

Re: How to Become a Christian, Version 1.01

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Bob Myers wrote:

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> *"Dr. Andrew B. Chung, MD/PhD" <nospam6@heartmdphd.com> wrote in message*
> *news:815c94d6.0411210948.21ae84e8@posting.google.com...*
>> *This bring us back again to the following very simple decision tree*
>> *for the untruthful folks such as yourself, neighbor, who have chosen*
>> *to walk in the "dark":*
>>
>> *(1) Accept Christ.*
>> *Risk: Nothing.*
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>> *Benefits: Salvation, purposeful life, eternal life, unimaginable*
>> *riches in God's eternal kingdom.*
>>
>> *(2) Reject Christ.*
>> *Risk: Eternal separation from God. Eternal torment of your soul by*
>> *satan.*
>
> *Again, as has been pointed out to you countless times now,*
> *this is a version of a very, very old argument classically known*
> *as "Pascal's Wager." (And yes, as you pointed out before, this*
> *actually is a "decision tree" and not a "wager" – however, this*
> *simply shows your trouble with comprehending written English.*
> *The operative phrase here is "known as" – whether or not it*
> *actually IS a "wager" is not relevant to the question of what name*
> *it has traditionally been given.)*

Would suggest you write truthfully.

> *And, as has been stated repeatedly,*
> *it contains a very serious flaw.*

There is no flaw in the truth.

> *That flaw is simply this – while the Wager (or "decision tree," if*
> *you prefer) suggests that it might be preferable to believe in SOME*
> *God, it is of absolutely no value whatsoever in determining which*

> *God or Gods to believe in.*

There is only one God who is the Creator of the universe, the Maker of all things, our Father who resides in heaven. This is not changed by your disbelief.

> *You can substitute any name for*
> *"Christ" in the above (as long as it's the name of some deity or*
> *other object of worship which gives you a choice between*
> *receiving some reward for believing, and some punishment for*
> *NOT believing), and the argument is still equally valid.*

Actually, just as a decision tree is not a wager nor is it an argument.

> *In other*
> *words, it reads just the same, and carries exactly the same logical*
> *weight, to proclaim the following:*
>
> *(1) Accept Ubizmo*
> *Risk: Nothing.*
>
> *Benefits: Salvation, purposeful life, eternal life, etc..*
>
> *(2) Reject Ubizmo*
> *Risk: Eternal separation from Ubizmo the Almighty. Eternal*
> *torment of your soul by Ziggy, his evil twin.*
>
> *Benefit: Nothing.*

Actually, there is zero logical weight in that which is false.

1 – logical true
0 – logical false

Logically, Jesus Christ, who has identified Himself as "the way, the truth, and the life" is by definition infinitely greater than all other things that you may choose to make up (including Ubizmo) just as 1 is infinitely greater than 0.

Truth is simple and irrefutable.

Logic will always be subordinate to the truth.

> *Since you can continue on with substitutions of this nature*
> *ad infinitum, and acceptance of ALL of the deities possibly*
> *named is not possible (either due to mutually contradictory*
> *theologies, or explicit stated prohibitions on the belief in any*
> *OTHER deities), the argument is valueless in any practical*
> *sense, in terms of it being a compelling reason for ANY*
> *belief. Further, it is invalid through its assumption of the*
> *existence of beings for whom no evidence has been presented;*

- > *the argument works perfectly well for totally "made-up"*
- > *entities, since it has no a priori requirement of establishment*
- > *of the truth of an assumed proposition (i.e., that the God*
- > *in question both exists, and behaves as is being claimed).*

Only Christ has identified Himself to be the truth.

If you reject Him, you have rejected the truth, which logic serves.

- >> *Again, one has to conclude that those (ie you, Carey, Steve, Bob, Zee,*
- >> *Frank, Kate, Rolando, Don et al) who would reject Christ have not*
- >> *thought out their decision *logically*.*
- >
- > *Not at all; your repeated assertion of this simply shows that*
- > *you, yourself, have not examined the above argument at all*
- > *critically, with respect to its logical and practical validity.*

It remains my choice stick with the truth, doggedly.

- > *You*
- > *further assume that any of those who point out these problems*
- > *MUST, therefore, also have "rejected Christ," when in fact*
- > *no evidence of this or logical argument for that conclusion has*
- > *been presented. (In short, your failing here is in making the*
- > *unsupportable assertion that any who reject YOUR arguments*
- > *must therefore be rejecting Christ, which is amazingly arrogant*
- > *and presumptive on your part. It seems obvious at this point*
- > *that rejection of Andrew Chung in no way equates to rejection*
- > *of Christ, unless it is your intent to show that you ARE, in fact,*
- > *Christ. IS this your argument?)*

(No. Unlike you, it has been my choice to continue to write truthfully)

- >>
- >> *Would suggest you cast a glance at Bob Pastorio as a special example*
- >> *of untruthfully eloquent self-worship*
- >
- > *You can suggest that, but apparently it is Andrew Chung who is*
- > *guilty of "self-worship" if anyone is, since you appear to be the*
- > *only one here claiming that your presentation of your arguments is*
- > *utterly without flaw.*

The truth is without flaw.

- > *(And please spare us the "these are not my*
- > *arguments, but God's" form of false humility. God is not writing*
- > *your posts here, and certainly is NOT responsible for the egregious*
- > *errors in logic that you continue to present.*

Logic remains a crutch for those who are unable to discern the truth.

Those who discern the truth are masters of logic which serves the truth.

> *Bob M.*

It is written in Ephesians 2:

10For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

All is a waste of time until you find the way to eternal life with the Creator of the universe. When you do, there is no waste of time because there will be an infinite amount of it. Walking about aimlessly thinking it is **your** time, **your** money, **your** lot, **your** labor, **your** profit, and **your** power that you are using is tantamount to self-worship.

For Christ lights up the way through John 14:

6Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me..."

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Again, one has to conclude that those (ie you, Carey, Steve, Zee, Frank, Hawki, Rolando, Don et al) who would reject Christ have not thought out their decision **logically**.

Would suggest you cast a glance at Bob Pastorio as a special example of untruthfully eloquent self-worship (BTW, Bob remains in my prayers out of Christian love) who is being driven to madness by my ignoring him (<http://makeashorterlink.com/?V29A236C9> and more recently <http://makeashorterlink.com/?W3D612CC9>). All this power belongs to God who has judged Bob Pastorio with His Word (<http://makeashorterlink.com/?G33F51E69>). All praises to Him, Whom I love with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength :-)

You will be in my prayers, dear Bob whom I love, in Christ's holy name.

May you accept Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, someday, so that you too will escape satan's rule and torment of your soul after you die.

Please do consider the OP as your logic should dictate before it is too late:

<http://makeashorterlink.com/?I22222129>

(Please note that God truly made this special link describing that He is the great "I am" and that His message is as simple as the number 2 which is a number between 1 to 9 and reminds us of His 2 commandments, the 2 arms of the cross, the 2nd part of the Trinity, the 2 finger sign of the Prince of Peace [who remains *V*ictorious over death and satan], and the 2PD Approach. Let it not ever be written that Christ did not make His presence known here on Usenet :-)

May God bless you on this Lord's day.

Servant to the humblest person in the universe,

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