



EXPERIENTIALISM

APOLOGETICS

A very brief summary



Argues people know God really exists when they encounter him

KNOW

WALK

Christianity is something that a person should experience



COVERS

This apologetic also covers...

TESTIMONIAL APOLOGETICS

Shows how Jesus can change a person's life

ENCOUNTER WITH GOD, EXPERIENCE

We come to believe God is real because we experience him in some way.

Christianity is experiencing a real person (Jesus).

STARTING POINTS



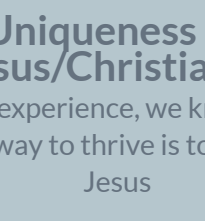
YOUR FOCUS

These topics are central to your defense of Christianity



Man

We can encounter God and experience the Gospel



Changed Lives

We can practically change for the better as we follow Jesus



Miracles

We can see God work today in our lives in supernatural ways

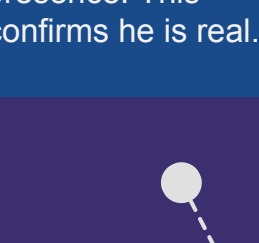


Uniqueness of Jesus/Christianity

From experience, we know the only way to thrive is to follow Jesus

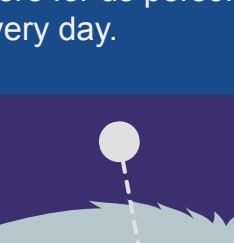
YOUR ACTIVITY

Activities that convince you Christianity is true



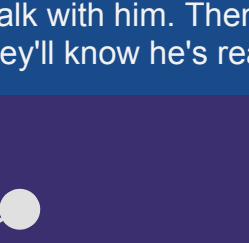
Emoting

It's important for you to feel God's presence. This confirms he is real.



Verifying, Confirming

You've trusted in Jesus and can confirm he's there for us personally every day.



Putting Faith over Reason

Others might try to prove God, but you'd rather tell people to walk with him. Then they'll know he's real.

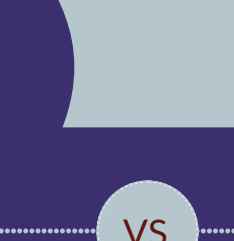
VS

Your belief is not based on these activities



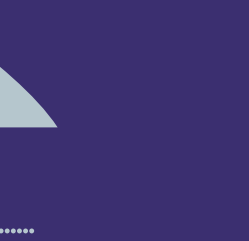
Abstracting

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



Deducing

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



Inducing

Your faith isn't based on inductive reasoning. This goes from specifics to generalizations; *a posteriori*.



Comparing

Your defense of Christianity does not mainly involve comparing Christianity to alternative views.

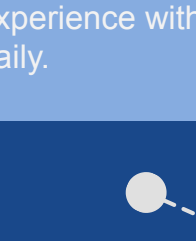


Intuiting

Your belief began with your experience with God, not necessarily that you had direct awareness of him.

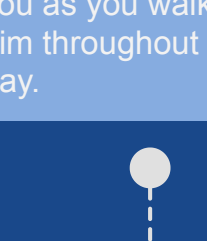
VALUES

What's valuable in experientialism



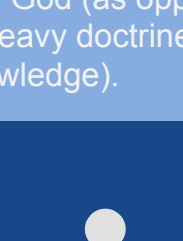
Experience

You desire to have a real, intimate, deep experience with God daily.



Feelings

You enjoy feeling God's presence with you as you walk with him throughout the day.



Practical Knowledge

You're more into a real, practical walk with God (as opposed to heavy doctrine or knowledge).



VS

Not as valuable



Theoretical Knowledge

You're likely not big into doctrine or theoretical information. You crave intimate experience.



Empirical Evidence

Your faith in God/Christianity is probably not based on empirical evidence.

YOUR OPINIONS



Traditional proofs for God aren't valid or important!



We can't/shouldn't use science in apologetics!



We can't/shouldn't use reason/logic to prove God!



YOUR GOALS

What do you aim for in your proof of Christianity?

Important vs Not as important



Results, Livability

A genuine walk with God is the best proof a person can get that God is real! Taste and see he's real!



Certainty

Christian philosophers say there's absolute proof for God. But that's too theoretical for you to care about.



Probability

Christian scientists say there's evidence God exists. But you already know because you walk with him.

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