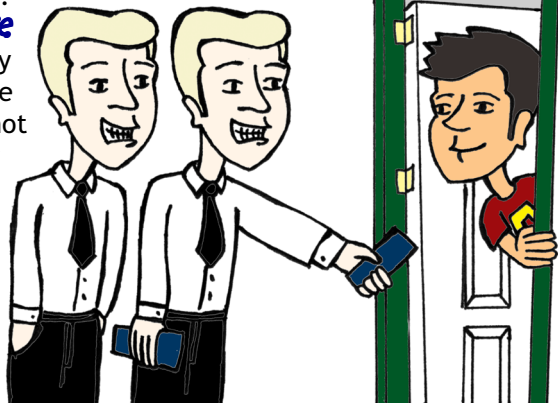


One of the most important places where we need good defenders (that would include you!) is in reasoning with the people who come knockin'. When the **Jehovah's Witnesses & Mormons** knock on the door, answer it! And then talk to them. But before they ever show up, study them, know their beliefs, know their history. And when they do show up to your door, before you begin to discourse, get to know **them**. Ask them about their mission, where they're from, what they're planning on doing in life, if they want a Coke. (Kidding about the Coke! Ask Mormon missionaries if they want some water!) They will become more human to you, less adversarial, and it will be easier to talk with them.

**Remember, They are not the Enemy!** They need Jesus, too - the Jesus of the Bible; not the Mormon Jesus or the Watchtower version.

One method (of several!) that works both to relax you and make THEM do some first-time critical thinking is



to use **the socratic method**. Make THEM defend THEIR faith; ask THEM questions (in love, without being smart-alecky) about why THEY believe what THEY believe, like:

- *What real, hard evidence do you have to prove the peoples of the Book of Mormon really existed? If none, why not?*
- *If the Mormon God was once a man, and he himself has a father who is now a God but was once a man, who HIMSELF has a father who is a God but was once a man, and HE has a father, etc. ad nauseum, what was the very first being? A Man? Is that logical?*
- *If the Watchtower says that Jesus' body was some re-creation out of nothing from Jehovah's memory, what does John 2 mean when it says Jesus' very body would be raised again, not re-made from scratch? If the Watchtower can't get the Resurrection correct, why should I believe other Watchtower claims?*

YOU, my friend, may be the one to start the fire burning in their souls by reasoning together with them. Will they listen? Almost never. Will they just up and leave their prison of mind control? Probably not. BUT, we are to give every man an answer at any time with respect, in love, irrespective of any "chances" of them converting. Let God deal with the spiritual transformation. **But He can't open new doors in their lives through you, if you don't first open your door.** Dig?