

Why do people reject Christianity?

According to Christian apologist Don Johnson, the top six reasons people reject Christianity are:

1. *Christians behaving badly*
2. *Disappointment with God*
3. *Weak or absent father*
4. *Social pressure*
5. *Cost of discipleship*
6. *Immorality (especially sexual immorality)*

Source: <http://donjohnsonministries.org/sexual-immorality-and-five-other-reasons-people-reject-christianity/>

While those reasons might be relatively common among the unthinking and uninformed, I personally believe that the most common reason, worldwide, would be cultural bias against Christianity, for which people in non-Christian cultures can hardly be blamed.

Another very important reason, not mentioned above, especially among those with a rational mindset, is the Christian portrayal of God as both loving and, at the same time, immensely unfair and cruel. Popular Christian theology is full of absurdities and blatant contradictions regarding the true nature of God. You can find this anti-Christian mindset reflected in the following testimonial which I extracted from a website, called ExChristian.net:

“Christianity would have us believe in an angry, jealous, judgmental, all powerful, loving god that: demands worship, keeps a running tally on everything you do, contradicts itself, and will punish you to the end of time simply for exercising your right to question its nonsense! But although this god-man in the sky will damn you to torment for all of eternity, simply for questioning, or not believing or worshipping a certain way, he loves you! What an asshole this Christian god is eh?”

There are so many reasons why I reject the Christian faith, and all religions, but simply, I reject Christianity because it is completely illogical, nonsensical, hypocritical, superstitious myth, and has no place for an enlightened humanity. Merely studying the history of the Christian church, with its grotesque torture, its vast intolerance and hypocrisy, and even today, with the rampant Catholic sexual abuse of young children, It’s amazing to me that so many still blindly accept this crap, and give their lives away to it. Christianity, and religion in general, is a retirement home for the mind. It is a morass of nonsense, promulgated through fear. It is a spiritual prison.

My religious philosophy is simple: live to do the most good, and the least evil. I need no bibles, priests, prophets, saints, cardinals, and especially no non-existent crucified saviors to rescue me by demanding conformity. If humanity is to evolve than it is time to let the source of our greatest fears and superstitions fall into the dust where it belongs...Religion.”

Source: <http://testimonials.exchristian.net/2003/10/why-i-reject-christianity.php>

Within the pages of Scripture, God does reveal to us His true nature. However, for a correct understanding of the true character of God, as described in the Bible, we must do three things. . .

1. Discard the notion of Scriptural “inerrancy,” as it is commonly taught.
2. Eliminate mistranslations of important Bible terms, such as “eternal,” “destruction,”

“death,” “life,” “Hell,” and so on.

3. Exercise sound logic, common sense, and reason when “interpreting” the Bible and applying its teachings in the context of our current day and age.

The Bible does teach that God is love. He loves everyone equally and He has already redeemed all mankind. Eventually, all the gaps in our knowledge about God will be completely “filled in.” All of us are in the process of being drawn into a loving relationship with God. Yes, some of us are farther along in this process than others, and some of us think we are farther along than we really are, but eventually Jesus will be leading all of us home. One day, every knee will bow to Jesus, and every tongue will confess Him as Lord. (Philippians 2:10-12)