesus Christ was the greatest moral teacher, in history.

The following verses, from the New Testament, are actual statements by Christ Himself or others, where it is specifically stated that He is or is equal to God Almighty.

1. "I and the Father are one." John 10:30 NIV.
2. "Very truly I tell you. Jesus answered, before Abraham was born, I am." John 8:58 NIV.
3. "For this reason they tried all the more to kill Him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God." John 5:18 NIV.

4. "And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, truly you are the Son of God." Matthew 14:33 ESV.
5. "He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." Colossians 1:15 ESV.
6. "Jesus answered, I am (the) way and (the) truth and (the) life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 NIV.
7. "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He (Jesus) was with God in the beginning. Through Him (Jesus) all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made." John 1:1-3 NIV.

Question my friend: How could Jesus be a great moral teacher, if, on the most important moral question of all; He lied, and said He was God? That would make Him the "worst," moral teacher in history, if it wasn't true! You can't have it both ways my skeptical friend; He did not give you that option.

Heaven is a Gated Community; No Sin Allowed.

Herein lies the real crux of the matter. According to Romans 3:23 KJV; all human beings have sinned against God.

"For (all) have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

You have sinned, I have sinned, everyone has sinned, except for (one) notable exception. A Jewish carpenter in Israel, two thousand years ago. Jesus had to be born of a virgin, in order to avoid, being tainted with Adam's original sin nature, which you and I, are born with. Manna become man, and stepped into time, so we could understand. Because He was fully God, and fully man; He could legally represent the entire human race, and die for an infinite number of people. He lived over thirty years on this Earth, without ever submitting to sin. God commanded the Israelites to slaughter various animals, which He accepted as a blood sacrifice that covered their sins for a little while. This all pointed toward a future time, when God would provide a permanent blood sacrifice, through the Godman Jesus Christ. God so loved the world that He was willing to allow His own Son to be brutally beaten and nailed to a cross, in order to atone for the sins of humanity. It is truly the greatest love story in history. If you ever doubt how much God loves you individually, just closely examine the cross.

God didn't just kill His Son; He slaughtered Him like an animal. This should help every unbeliever to understand, just how offensive sin is to God, and just how much He loves you, the reader.

However, there was an even more intense emotional battle that occurred in the garden prior to His arrest. The Scripture records that the emotional pressure was so profound, that He actually began to sweat blood. Luke 22:44 NIV.

Religion or Relationship.

The main problem with religion, is that it cannot rectify the sin issue. Another problem is, it allows the adherent to maintain their pride, which is a mammoth obstacle to developing a relationship with God. Jesus is a person, not a religion. In John 3:3, Jesus gives us the (only) known way of having a relationship with God:

"Very truly I tell you, no one can (see) the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

There is (nothing), any human being can do externally, to create a right relationship with God. Religion promises the world, but delivers nothing. It is all based on a system of works, which has an inherent weakness, logically speaking. How could any person ever know, if they had done (enough) works to merit God's favor? If it is based on being good, then the same limitation applies! There is no known standard for determining such a thing; however, in Christianity, there is. All of the work was done at the cross; this is why Jesus triumphantly proclaimed: "It is finished." Moreover, Jesus was so morally pure, that no pride was ever recognized in Him, which is why I included the first question, in the beginning of this letter. Can you say that, my friend? We now have access to God, through repentance and faith, in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Not through any works or personally perceived goodness, on our part. This is why the gospel was created, it not only penetrates the mind, but it goes into the dead spirit of every person that believes it, and creates an internal resurrection. Jesus proclaimed that His very words were spirit and life. No other religious leader in history, could make that claim. No other religious leader has had such a profound effect on the world. If you are prepared to believe that time itself, was divided into B.C., and A.D., by the words of a con man, then you have a lot more faith than me?

Can't Find a Policeman.

If you are an unbeliever reading this material; you need to understand that you have had a close encounter of the demonic kind. A popular lie that circulates in the unbelieving world, is that we are all God's children. In John 8:44, Jesus tells a group of Jewish religious leaders that their father, is the devil. Evidently, He had not read: How to Win Friends, and Influence People. All human beings, are created in the image of God; however, only those who are born again (John 3:3), are legitimate children. Only a person who is ignorant of God's Word, would make such a statement. If even one person in history, was a child of the devil, then that statement becomes patently false. We are all children of the devil spiritually speaking, until we are adopted into God's family, by a spiritual rebirth. Moreover, how could you be a child of God, when you don't even believe that He exists? I don't mean to sound critical, but isn't that illogical? If it is not illogical, it is sure missing a good chance to be? Could it be, that the unbeliever can't find God, for the same reason a thief can't find a policeman? Could it be, that your love for sin, is clouding your good judgment?

Hell, is it real?

"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." James 4:14 NIV

The reason you should be very concerned, about the existence of hell, is the above quoted Scripture passage. What if you died, after reading this letter, what would be your fate? In Luke Chap 16:19-31, we have an eyewitness account, concerning the horrors of the damned. The rich man who went to hell, says specifically, that he is in agony in a literal fire. If I have a choice between believing someone who is currently alive, or someone who is in hell, about whether or not hell is real, I will take the eyewitness account every time. The American cults, and certain religious groups, and individuals, will tell you that this account is a parable. Don't you believe it, unbeliever. Jesus (never), used a proper name in any parable He told, and that's exactly why they are called parables. In this accurate depiction of the horrors of hell, two proper names are used, Lazarus and Abraham. Perhaps He did not identify the rich man, because some family member may have been present. On the next page of this letter, you will find a list of all the parables that Jesus told, with the exception of Luke 16:19-31.

1. Building on Rock and Sand: Matt 7:24, Luke 6:47 KJV
2. The Sower and the Soils: Matt 13:3, Mark 4:1 & Luke 8:4
3. The Wheat and the Weeds: Matt 13:24
4. The Mustard Seed: Matt 13:31, Mark 4:30 & Luke 13:18
5. The Leaven: Matt 13:33
6. The Treasure Hidden in a Field: Matt 13:44
7. The Priceless Pearl: Matt 13:45
8. The Dragnet: Matt 13:47
9. The Unmerciful Servant: Matt 18:33
10. The Workers in the Vineyard: Matt 20:1
11. The Two Sons: Matt 21:28
12. The Wicked Vinegrowers: Matt 21:33 & Luke 20:9
13. The Wedding Feast: Matt 22:1
14. The Budding Fig Tree: Matt 24:32
15. The Ten Wedding Guests: Matt 25:1
16. The Talents: Matt 25:14 & Luke 19:11
17. The Seed Growing Silently: Mark 4:26
18. The Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25
19. The Rich Fool: Luke: Luke 12:13
20. The Fruitless Fig Tree: Luke 13:6
21. The Great Banquet: Luke 14:16
22. On Counting the Cost: Luke 14:25
23. The Lost Sheep: Luke 15:3
24. The Lost Coin: Luke 15:8
25. The Lost Son: Luke 15:11
26. The Shrewd Servant: Luke 16:1
27. The Persistent Widow and the Reluctant Judge: Luke 18:1
28. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector: Luke 18:8 KJV

I challenge any person reading these parables, to produce a proper name in any one of them, if you can't, then you can't possibly conclude logically speaking or any other way, that Luke 16:19, is a parable. Anyone telling you that, is either a liar, a deceiver or just plain biblically illiterate, or perhaps, all three. Moreover, we have Jesus Himself narrating this story, and He knows more about it, than we do!

Hearing is Universal, but Listening is an Art.

Psychology, psychiatry and other humanly inspired remedies, can never completely solve human problems, because they invariably leave God, out of the equation. There will never be any lasting peace individually or globally, until the Prince of Peace, is seated, at the conference table.

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, "my peace," I give unto you: not as the (world) giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."
John 14:27 KJV

Notice that Jesus says: My peace. That means only He can give it to you. To obtain this kind of peace, you must recognize that you are a sinner (Romans 3:23). This will manifest itself as guilt. The penalty for you sinful lifestyle, is eternal death and separation from God for all eternity. However, God made a way for each of us to escape this punishment, by slaughtering His one, and only Son, on the cross. When you choose to believe that Jesus is God, who was a sinless sacrifice for you, who died and rose again, on the third day; God counts that as righteousness and faith on your part, and grants you eternal life, based on your confession. Repent of your sins, and confess that Jesus is Lord, and you will be saved. 1 John 1:9 KJV, is God's guarantee to you, please read that verse today.

Have a Nice Eternity,



Thomas Stevenson, Ser., vant

"But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death." Revelation 21:8 NIV