# Exposing the 12 Most Common Erroneous Arguments
# that Muslims Make against Christianity

Muslims love to confront what we believe, while most Christians find themselves incapable of responding to these challenges. Jay will employ his almost 40 years of experience to show you how to identify the errors in their arguments (i.e. their 'Logical Fallacies'), and then demonstrate how to introduce the Gospel through them.

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Introduction: How to be aware of the pitfalls we face when discussing our faith with Muslims
- Remember Muslim missionaries have been trained to debate Christians
- Many Muslims have watched polemical videos against Christianity and rote-learned their tactics and arguments without understanding the first thing about what they are attacking
- Few have really looked into Christianity (or Islam) for themselves, seeking simply to attack and confound
- Resulting in many erroneous arguments against the Christian faith, all of which must be answered

I. "BB" Paradigm
    A. Make any claim, without sourcing it in scripture

II. Appeal to Pity and Popularity
    A. Use victimization and bogus statistics to assuage guilt and convince

III. Ad Hominem
    A. Attack the individual instead of the argument

IV. Imposition Paradigm

A. Take your premise and impose it on another

V. Smokescreen/Red Herring
    A. Divert attention from the weakness of one's own premise, with the intention of putting one's opponent on the defensive

VI. Historical Precedent
    A. The new may test the old, and takes precedent over it

VII. False Analogy/Equivocation
    A. Compare two things as if they are parallel when they are not

VIII. The Fallacy of Irrelevance
    A. Introducing issues with no logical bearing on the subject, as a proof of credibility

IX. Straw Man Arguments
    A. Put a false argument into the mouth of your opponent, then knock it down

X. The Deflective Polemic Fallacy
    A. Deflect from Islam's weaknesses, and impose it on to Christianity

XI. 'Might it Right' Fallacy
    A. Loudest and most long-winded supposedly wins the argument

XII. The 'Last Man Standing' Fallacy

***Suggested Readings:***
*The Big Book of Christian Apologetics*, Norman Geisler, Baker Books, 2012
*The Bible's Answers to 100 of Life's Questions*, Norman Geisler, Baker Books, 2015
*The Harvest Handbook of Apologetics*, Joseph M. Holden (ed), Harvest House, 2018