

“Tactics Of Unbelievers To Attack Faith”

Lesson Text: **Ephesians 6:16.**

Tactic #1: Make God’s Word That Seem To Contradict Itself.

- God Doesn’t Change- **Malachi 3:6**— God Changes His Mind- **Exodus 32:14.**
- God is Good to Man- **Psalms 145:9**—God Is Evil To Man- **Isaiah 45:7; Ezekiel 20:25.**
- God Does Not Tempt Man- **James 1:13**— God Tempted Abraham- **Genesis 22:1.**
- Don’t Kill- **Exodus 20:13; Leviticus 24:17**—Kill- **Exodus 32:27; 1 Samuel 6:19.**

Tactic #2: Ridicule & Mock The Miracles Of The Bible.

- **Dan Barker quote:** *“You believe in a book that has talking animals, wizards, witches, demons, sticks turning into snakes, food falling from the sky, people walking on water, and all sorts of magical, absurd, and primitive stories, and you say that we are the ones that need help?”*
- No surprise that people mock what they don’t understand- **Acts 17:30-32; 1 Corinthians 1:18-29.**

Tactic #3: Deny That The Jesus of the Bible Ever Existed.

- **1 John 2:22; 2 John 7.**
- In their minds Jesus Never:
 1. Performed Any Miracles. **John 20:30-31.**
 2. Died For Our Sins As An Atonement. **Hebrews 2:9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.**
 3. And Especially Did not Rise The Third Day- **1 Corinthians 15:13-19.**

Tactic #4: Try To Make God Out To Be An Unloving Monster.

- Atheist favorite tactic is to use the suffering of humanity against God.
- **Dan Barker quote:** *“All you have to do is walk into any children’s hospital and you know there is no God. Prayer doesn’t make any difference. Those people pray for their children to live and they die.”*
- They say, if God can stop all suffering but won’t, then He doesn’t love us.
- Many say God is a tyrannical dictator that has a huge ego that must be worshiped.
- And many balk at serving a God who is “blood thirsty” and Punishes eternally in Hell all who will not obey Him!
- **Dan Barker quote:** *“You can cite a hundred references to show that the biblical God is a blood thirsty tyrant, but if they can dig up two or three that say “God is love,” they will say you are taking things out of context.”* They use **Genesis 6:5-7** to make this claim.
- They forget- **Romans 11:22; 2 Thessalonians 1:4-9; Jude 14-15.**

Tactic #5: Use The False, Contradictory Teachings Against The True.

- **1 Corinthians 14:33; John 17:20-23; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 John 9.**

Tactic #6: Say That All Christians Are Brainwashed Believers.

- **2 Peter 1:16**— We products of our Parent’s indoctrination, environment.....

Tactic #7: Promote Evolution And Denounce Creationism.

- They claim the science and facts are on their side, but don’t buy into it!
- They claim that Creationism and Intelligent Design are not real science.
- **1 Timothy 6:20-21.** Our Reaction: **Ephesians 6:10-13; Jude 3-4.**