



FIDEISM

APOLOGETICS

A very brief summary



Argues we cannot prove Christianity

NO PROOF

FAITH

We must believe Christianity through a 'leap of faith'



STARTING POINTS

ENCOUNTER WITH GOD, EXPERIENCE

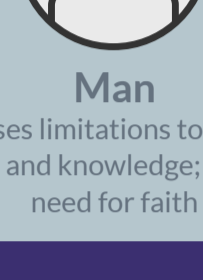
Argues that Christianity is not something to be proven, but something to be believed and lived out.

People need to have a real encounter with God.



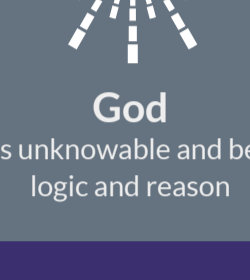
YOUR FOCUS

These topics are central to your defense of Christianity



Man

Stresses limitations to human reason and knowledge; stresses need for faith



God

God is unknowable and beyond logic and reason

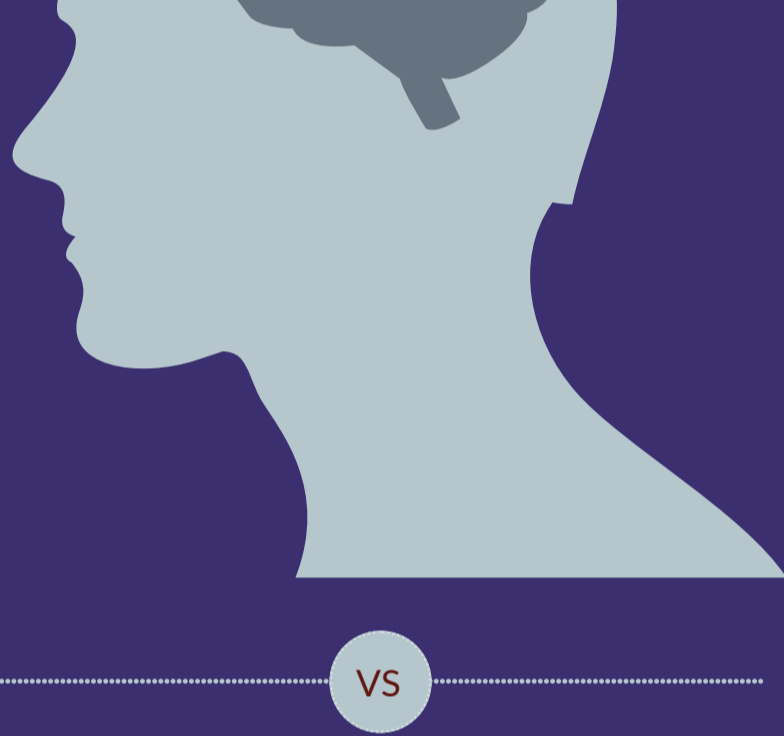
YOUR ACTIVITY

Putting Faith over Reason

You believe we cannot prove Christianity. It is something to be believed and trusted in by faith.

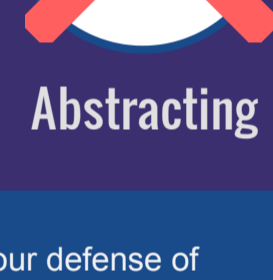
Intuiting

We have a direct awareness of God here and now through faith in him.



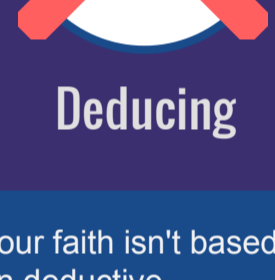
VS

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*.



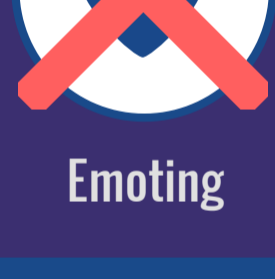
Inducing

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.



Emoting

While you may feel God's presence, your faith isn't based on your feelings.

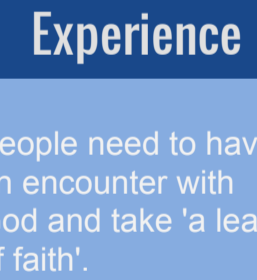


Verifying, Confirming

Your faith isn't based on confirming Christianity to be true in some way.

VALUES

What's valuable in fideism

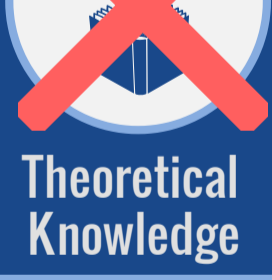


Encounter / Experience

People need to have an encounter with God and take 'a leap of faith'.

VS

Not as valuable



Theoretical Knowledge

Fideism is not based on knowing doctrine or theoretical information.



Empirical Evidence

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



Feelings

You have faith and trust in God regardless of how you feel.



Practical Knowledge

Your faith is not based on Christianity being practical or producing results.

YOUR OPINIONS



- Traditional proofs for God aren't valid! ✓
- We can't/shouldn't use science in apologetics! ✓
- We can't/shouldn't use reason/logic to prove God! ✓
- There are paradoxes in Christianity! ✓

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