

Dear Doubting Thomas

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Who is Doubting Thomas?

Doubting Thomas was one of the twelve disciples. Although he followed Jesus for years and witnessed lots of miracles, he did not believe it when others told him that Jesus had risen from the dead. He wanted to see the nail marks in his hands for himself as evidence. Thomas was a follower of Jesus. He wanted to believe Jesus was alive. He just could not bring himself to believe it based on what others had said. When Thomas finally saw Jesus for himself, Jesus showed Thomas the holes in his hands. Do you want to have faith but feel hindered by your own skepticism? Are you a Doubting Thomas? God is not mad at you. He wants to reveal himself to you in a loving way.

This book exists for someone who wants to become a Christian but needs more—more evidence, more logic, more invitation, more explanation. Ideally, this book will help this person reflect on what he or she believes and why. It will help this person overcome the subconscious inclination to doubt and see the nail marks in Jesus' hands.

Re: Your Disbelief in God

Dear Doubting Thomas, The other day you said you're very intelligent and simply don't believe in God or anything supernatural. You're smart—I get it. I want to ask you a few questions though. Do you have a bad relationship with your dad? Or are your parents divorced? Or do you happen to be a high-functioning autistic person? No I'm not psychic, and nobody told me about you. It may seem as though these things are independent of your disbelief in God, but they can impact a person's ability to perceive God. Just do me a favor and take some commonsense steps to research Christianity before you settle on atheism. Say a prayer asking God to reveal himself to you. Discuss your disbelief with a pastor of a church. Look into at least some of the

fulfilled prophecies in the Bible. Ponder the archaeological evidence that supports the Bible. Otherwise, you could miss your opportunity for eternal life. Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ.

P.S. Mankind rejected God with the original sin. If we want to be reconciled with him, we should take steps to seek him out. He is waiting eagerly for us to ask. If someone claims to disbelieve in God based on rationale, it makes sense to research the evidence before denying the belief or (like Lee Strobel), find that the evidence does point to a real God.

P.S.S. The questions asked above are derived from two sources: 1) a study on autism and atheism that linked the two, and

2) a book based on the backgrounds of well-known atheists. Both of these assert seemingly unrelated factors in someone's life can impact (not determine) faith. Neither of them claim that every single atheist possesses this background or that everyone with this background is atheist.

Re: Creation and Science

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you want to become a Christian, but you think the Bible conflicts with scientific evidence that is contrary to it. You asked, "How could the earth be created in seven days when scientists say the earth is the result of a big bang that happened billions of years ago? Where do the dinosaurs come in?" Well, some Christians think the scientific tools used to hypothesize the age of the earth are incorrect because they are imperfect. Some Christians think the seven days mentioned in creation were not 24 hour days and that the earth is actually pretty old. The Big Bang theory requires some supernatural spark to initiate the process, which science cannot explain and Christians say was God. Many of those Christians think dinosaurs

coexisted with humans. Yet other Christians feel no need to reconcile scientific theories with creation and simply admit they do not know, but the Bible is still true. The Bible can be interpreted in many ways, and God is under no obligation to explain every detail to his creation. The Christian belief in creation includes a variety of interpretations. Do not let something simple like a scientific theory keep you from knowing your Maker!
Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

Re: Your Idea of a Supreme Being

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you can accept the existence of a supreme being, but you think this higher power is so extraordinary that we cannot know or understand him on a personal level since we are mere humans. I have a question for you. Wouldn't an extraordinary being be capable of developing a way for his creation to know and understand him? Our God is so great that he actually came up with three ways! To help us get to know him, God sent his son to live among us. God also gave his words to the prophets so that we have the Bible to learn about him. To understand him, he sent his Spirit to live inside any of us who choose to trust him. God is so

extraordinary and interested in loving us
that he figured it all out. Sincerely, Your
Friend in Christ

Re: Your Fear of God

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you are unsure if you want to become a Christian because you are afraid of God. You said, "God had slain lots of people in Sodom and Gomorrah and during Noah's time. What kind of God kills people?" Well, we must know that men are made in God's image. Men cannot have a greater understanding of justice than their own Maker. God can see inside the hearts of men and saw they were evil. (Yes, every single person that was killed by God in Sodom and Gomorrah was truly wicked!) As Creator, it is God's right to punish wickedness with death. In some ways, we are all wicked because we all sin. God is the only one who is good. God does not have to punish all of us for our sinfulness with death. Instead, God

provides a way for us to escape the punishment. He sent his son to die for us so we can be spared from the punishment of death. This gift of eternal life is a special gift from God. If you accept God's free gift of salvation, there is no reason for you to fear God. Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

Re: Your Doubt in Jesus as the Only Way

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you were thinking about becoming a Christian, but you could not believe Jesus was the only way. You said, "What about people in other nations that are isolated from the gospel?" You know Jesus performed lots of supernatural miracles when he walked on Earth, right? Did you know he has not stopped? People in other nations have said Jesus appeared to them in a dream or vision. Looking at statistics maps of religions by percentages are completely inaccurate. That is because Christian persecution is so violent and widespread that people must keep their Christian beliefs a secret to preserve the lives of their

families. God will reach every person that sincerely wants to know his son in natural or supernatural ways. You do need to worry about them. You do need to concern yourself with your own relationship with God. Jesus is the only way to obtain eternity with God so do not delay. Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

P.S. Jesus himself announces, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) You can trust his words.

Re: Too Good to be True

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you would like to be a Christian, but it's just too good to be true. You said, "All I have to do is trust Jesus as my Savior, and I get to live forever in heaven? There is no way that is real!" I know that you have had a hard life. You have had many disappointments and broken dreams. Your past experiences can make something as wonderful as heaven seem like a scam or wishful thinking, but God has really prepared a place for you in heaven. His plan for a painless life was ruined when Adam sinned, but it was restored when Jesus died on the cross for our sins. It is our second chance for the painless life God intended for us to live because he loves us so much. The worst thing you could do is pass up this amazing

opportunity to humble yourself, admit you have sinned, and accept God's forgiveness. Please accept this opportunity that God is giving you today. Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

Re: Your Disbelief in Jesus' Death

Dear Doubting Thomas, I heard you say you did not believe that Jesus actually died on the cross—that God rescued him and took him up to heaven. If that were true, then there was no sacrifice to pay for your sins! That means you must still get punished for your sins. And the punishment is death! God has made it clear that he believes in justice. In God's mercy, he let his son Jesus die on the cross to pay for your sins. Then Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day to prove God gives eternal life to those who accept him. Do you accept Jesus as your Savior? Let God know because he is waiting at your door for your answer. He has been waiting there your

whole life because he is eager to give you
eternal life. Take care of yourself. Sincerely,
Your Friend in Christ

Re: Your Doubt in the Bible

Dear Doubting Thomas, I know you think the modern Bible is not reliable. You asked, "Who can possibly know what the original text said?" Well, Bible scholars actually do know what the original text said because there are two full copies of the New Testament that date within 300 years of the original composition (and thousands more pieces from before that time). Some Old Testament manuscripts date back to 250 BC. One of the most popular Bible versions (NIV) was translated by more than 100 scholars from the best Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts. Aside from that, our God is loving and active. Don't you think he would oversee the translation of the Bible?

Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

P.S. Think about Mark 13:31: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Re: Your Disbelief in Old Testament Miracles

Dear Doubting Thomas, I heard that you want to be a Christian, but you do not believe in some of the Old Testament miracles. You said you like logic and science, and I respect that. I do too! We have something in common. However, I believe God created man and woman in the Garden of Eden, that Noah really survived a terrible flood aboard an ark, and that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. One reason I believe in these fantastic tales is because Jesus believed in them! Jesus was quoted as he talked about each of these miracles. If Jesus believes in them, we can too. It was good chatting with you. Take care of yourself. Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

P.S. Here is what Jesus said:

[Jesus said] “....But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’....” (Mark 10:6, ESV)

[Jesus said] “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all....” (Luke 17:26-27, ESV)

[Jesus said] "...for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth..." (Matthew 12:40, ESV)

Re: Your Distrust in the Gospels

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you don't know if you can trust the books of the New Testament. You said, "After all, there are lots of gospels that were never chosen for the Bible." Well, there are actually good reasons why those gospels were never chosen. The books of the New Testament were chosen based on specific criteria such as: 1) Was the book written by an apostle or under the authority of an apostle? 2) Was the book consistent with the Old Testament and teaching of the apostles? 3) Was the book widely used by the early church?

Those are just some of the tough criteria the New Testament books had to pass.

Throughout history, thousands of Christians

died to preserve these books. The gospels in the Bible contain the real truth about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. You should check them out! Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

Re: Your Distrust in Paul's Writings

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you believe in the Bible mostly, but you cannot accept Paul's teachings. You say he was not Jesus' disciple so he does not have the authority to teach about Jesus. Since Paul wrote over ten books in the New Testament, that means you reject a large percentage of the New Testament. Something for you to consider is that the disciples Peter and Luke both regarded Paul as a teacher with authority. In 2Peter 3:16, Peter indicates his writing should be respected. Luke referred to Paul as an apostle (see Acts 14).

Although Paul did not follow Jesus with the other 12 disciples, Jesus did appear to him on the road to Damascus. The Lord told

Ananias about Paul and called him a "chosen instrument." This role was fulfilled when Paul traveled extensively to carry the gospel to other nations. His travel is chronicled by Luke in Acts 18. Christians can trust Paul's teachings with confidence along with the rest of the New Testament.
Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

Re: Contradictions

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you cannot trust the Bible because it is full of contradictions. My question for you is this: Have you personally or with the help of another sought out solutions to the contradictions? Many seeming contradictions describe similar but separate events or have other explanations. If you are just looking for an excuse to disbelieve the Bible, then you will not believe the best explanations provided by Biblical scholars or even your own common sense interpretation. However if you are willing to accept that the Bible contains some ambiguous truths, then you will soon realize the Holy Bible is more than a book. It contains real answers about God's nature

and plan for mankind. Sincerely, Your
Friend in Christ

Re: Shame

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you want to be a Christian, but you do not think you deserve God. You said you are so ashamed and regretful of your past. The truth is, my friend, that none of us deserve God or his salvation. We can never make up for the past. Yet, your sins have already been paid by Jesus when he died on the cross. If you accept him, your sins are completely washed away. You will be clean in the sight of God. Not only that, but he will fill you with his Holy Spirit so that you will have a guide to steer you away from sinful behavior in the future. Even if you mess up and sin more, those sins will also be washed away. Since your soul will be completely free of sin, you will be acceptable to God and reconciled as his child. He will welcome you into eternal

life in his kingdom. All of this is completely free. None of us deserve it or earn our salvation. We simply accept God's grace.
Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

Re: Your Unanswered Prayers

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you want to be a Christian, but your prayers go unanswered. I have a question for you. Do all of your prayers really go unanswered? What about the really desperate ones? Like when your life was in danger? Many people shrug off answered prayers as a coincidence. Deciding whether or not be a Christian holds eternal consequences so it is necessary to be absolutely certain your prayers really do go unanswered. Try this:

- 1) Buy a journal.
- 2) Write a simple, unselfish, realistic prayer that you would like to be answered.
- 3) Leave some space to write at the bottom whether it was answered, unanswered, or answered in a

surprising way. 4) If you still have doubt, add another prayer. You can keep adding prayer requests until you are content with your conclusion. It may take a little more effort than silently wishing, but this method will give you an objective, rational basis for your mindset. God really does hear your prayers, and he is eager to reveal his nature to someone who truly wants to know.

Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

P.S. "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us" (1John 5:14).

Re: Your Love for Sin

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you want to become a Christian, but you love sin. You said you think hell would be more fun than heaven. Well, my friend, I do not think you mean what you say. Sin includes so much more than drunken parties and reckless behavior. It includes human trafficking, murder of innocent children, rape, abuse, and so much more. Considering this, let me ask you again: Do you really love sin? I do not think you really love sin; you like the way those sins work together with your body chemistry to feel better. In heaven, humans do not have that same need to feel better because they are already enraptured all of the time since they live in the presence of God. God is love, and Christians will feel the miraculous power of his limitless love every

day without the need to feel better. Do not let your soul perish in hell. Claim your opportunity to accept forgiveness for your sins so that you can live forever with our Maker. Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

P.S. This is what the Bible tells us will happen in the future: "The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father...." (Matthew 13:41-43).

Re: Your Disbelief in Hell

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said, "I can conceive heaven somewhere beyond the reach of our telescopes, but the idea of hell is far-fetched. After all, scientists have gathered evidence to determine what is in the earth—and it isn't hell!" Well, the Bible does not describe hell as a physical place under the surface of the earth. Scripture does not specify a location. Hell could be in a spiritual dimension that we cannot see. We simply do not know. However, we can be sure it exists. Jesus mentioned "hell" repeatedly and described it as a fiery place of torment and agony. Hell can be easily avoided. Trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior. Then you will escape the fires of hell and enjoy the pleasure of knowing God as your father. Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

Re: Your Disbelief in Satan

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you believe in God, but the idea of some pitchfork-carrying red guy is too silly for you to consider a real being. You say you have never seen evidence of such a being and think people should take responsibility for their own actions. Well, the Bible does not describe Satan as a “pitchfork- carrying red guy.” It describes him as a fallen angel who gained followers from other angels (who became demons). While people should take responsibility for their decisions, no one should dismiss the reality that Satan and his demons have the potential to influence decisions. It is irrational to claim something or someone does not exist simply because you have never experienced it personally. There are witnesses to exorcisms and the

casting out of demons. Jesus himself said he saw Satan fall from heaven. Don't let Satan deceive you into thinking that he does not exist. Make the right decision to follow Christ. Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

Re: Hypocritical Christians

Dear Doubting Thomas, I heard you might be interested in becoming a Christian if they weren't such hypocrites. You named more than one Christian authority who had abused his or her power to sin against vulnerable people. Well, Christianity is not really about Christians. It is about Jesus. What do you think of him? Do you agree with his ways? Do you think he is the son of God? Do you think he died for your sins? Those are the important questions to help you determine your faith. Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

P.S. God promises eternal life for those who trust Jesus as their Savior so be sure you make the right choice!

P.S.S. Didn't you say your sweet grandmother was a Christian? Or was it your best friend? I can't remember.

Re: Your Issue with Homosexuality

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you want to be a Christian but cannot accept their view on homosexuality. You think it is bigoted. Many Christians contend that any sexual relations outside of a marriage between one woman and one man are sinful. This includes premarital sex, homosexual sex, polygamy, bestiality, and any other form of sex. Multitudes of Christians have engaged in one or more forms of sinful sex in the past. Christians include practicing homosexuals, adulterers, and unmarried adults in sexual relationships who may or may not consider their actions sinful. The Bible states the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross pays for all sins so

anyone who has faith in him will be forgiven their sins. You do not have to agree with this viewpoint to be a Christian. You only have to trust that God's son made payment for whatever sins you have committed (because we have all sinned). Sincerely,
Your Friend in Christ

P.S. Most Christians believe the act of sex is a sin and not the attraction (or temptation) to sin. However when the person gives himself over to the temptation, it progresses to the sin of lust.

P.S.S. The Christian belief that sex outside of marriage is sinful has been based on these verses:

1) According to Hebrews 13:4, "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure...."

2) "...men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error" (Romans 1:27).

3) "...each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband" (1 Corinthians 7:2).

4) "And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion" (Leviticus 18:23).

Re: Biblical View of Slavery

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said, "I want to become a Christian, but I heard the Bible approves of slavery. Is that true?" It is evident from the Bible that God values freedom. He set his people free from the oppression of the Egyptians and his own son died so mankind can have freedom from sin. During Biblical times, slavery was the compassionate alternative to killing warring groups of people. The enemies of God's followers were fierce people who sacrificed their own children to false gods, among many other sins. God's people were entrusted to be an example for other groups. The Bible is an interesting book, and it is worthwhile to read for yourself from cover to cover—especially if you are interested in becoming a Christian! It might

be best to start with the New Testament
(since that is God's promise for us today),
then go back to read the Old Testament to
understand the need for freedom in Christ.
Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

Re: Treatment of Women

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said, “I want to become a Christian, but Christian husbands treat women poorly.” That statement is simply untrue, my friend. The Bible states that husbands and wives should submit to one another. It is true that the Bible states that women should listen to their husbands, but it also states that men should love their wives as Christ loves us. Yes, love them like Christ—who gave us his life for us! When Christians live according to the commands of the Bible, the result is an orderly household without constant arguing. Some Christian women choose to work. Others choose to focus on raising their kids. You can become a Christian and feel satisfied that women are treated with the utmost

respect and honor from their husbands.

Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

Re: Your Issue with Abortion

Dear Doubting Thomas, I heard that you want to be a Christian, but you do not agree with the Christian opinion on the issue of abortion. You think Christians are insensitive and out-of-date. By way of explanation, this stance on abortion is based on the concept that life begins at conception. At that time, God equips this developing human with a soul. When a woman receives an abortion, it ends the life of this tiny developing human. Not only that, but it extinguishes the opportunity for that soul to experience life outside the womb. Many Christians agree that abortion is a sin but not everyone. Furthermore, some Christians have had abortions in the past. It

should be noted the Bible states that Christ's blood covers all sin. You do not have to agree or have a perfect past to become a Christian. I hope that helps you understand the point of view on abortion by certain Christians. Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

P.S. Christians often quote Jeremiah 1:5 to support their viewpoint. It is a passage spoken from God to a prophet. The Lord said, "Before I formed you in your mother's body I chose you. Before you were born I set you apart to serve me..." (NIRV). These words suggest the soul coexisted with the developing human life inside the womb.

Re: Reincarnation

Dear Doubting Thomas, I heard you say you want to be a Christian, but you also believe in reincarnation. You said you think it is possible for humans to die and be reborn as different people so they will become more moral in future lives. When you accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, you are adopted into God's family. When God looks at you, he no longer sees your sin. You are made perfect in Christ. Therefore, reincarnation is unnecessary. Besides the Bible specifically states that we live one life. Hope that helps! Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

P.S. Here are the exact words of the Bible: "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God..." (John 1:12).

Hebrews 8:12 states, "For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." According to Hebrews 9:27 says, "And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment..."

Re: Abuse

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you want to want to become a Christian, but you cannot understand how a loving God would have allowed you to be abused. You said you are both ashamed and angry about the past. The abuse you endured is not your fault. You do not have to go on feeling ashamed. You cannot hide your feelings from God so go ahead and tell him how you feel in prayer. Reach out and ask for help from a counselor. One day, you will be able to feel joy and hope once more. Mankind has chosen to rebel against God, and that is why we suffer the consequences of sin. The suffering is not isolated to you. Millions of people suffer from physical, emotional, sexual abuse, and neglect. Other children may not suffer abuse, but they live without

clean water, a reliable source of food, or proper shelter. Yet others may live a normal life until they try to conceive and are unable to have children. Then they become devastated. One hundred percent of people in this life face some kind of suffering. God does not want us to live in suffering. He desires to love us, protect us, and wipe away every tear for eternity in heaven. If you want this, it is time to turn to him and ask him to save you. Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

P.S. This is what the Bible tells us about our future with God in heaven: "There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne

said, "I am making everything new!"

(Revelation 21:4-5)

Re: Death of a Loved One

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you want to be a Christian, but you cannot imagine a kind God letting your loved one die. You said you just want to know why. First, I want to say how sorry I am for your loss. It can be so painful to deal with those feelings of grief, shock, sorrow, loneliness, emptiness, among others. Knowing a specific reason why that person has passed on would not necessarily help you deal with your emotions. Getting help to express your emotions will comfort you. If you feel angry or bitter at God, you can open up and be honest with him in prayer that you feel that way and ask him to comfort you and to relieve that pain. It can be helpful to express your feelings by chatting with a friend, meeting with a counselor, journaling your

feelings, channeling your feelings into some artistic expression, or even by exercising. Somehow it can feel so personal when someone close to us dies, but I can assure it is nothing personal. Our bodies all die at one time or other, whether it is due to disease, accidents, old age, or something else. The good news is our souls can live eternally with God if we trust Jesus for our salvation. The worst decision you could make is to ruin your chances to meet that loved one again in heaven by separating yourself from God. The degree to which you miss that loved one does not even compare to the degree of sorrow God feels toward you as you continue to live independent of him. He has a great plan for you, the world, and everyone else in it. He knows when we will be born and when we will die. He works

everything together for our good because
he loves us. Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

P.S. The Bible tells us that when Christians
are "...away from the body...", then they are
"at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Re: Your View of Church

Dear Doubting Thomas, You said you do not attend church and see no reason anyone should. You said, "Going to church does not make you a Christian." While that is true, there are many important reasons to attend church. 1) God is worthy of our praise. Praise and worship help us remember we are God's children. 2) Gathering in the name of Jesus to discuss his teachings helps us to live by God's Word. 3) We need others to pray for us, and we need to pray for others. We need encouragement from other Christians to live honorable lives. 4) Churches serve the community through giving and volunteers. By attending and participating in church, we have opportunity to serve Christ with the support of an organization. 5) Churches

often provide activities to its members. Through these fun activities, lifelong friendships are made. Going to church may not make you a Christian, but it is a powerful tool to obtain and maintain a strong faith. When we do all of these things, God shows up in a big way. God sees whatever sacrifice you must make to attend church and will reward you in ways only he can. Hope to see you in church on Sunday!

Sincerely, Your Friend in Christ

How to Become a Christian

If you have never accepted the gift of salvation from God and want to do that now, join me in the following prayer:

Father God, I confess I have made mistakes in my life and sinned against You. I believe Your Son died on the cross, and His blood paid for my sins. I believe You raised Him from the dead, and He is alive today. Thank You that Jesus Christ is my Savior. In Christ's Name, Amen.

That's it! Congratulations on your decision to accept God's free gift of salvation! I hope you will continue to grow closer to God by reading the Holy Bible, praying daily, and staying in fellowship with other Christians.

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