

XV. Is Christianity responsible for millions of deaths in history?

197. "The motivation for all these claims, of course, is to show that Christianity can't be _____ if it's responsible for so much _____ in the world."
198. Extra credit: Is it logical to say Christianity can't be true because Christians have committed evil acts? Why or why not?
- a. _____

199. "To address this issue, we have to distinguish between human _____ and the ' _____ that supposedly _____ that behavior. For Christians, those _____ are found in the _____."
200. "We should only fault Christianity for the _____ millions of deaths if _____ for the _____ leading to those deaths is found in _____. Otherwise, we should conclude that it was actually _____ human _____ that is to blame, even if those people erroneously _____ they were acting in the _____ of _____."
201. What are the big three such historic events?
- a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
202. The number of deaths blamed on Christianity is impossible to know. Why do different people come up with wildly different number?
- a. _____
b. _____
203. Why is the so-called "genocide of the Canaanites" criticism in a separate category?
- a. _____

204. What had been going on for more than 400 years prior to the Crusades?
- a. _____

205. Who asked Pope Urban II for help to save the Holy Land? Why?
- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
206. "Although many terrible things happened during the Crusades, _____ for those actions cannot be found in the _____. There are no instructions for us to fight other religious groups for _____, to _____ innocent people, to force _____ to Christianity, to _____, or to _____ ..."
207. Can the sword and cross in Matthew 10:34 and 10:38-39 be considered justification for attacking non-Christians? Why or why not?
- a. _____
208. Why were the inquisitions ordered by Rome?
- a. _____
209. "The most famous was the _____ Inquisition, ... The goal was to investigate charges against _____ and _____ converts to Christianity who were suspected of _____ practicing their former religions. ... well-known because of the _____ used by _____ authorities to elicit confessions and punish offenders ... about _____ people were killed throughout the Inquisition process ... though _____ Internet sources frequently ... place this number in the _____."
210. "... even if the Spanish Inquisition was carried out in the _____ of Christ, we have to look to the _____ to see if it _____ what was done."
211. " ... [We might be] surprised to learn that there are Bible verses that tell God's people to 'inquire' about heretics in the community and kill them ..." Why is context important in understanding Deut 17:2-5?
- a. _____

212. "In the 16th and 17th centuries, a frenzy of _____ hunts took place in which communities sought out their local " _____ " and promptly _____ them ..." burned at the stake in Europe and _____ in England and the American colonies.
213. Critics point to Exodus 22:18 and Leviticus 20:27 as evidence that the Bible tells us to kill witches. Why or why not is this a legitimate argument?
- a. _____

214. The author says, " ... Christians really have nothing to gain by somehow proving that an atheist or irreligious worldview has led to more deaths than Christianity." Do you agree? Why or why not?
- a. _____

215. She goes on to say, "Our primary concern in these conversations needs to remain on demonstrating that the _____ ... in no way _____ those evils, not on how many _____ other worldviews are responsible for."

XVI. Are Christians less intelligent than Atheists?

216. " ... it's _____ that a number of studies have found a _____ relationship between intelligence and religiousness ..."
217. The author says this claim is absolutely not valid but goes on to say, "Even if we could reliably measure which group is smarter, the answer wouldn't tell us _____ about the _____ of Christianity; intelligence doesn't _____ to always having the _____ answer."
218. Critics often cite two studies, the 2009 "country level study" and the 2013 compilation of "individual level" studies by researchers at the University of Rochester. How might you want to respond to claims that these studies prove that atheists are more intelligent than religious people?
- a. _____

219. Crain says there are five questions that need to be addressed before we can seriously consider the value of these studies:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

220. "Cornell statistics professor William M. Briggs summarized the problem with this variety, saying, "Data of every flavor was observed, data that should not be *mixed* without an idea of how to combine the uncertainty _____ in each study and in how, say, _____ of IQ measurements map to other _____ of IQ measurements. In other words, they _____ data which should not be _____, because _____ has any idea _____ to make these corrections."

221. Extra credit: In spite of all the reasons to question the validity of the studies, should we be concerned with the possibility that Christians might have slightly lower overall intelligence / IQ levels than atheists? What if we had data to support Christians might be MORE intelligent than atheists? Why or why not?

- a. _____

- b. _____

222. "Thinking, in its appropriate place, is a core part of _____. ... The apostle Paul told the Corinthians, 'Do not be children in your _____. Be _____ in evil, but in your _____ be mature' (1 Cor 14:20). The kind of thinking that the Bible repeatedly cautions against is a purely _____ - _____ thinking. Make no mistake: Christians are called to a _____ - _____ use of our minds."