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And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths **reasoned** with them from the Scriptures, **explaining and giving evidence** that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.” And **some of them were persuaded** and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.

- Acts 17:2-4

Tactic #1 - Colombo

- Never make a statement, at least at first, when a question will do the trick.
- Ask questions because...
 1. Sincere questions are friendly and flattering.
 2. We will get an education.
 3. We can make progress on a point without being pushy.

Tactic #1 - Colombo

- Three Kinds of Questions
 1. “What do you mean by that?” questions
 2. “How did you come to that conclusion?” questions
 3. Leading questions

Tactic #1 - Colombo

Tactic #2 - Suicide: Views that Self-Destruct

“There is no truth.”

- Is this statement true?

“There are no absolutes.”

- Is this an absolute?

“No one can know any truth about religion.”

- How did you come to know that truth about religion?

“You can’t know anything for sure.”

- Are you sure about that?

“Talking about God is meaningless.”

- What does this statement about God mean?

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Tactic #2 - Suicide: Views that Self-Destruct

“People should never impose their beliefs/values on others.”

- Is this your belief? Why are you trying to impose it on me?

Tactic #1 - Colombo

Tactic #2 - Suicide: Views that Self-Destruct

“Men wrote the Bible. People are imperfect. Therefore, the Bible is flawed and not inspired by God.”

“You think the Bible must be flawed because people make mistakes.”

“Yes, that’s the way it seems to me.”

“I’m curious, why do you think you’re an exception to that rule?”

“What do you mean?”

“Well, you don’t seem to think you’ve made a mistake in your own judgment about the Bible. But you’re a flawed human being, too.”

“Of course I am. But I don’t mean that people always make mistakes.”

“If people don’t always make mistakes, though, you can’t rule out the Bible just because people wrote it, can you?”

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Tactic #2 - Suicide: Views that Self-Destruct

Theistic Evolution

- Something cannot be designed by chance. Design is intentional, chance is not.

“Only science gives reliable truth.”

- What scientific experiment did you conduct that tells you only science gives reliable truth?

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