

Dear Charles,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You asked what would be a good approach to use to witness about God to your friend who is a devout Hindu.

This is an interesting question. It brings to mind a similar experience the Apostle Paul had when he was in Athens (Acts 17:16-34). The ancient Athenians worshipped many gods, just as the Hindus do today. In fact, the city of Athens was full of idols to their gods. You may recall, Paul noted how religious the people were (Acts 17:22). He told them he even found an altar with an inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD (verse 23). Paul then began to describe who this “Unknown God” really was. He declared, “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives life and breath and everything else. From one man he made a nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being. . . . Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man’s design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof to all men by raising him from the dead.” (Acts 17:24-31)

The Apostle Paul used the Athenians’ worship of an unknown god as the starting point from which to establish a common line of reasoning. If you proceed in a similar manner and are successful, you may be able after some time and much discussion to advance to the outworking of God’s plan of redemption for all humankind through the death and resurrection of his Son Jesus. Tell your friend that this is the good news, the gospel of Jesus Christ. “Good news of great joy for all people” (Luke 2:10) that “all will be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22) through “Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time” (1 Timothy. 2:5-6). “And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 2:2). Jesus paid the ransom price that will give every human being that has ever lived the opportunity in the Millennial Age to return to the God-honoring perfect condition that was lost in the Garden of Eden. “For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)

The one true God has a plan with a wonderful ending. Isaiah 35:5-10 gives us a prophetic look at the world to come on this earth, a world that will be just, honest, fair and perfect. Unfortunately Satan has used religion to blind men’s eyes. The good news is that blindness will be lifted when God’s kingdom is manifested on earth and the spirit of God will be poured out upon all flesh (Joel 2:28) and everyone shall know God from the least to the greatest (Jeremiah 31:34).

We realize the task of witnessing this information to your friend will be challenging and you may not be successful. Not everyone has a hearing ear for the Truth at this time. If your friend is not interested, you may need to back off. Do not be discouraged if this happens. The day will come

when your friend will remember what you said and he will be benefited and blessed by your witness efforts. Trust in the Lord. Ask Him for guidance and strength and he will support you in your endeavor, whatever the outcome.

We hope we have answered your question and given you a few suggestions. Please write us again.

Sincerely,
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