

5 Questions for any skeptic

1. Can you clarify for me what you mean by that?
2. What do you believe?
3. Why do you believe that? or How did you come to that conclusion?
4. What kind of evidence do you have that that is true?
5. Why should I believe that?

- A. Questions can alert
- B. Questions can expose skeptics
- C. Questions can buy you time
- D. Questions can communicate that you care about the person

Proverbs 18:17 - The first *one* to plead his cause *seems* right,
Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

Matthew 21:23-25 - Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?”

But Jesus answered and said to them, “**I also will ask you one thing**, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: The baptism of John— where was it from? From heaven or from men?”

And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’”

James 1:19 - So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to **hear**, slow to **speak**, slow to wrath;

1 Peter 3:15 - But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who **asks you a reason** for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

2 Timothy 2:24-26 - And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.