

Strobel and “Who moved the Stone” by Frank Morrison.

What all three authors did was look at the evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christianity falls apart if the resurrection did not take place. Christianity declares itself to be all about truth, so if there is no resurrection the disciples who spread the Christian Gospel are liars and truth just disappears. The resurrection is necessary to fit the theology of Christianity. There has to be a resurrection to fulfil the prophecies, things told beforehand, in the Old Testament of the Bible, and most importantly, if, as it says it does, Christianity provides an answer to death and gives eternal life, it gives nothing without the resurrection.

So everything hinges on the resurrection. The three authors found that historically and scientifically the evidence for the resurrection is very strong. There are so many old documents supporting the authenticity of the Bible and the accounts of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The history is really good. The evidence is good. On top of that, over the past 2000 years many millions of people have become Christians. They have given their lives to Jesus Christ and lived to serve and follow Him. They testify that Jesus is alive, yes, risen from the dead, and that this risen Jesus has worked huge changes for the better in their lives. They all have a similar base to their testimonies, that of receiving the living Jesus Christ who died and rose again and has delivered them from their sin.



Is Christianity “guilty” in your opinion? Have you a prejudice against it and against Jesus Christ? Have you ever thought how that prejudice got there and whether it is based on any hard evidence at all? .If you find you are prejudiced then put aside your prejudice and let Jesus be “Innocent until He is proved guilty: right until He is proved wrong”. You need Jesus to be your Saviour, to save you from your sin and give you eternal life. If you are prejudiced you have no hope. Reject your prejudices today and come to Jesus, and find Him to be truly who He says He is, and that the ideas you have held for so long have been wrong and hindered your whole life from understanding just how wonderful Jesus Christ is.

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Everyone in the world has some kind of prejudice. Prejudice is a pre-judgement of things based on all sorts of factors. You will have particular prejudices, and the reasons you have them are many, but will include upbringing, education, experiences of life, the TV programmes we watch and the newspapers we read, and so on. Prejudice can range from the colour of a person's skin to their religion and even to which football team is supported.

Prejudices are not usually based on evidence but are subjective and based on pre-conceived ideas which have little real idea of the truth. For example, to dislike someone just because of the colour of their skin is not based on the real knowledge of the person. It may be, that, if you once got to know the person, your ideas about them might be completely different. That is the problem with prejudices, and in our modern multi-ethnic British society there are great efforts being made to remove prejudices altogether. Many Government departments and independent businesses insist that their employees undergo diversity training to resolve their prejudices, especially those that are on racial, ethnic and religious lines.



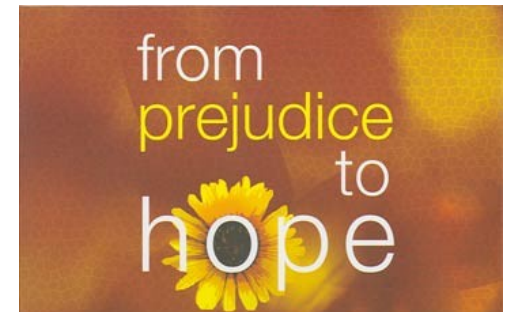
In a court of law it may be easy to look at a defendant and decide he or she is guilty based just on prejudice. Perhaps it is the colour of their hair that makes them unpopular with the tribunal. In UK courts, there is the assumption that someone is innocent until proved guilty, and that only once the evidence has proved beyond reasonable doubt that the person is guilty can they be declared to be so. It has to be that way in the sense of truth and fairness otherwise the whole legal system would collapse. That is exactly what has happened in many countries, where people are dealt with falsely, not on the basis of evidence but on race, religion etc.

It is quite surprising the prejudices that people in the UK have against Jesus Christ and Christianity. It is not that they have really looked at the evidence, but have listened maybe to parents, relatives and teachers, also to TV programmes presented by those already with an intention of bringing Christianity into disrepute. Those with prejudices pass them on and those that listen just swallow them whole. Once a prejudice gets into your heart it is really difficult to get rid of. Often things go on through life and really limit our experiences of life. So maybe you have a prejudice against Christianity. "I don't want any of that religion, thank you. It has all been proved to be false anyway and I can get along fine without becoming a religious crank". That could roughly sum up your attitude. But have you

ever looked into the truth of what Christianity is about and based your views on the evidence available?

Christianity, a religion based on one man, has spread everywhere in the world. Many have suffered for their faith over the centuries and, in spite of the attempts of scholars and theologians, it has stood the test of time. Even the media, which complain about the "Loss of Britishness" in the UK, say that much of what makes the UK the nation that it is,

is its Christian heritage. So maybe it is just worth



laying aside your prejudice and looking at the truth; looking at some hard evidence.

This short tract is not the place to look deeply into the evidence. Books are available written by very clever people who themselves have looked at Christianity with prejudice against it. They were challenged by others and set out with their analytical critical research to prove that it was all false. Three books are worth reading. "More than just a Carpenter" by Josh McDowell, "A Case for Easter" by Lee