

Apologetics

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Worldview

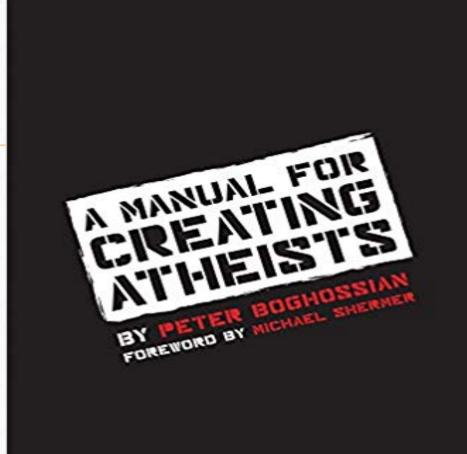
- Worldview: One's most fundamental beliefs and assumptions about the universe you inhabit.
 - A worldview is one's Story of Reality! The way that one believes Reality truly is.
 - Everyone has a worldview.

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• A worldview is like a puzzle box top; the complete picture which all the pieces must fit together to create.

Do the pieces match the box top?





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How to Have

Impossible A Very Practical Guide Conversations

& JAMES LINDSAY

My preferred definition is "borrowing"!



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THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER of John sighed, Ht stood up and took Pcarl by the hand. Pcarl and mc, he said. We have to go. Eh? What's say? Why? you ain't even touched your coffee! John gathered into his fingers the soft little paids of Pcarl's hand and led her back the way they had come, through the follows and forest of dangling costs and empty gray dresses. Away orest of dangling coats and empty gray dresses. Away bodows shone the door, the light of winter in the hear the old woman wheezing and his wake. Great day

6 other back room he would crouch beaution in the second of the data of the second beaution in the second of the two himself. Time to go out a set and provide Or is at time for another one? It is time and provide other widow? Just set with word, Lord, and Lord? Times other widow? Just set with word, and you with The faces troubled with word, Lord, and Lord with effective at the imprecision of his anthreetic. Ware there as Or was it six? Was this the face of the game, how finding. For us, stephenville, or was it the other one — her ancient. Or was at any? Was this the face of the gaunt, hony India Covery from Steubenville or was it the other one – her ancient, senile sister Ella that he had had to kill because she had surprised him burying the old woman in the peach orchard behind the The faces ran together like the years (like the long) rates in the surface the sufficient encoder showing the dicking one would be the sufficient encoder showing the dicking of rest in the The races ran together size the years, size the only more in the yellow-lit railroad coaches through the elicking river midnights as he wandered from town to town. Lord, won't I never settle down? Won't my work never be done? and the would plunge into the lonely hearts column again or search the faces at a church pienic and when he came to the right one - he knew. Then they arrested him for stealing that Essex in Parkersburg and sent him to the state penitentiary for a year. But the Lord sure knew what he was doing all right. He had sent him to the state penitentiary to this very cell because a man named Ben Harper was going to die. A man with a widow in the making and ten thousand dollars hidden somewhere down-river.

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My child, your sins are forgiven. Mark 25

Tactics: Individual engagement



Three Skills of Ambassadors

- **Knowledge:** an accurately informed mind. Know what you believe and why you believe it.
- **Wisdom:** an artful method. In other words, being able to apply the knowledge into an effective interaction with others.
- **Character:** an attractive manner. We are representatives of Christ and therefore must imitate Him in our conduct and conversation.

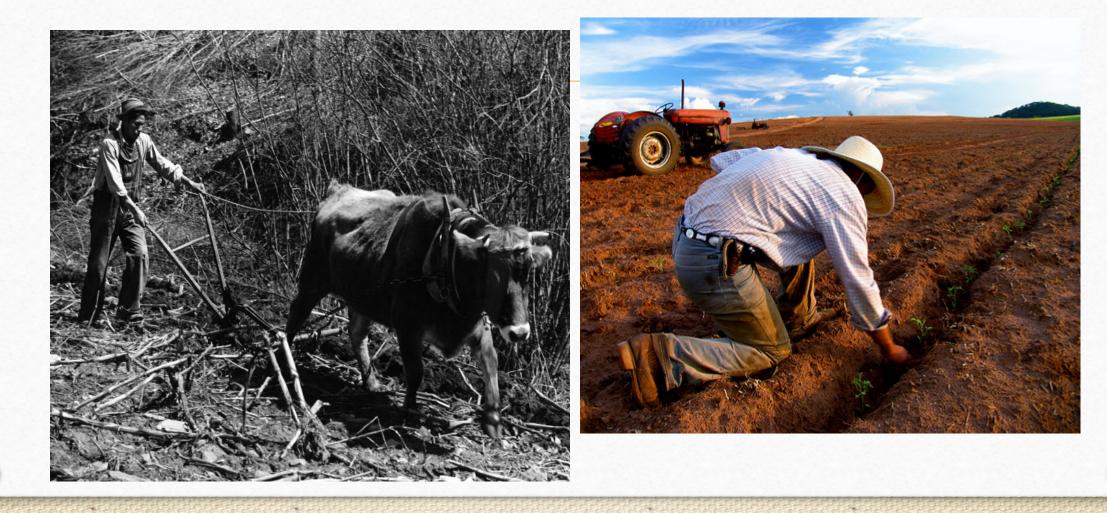


Speaking to man as image bearers God said, "Come now, let us reason together!





Which is more important?



Questions vs. assertions

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• He who makes a claim bears the burden of proof!



But officer, you can't legislate morality!



Benefits to asking questions

- Sincere questions are friendly and flattering.
- You'll get an education.

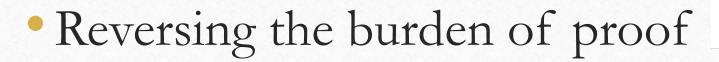
- Questions allow you to make progress on a point without being pushy.
- Questions buy you valuable time when you're not quite sure what to do next.

THE Two Questions

- What do you mean by that?
 - Clarity

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• How did you come to that conclusion?





What do you mean by that?

- A request for clarity
 - Why clarity works:
 - You don't want to misunderstand the person you're talking with.
 - You don't want to misrepresent him.
 - You don't want him to misunderstand himself.



Do you really mean everything?



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THE THIRD MYSTICAL LAW

ALL IS ILLUSION

"GOD" Loves EVERYBODY, Whether YOU Like it or Not! ... or Believe in their Version of it all... ③ 本 囍 ◆ 会 † ふ @ + ユ マ 闘 參 LDS When it comes Down to it, We are All Children of the Same Universe.

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...And No Matter How you want to say it, It is Time to

LOVE ONE ANOTHER.



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YIN DEATH STILLNESS FEMALE MOON COLD SOFT DARK PASSIVE SUBMISSION WEAK. SMALL HATE NEGATIVE SEVERITY

"There is no fear for one whose mind is not filled with desires."

- Buddha -

"Yes, God Hates Sin." Proverbs 6:16-22

How did you come to that conclusion?

Possible responses:

- They give a coherent and logical reason
- They give an incoherent and illogical reason
- They have no good reason



CONSIDERING REASONS

Is it possible?Is it plausible?Is it probable?



Remove the third line on page 12 of all copies of the New York Times, dated June 12, 2005!





I just found these, officer!



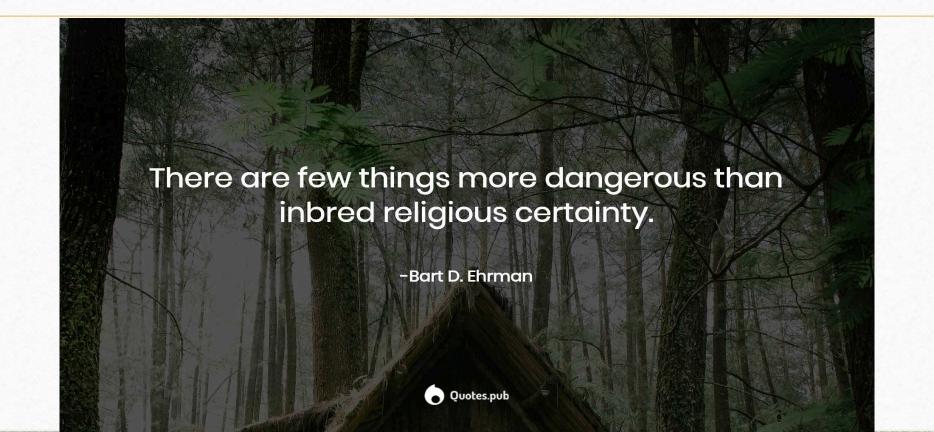
The power, wealth and social advantage of the early Christians!



Logical Aids in Finding Flaws!



Are you certain about that?

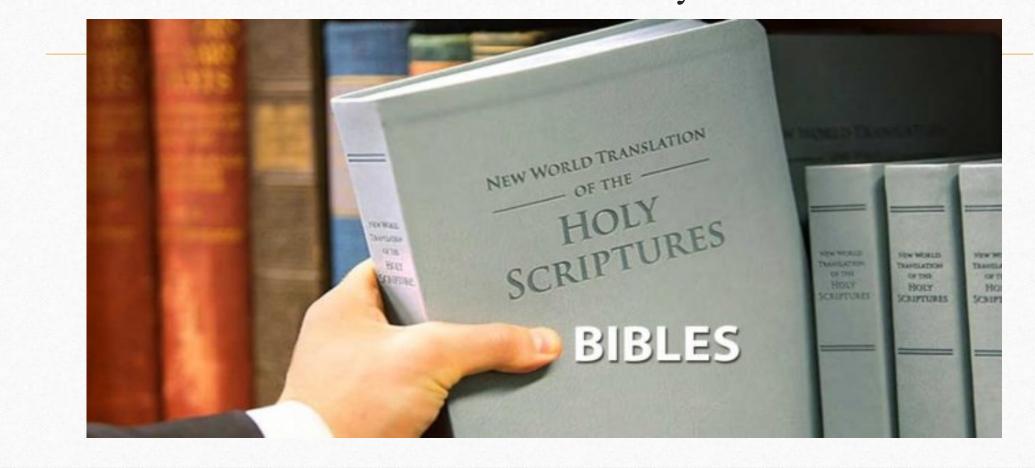


• If exactly the same reasons in favor of a view defeat the reasons themselves, then the view is selfdefeating!

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... Has been so accurately translated?



You shouldn't tell other people what to do!



Argumentum Reductio ad Absurdum

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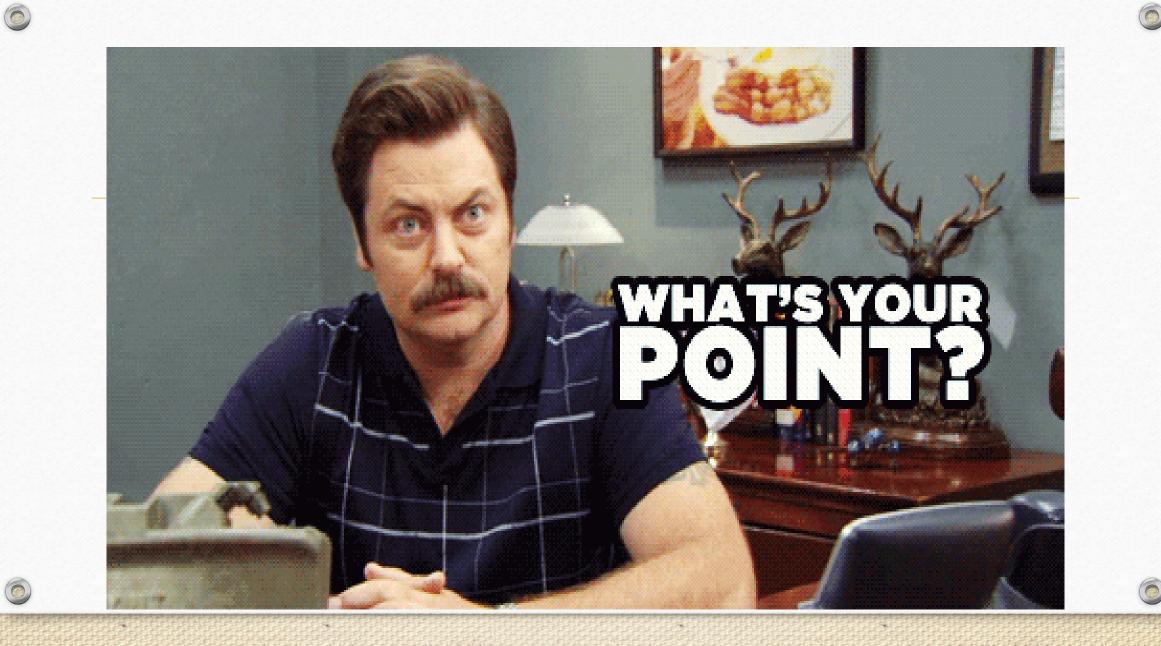
The logical fallacy when a position or proposition is attacked by showing how it leads to absurd conclusions which (in reality) cannot possibly be true.



Can we let a shrimp like this run our great country?

Name calling is not an argument!





Verbal Aikido: Using another's attack against them



Turnabout

- 1. Welcome the opportunity to clarify your view and to give reasons for holding to your view.
- 2. If, however, if it appears someone is only trying to manipulate or trap:
 - a. Stop the conversation and ask for clarification before going any further
 - b. Ask the person to rephrase their question in the form of a statement.
 - **c.** Then ask, "What do you mean by that?" & "How did you come to that conclusion?"

Review of main points thus far

- *Apologetics*: using a reasoned statement or a verbal defense to show that Christianity is true and that all non-Christian worldviews are false.
- *Worldview*: One's most fundamental beliefs and assumptions about the universe you inhabit. Everyone has a worldview.
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- 1. What do you mean by that?
- 2. How did you come to that conclusion?