

# Witnessing to an Atheist

## A. Treat them with dignity and listen carefully

- Lead with love. The same way we should love any other non-believer.
- We offer hospitality and help.
- We seek to understand them.

## B. Be willing to address their “Defeater Beliefs.”

- We have no beliefs. Ask if their intelligence just came from nothing or was there a creator who created them as an intelligent being?
- We have science; you have faith — and faith is blind. You could say: “Everyone must operate with some level of faith. We have faith the sun will rise and set. Who makes that happen?”
- People can be moral without God. Say: “Who’s to say what is morally right or wrong without some foundation of morality.”

The Word of God convicts people of their lost-ness, but God uses people to share it and live it out.

## C. Recognize that atheists are believers

“Atheists have no beliefs” - An atheist is someone who believes there is no God. They have faith that they don’t have faith! They have faith that they should only believe things they can prove.

- Respond by asking what evidence would they accept?

## D. Pursue their hearts through their heads.

Our goal is not to defeat atheists in a debate, but to show them the glory and beauty of Christ in the hopes that an intellectual light will be turned on by faith. Share your story of faith. Then ask them the 4 vital questions and listen to their answers; and then answer them yourself.

1. ORIGIN: Where did I come from?
2. MEANING: Why am I here?
3. MORALITY: How should I live?
4. DESTINY: Where am I going?