

“Mama Bear Apologetics”

Chapter 7

- VIII. Chapter 7 - I'd Believe in God If There Were Any Shred of Evidence
Skepticism: Radical Skepticism leads to a lack of belief in the Resurrection which leads to Atheism.
- A. Skepticism - “. . .refuses reasonable evidence and demands proof beyond a possible doubt. . .” (pg 121)
 - 1. When it comes to Radical Skepticism, evidence isn't the real issue.
 - 2. Miracles are the first thing to go because they can't be proven with absolute certainty.
 - 3. If miracles are out the window, so is the resurrection of Christ.
 - B. Atheism: Doesn't believe there is a God.
 - 1. Old (Pre 9/11/2001): “There is no God.” (pg 124)
 - 2. New (Post 9/11/2001): “lack of God belief” (pg 124) Evidential
 - C. RECOGNIZE the Message: (pgs 125-130)
 - 1. If you can't know anything for sure, you can't know anything for sure
 - 2. Religion is child abuse
 - 3. Man is not just equal to God; he's better
 - 4. Belief in God is some sort of wish-fulfillment, akin to believing in Santa Claus
 - 5. Religion keeps people from asking questions
 - D. OFFER Discernment: “. . .healthy skepticism is a good thing and should be encouraged. . . .we want our kids to be skeptical enough to see through the lies wrapped in partial truth.” (pg 128-129)
 - 1. We are not omniscient.
 - 2. Perspective changes from wanting answers to knowing God's grace is enough.
 - E. ARGUE for a Healthier Approach: Christianity is one of the only religions to invite healthy skepticism! Our children need to see that our faith can withstand questions.
 - 1. “Test all things; hold fast what is good.” 1 Thessalonians 5:21
 - 2. “Beware lest anyone [e]cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.” Colossians 2:8
 - F. REINFORCE Through Discussion, Discipleship, and Prayer:
 - 1. Encourage questions.
 - 2. Introduce questions that have answers.