



GENESIS ACADEMY

# APPLIED APOLOGETICS

*Discovery & Discussion*



# OVERVIEW

## OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ *Identify and explain powerful evidences for GOD.*
- ✓ *Engage in respectful discussions while explaining all sides.*
- ✓ *Connect scientific and philosophical evidence to Biblical Truth.*
- ✓ *Explain the failures of naturalistic explanations using evidence.*
- ✓ *Share your beliefs and personal testimony confidently with others.*

## RULES:

- ✓ *Discussions are conducted in Christ-like manner!*
- ✓ *Respect and humility are honored!*
- ✓ *Questions are encouraged!*
- ✓ *Doubt and honest wrestling with evidence are part of discovery.*
- ✓ *Cell phones are put away during class, debate and discussion times.*

## BRING:

- ✓ *Your Bible*
- ✓ *A Notebook and pencil for notes.*
- ✓ *Be Prepared and on-time! \*There may be research assignments between sessions.*



# OUR JOURNEY

**5 UNITS** (16 Sessions):

- ✓ **FOUNDATIONS**
- ✓ **THE IMMATERIAL**
- ✓ **SCIENCE, DESIGN & PROOF**
- ✓ **HUMAN DISTINCTIVES**
- ✓ **WORLDVIEWS & APPLICATION**

## **UNIT 1: Foundations**

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2. Does God Exist?
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15. What You Learned? Objectives Review
16. Capstone: Final Discussion and Testimonies



# BELIEF

THE QUESTION IS ACTUALLY NOT WHAT YOU BELIEVE,  
IT'S WHAT EVIDENCE YOU CHOSE TO TEST IF IT'S **TRUE.**



# IS THERE ABSOLUTE TRUTH?

## WHAT ARE THE ATTRIBUTES OF ANY ABSOLUTE TRUTH?

- ✓ ALWAYS TRUE, CAN NEVER BE FALSE
- ✓ ALWAYS DISCOVERED, NEVER INVENTED
- ✓ ALWAYS ETERNAL, NEVER CHANGES OVER TIME
- ✓ ALWAYS EXISTS, INDEPENDENT OF ANY KNOWLEDGE OF IT
- ✓ ALWAYS APPLIES EVERYWHERE, NOT SPATIALLY DEPENDANT
- ✓ ALWAYS UNAFFECTED BY OPINION, TRADITION OR ONE'S PERSPECTIVE
- ✓ ALWAYS A NON-NEGOTIABLE, DEMONSTRATABLE BY LOGIC AND REASON



# FOUNDATIONS: WHY DOES IT MATTER?

**ANSWER THE QUESTION:**

***WHY DOES EVERYONE DEFEND THEIR WORLDVIEW?***

**5 MINUTES:**

***DISCUSSION IN GROUPS***

***REVIEW KEY LEARNINGS TOGETHER***

***THOUGHTS FROM VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES?***



# MATERIALISM, NATURALISM & ATHEISM

## **Materialism:**

**Believes matter and energy are all that exists and thought itself is a chemical processes of the brain. Everything found in the universe is just the result of time and chance.**

## **Naturalism:**

**Believes everything is explained by nature itself including the ability to create life and does not accept anything exists beyond the natural world.**

## **Atheism:**

**Believes God does not exist and is typically paired with materialism and or naturalism.**



# EVOLUTION: HYPOTHESIS TO EXCLUDE GOD

## ***OUR MISSION & BELIEFS***

“Defending your Evolutionary beliefs ensures the integrity of “our” scientific consensus, protects public science positions and addresses challenges. Engaging with critics confrontationally can also sharpen your own strategies and highlights the power of Natural Selection and Evolution in your life.”

*ORION MAGAZINE*





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# EVOLUTION: HYPOTHESIS TO EXCLUDE GOD

## *HOW?*

Engage with critics confrontationally





# CHRISTIANITY

## ***WHY DEFEND MY BELIEFS?***

**“The Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, skillful in teaching, patient when wronged with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition so perhaps GOD may grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the Truth.”**

**2 TIMOTHY 2:24-25**



# CHRISTIANITY

## **WHY?**

“Perhaps GOD may grant the opposition  
repentance leading them to the  
knowledge of the Truth.”

*“Always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks  
you to give an account for the hope that is within you.”*

**1 Peter 3:15**



# CHRISTIANITY

## *HOW?*

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- ✓ Be kind to all
- ✓ Skillful in teaching
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# FOUNDATIONS

**ANSWER THE QUESTION:**

***WHY & HOW SHOULD YOU DEFEND YOUR BELIEFS?***

**5 MINUTES:**

***DISCUSSION IN GROUPS***

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***THOUGHTS FROM VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES?***



# REVIEW: *THOUGHTS?*

- ✓ ***WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT IN THE WORLD WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT GOD?***
- ✓ ***DID STUDYING THE EVOLUTIONIST VIEW AND THEIR APPROACH TO DEFEND HELP PREPARE YOU?***
- ✓ ***HOW MIGHT THIS CLASS BETTER PREPARE YOU TO SHARE WHAT AND WHY YOU BELIEVE?***



# FOUNDATIONS: DISCUSSION

***WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY?***

***WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD  
TO IN THIS COURSE?***

***QUESTIONS & FINAL THOUGHTS?***



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# THANK YOU !

## ROMANS 1:20-23

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and they exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible mankind and birds, four-footed animals, and crawling creatures.

