

Is A Christian A Realistic Person?

Many non-Christians dismiss a Christian as an unrealistic person who lives in a make-believe world.

“Religion” they say “*is a flight from reality.*” “*Show me this God of yours if you can!!*”

To embrace Christianity is to take refuge for real life in a dream world.

By constantly arguing in this way, they have been able to disturb some who hold the Christian belief by creating a disturbing doubt in their minds.

This article will challenge such a concept of Christian faith.

Also show that it is those who do **not** have the foundation of Christian belief in their lives are the people who are unrealistic in their understanding of life.

Let us first look at the “*foundation*” on which an atheist or agnostic builds their life.

Evolution is the only basis they have for their life when they reject a Creator God.

The theory of evolution is just that, a theory [we believe this could be true]. When an intelligent mind looks at this theory it will find it is full of unanswered questions and missing links.

The theory of evolution can only offer life after death in the form of our passed-on genes, we as a thinking being cannot pass through death. Death is the end of our existence as a conscious being.

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The only hope of eternal life is in the hoped for future findings of science to extend our present life.

There is also now a big doubt in the minds of atheists as those who are looking for the source of life have found that what is common to all life forms, that could be the basis of life has no shape, weight or size, but is a pure energy force that cannot be measured in any physical way.

Dare I say it, they may be entering the spirit world of the Creator God!!

The atheist when confronted with death has to enter into a pretend dream-like world, and act as if death is something that will not happen to them.

Yet deep down the atheist knows they will in the end die.

The atheist when confronted with what is called sin by the Christian God must act out as if they have never sinned, when deep in their heart they know they have.

The atheist knows that some of the things they have done and said have hurt others greatly, and are deeply concerned in their hearts about the possibility of a time of judgement before God.

All of their life the atheist must keep up a front of nonchalance while inside shrinking from known facts and wincing under the influence of a hurting conscience.

All of their adult lives the atheist must dodge, hide and conceal the known facts in an unrealistic make believe act, like an actor of a stage play acting out his part.

When the atheist finally drops this acting out of life like an unreal drama, they either lose their mind, try suicide or at last turn to Christ the Son of the Creator God and only then find peace of mind.

John 14:27 [NIV] *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

The God ignoring world cannot give us the peace of mind that we all desire, only a relationship with our Creator God.

The charge of unrealism is one that can be brought against an atheist with unanswerable logic.

If realism is the recognition of things as they really are, then Christians are the most realistic people in this world.

The Christian is an intelligent thinker who is most concerned about the truth and reality.

A Christian demands to know the truth about the Creator God.

Romans 1:18-20 [Message Bible] *“But God’s angry. Displeasure erupts as act of human mistrust and wrongdoing and lying accumulate, as people try to put a shroud over truth. But **the basic reality of God is plain enough.** Open your eyes and there it is! By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such cannot see, eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of His divine being. So nobody has a good excuse.”*

God points us towards this created world all around us. When we consider it well it could **not** have just come together all by itself. This world had to be planned and all the built-in interdependency had to be there all together at its beginning.

Each part of this physical world is totally dependent on other parts being available to them for their existence.

Why then do people ignore this living proof of a Creator God?

Romans 1:21-23 [Message Bible] *“What happened was this. People who knew of God perfectly well, but when they didn’t treat Him like God, refusing to worship Him, they trivialised themselves into silliness and confusion so that **there was neither sense nor direction left in their lives.** They pretended to know it all, but were illiterate regarding life. They traded the glory of God who holds the whole world in His hands for cheap figurines you can buy at any roadside stand.”*

The basis of Christianity is the seeking of a relationship with the God who created us, gave us life and sustains that life in us every moment of our existence.

As a Christian develops this relationship with the Creator God He becomes more and more real to them and He reveals the purpose of life to them.

That is what I call a realistic person and a realistic life.

The Christian demands to know the truth about sin.

Both the knowledge and the solving of the problem of sin are found in the Word of the Creator God, the Christian Bible.

God’s written Word, The Holy Bible, defines sin.

1 John 3:4 [NIV] *“Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.”*

1 John 3:4 [Message Bible] *“All who indulge in a sinful life are dangerously lawless, for sin is a major disruption of God’s order.”*

For there to be peace and harmony in God's physical creation, each part of that creation has to be subject to certain laws that bind the creation together.

Invisible laws such as gravity, friction, also carbon and water cycles, etc., etc.

For there to be harmony and peace in the human world, relationships have to be subject to certain laws.

All of these laws of relationship can be summed up in one word, love.

Romans 13:10 [NIV] *“Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.”*

Anything that causes any type of harm to another person is sin for it is breaking the law of relationships that God has given to us to bring peace and harmony.

This harm inflicted on another person could be in the realm of physical bodily harm or mental harm.

John 13:34-35 [Message Bible] *“Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognise that you are my disciples, when they see the love you have for each other.”*

The sign of a Christian is the love that they have one for another and for all people.

Love is the realistic antidote for sin.

The One who gave His name to Christianity so loved all people that He was willing to lay down His own life for all people.

This life, being the One and only Son of the Creator God, was of far more value than all who will ever exist, so was a perfect substitute for our deserved death, having broken God's law of love.

Romans 3:23 [NIV] *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”*

All of us have sinned.

Romans 6:23 [NIV] *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

All that our lifestyle has earned is death.

John 3:16-17 [NIV] *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”*

The Creator God expressed His love for all people by giving in a sacrificial death His one and only Son, to save us from deserved eternal death.

To me that is the reality of life, sin and death.

The Christian knows the reality of eternal life.

John 17:3 [NIV] *“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”*

The word in the original Greek translated “know” is far more than to know about the only true God and Jesus Christ. This same Greek word is used for the intimate relationship between a husband and wife.

Eternal life begins when we start and develop an intimate relationship with God the Father and Jesus Christ.

This relationship is done through the third person of the Triune God of The Holy Bible, the Holy Spirit.

John 14:15-18 [NIV] *“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.** I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”*

The Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth, is God with us and in us now here on earth in our physical life.

John 16:12-15 [NIV] *“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.”*

This is how we get to know the God the Father and Jesus Christ, and receive eternal life.

To me that is the reality of life and eternal life.

The Christian life is the only way to know the truth of life.

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It is through our intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit that we can learn the truth.

John 14:26 [NIV] *“But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”*

The Holy Spirit will bring the truth into our minds as we need it in our path of life.

How is this done by the Holy Spirit?

John 17:17 [NIV] *“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”*

To “sanctify” is to “set apart” the Christian is set apart from the rest of humanity by God’s Word, the Christian Bible.

God’s Word is Jesus Christ and the written word in the God-given Holy Bible.

John 1:1-2, 14 [NIV] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.” ... “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

The Word became flesh in Jesus Christ born of Mary the virgin pledged to be married to Joseph.

Matthew 1:18 [NIV] *“This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.”*

Jesus the Christ is both human and God.

To me this is the reality of the Saviour of all humanity Jesus the Man/God born a human being but also the Son of God, His Father through the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 7:24-28 [NIV] *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who **built his house on the rock**. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does **not** put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”* When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching.”

This is how we can base our lives on reality, on the words of Jesus Christ our Saviour, by becoming a Christian, a disciple of Jesus Christ to learn from Him the reality of life.

When we consider all things that happen to us and we see around us, it is the Christian who is living in the real world.

Everything linked with this physical world is only temporary but the spirit world that is the world of a Christian is the eternal world in which the Creator of us all lives.

The Creator God of that reveals Himself in His Only Son Jesus Christ and is reflected in the lives of all true Christians.

Hebrews 1:1-3 [New Jerusalem Bible] *“At many moments in the past and by many means, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our time, the final days, He has spoken to us in the person of His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things and through whom He made [whole creation physical and spiritual]. He [the Son, Jesus Christ] is the reflection of God’s glory and bears the impress of God’s own being, sustaining all things by His powerful command, and now that He has purged sins away, He has taken His seat at the right hand of the divine majesty on high.”*