Preface:

My good friend, a Pakistani living in New York had requested that I arrange some materials for him, so that he would be able to respond to some Mormon missionaries of whom he had the recent pleasure of meeting. It should be noted that I've had many experiences with missionaries and thus, I am well acquainted with their arguments. Whether Mormon, Jehovah’s Witnesses or otherwise, there are general arguments that Muslims can use to easily disarm any missionary. They are to the point, factual and quite distressing to the missionary, often times leading the missionary to be stumped in their tracks. There is some advice I must offer to those who intend to study and use these arguments, the Qur’an, the pure and majestic says:

“And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth easily, and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace” – Qur’an 25:63.

Da’wah is not an arguing match and sadly one tactic of our missionary friends, is to purposely incense the Muslim, while they remain ‘cool headed’. In this way, they demonstrate their ‘inner peace’, while indicating our supposed, ‘inner frustrations’. Therefore our mode of operations as Muslims must be to abide by the ayat from Allaah and in this case, He has ordered us to be calm and reciprocate with goodness when our beliefs are attacked. Similarly, Allaah also commands us not to reciprocate evil, with evil:

“And not equal are the good deed and the bad. Repel [evil] by that [deed] which is better; and thereupon the one whom between you and him is enmity [will become] as though he was a devoted friend.” – Qur’an 41:34.

Therefore if the missionary insults your beliefs, do not mock, curse or become upset, understand that this is want they want. Allaah has commanded us to be kind and as previously shown, peaceful, with those who insult us and curse us. Therefore when facing the missionary, be calm, but be guarded, do not let their words of disdain be allowed to cause you any distress. Let’s take the upperhand and insha Allaah, learn how to disarm missionaries with 5 easy arguments that any Muslim can learn!

I personally use Biblical corruption arguments, but the missionary in the field is not intelligent enough to comprehend these arguments. What I have found most useful is to demonstrate to them the uselessness, absurdity and pure incredulous nature of their scripture. You may be shouted at, cursed, but at the end of the day, this is as a result of their pagan beliefs dying in their hearts, Allhamdulillah.
**Argument #1:**

According to **Genesis 6:6**, the Bible says:

“The **LORD** regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.” The argument using this verse is quite simple. If God is all knowing, then God cannot make mistakes. Only those who make mistakes have regret, therefore the Christian God is not all knowing. Thus, you ask the Christian if God is all knowing, when they answer with a resounding, ‘yes’, then pose to them this verse and the logic mentioned above. They will try to take you away from this verse by mentioning you have taken it out of context, if that is the case, show them the following passage:

“**Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the **LORD** regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.**” – 1 Samuel 15:35.

At this point, the missionary will attempt to divert from the topic, but be authoritative in your speech and indicate that you’ll need them to answer why God has ‘regret’ and why someone should believe in such a God. You won’t get an answer, but the expression while they try to meander their way out of this topic is priceless.

**Argument #2:**

According to **John 3:16**, the Bible says:

“For **God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**” – John 3:16.

You must understand that Jesus, according to this verse has died for the sins of the world. Show the Christian this verse and remind them of that. Jesus died for your sins (a disbeliever in Christianity) and for the sins of Christians. He already died for them. Jesus is not going to time travel some 2000 odd years or so ago and on the cross say, “I am dying for the sins of the world, expect that guy!” Therefore let the missionary know that Jesus has already died for your sins and by that very act, you are sinless. At this point the missionary will stop and say that you either have to ‘accept this gift by believing he is God’, or pointing to the verse and showing you the phrase, ‘that whoever believes in him…’. Stop them and let them know that the verse says that mere belief in him is enough to earn that gift of sacrifice. The verse does not say to believe in him as a God, just mere belief, let the Christian know that by adding the words, ‘belief in him as a God’, that they are perverting their scripture. They will not be pleased and most certainly not be patient. By using this argument, they shall become very uncomfortable and as a result, very incensed. Calm them and by Allaah’s will, your da’wah to them shall open a way of mercy for them.
**Argument #3:**

According to Matthew 27:46, the Bible says:

> “About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).” – Matthew 27:46.

Show the Christian this verse and ask if it says that Jesus was forsaken by God. When they say yes, turn to the following verse:

> “For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. Wrongdoers will be completely destroyed; the offspring of the wicked will perish.” – Psalm 37:28.

According to this passage, if Christ was faithful, loved by God and just, then God would not have forsaken him. However as the Christian just admitted, Christ was indeed forsaken. According to the passage in Psalms, the ‘wrongdoers’ would be destroyed and the ‘wicked’ perish. If Jesus did die and since he was forsaken, according to the Christian belief it must be then, that Christ was wicked and a wrongdoer. Let the Christian know that as a Muslim, you cannot believe this about Jesus the Messiah, a prophet of Allaah.

**Argument #4:**

According to Matthew 5:22, the Bible says:

> “But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.” – Matthew 5:22.

According to the Christian belief, since Jesus is God, then God is saying that calling anyone a ‘fool’ means then, that the person who does so is in danger of hell. As it turns out, Jesus breaks this rule and is therefore a sinner, and subsequently in danger of hell:

> “You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred?” – Matthew 23:17.

**Argument #5:**

According to 2 Corinthians 12:6-9, Paul, in the Bible says:

> “But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, 7 or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”

According to ‘Saint’ Paul, God sent a Messenger of Satan to teach him the reality of grace. If it is a Messenger from God, why then, does Paul call it a Messenger of Satan? Since it is from God, shouldn’t it be a Messenger of God? Since Paul calls Messengers sent by Christ to teach him grace, Satan, and since Paul is tormented and Christ is unwilling to remove the ‘Messenger of Satan’, then we must conclude that Paul was a man possessed by some demon.

These arguments should silence the missionary and leave them with many doubts in their heart. You’ve successfully made them doubt their God, their belief in Christ’s deity and lastly, Paul’s apostleship. Thereby, completely dismantling their faith. May Allaah accept your da’wah, Ameen.