

Faith Based Salvation

Many religions, especially Christians, believe that you are saved by faith. In fact that is the only criteria. If you don't have faith then you don't get into Heaven, end of story. It doesn't matter how good you are or what works you did - it all rests on faith. So if faith is so important, then what is it?

If Salvation is based on faith, and if faith is believing without proof, then proving God is real undermines salvation.

Faith means to believe in something without evidence or proof. Using the term in the Christian sense, faith is required. You have to make a commitment to accept statements as true without evidence or proof. In fact, that is God's test to see if you can believe in him without any reason other than trust in the authority of the church and its holy books. And you are prohibited from doubting, questioning, scrutinizing, or putting the object of faith to the test. Once something that relies on faith is proven, then it becomes science. If everything were proven, then there would be nothing left that is real to have faith in.

The requirement of faith puts an interesting twist in the rules. If faith were optional, then it wouldn't matter how you believed in something. But when the test of salvation is based not on what you believe in, but how you believe in it, i.e. faith, then if you don't believe in it by that method, you burn in Hell forever. Based on this, science can not lead you to God because if you get to God through science then you don't have faith and you got there the wrong way. There isn't anything in the Bible that indicates that you are saved through scientific discovery. It's about faith, and only faith.