



Why must there be sides?

Some news reports about Christians are not favorable. The rumors about priests being involved with children shed a terrible light on religion. From terrorism to tax evasion, religion has hurt the ways of God. I have met far too many terrible Christians. There could be one good reason to avoid church: the rumors. Yet, in many cases that's all you have. Ironically church speaks out against gossip. However, it's gossip (some well-founded) that has hurt the church the most. I can understand why religion might be black listed.

Why do they consider rumors and gossip as a bad thing? It's because some of the facts are here-say. We just don't know if their true. How many lives are ruined by bad facts? Do we avoid certain people or places because of rumors? My Ex told a few ladies that I was a terrible person. One weekend I volunteered with these ladies. One of them came up and apologized to me. She thought I would be a horrible person but while spending some time with me she could clearly see that the rumors were wrong. You need facts and truth to know something is what it claims to be. You also need facts and truth to know something is false. Rumors are not facts or truth until you test them. Until tested, they are just rumors.

Are you a scientist or a fan of science? I know a fella who claims to be a science lover. Everything he does is science based. Is he a scientist? Well, no, but he does claim to be science smart. Don't worry, I'm not here to debate the validity of science vs religion. What I do want is honesty from you and me. I claim to believe in the Bible. My reasons are my own. Do they stack

up to science? Now, that is a really good question. How do you prove an invisible God exists? Better yet, how can science prove the invisible God does not exist? What we do have, however; are rumors, half-truths, and mis-information. Some so-called science lovers have decided (a God) can't be true without applying science. Ok, people say science proves it, yet, what science? What facts? What real science based on physical findings and physical tests prove there is no God? Or, are you just a science lover? A rumor lover? A theory lover?

Science in the dictionary is *“the intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment.”*

I totally agree with that definition. A real scientist will seek the truth through facts and experiments that validate those facts. I am a science lover. I do think physics is cool even if I don't have a clue how it works. Science cannot really understand how I became a Christian. I say to you “I am a Christian.” What test or fact proves that I am? I could say I am a dog, yet science can prove me wrong with DNA. Science cannot prove I am a Christian. Some very narrow Christians say that dinosaurs are fake. Science proves that fossils are real. Yes, dinosaurs are real. Science and religion can mix even if stubborn people on both sides disagree. Does science back up what you believe?

Why must there be sides? As a science or God lover there are certain facts. Clearly this earth has had floods and migration. Only an idiot would say there is no proof of those things. Hello, the Grand Canyon? Exactly how did we all get on every continent? Exactly how did humans get from Haiti to Hawaii? Have you looked at a map recently? There is a massive amount of water between the two. Evolution vs divine creation. One or the other? Why can't they work together? Science says they can. Intelligent design could be the beginning. The big

bang is not the beginning. Science knows that too. Are there missing facts in science and with God? There most certainly are!

People believe many things. What percentage of people believe that aliens exist? I bet it's pretty high. Yet, we have zero proof, but we believe it. Who believes in ghosts, demons, hell, and the third dimension? Why do we love Star Wars and apocalyptic movies? Exactly why does the topic of God and Jesus make so many people visibly angry? People have killed in the name of God and in the name of no God. We tend to be nervous in grave yards, why? Why do you really believe the things you do? There are a ton of questions and missing answers.

I know a man who believes that the Bible was a way of (early) humans finding understanding of unexplained phenomena. Men needed to invent a God to keep society moral. Fair enough, modern societies have distanced themselves from religion. Are we more or less safe now? More or less moral than we were when most people believed in God? It's true! It's not as safe as it was years ago. Are governments as corrupt today as they were when religion was a part of everyday life? As a scientist would it be safe to say religion made us safer in days gone by? Maybe that fake religion helped us?

Before you call yourself a Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu or any other theology, learn to be human first- Sharon L. Alder.

The absence of morals might be science! In the Bible is a saying "*Do not be mis-lead, bad company corrupts good character.*" As a science lover isn't that truth? Bad company can ruin good people. How many good people fell prey to a bad situation? Who hung out with the wrong crowd? What if scientifically, God was good for our soul? A scientist might agree that a

pill (placebo) can help you feel well. Doesn't science also agree that positive thoughts help us heal faster? What if God and science could work together to make us better people?

Here is my end to this first discussion. I thought God was not part of my life. I went from a terrible upbringing straight into a terrible marriage. I gained weight, took anti-depressants, and lived a soul-less life. After divorce Dr Laura told me I needed spirituality as part of my life. We need scientific healing and spiritual healing to be whole. Wouldn't Ghandi say that? Wouldn't a Muslim or a Buddhist say that? My doctor has changed his practice from a Doctor's office to a health and welfare clinic. He now offers physical and mental help to feel whole. That's it! Why just say God does not exist? What if God and science were real, and needed?

For this week ask yourself these questions and look for solid facts. Be honest here: there are some things we just don't know. How can a spirit (soul) and a body (physical flesh) work together? Our soul is really our brain. Ok, then why do many non-believers say there is an afterlife? I have had so many people say they just don't want the God one. Put your finger on these thoughts with facts? Intuition is what? A gut feeling is what? Bad vibes are what? Science can't put a finger on that but maybe God can. Maybe science and God do work together.