

Conversion, manipulation and gospel persuasion

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Ask the right questions

Information (Meaning & Motivation)

Confrontation (Truth & Coherence)

Case studies for discussion:

1. "Christianity is basically the same as all other religions. The main similarity is love. We shouldn't tell others how to live or believe. People should never impose their values on others."
2. "You can't take the Bible too seriously because it was only written by men, and men make mistakes."
3. "Everything is relative. There are no objective truths."
4. "The universe came spontaneously from nothing through an explosion."
5. "I do not need religion or your Christ to be a good person. I live a more moral life than many Christians."
6. Why do you Christians hate homosexuals? Jesus loved sinners and prostitutes. Besides, homosexuality is truly natural"
7. You are intolerant? Besides, God doesn't take sides."
8. I'm not really that in favour of abortion. I just don't think unwanted babies should be allowed to come into the world.
9. You must address high school children according to the gender they choose to be.
10. Talking about God is meaningless."
11. God knows 'TRUTH'. All truth is God's truth. God *is* truth. But you are not God. Therefore, you only know 'truth'."
12. Can God make a rock so big he can't lift it?"
13. Only through science you can derive at truth
14. Jesus Christ is not God: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation* (Col. 1:15)."
15. True children of God cannot commit sin: *Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God* (1 Joh. 3:9)."
16. Muhammed is the most important prophet of God, more important than Jesus, because he was the last prophet."
17. The Buddha taught that it is wrong to desire and that desires therefor must be eliminated."
18. Hindu: The world is an illusion.