

# **My take on why many young Americans drop out of church.**

- #1. Many students who grew up attending church do not understand the Gospel.** I have found that many have faith in their faith. I can not count the number of times that I have explained that faith is a word that demands an object. I have explained, If I say, "I throw," you will ask, "What do you throw?" If I answer, "I throw a throw," you will respond, "That's dumb. You can't throw a throw." I then explain that having faith in faith is like throwing a throw. The the only valid object for Christian faith is the person and work of Jesus on the cross. I then share the Gospel. Many have then responded, **"This is the first time anyone has explained it to me."** You can find out how I explain the Gospel by reading it at, [www.datewithgod.com](http://www.datewithgod.com).
- #2. Many students who grew up attending church have never considered the rock solid prophetic evidence that verifies Christian faith in Jesus Christ.** The evidence from prophecies in the Old Testament clearly establishes that Jesus of Nazareth was and is the promised Messiah, our only Savior. When Jesus' personal claims are considered, the evidence is even stronger. I have told many students, "The most important question they will ever answer is, **Who was, and is, Jesus Christ?**" When the evidence is honestly considered, it clearly establishes that Jesus IS the Eternal Son of God. The only honest alternative is the absurdity that He was the most influential con man in the history of the world. My presentations of the evidence are in both, *The Master Plot of the Bible*, and *You can Have a Great Date with God – He has Spoken – His Tomb is Empty*. Both are \$3.00 Kindle eBooks and can be borrowed and read at no cost by Amazon Prime Members.
- #3. Many students who grew up attending church have never considered the compelling evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ.** My presentation is in the last chapter of *You can Have a Great Date with God – He has Spoken – His Tomb is Empty*. I have tested and refined my presentation and shared it many times with college students on secular campuses, individually and with groups, when the evidence I present can be cross examined. The evidence is solid.
- #4. When the only alternative is faith versus science, faith loses.** Those are the only alternatives offered in our public schools, and most universities. I don't argue with evolutionists. It is better to stay on the offense – so I share **my Oyster Theory** by commenting, "Introduce me to a thinking person who does not believe in God, who does not believe in evolution, and you will introduce me to a colossal fool. An atheist's only option is evolution. (Most agnostics think like atheists). There is no other possibility for an atheist – not even one. But if someone believes in God, they have a moral responsibility to Him, and that creates an irritant. **It's called guilt.** That's why my Oyster enters the conversation. When an Oyster gets a grain of sand under its shell, it coats it, and creates a smooth pearl to eliminate the irritant. I point out that many scientists act just like Oysters." **To defend their world view, and appease their guilt, they censor anyone who suggests an Intelligent Designer.**

