

Advanced Creation Apologetics Course

Course Outline

Chapter 1: Laying the Foundation: The Need for Apologetics

- Truth under attack
- Biblical warnings
- The prevailing winds
- Apologetics for the 21st Century (Peter and Paul)
- Biblical mandates
- The purpose of apologetics
- Components of a worldview
- Chapter challenges

Chapter 2: Presuppositionalism

- Proof and persuasion
- How assumptions affect our thinking
- What is a presupposition?
- Two presuppositions (atheism and a Creator God)
- Logic and assumptions
- Chapter challenges

Chapter 3: The Moral Argument (right and wrong)

- Moral relativism or moral absolutes
- The flaws of moral relativism
- Negative case apologetics – the defense
- Positive case apologetics – the offense

Chapter 4: Life-Long Learning Tools

- Critical thinking questions
- Understanding definitions
- Fuzzy words and magic words
- Red-flag words
- Chapter challenges

Chapter 5: The Value of Asking Good Questions

- Five reasons for asking good questions
- Answering questions with questions
 - Do you believe in evolution?
 - Do you take the Bible literally?
 - Do you believe people lived to be 900 years old?
 - The days of creation don't have to be literal.
 - Why are Christians intolerant of other viewpoints?
 - Who are you to judge others?
- Chapter challenges

Chapter 6: Evidences for the Existence of God

- Background: some common challenges
- A premise
- Four evidences
 1. Cosmological evidence
 2. The evidence from design
 3. The existence of non-material entities
 4. The reality of God's Word
- Chapter challenges

Chapter 7: The Cost of Neutrality

- What is the Gospel?
- Responding to statements that affect the Gospel
- Apologetics of apathy
- Can the church be neutral?
- Filling the VOID
- Final Challenge