

# Reasons Christianity is believable

[many doctrines will play into the following points including: the wickedness of man, salvation by faith alone etc]

## firmly based in history

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- Invited verification
- Made it easy to disprove were it possible to do so.
- 'Not done in a corner' etc
- Archaeology back up (not so Islam - qiblah, Mormonism South America etc)

## Death & Resurrection

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- I can be forgiven of anything - hope 4 all...
- Our man locks down heaven, hell, life & death itself
- Hope of complete transformation one day, and power in this life now
- I know I'm loved, and its to the extreme... no one else has gone thru hell and back 4 me.
- The only genuinely innocent victim of suffering...  
suffered more than anyone has or ever could suffer, and that person is God himself, still scarred in heaven.

## salvation: a rock solid hope

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- certainty of salvation cos not based on works
- solution in a changed heart, not doing better
- Jesus rose from the dead: we will gain a new body
- Tears, death & curse will end

## 2nd Coming / Judgement Day

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- justice will be done
- there is an end in sight, light at the end of the tunnel, a happy ending

## the Bible:

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- many authors,
- over a long time,
- OT accepted wholesale by enemies of NT
- all books \*have\* to agree
- internal structure & cross-referencing complexity across centuries
- the desire to translate it into contemporary languages

## it fits the real world & its needs...

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- man's nature
- sex
- drugs & money & the world
- nothing is purposeless

## beautiful

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- sin: the great leveller [hypocrisy issue]

- strong dying for weak
- heaven

## cult analysis

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- leadership, profitability, control thing...
- brainwashed  
Encourages critical/sceptical thinking; but if it were possible brain-washing is actually what people need...!
- far from limiting it creates \*huge\* & pure ambition

## divine origin hallmarks

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- unlikely human origin of certain doctrines (sin, leadership critiques)
- incomprehensible/deep central aspects - trinity
- outrageous miracles from Gen to Rev
- prophecies
- humans don't leave bestsellers unfinished
- the fine scaleable system involved [leaving physical Jerusalem ties]

## personality of the Christ/God

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- slow to anger
- love dominating all copycat religions
- not forgetting sin
- the judge who done the longest sentence

## mercy & justice construct

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- No other system that can give the murderer hope of redemption, and the mother of the victim hope of justice.
- Exchange system fits much better with international justice, which would require restitution by someone.

## unity/trinity & the LORD in the form of a man

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- yoga, nirvana, gaia, but individuality retained
- Indwelling in our hearts, close by us in the storm
- been there, done that... i know

## does very well in the comparison tests

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- atheism is improbable & convenient
- evolution is unlikely & ugly
- No other texts have such a big stand on mercy
- All the others are non-historical, and fail at archaeological levels

## Experiential:

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- [historic testimonies, testimonies of others, my testimony - see below]
- I know there is no situation man has been in that God can't turn right around
- I've seen it working in others
- I've tasted it myself  
positive he is faithful to his promises etc; negative i've tasted the emptiness of sin
- I've never known so much love... [cf death & res]