



PRAGMATISM

APOLOGETICS

A very brief summary



Argues we should accept what works

RESULTS

BEST LIFE

Since Christianity is true, it works, and will produce the best life we can have



STARTING POINTS



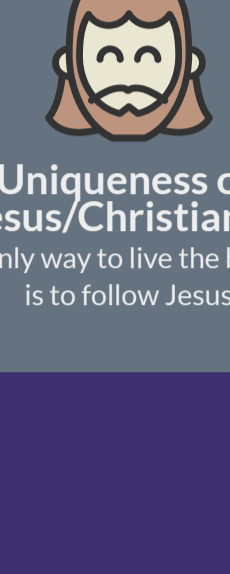
MAN
Argues that man is happiest when he functions the way God designed him to live and operate.
The best way to live is to become a Christian and follow the Bible.



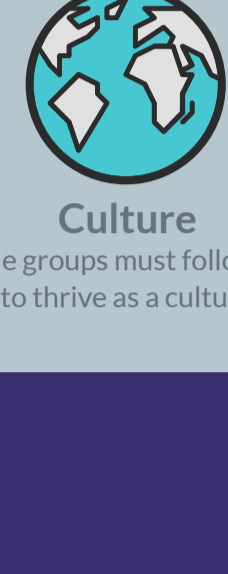
CULTURE
Argues countries are happiest, healthiest and most productive when their laws and practices are based on biblical principles.

YOUR FOCUS

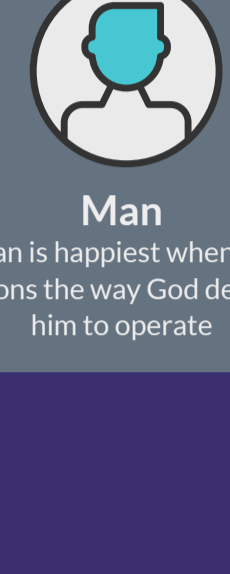
These topics are central to your defense of Christianity



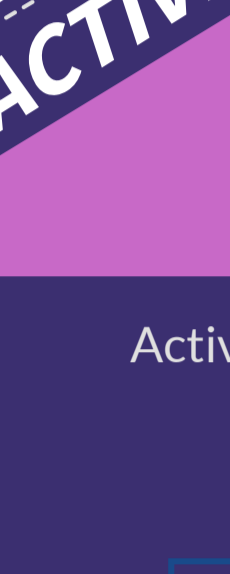
Changed Lives
People practically change for the better when they follow Jesus



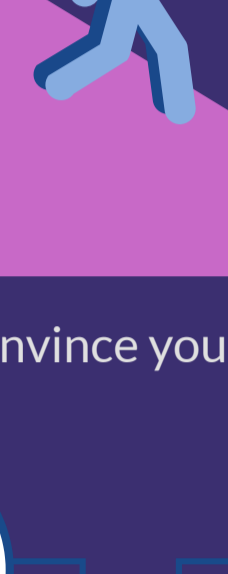
Morality / Ethics
There is a right and wrong way for man to live



Worldviews
We see big differences between cultures that follow God and those that don't



Uniqueness of Jesus/Christianity
The only way to live the best life is to follow Jesus



Culture
People groups must follow God to thrive as a culture



Man
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YOUR ACTIVITY



Activities that convince you Christianity is true



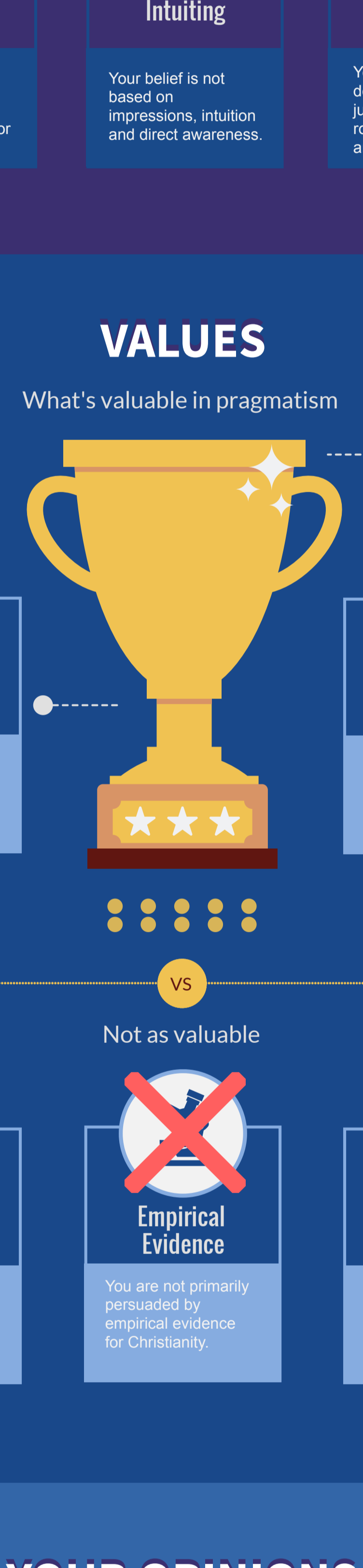
Verifying, Confirming

You're able to confirm Christianity produces the best way of life. The proof is in the pudding!



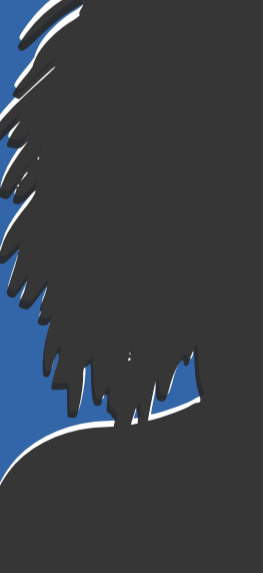
Comparing

You like to rigorously compare ideas to see which are the best. Christianity produces the best life.



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*.



Emoting

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



Intuiting

Your belief is not based on impressions, intuition and direct awareness.



Putting Faith over Reason

Your apologetic doesn't make a judgment about the role between faith and reason.

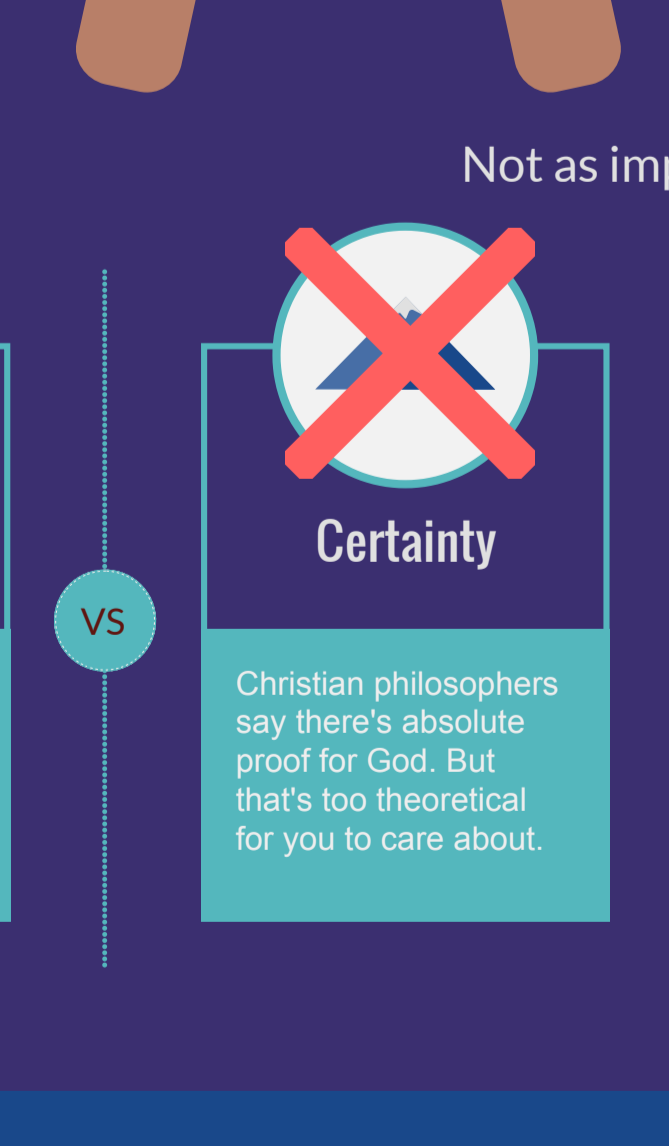
VALUES

What's valuable in pragmatism



Practical Knowledge

You absolutely love practical ideas. You just ooze practically.



Experience

You can point to times in the past when your walk with God yielded positive results.

VS

Not as valuable



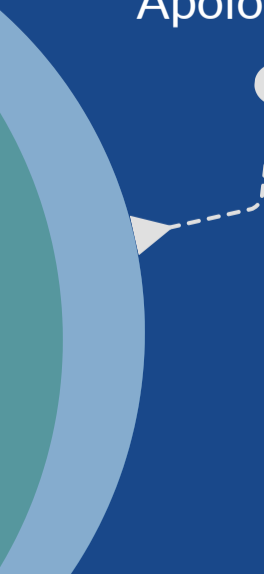
Theoretical Knowledge

You're not into theoretical knowledge and information.



Empirical Evidence

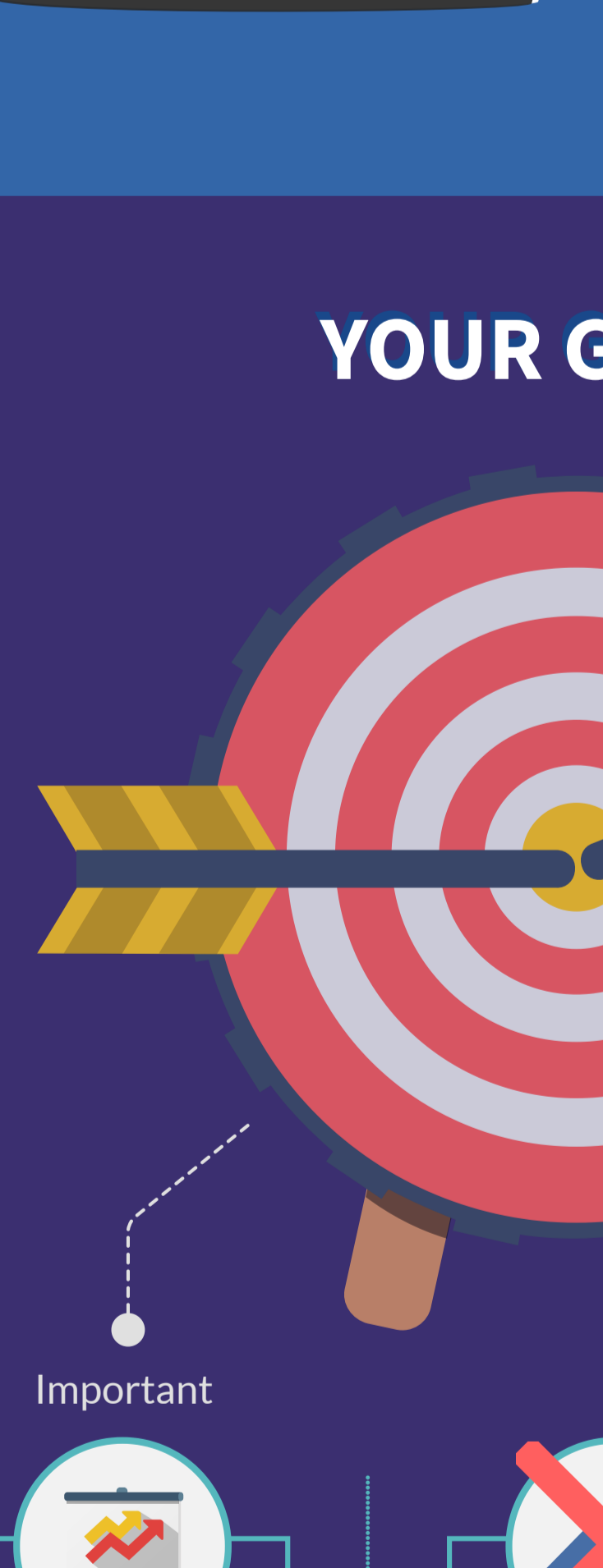
You are not primarily persuaded by empirical evidence for Christianity.



Feelings

You do not base your confidence in Christianity on your feelings.

YOUR OPINIONS

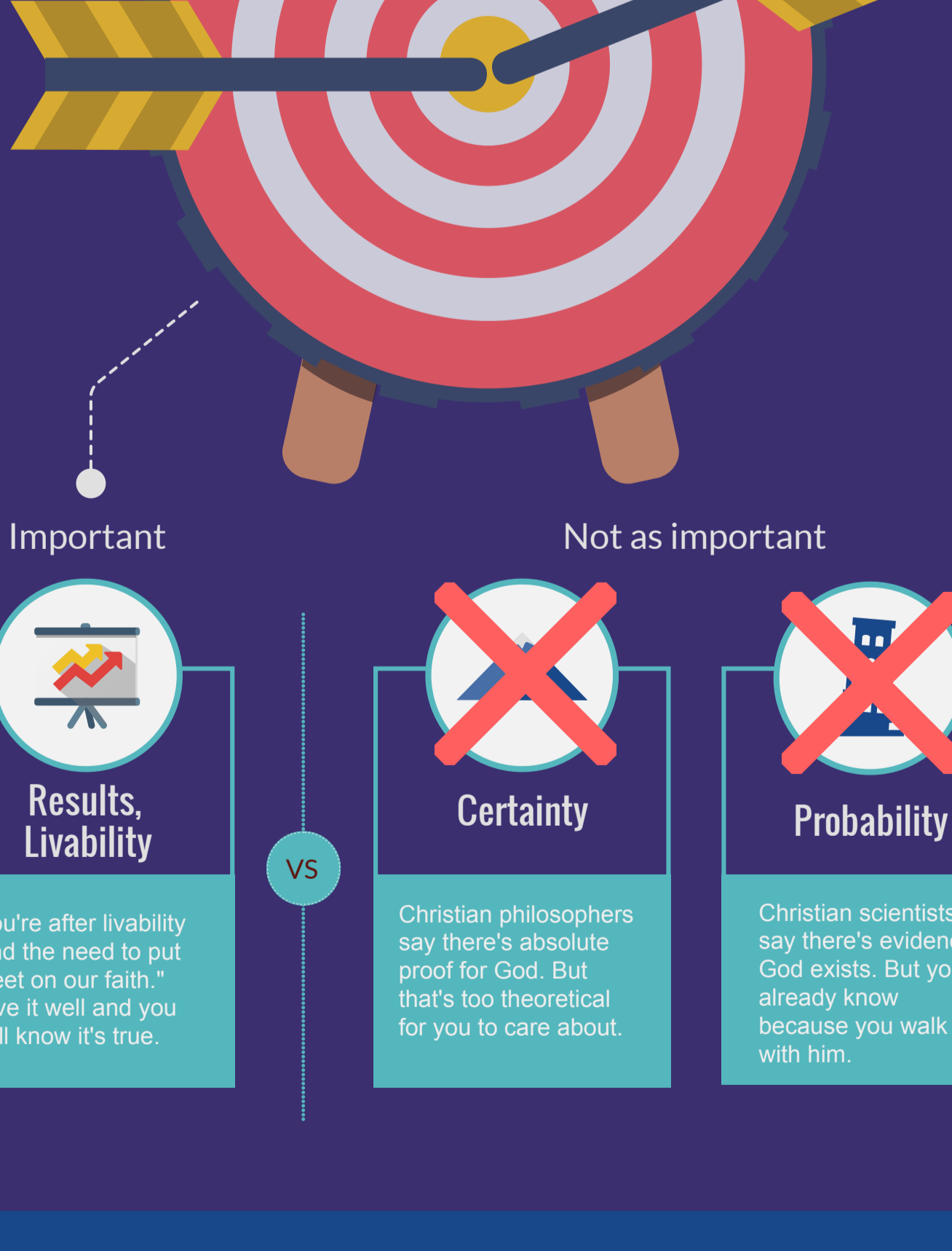


Christianity produces the best life we can have!



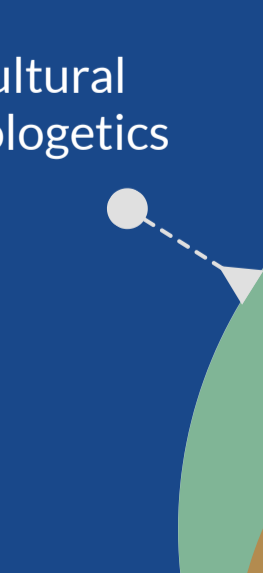
YOUR GOALS

What do you aim for in your proof of Christianity?



Important

Not as important



Results, Livability

You're after livability and the need to put "feet on our faith." Live it well and you will know it's true.



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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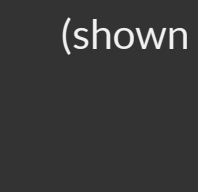
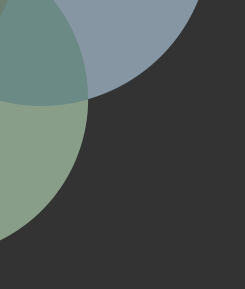
Psychological Apologetics

Pragmatism

Pragmatism has a lot in common with...

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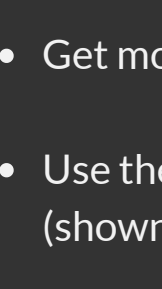
PSYCHOLOGICAL APOLOGETICS
Argues Christianity is true because the Bible's description of man is the most accurate one we have



CULTURAL APOLOGETICS
Defends Christianity by showing its positive effects on culture, as well as adverse effects when departing from the Christian worldview

CULTURAL

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