

Romans 5:10 For if while we were **enemies** we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

John 15: 14 You are My **friends** if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not understand what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything I have learned from My Father I have made known to you.

Enemy or Friend?



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**Do you consider yourself
an enemy or a friend of
Jesus/God?**

Enemy or Friend?

What are the marks of an enemy of God?

Pharaoh: Exodus 5

1. Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.'"
2. Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go."

Has a LOW OPINION OF GOD: denies God, reviles God; God is not in their thinking, does not seek God; and disobeys God.

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2. Saul, turned Paul

Acts 26:14 "And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads

Acts 23:1 Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, "My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day."

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Acts 26: 9 “I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. **10** And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord’s people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. **11** Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities.

Persecuting God’s people, sincerely thinking they are doing God’s work. But sincerely wrong.

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3. Saul the 1st King of Israel

1 Samuel 15: 10 Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel: **11** “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.” Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the Lord all that night. **13** When Samuel reached him, Saul said, “The Lord bless you! I have carried out the Lord’s instructions.” **18** And he sent you on a mission saying ‘Go and completely destroy

Do we obey God half-heartedly, or not all the way? Saul

did what he thought was right in his own

eyes/convenient. Are we like Saul willing to

disregard “inconvenient” truth, pick and choose what we want? By disregarding God’s commands,

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That was then:

We have seen various forms of rebellion that leads one to become an enemy of God: like Pharaoh, we can live in open/direct disobedience, or like Paul in self-righteous but sincere disobedience, or like Saul the 1st king of Israel who partially disobeyed or obeyed what was **convenient for him**.

Which category do we fall in? **In 2017?**

Enemy or Friend?



Why are people choosing to become enemies of Jesus/God?

According to a 2016 PEW research survey

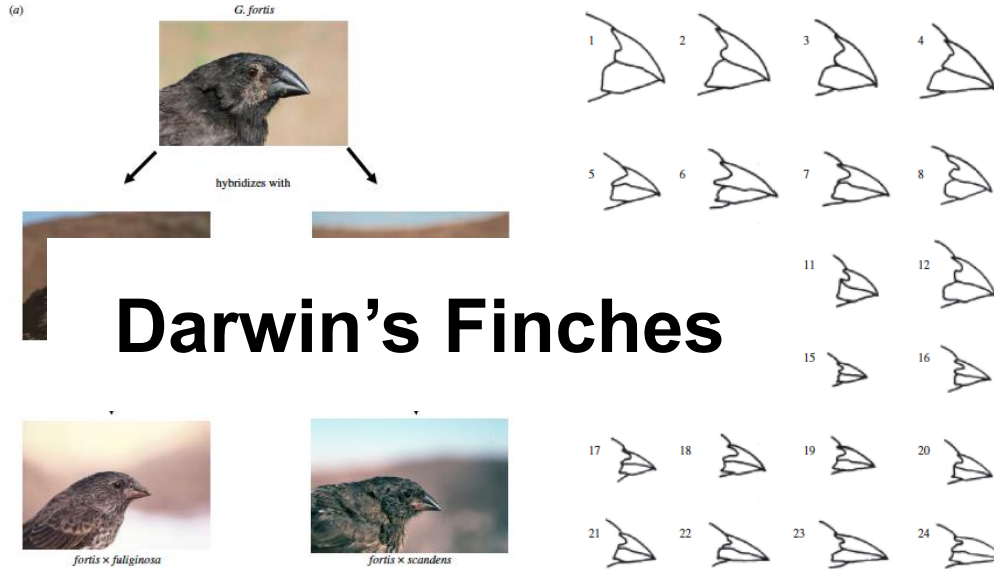
1. "... Many respondents ... mention "science" [evolution] as the reason they do not believe in religious teachings"
2. "Others reference "common sense," "logic" or a "lack of evidence" – or simply say they do not believe in God"

Enemy or Friend?

**Reason # 1 why people lose their
faith in God and become His
Enemy?**

**1. The theory of evolution makes
believe in God and Jesus the
Christ unnecessary/useless**

Enemy or Friend?



Darwin's Finches



**Black and White
Moths adapt to
smoke**



**Moths evolve to
prevent being
eaten by birds**

**Horse evolve from
small to large**



**Claims: Icons of Why
Evolution is a Scientific Fact**

Enemy or Friend?

2012 study of change in Height from 1896 to 1996

Conclusion of the study (using 18.6 million participants in 200 countries):

“height in early adulthood, which varies substantially across countries and over time, **provides** a measurable **indicator** for sustainable **development**, with links to **health** and **longevity**, **nutrition**, **education** and **economic productivity**.”

Is it RANDOM EVOLUTION or PRE-PROGRAMMED ADAPTATION?

Enemy or Friend?

Grey peppered Moth morphs into Black Moth as industrial soot increase in 1800s as poster boy of evolution?

DNA before pollution



"Jumping genes"



Cut
Open
Paste
Seal



Change color



DNA after pollution

Seal tight

The industrial melanism mutation in British peppered moths is a transposable element

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Enemy or Friend?

Black and Grey Peppered Moth as poster boy of evolution?

Why should evolution care that Moth survives?

Why hasn't the moth changed into something else?

Perhaps we should heed warning

Colossians 2:8 [New Living Translation](#)

Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.

Enemy or Friend?

Reason #2 why people lose their faith in Jesus/God and become His Enemy?

2. Bible is a fairy tale book of myths written by pre-scientific folks who did not know what they were writing about.

Is that true? Upon what authority?

Fairy tale according Dictionary:

a made-up story usually designed to mislead

Enemy or Friend?

**Do we have any archaeological
evidence that the stories in the
Bible are historical?
Dead Sea Scrolls**

Archaeological Evidence for Isaiah (who wrote ~700 BC)

Previous Claim by scholars: Isaiah was written after the fact of Jesus Birth



Before discovery of the dead sea scrolls, “scholars” thought Isaiah was written after the fact of Jesus Birth. 14-Carbon dating from 4 different labs (Harvard, US; ETH, Switzerland, Univ Arizona, US; Weissman Institute Israel) indicate dates of 335-107 BC.

Source Radiocarbon Vol 34, 1992, p834-49.

Pilate Stone in Israel Museum Jerusalem

Skeptical critics claimed Pilate never existed

Until discovery of stone in 1961

**This is in line with Luke
3:1**

In the fifteenth year of the
reign of Tiberius Caesar--
when Pontius Pilate was
governor of Judea ...

jectural letters

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*...Pontius Pilate
...prefect of Judea
...has dedicated [this]*

Enemy or Friend?

Prophecies about Jesus	Fulfillment	Time when prophesied
Moses: God would raise up a prophet <u>Deut 18:15,17-19</u>	Acts 3:17-21 <u>Jn 12:49-50</u>	>1400 BC
Psalmist: Your throne O God is forever ... <u>Ps 45:6-7</u>	Jews wanted to stone Jesus <u>Jn 5:18; 10:33</u>	>900 BC
Isaiah Mighty God and King Forever <u>Isa 9:6-7</u>	<u>Jn 5:18; 10:33</u>	730 BC
Micah Ruler from old and everlasting & Shepherd <u>Mic 5:2-4</u>	<u>Jn 18:36; Jn 18:37</u>	720 BC
Jeremiah King and Savior <u>Jer 23:5,6</u>	Mat 1:21; <u>Mt 18:11; Lk 9:56; 19:10</u>	530 BC

Prophecies made 500-1400 years before occurrence fulfilled and backed by archaeological evidence

Enemy or Friend?

What does the Bible say about myths and fables?

Acts 1:21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, 22 beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. **For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."**

The early church and the apostles and the writers insisted on historical data, eye witnesses accounts, factual investigation and writing

Enemy or Friend?

Both archaeological finds link OT prophecies about Christ with a historical Figure Christ who fulfilled them.

If our Bible contains factual history, do we have any reason for becoming an enemy of God and the cross: like Pharaoh, living in open/direct disobedience,
or like Paul in self-righteous but sincere disobedience,
or like Saul the 1st king of Israel who partially disobeyed or obeyed what he wanted to do.

Enemy or Friend?

Christ came to reconcile us-ENEMIES- back to God! That is the good news!!

This is the good news we proclaim every Sunday when we eat the bread and take the cup!

So how can we become friends of Jesus/God? We must do what Christ commanded.

Do you want to remain a foe or become a friend?

Enemy or Friend?

[Matthew 28](#)

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place

Resurrection of Jesus the Christ means

1. Jesus is the final authority

2. Tell the world about the risen Lord

3. World will end one day (Rev 6:12-17)

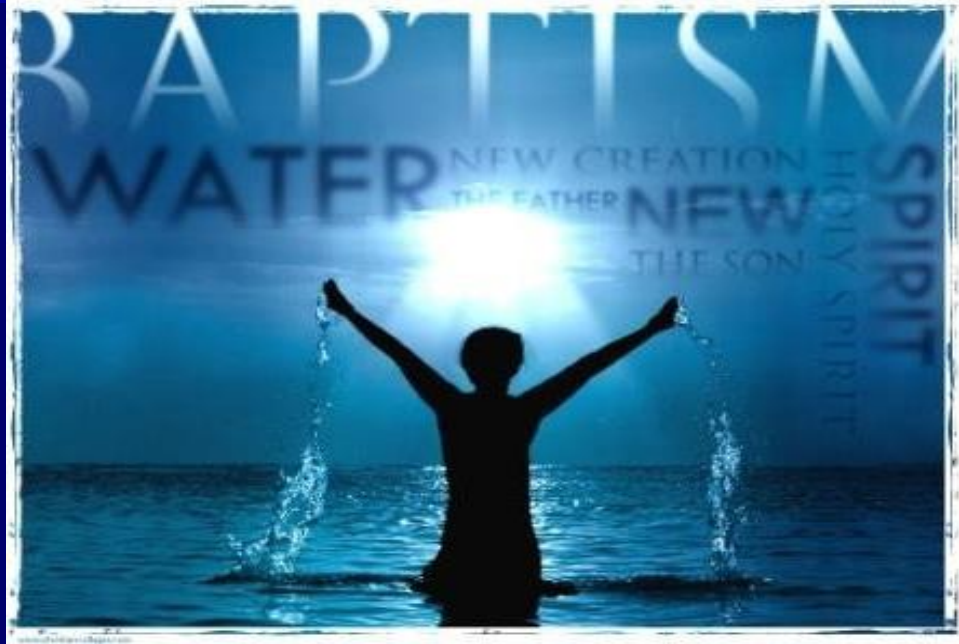
Question remains: Are you an enemy or



Examples of Conversions

		HEAR THE GOSPEL	BELIEVE FAITH	REPENT OF SINS	CONFESS CHRIST	BAPTISM
1	DAY OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:36-42	HEARD 2:37		REPENT 2:37-38		BAPTIZED 2:38-41
2	SAMARITANS ACTS 8:5-13	HEARD 8:6	BELIEVED 8:12			BAPTIZED 8:12
3	SIMON ACTS 8:13	HEARD 8:6	BELIEVED 8:13			BAPTIZED 8:13
4	ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH ACTS 8:36-41	HEARD 8:35			CONFESSED 8:37	BAPTIZED 8:38
5	SAUL - (PAUL) ACTS 9:1-9; 22:6-16; 26:12-19	HEARD 22:16				BAPTIZED 9:18
6	CORNELIUS ACTS 10:25-48	HEARD 10:33	BELIEVED 10:43			BAPTIZED 10:48
7	LYDIA ACTS 16:13-15	HEARD 16:13-14	BELIEVED 16:14			BAPTIZED 16:15
8	PHILIPPIAN JAILOR ACTS 16:34	HEARD 16:32	BELIEVED 16:31			BAPTIZED 16:33
9	THE CORINTHIANS ACTS 18:8	HEARD 18:8	BELIEVED 18:8			BAPTIZED 18:8
10	12 MEN AT EPHESUS ACTS 19:1-7	HEARD 19:5				BAPTIZED 19:5
	PREACHING Romans 10:14 Galatians 1:6-9	HEAR Mark 4:23 Acts 10:22	FAITH Hebrews 11:6 Hebrews 5:8-9	REPENTANCE Luke 13:3, 5 Acts 2:38	CONFESSION Romans 10:10 Matthew 10:32-33	BAPTISM 1 Peter 3:21 Barnes' Bible Charts

If you haven't obeyed the Gospel Of Christ, why are you waiting, what are you waiting for?



“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” and you will receive His enabling Spirit **Acts 22:16; Act 2:38b**

Enemies of the the Gospel Of Christ—Warnings



Have you heard of the
Four
Spiritual Laws?



Beware of different gospels Galatians 1:6-9

6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;⁷ which is *really* not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!