

Faith makes you Gullible

Another side effect of faith is that it makes you more gullible. We live in a world where deception is common and it's important to figure out who's telling you the truth and who isn't. People need to have good screening mechanisms to survive. You have to be able to test information to see if it's true.

When you believe on faith, you reprogram your mind to accept information that is untested. It's like having a back door where crooks can sneak in and get you to believe anything they want. All they have to do is cook up a scam and slap a cross on the front of it and Christians are reaching for their wallets.

The reason Christians are so gullible is because they have accepted the role of being a follower and doing what their crowd does rather than to think things through themselves. So once they become convinced that their peers are doing it, then they are ready to get in on it.

Many Christians also have bad mental habits.

{In:nw:http://changingminds.org/explanations/theories/cognitive_dissonance.htm 'Cognitive Dissonance} is the feeling of uncomfortable tension that comes from holding two conflicting thoughts in the mind at the same time. Christians learn to get comfortable believing in opposite things at the same time. For example it's scientifically clear that life evolved, that dinosaurs existed millions of years ago, and that the universe is vast and is billions of years old. Yet at the same time they believe that God created the universe and that we came from Adam and Eve and that the universe is only 7000 or so years old. To the scientific mind this raises a red flag as the person quickly realizes that both can not be true. But the Christian mind is dulled to the pain of conflicting beliefs and the "this can't be right" reflex isn't triggered.

When the Bible contradicts itself, Christians start "interpreting" the Bible so that the Bible doesn't really mean what it says. Contradiction is masked by a constantly moving interpretation.

When trying to understand the Bible, the Christian mind does the same thing. The Bible is full of self contradictions and contradictions with reality. Even if you take miracles into account and that God is omnipotent, you are still left with a huge amount of stuff that is totally illogical, yet is accepted as true. For example, the Old Testament says God required human and animal sacrifices just like the imaginary gods did. You have an omnipotent being that is so insecure that he needs lowly humans to perform sacrifice rituals for appeasement? It's like, HELLO, don't you see how ridiculous this is on it's face? An omnipotent being needing people to slaughter their children? Yeah right! But to the Christian mind it goes right in without question. The only miracle I see here is that people can actually be conned into believing this.

So - if you're a scam artist, what kind of person are you looking for to fall for your scam? You want to find people who are ready to believe anything. You want people who are already forking over 10% of their income to the invisible cloud being. People who have the back door of their mind unlocked. Someone who fired the security guard who's mental safe is wide open for the taking. Once a person can be suckered into surrendering their logic, then they are ripe for the taking. And scam artists know this. That's why so many scams are directed at Christians. It's not that Satan is targeting the faithful, it's that the faithful fall for this stuff so easily because they are used to believing without question.