

Just Thinking Apologetics

Today our American culture is becoming more and more skeptical of Christianity. A recent Newsweek article pointed out that Christianity is on the decline. Why do some seem hostile to the claim that Jesus is the only way? Why do some try to distort the historic account of Jesus? Have others discovered a new truth? Have they shown the Christian religion to be an old idea that needs to be abandoned?

Peter Kreeft, professor of philosophy at Boston College has offered reasons why many today seem skeptical or antagonistic toward Christianity. The primary reason according to Kreeft is “the addiction to sin and selfishness.” He then lays out five reasons why individuals are skeptical, such as: addiction to power, addiction to lust, addiction to greed, addiction to worldliness (popularity), and addiction to freedom (wanting to do your own thing). The bottom line according to Kreeft is a person’s addiction to sin.

We live in a culture today where sin carries very little weight. Some, even in the Church, want to craft their own religious beliefs around certain sin habits or personal preferences. I recall J.P. Moreland saying, we live a smorgasbord religious society. What he means is that so many in our culture are willing to craft their religious beliefs based on their pet sin habits or personal feelings, while attacking orthodox Christianity at the same time. Every smorgasbord religion, however, cannot defend its own peculiar belief. Jesus said he is the truth (exclusive). The claims of Christianity can be investigated, what about your religious beliefs, will they stand up to the test?