



FaithSearch Discovery The Rational. Historic Foundations of Christian Faith

The *FaithSearch* Discovery presentation is based on objective scholarship combined with subjective spiritual experience of scientists and researchers. They came to faith in Christ and were strengthened in it by searching for—and finding—historic facts and scientific evidence for God's incarnation in Jesus Christ. Some believe that Christian faith is based only on emotions and traditions. If, however, it is based on a historic event described in a book called the Bible, then a reasonable question may be asked: Is this text historically valid and reliable? What arguments can be provided for us to trust this text by such scientific fields as history, archeology, manuscript studies, and paleography?

The presentation is easily adaptable to a variety of audiences—to anybody honestly looking for a rational and logically consistent foundation for their faith; or, conversely, to those who claim to have—or are looking for—an excuse for disbelief in God. *FaithSearch* Discovery is, first of all, aimed at helping participants to get beyond the most common prejudices and misconceptions regarding Christian faith: that it is totally irrational, superstitious, and even anti-intellectual. It provides the foundation for a reasonable and scientifically grounded faith. It addresses skeptics' questions and equips believers to communicate their faith to others clearly and coherently. Christian faith is also considered in the context of different religious cultures and historic environments, to demonstrate its unique place and role in God's revelation of Himself to humankind and in the history of the relationship between God and people.

FaithSearch Discovery has been successfully presented since 2007, in the religious and secular organizations and institutions of Russia, Ukraine, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Belarus, Bulgaria, Finland, and the United States. It has been warmly received in public schools, state universities, camps, and conferences; and also in churches, Bible Colleges, and in Seminaries of various denominations and traditions.

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