



How Does Logic Figure Into It?

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Have you ever just *"gone out"* in a venture of faith as the Lord led you somewhere?

Have you ever heard the voice of the Lord directing you, talked and reasoned with God about it, received confirmation from the Word that this was logical and right and then simply obeyed to see people blessed? Real believers can experience this!

By faith Abraham obeyed God when he was called, ***"He went out, not knowing where he was going"*** (Heb. 11:8). But Abraham did this because God helped Him see the logic in it and he was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God (see v. 10). And countless people have been blessed because Abe followed God!

If you have ever gone out, was there any logical reason for what you did? Did it work out? You probably didn't feel like telling a bunch of people about it on the front end... or did you? I know that I have heard some pretty strange stories and plans from people before (some of which might have been viable too).

I even remember, as a young single guy who really loves to surf, how it was when I first sensed God's leading for me to exit the state of California, to leave the beautiful waves and beach in San Clemente and drive east to a Bible School in Dallas. As you can imagine, nothing about that relocation was what I would normally choose to be a part of. In my mind I wondered if this could that even coincide with the laws of logic? But God was leading me and as I further addressed the option vertically on my knees, it turned out to be logical. It was pretty cool that I even met my wife there.

May I ask you what you expect to do in the future? You don't always know what you're going to do right? I sure don't ..even though I like to plan some. Christian, the thing you know for certain is that God knows what He is doing and you are not Him.

I think that a good thing to do in advance is to check out your own attitude; check out your spirit to see if it is right and you are willing to *"go out"* ...I mean if God were to actually call you anywhere. You know that He does have a specific calling for your life even if it isn't as a career missionary or pastor. It's so important to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord in every area (in an intelligent [born again relationship](#)). And you never need to fear where He would send you, because God works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure ([Phil. 2:13](#)). As we put Him first, we actually end up wanting to do and to go where He is leading us.

It is this logical relationship that keeps us in constant wonderment...really!—and in anticipation, because we often don't know what our exciting God is going to do next. It's a great adventure following the Lord! Each day there are new vistas, new avenues and no-worry-opportunities to *"go ye therefore"*.. into or to *"go out,"* to as you are fishing for souls and building up your confidence in God's steady faithfulness and reliability (see [Luke 12:22](#)). In other words, never worry about the things that concern you, just talk it over thoroughly with the Lord and listen well. He will convince you in your inner spirit (sounds kinda spooky huh, but it's not..) and then in your mind of how logical it is to obey Him.

But you might still ask, *Kurt, what in the world does logic have to do with Christianity? That's what is involved in the study of science or math isn't it?*

Let's think about that word *"logic"* for a moment. Doesn't that word tend to make some people feel varying levels of trepidation inside? It really shouldn't. Logic has to do with basic common sense ...a very simple gift that you and I hopefully employ every single day. And it's best that we utilize it for building up God's Kingdom rather than our own.

I know that when you are out there in your own arena and work-a-day-world making lots of decisions each week—making choices that could affect the well-being of your family—that you are going to do your very best to grab a hold of that simple thing that we call logic. You want to put it to work! Why not; it's for your own personal welfare as well as for others. And you'll use it in both important and in less than important matters. Yes, you and I will always want to do our best to do what makes sense, right? Sure we will. Not too many people out there want to flip a coin on every decision.

People have gobs of ideas about logic today. Jose Bergamin believes that true *"Theology is the logic of the devil"* ...and I'm sure the devil would like us all to believe that. Lord Dunsany falsely said, *"Logic, like whiskey, loses its beneficial effect when taken in too large quantities."*

I like what Ludwig Wittgenstein said, *"Logic takes care of itself; all we have to do is to look and see how."*

But Gloria Steinem feels that true *"Logic is in the eye of the logician"* ..but when you think about that.. if that logician isn't as sound as God is then Gloria is totally wrong. Do you ever wonder how a Christian would view accounts for true logic?

The Christian worldview states that the Word of God is absolute and is *"the standard of truth"* on this planet. In fact there is no spiritual growth apart from the Word of God (I wish many churches knew that). Therefore, the absolute laws of logic must exist because they reflect the very nature of our absolute God. The laws of true logical thinking basically reflect God's own thinking. And since God is an eternal Being, the laws of logic are subsequently eternal as well. People were made in God's own image right, so we all are capable of discovering true logic, but remember that none of us people invent the laws of logic. No we don't.

I have encountered poor atheists who try to employ logic in an attempt to disprove God's existence, but they are unwittingly assuming that they can borrow logic from the Christian worldview in order to rationally argue their stance. And they can't, because their worldview cannot account for the laws of logic or even absolutes. It's the Christian worldview that maintains that logic is absolute, because the laws of true logic come from the Word of God who is Himself absolute. And the atheist's worldview has absolutely no absolute God.

We know that God is transcendent; that is, He is outside of time and beyond the material universe being its Creator. He as a triune Being has originated all the laws of logic. Yes, they're a reflection of His beautiful absolute nature! Therefore, logic is absolute and there is an absolute God who is in control. This is our Father's planet. Ultimately ownership of every square inch is His (see [1 Cor. 10:26](#)).

Indulge me for a moment as I brag on my beautiful wife Liney too? She is a great cook! And she has baked large wedding cakes in multiple countries; all kinds of big multi-tiered cakes—lots of sweet and non-sweet stuff like pies, cookies and breads. German girls love bakery products. But let's say her oven at home is now whacked and every time she carefully follows the cooking instructions that came with that big contraption; every time she exactly follows her own recipes even ...to bake another one of her delicious cakes, the finished product emerges from that hot metal box in an unfinished condition. That would be a drag huh!

I think she would then need to experiment some with the temperature or something if the cakes keep coming out under-cooked and below expectations (and this is actually how it was for awhile until about a month ago when we got rid of our old lame kitchen oven with built-in cook-top. I won't say the brand name, but my son Christian and I took a big saw and within a half hour we literally cut the whole thing out of our kitchen cabinetry and out of her flour-covered-life forever).

Yes, after some failed attempts by my wife to bake at the time when we first purchased our home, she discovered through trial and error, that her new oven would only function properly and deliver the goods in the right condition, "if" it was set ten degrees hotter than was specified in its owner's manual. Man, I'm glad the Bible doesn't work like that!

And because an oven is a flawed manmade appliance (and since our bogus oven came with the house "as is"), most of us in that situation if we cooked... would also normally tweak things a bit this way or that and then end up achieving our desired result ...at least we'd do that until we could purchase a decent oven that worked right.

Sure, because of that crazy little thing called "results" and that's what logic is all about! It's because we each have the ability to *first reason things out in our minds* regarding the best plan of action towards a desired goal. Yup, that's logic my friend!

In the same way, you should also use this same logic when you're thinking about spiritual matters. Oh yes!

But you say, hey Kurt, being a real Christian is based on a relationship of faith, not on logic. And you're right but that doesn't exclude logic from the picture! The Lord appeals in relational communication to your spirit (which is the lamp of the Lord if you're saved), and that communication then moves to your soul and ...then your body is to submit to His will (even though the flesh never feels like it—that's why we die daily). God says, ***"Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord, 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword'; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken"*** (Isa. 1:18-20, nkjv). Your loving heavenly Father wants you to come to Him on His terms (as prescribed in the Bible), and reason with Him. And that goes for sinners as well. He wants you to respond to his love for you logically in simple childlike faith!

"Logic and reason are the servants of faith." —Thomas Aquinas

I solemnly assure you that the Good News of salvation which I preach is not based on mere human reasoning or logic. —Paul, Galatians 1:11, nlt

In fact, the Word of God tells us that without faith it is impossible for us to please God (see [Hebrews 11:6](#)). Today, we hear so many preachers talking about different kinds of faith. They talk about saving faith, mustard seed faith, growing faith, or "words as the force of faith" (which is bunk!), so when we're discussing the topic of faith, we need to always ask ourselves this question: *"Is the faith that he or she is talking about reasonable and biblical?"*

And before we act on faith, we each need to make sure that we are not acting on *presumption* (which I call the ugly bucktooth cousin of faith), because a lot of Christians think they are stepping out in faith when in reality they are merely acting the fool. I've acted in presumption before and never want to again. I hate missing the Lord. Please check in the Word first; pray about it thoroughly—better safe than sorry right?—and seek-out godly counsel. Ask yourself: *"Is this so called faith-act that I am considering even reasonable?"*

You know that everybody on this planet has faith in one thing or another, and oftentimes they place it more in one thing than in another thing. The problem is that people think that faith functions totally independent from good logic. And that's not true.

People believe that if you have faith in something, it means that you don't understand it when you should understand it, but somehow in spite of that lack you choose to believe in it anyway (like some kind of idiot would). And that of course sounds dangerous to them ...as it could be if that was really the case. People in the world often think we Christians have been duped, like we just don't get it. But the truth is that logic will actually support biblical faith. The proper application of reasoning and logic will prove whether or not such faith even makes sense ...and obedience God-ward really should make sense to you at some point when you're praying, because the Lord will answer you and will help!

Well balanced individuals will use faith even in the smallest of matters every single day.

Let me give you a simple analogy to help make my point. When I am walking with my wife to a restaurant in downtown Dallas and we come to Commerce and Field; a busy street corner. We both will look to our left and then to our right as we are strolling hand in hand ...just like we were taught to do as little kids. It's so that we can see exactly where the traffic is, how fast it is traveling and in which direction it is headed. We want to make sure that the yellow *Dallas Area Rapid Transit* buses aren't going to mow us down like we unfortunately see happen with some of the squirrels in our neighborhood from time to time.

Yup, when the coast is clear, that's when we step out and start to cross the street. Duh! I hope that's how it goes with you on the avenues of your hometown, as well.

Here in the Big D, there are a lot of people at that corner crossing the street all day long and even into the evening hours, but we all use faith when we cross. Why? Well, we've used faith there because in reality we could not prove in advance to ourselves that we would successfully make it across Field Street. None of us can see the future, but our faith in this kind of situation is reasonable. Why? Well, we looked to our right, then to our left, and when we saw that it appeared clear to go, so we proactively took off strutting over the road like some confident brake-dancers from the hood (or something like that). We went across the street without any fear. It's a logic-judgment thing.

However, we didn't know absolutely for sure that we would make it across safely. For all we knew, there could have been a turbo charged taxi right in the glare of the sunshine that we didn't see ...that could have hit and launched us into the air and onto the pavement.

Or an 80 story tall building that outwardly looks very stable could have fallen over on top of us due to a sudden California-styled earth quake. Or a huge Midwest F5 tornado could at any time sweep right through downtown like that one that hit and trashed downtown Fort Worth a couple years ago. Regardless, the faith that Liney and I demonstrated in crossing that street at Commerce and Field was reasonable.

Or if you were with us, we could have all come to that street corner and seen that there were tons of cars coming in our direction that weren't even far off in the distance. However, we somehow decided to cross the street anyways, believing by faith that we'd all make it across safely. We could have totally denied the facts before us... that were staring us right square in the face ...yes, upon us sooner rather than later. And as we attempted to cross, we are all hit and killed—SQUASH, guts, sadness, and tears ..at the threefold funeral! Even though you and I and Liney used faith, our faith turned out to be foolish because we didn't use good logic. May the Lord forbid! We all need to fulfill our respective missions safely in Him.

My point? Please trust God and be logical today and every day following. When the world hears about "spiritual people of faith," they quickly think *Oh that person is really strange, illogical and not in touch with what's going on around them.* But the most

spiritual people of faith that I have ever met are not strange at all. On the contrary, they are very practical. They have good judgment.

When you think about it, real Christianity in fact, is truly the reasonable faith among other faiths of the world. The Christian faith does make logical sense, unlike in all other religions. Check em out thoroughly when you get the time. Just like that analogy, we must examine all the pertinent facts that lead us to our faith.

But do you need another example of how logic applies to the Bible? Well, the Bible commands us to not commit adultery ..or fornication (or any type of perverted sex outside of marriage). Some people of our culture today when they even hear this subject mentioned may ask, *"Man, why is God such a kill-joy—why can't we do what pleases us when we feel the urge to merge?"* But when you think about it logically, all of God's specific commands make very good sense. If you commit the sin of adultery for instance, you will possibly destroy your marriage relationship; you'll deeply wound your spouse, crush your children and then you'll lose the respect of everyone around you. You would also run the risk of contracting a serious STD; or a bunch of other horrible consequences that you really don't need.

The logical believer would obey the Word of God rather than go out to do what *feels good* for their own fleeting moments of selfish fleshly pleasure.

Even though faith comes by hearing the Word of God (see [Romans 10:17](#)), the message that well-meaning Christians or even ministers pass on to you (containing Scripture verses or half verses sprinkled in..) should *logically* first be tested to see whether or not the message is indeed biblically accurate, for the Bible clearly commands ***"Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil"*** (1 Thess. 5:21-22). That makes good sense! Test everyone's message, even mine for you are accountable!

When you run into a cultist, or some wayward irreligious partier who is out *on the take*, or into someone out on the streets of your town who simply isn't looking around properly as they cross the boulevard, that's when you can show them how what they are doing or saying doesn't make sense and how God's Word does. It is logical (not that you'll find *how-to-cross-a-street-passages* in there, but you can discover the wisdom of Proverbs)! And you can listen up, show them respect and see what God will do.

I ran into a Buddhist not too long ago who told me *"Kurt, you have your truth and I have mine and my truth is as good as your truth. Both are true and valid."*

But Buddhists don't believe that Jesus Christ is *the only way* to get into Heaven to live eternally with the Father ...as Christ claimed to be. And it's so amazing what the different religions make Jesus out to be: a mere prophet, a religionist, a brother of Lucifer, a mere teacher, the Archangel Michael ...so many things other than the one and only Savior of the World who solely deserves our worship and full obedience. Sure we need to listen to the irreligious in love and logically refute the lies they've bought into and tell ...using the Bible even if they say they don't believe in God. Hey, there is enough evidence to be had in advance!

Pray, pray, pray for them. With some humility and openness, we can all turn and go in the right direction, establishing a meaningful [relationship with Jesus](#)! He clearly said, ***"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me"*** (Jn. 14:6).

But some will think it's simply not logical! They don't even believe that He is the Christ or God as the Bible teaches, even though there were many witnesses who saw Jesus after His physical resurrection.

Listen, loving God with all your mind (and every other part of you) is so important in apologetics. Belief in the Bible with full commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ is the best! Christianity rocks and the other faiths are on the rocks... or should I more accurately say, they're on the shifting sand. Many belief systems today do, on occasion, put out some true statements though ...as well as conflict with each other in their teachings. But **Christianity is completely true—it passes all the tests of logic and reasoning 100% of the time.**

Other faiths and belief systems of this world simply fail to pass these tests. Those faiths should be likened to the person who without looking in both directions, walked out into the thick *Field and Commerce Street traffic* so to speak ..and thought that they would safely reach the other side. The sad result will undoubtedly be SPLAT! Yup, total destruction and the details of that type of mess are just too gross for me to go into. None of us need that kind of thing happening. It's better to *"go out"* keeping your ears and eyes of awareness open, being led like Abraham did, following God and acting logically in faith.

Do you have a prayer request? Would you like to share with us what God is doing in your life? [Contact](#) us today!

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