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But I've Always Been a Buddhist! (or whatever)

Show Notes

We enthusiastically recommend the book CHOOSING YOUR FAITH, by Mark Mittelberg, from Tyndale House Publishers. *Overflow show notes are always very abbreviated to protect the copyrighted content of the gracious authors and publishers who give us permission to feature their material.*

1) First, this program illustrates one way to show a person that he should not choose his religion based on what country he grew up in, or on how many loving and intelligent family members or hundreds of friends he might have grown up with who believed that religion. The type of situation where a person says, "But I've ALWAYS been a Buddhist. Or a Muslim. Or a Unitarian. Or a Methodist. Or a Catholic....etc.

We should respect and love our parents. But like any other human, they'll sometimes be wrong.

I don't necessarily base my automobile purchasing decisions based on what my Dad drove.

If my Mom smoked Camels, that might not be the best choice for me for a healthy life.

There is a need for me to do my homework, and to make possibly better choices.

Although this principle is obvious when it comes to clothing or cigarettes or automobiles, many individuals by default use this logic to determine their outlook on eternal life.

Authority and intuition might also not be the best guides although they can be valuable.

2) How do you deal with the person who says, "Look, you can't give me 100% reliable proof that this God stuff is real so I just can't accept it."

Faith, or taking action without 100% proof is involved in many areas of our daily practical life, including every time we board an airplane without having absolute proof of safety.