

McDonald's Summary

Spencer closes his part of this debate with the best rebuttal to the proposition yet. At least he did mention the elements of my argument even if he didn't bother trying to refute them. He wrote "Readers should keep the following in mind: why did McDonald choose to not support those assertions with any kind of argument?" I did give evidence to back up every element. He simply ignored it. I don't have to give logical arguments for each element. I gave a valid and sound argument for my argument, and I gave five elements to prove that argument. With this being the case my argument proves my proposition to be true. Now, let me say that I understand that arguments are either sound or unsound, and propositions are either true or false, but without getting strictly logical, arguments can be true or false. However I do understand the difference, and if this is all Spencer has to complain about he has nothing at all.

He says that "begging the question" is usually rare in a debate between experienced debaters, but I beg to differ, for it is one of the most abused fallacies that "experienced debaters" use especially when their argument is untenable. However, I did not beg the question. I showed that secular history records information about the resurrection. I also showed that Biblical history records information about the resurrection. Regardless of how he regards the Bible, he must regard it as historical information, and that is how I used it. I also showed that extra-Biblical history records information about the resurrection. I showed that only by the supernatural power of God could Jesus have been raised from the dead. I then gave Biblical arguments for the resurrection. I brought up the resurrection of Lazarus and showed that it was not by natural power, but by supernatural power, for Jesus never even touched him. To all of this, Spencer waited until his final rebuttal and then simply stated that they were assertions. He never bothered to show how they were assertions; he merely stated that they were. He said that his tactic was to keep me from taking an affirmative position, and says that this is what his job was since he is a soldier in one army and I a soldier in another. Well it is true that we are soldiers in two different armies, but this was not a strategy game, this was a debate where the negative is obligated to respond to the affirmant's arguments and show how and why said arguments don't prove the proposition. Obviously Spencer doesn't understand this simple concept and as such I must insist that people continue to believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead by the supernatural power of God and not by some natural means or by little green men from the planet Mobeus.

In Christ Jesus
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