

EVIDENTIALISM

APOLOGETICS

A very brief summary

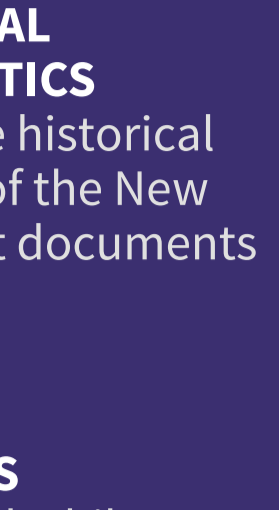


Argues that Jesus rose from the dead using historical evidence

JESUS

GOD

Argues that God exists using scientific evidence



COVERS
This apologetic also covers...

■ **ARCHAEOLOGICAL APOLOGETICS**
Uses evidence from archaeology to defend the accuracy of the Bible

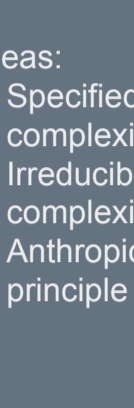
■ **HISTORICAL APOLOGETICS**
Argues the historical accuracy of the New Testament documents

■ **LEGAL APOLOGETICS**
Argues for Christ's resurrection by using legal standards of weighing evidence

■ **SCIENTIFIC APOLOGETICS**
Argues for God while emphasizing a young-earth, old-earth or creation-evolution understanding of science and the Bible

■ **PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT**
Argues Christianity from fulfilled prophecy

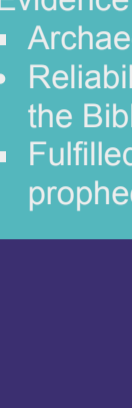
STARTING POINTS



SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

Shows scientific evidence for God.

- Ideas:
- Specified complexity
- Irreducible complexity
- Anthropic principle



HISTORICAL EVIDENCE

Examines evidence for Jesus's resurrection.

- Evidence from:
- Archaeology
- Reliability of the Bible
- Fulfilled prophecies

YOUR FOCUS

These topics are central to your defense of Christianity



Eyewitness Evidence of the Apostles

The apostles didn't make up Jesus's resurrection



Miracles

Miracles in the Bible confirm its divine origin and spiritual message



Biblical Events

Archaeology confirms biblical events, people and places



Reliability of the Bible

The Bible is reliable in what it reports and in transmission



Fulfilled Prophecy

Fulfilled prophecy about Jesus confirms the Bible is from God



God

Scientific evidence and the resurrection show God exists



Physical Universe

Scientific evidence points to a designer

YOUR ACTIVITY

Activities that convince you Christianity is true



Inducing

You like inductive reasoning. This goes from specifics to generalizations; a *posteriori*.



Comparing

You conclude the evidence for God/Christianity outweighs competing explanations.



Your belief is not based on these activities



Deducing

Your faith isn't based on deductive reasoning. This goes from premise to conclusion; a *a priori*.



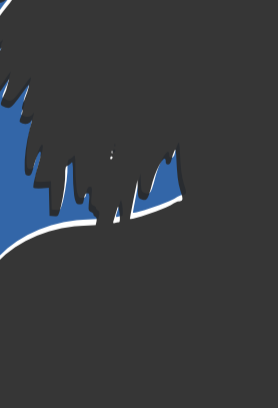
Abstracting

Your defense of Christianity is not based on abstracting or thinking theoretically.



Emoting

You likely avoid placing your confidence in emotions, feelings or euphoria.



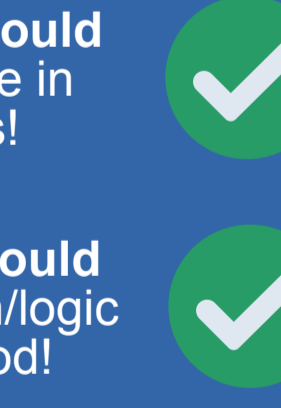
Intuiting

Impressions, intuition and direct awareness is likely not your thing.



Verifying/Confirming

You don't really treat Christianity like a theory to be verified, corroborate or tested.



Putting Faith over Reason

You see faith and reason working together. You don't take a blind leap of faith.

VALUES

Values in evidentialism



Theoretical Knowledge

You value theoretical knowledge and information (not just practical ideas)



Empirical Evidence

You believe truth comes through the Bible. But you also believe we know truth by studying nature.



VS

Not as valuable



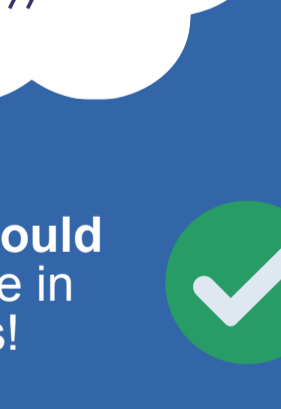
Practical Knowledge

Evidentialism isn't based on practical results. You may or may not be a practical person.



Experience

Experience plays little part in convincing you Christianity is true.



Feelings

You probably don't base your confidence in Christianity on your feelings.

YOUR OPINIONS



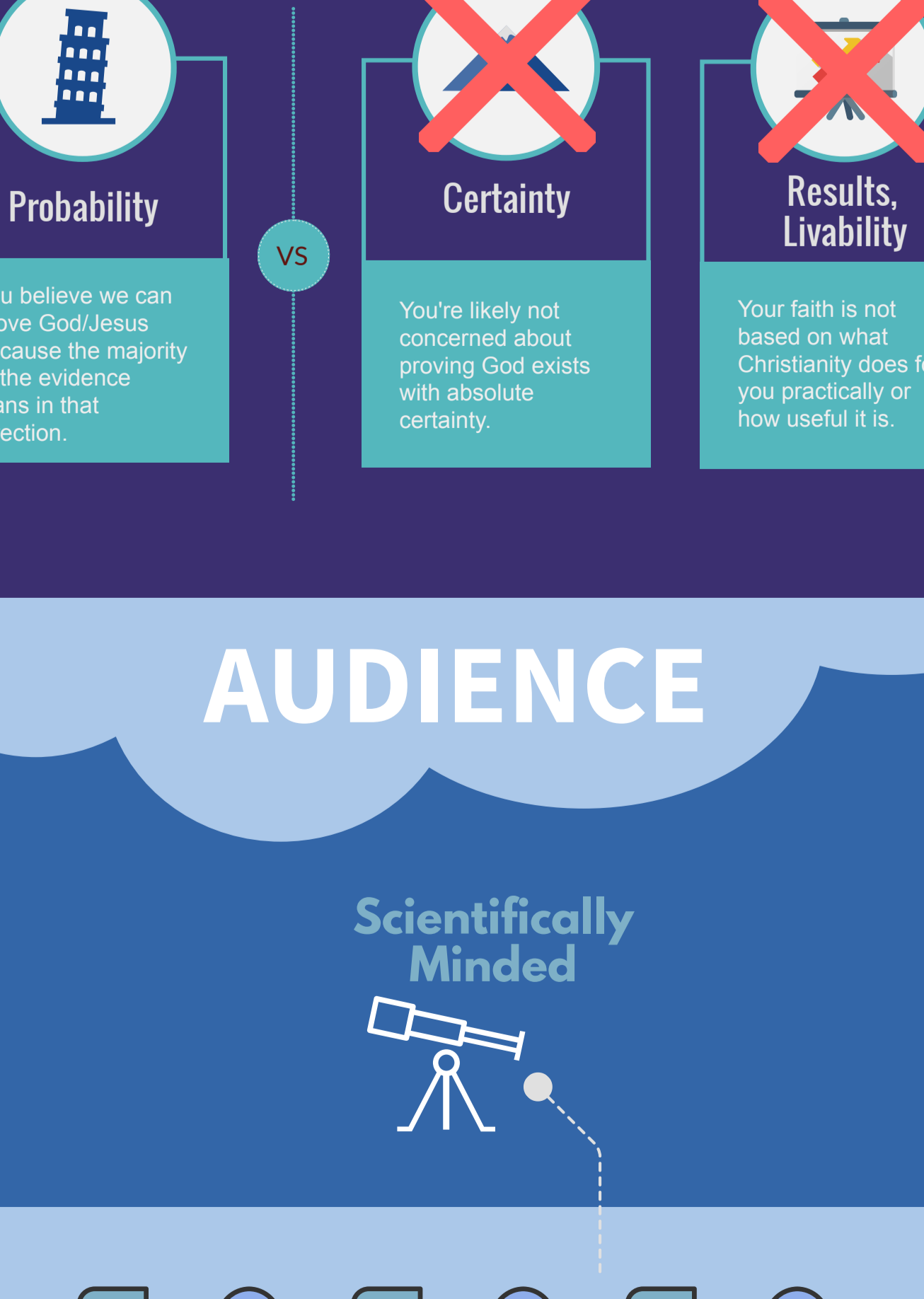
■ We can/should use science in apologetics! ✓

■ We can/should use reason/logic to prove God! ✓

■ Traditional proofs for God could be valid! ✓

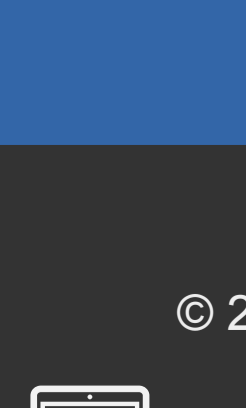
YOUR GOALS

What do you aim for in your proof of Christianity?



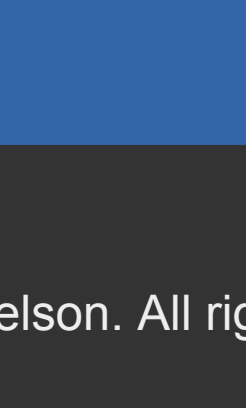
Important

Not as important



Probability

You believe we can prove God/Jesus because the majority of the evidence leans in that direction.



Certainty

You're likely not concerned about proving God exists with absolute certainty.



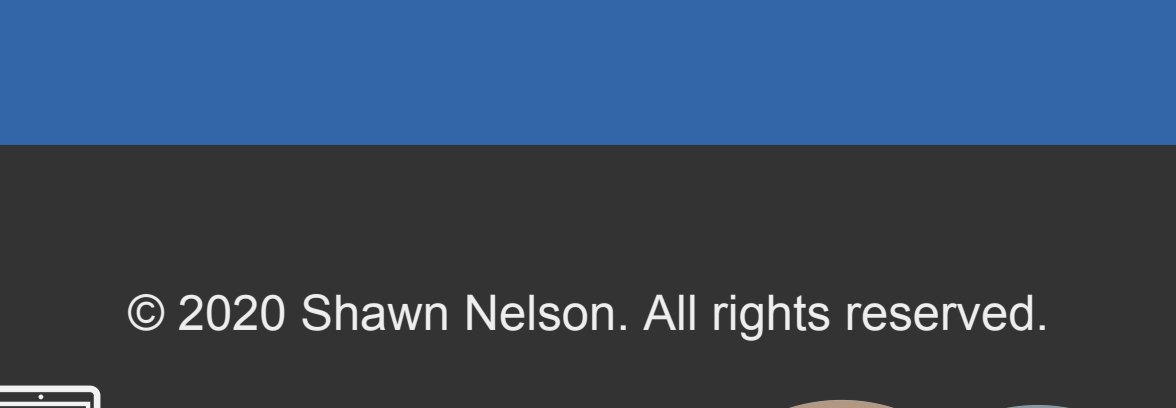
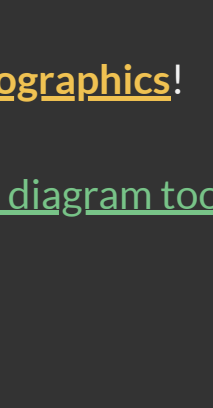
Results, Livability

Your faith is not based on what Christianity does for you practically or how useful it is.

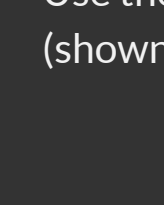
VS

AUDIENCE

Scientifically Minded



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