

“Defending Our Father’s Honor”
Logikos Apologetics



Part 1 of 7
“Logic verifies God”
Logos verifies the Logos
 (Updated 7.4.11)

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“In the beginning was the Word [Logos], and the Word [Logos] was with God, and the Word [Logos] was God.”

John 1:1

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Defending our Father’s Honor

Introduction: Why should you be able to defend your beliefs about both our good God and suffering?

1. **Logic** verifies **God** (John 1:1)
2. **Science** verifies **Creation** (Romans 1:20)
3. **History** verifies **Scripture** (Luke 1:1-4)
4. **Religion** verifies **Christianity** (Romans 3:28)
5. **Prophecy** verifies **Jesus** (Luke 24:25-27)
6. **Time** verifies **Judgment** (Hebrews 9:27)
7. **Action** verifies **Faithfulness** (James 2:20)

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Introduction: Why should you be able to defend your belief about suffering and evil?

- If you can't, then possibly your belief is inaccurate.
- Christians are commanded to be able to defend their belief.

Week 1. Logic verifies God. (John 1:1)

- The LOGOS is profoundly simple (brain designed for logic)
- Truth by logic requires a source of absolute truth (The Truth)
- Beliefs are either logical or illogical / truth or error

Week 2. Science verifies Creation. (Romans 1:20)

- What is science? What are the limits of science?
- Questions/Evidence that macroevolution cannot answer

Week 3. His-story verifies Scripture. (Luke 1:1-4)

- No error has ever been proven in the Bible.
- Discovered impossibly accurate matches with the Bible.

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Week 4. “Religion” verifies Christianity. (Romans 3:28)

- All “religions” teach the same Way = Human works.
- God’s Way is grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone

Week 5. Prophecy verifies Jesus the LOGOS. (Luke 24:25-27)

- Hundreds of fulfilled predictions verify the written Logos.
- Hundreds of fulfilled predictions verify the Logos became flesh.

Week 6. Time verifies Judgment. (Hebrews 9:27)

- “Time’s Arrow” (Entropy) → disorder, dysfunction → Death
- “End Times” prophecies will be come true, just like those that have already been fulfilled (*specifically and literally*).
- All evidence points to the same logical end: *Facing the Judge*.

Week 7. Action verifies Faithfulness (James 2:2)

- A child is known by his behavior / “faith” without works is dead.
- Do your actions verify what you thought you believed?

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This 7 part, 500 slide presentation is just an **introduction**



... to encourage your own further study

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How to use this Power Point

First Section - Condensed for my 1 Hour Presentation

- This subject, like most, cannot be covered *exhaustively* in the time or space available.
- Yet, it can and should be covered *comprehensively*.
- So, first is a *summary* section of slides for my “*presentation*” of the key concepts & conclusions.

2nd Section - Appendix for your further study

- This section includes *extra* information slides for:
- Further *verification* of my presentation’s content
- Further *study* by you and others at home. (homework ☺)
- Feel free to email questions: sid@soulcare.org

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Do you know WHY you believe what you believe about suffering and God’s character?

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Is God’s WAY of life “Survival of the Fittest”?

Creator’s Image to Christ’s Character

Genesis 1:27
 Romans 5:8-10
 Romans 8:28-29

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"After his **suffering**, he showed himself to these men and gave many **convincing proofs** that he was alive." Acts 1:3


"**Be ready** always to give an **answer** to every man that ask you for the **reason** of the hope that is in you, yet **with humility and reverence**." 1 Peter 3:15

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"De Oppresso Liber"



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My son's heart surgeries & FAITH



- At birth a Life/Death Decision by **FAITH**
- 2 Choices – Transplant or many Repairs
- **Prayed First** . . . but prayed how?
- **Wrong Way to Pray:**
 - Dear God, please give me a strong **FEELING** so I'll have a "peace" about what to do.
- **Right Way to Pray:**
 - Dear God, please help me find enough **EVIDENCE** so I'll know which choice is the wisest.

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QUESTIONS
What are our origins? Are science and the Bible compatible? Why would God allow suffering?

Evidence → Answers
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Saturday, February 14, 10am - Noon
The Chapel at the Commons
3335 University Drive
For more info, contact Wishshepherd@aol.com

LSU Seminar – fun, BUT why were the **atheists so angry & disruptive?**



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My Story – depends on - "His-story"

- **Angry Atheist** → Agnostic → ID → **Christ**
- **Questions** - Origin, Purpose, Suffering, Destiny
- **Search** - Science, Philosophies, Religions...
- **Evidence** - Logical belief, not blind faith
- **Conclusion** - "In the beginning, **God (LOGOS)**"


NOW - Not an "expert", just a **translator** for experts ...

- **30 years** serving the One who alone is worthy
- Just a teacher, family counselor, (still a "zookeeper")
- Just a **sheepdog** of the **GOOD SHEPHERD**

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Intelligent Design, now Mutation Meltdown

Biological Information - New Perspectives Symposium
May 31 – June 2, 2011



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Following the science evidence to wherever it leads.*

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Who impresses you?

- After decades **interviewing** top *scholars* of science, philosophy, theology, etc, plus examining their research and conclusions, there is one person who *alone* impresses me. **His-story** and teachings reveal him to be the **greatest scholar alive** today. E
- Evidence demonstrates *beyond reasonable doubt* that he is **far more** than a mere scholar. He is our Creator, Christ, the only Self-existent "I AM" YHWH as predicted for thousands of years in 100's of detailed prophecies - His name is JESUS (Yeshua, meaning "God-Savior"). **He is the Good Shepherd**

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**A "time" to start thinking . . .
Did God Begin?**

- Today, some *anti*-theists *mistakenly* think this question somehow challenges belief in God.
- But they apparently do not understand that Einstein's General Relativity Theory and now experimental support show that TIME is a property of this finite universe and so **TIME itself had a BEGINNING**.
- **God**, by definition and nature, is the Creator of the whole universe and therefore **Creator of TIME**.
- So, God had NO "beginning" in time.
- God is YHWH, the self-existent, eternal, "I AM".

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*** Simple Questions for Skeptics ***

- When confronted, Jesus often started His "answers" with questions. (Matthew 12:9-12; 22:17-20; Luke 10:25)
- It encouraged "questioners" to think carefully and critically about their own questions.
- Learning this communication skill can serve us well.
- Practice asking thought provoking questions, especially as your first response to a skeptic.
- **#1 Question to ask after most claims of a skeptic:** "Can you please help me understand the *evidence* that you trust for that *belief*?" (MORE EXAMPLES →)

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SAMPLE Questions you can practice:
for *Logic verifies God*

- Since you're an atheist *believing* that man is just the result of *mindless* evolution, can you please help me understand why we should trust our *minds* to produce any real "truths"?
- If there is no God, no Logos, then isn't it possible that our thought processes (our "logic") are just adaptive illusions that seem to be true?
- Can you please help me understand why you believe some things are immoral (like child-abuse), if you believe there is no God & no universal moral law?

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Psycho-social Dynamics of Belief
- after 30 years as a family counselor
- beware of the Psycho-Trojan Horse

- **Bible** - alone matches psycho-social *reality*
- **Brain** - is designed for logikos thinking
- **Goal** - of life is moral character - *teleology: the end*
- **Language** - communication fits *laws* of logic
- **Beliefs** - produce attitudes, affects, actions
- **Evidence** - is what make beliefs worthy of trust
- **Choice** - not my will, but Thy will be done



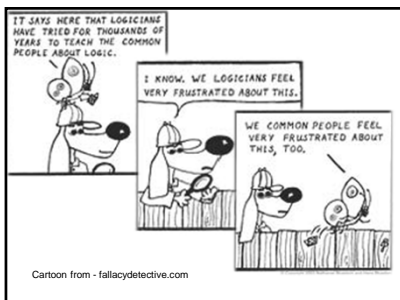
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- LOGOS: profoundly simple (brain designed for logic)
- Truth by logic requires source of truth (The Truth)
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- Jesus' (Logos) teaching was profoundly simple
Simple enough for a child
profound enough for any PhD

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Does this philosopher make it clear or foggy?

- "The occurrence of events, qualities, and processes, and the characteristic behaviors of various individuals, are contingent on the organization of spatio-temporally located bodies, whose internal structures and external relations determine and limit the appearance and disappearance of everything that happens." (Nagel 1954 Pres. address, American Philosophical Assoc.)
- **Simplified Translation** = Our experiences are dependent on the properties of the physical things we can sense around us.

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Who wrote this impressive sounding statement?

- "It should be noted that we allow DHCP to harness homogeneous epistemologies without the evaluation of evolutionary programming. Contrarily, the lookaside buffer might not be the panacea that end-users expected." <http://pdos.csail.mit.edu/scigen/rooter.pdf>
- **Not a person but a program (a computer program SCIGen)**
"Router: a methodology for the typical unification of access points and redundancy." [a paper by Jeremy Stribling]... was accepted for the 9th World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics (WMSCI), to be held in Florida, in July. But Stribling didn't write it; he let a computer do it." <http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v434/n7036/full/nature03653.html>


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"Cogito ergo sum" - You are What?

- **Think** - Why are many young children able to "know" that animals can think and feel, yet the "brilliant" philosopher Descartes dissected animals ALIVE, believing them to be mere machines? <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/consciousness-animal/>
- "Descartes had been willing enough to regard animals as unconscious machines. Punch the right button and a yelp comes out. But Descartes knew that he himself was not just a machine; he was a thinking being - *Cogito ergo sum.*"
- *The Philosophy of Science*, by Gordon Clark PhD, pp. 42-43

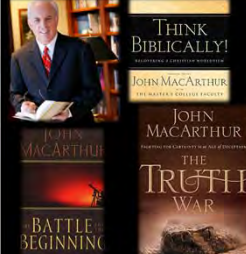
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DVD on LOGIC, God, & Apologetics



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The Fallacy Detective
Thirty-Eight Lessons on How to Recognize Bad Reasoning
with 100+ more fallacies

Logic & Faith
A POCKET GUIDE TO...
Defending faith in logical arguments
by Dr. Jason Lisle

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MANY EVIDENCES FOR THE INFALLIBLE CHRISTIAN FAITH PROOFS
HENRY M. MORRIS
HENRY M. MORRIS II

Classic Book on Apologetics – Acts 1:3

- Creation Cornerstone
- Covers Major Areas:
 - Logic
 - Science
 - History
 - Religions
 - Prophetic Time
 - Application

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Morris PhD – Which Christ?

“A ... faith in some artificial ‘Christ’ of one’s own imagination, rather than the real Christ of biblical history, is not the faith by which men are saved.”

MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS - Kindle Electronic Edition

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Does it Work? vs. Is it True?

- Many religions and philosophies and even motivational speakers’ presentations “**work**”.
- They produce changes in thoughts and behaviors, but how and in what way?
- * **The real question is: What is truth?**
- Biblical, historical Christianity works to transform the core motives, attitudes (the root) 180 degrees .
- Christianity is unique – It’s a **Person** not a Program
- * **Christianity works because He is The Truth**

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Defending: The Faith – Father’s Honor

- The **attack** against God’s truth today is more dangerously effective than ever before in all of history.
Misuse of technology has resulted in a new generation of youth and adults whose worldview is based on TV shows, Hollywood movies, video games, sound-bite electronic communication, predatory politicians, and biased news media.
- Few people today know **“WHAT”** they believe
- Even fewer know **“WHY”** they believe it.
- Jesus in Matthew 24 - Warned His *sheep* of deceptions
- Paul in Colossians 2:4 shared his heart motive ...
“so no one will delude you with persuasive argument”

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Biblically Balanced Apologetics

- A **balanced** apologetic method must be both:
 - Presuppositionally Evidential
 - Evidentially Presuppositional
- Such **antinomies** are expected when **finite** people seek to understand God’s **infinite** reality.
- Just as Jesus is 100% God and 100% Man

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Biblical Apologetics - ἀπολογία

“Be ready always to give an **answer** to every man that asks you a **reason** of the hope that is in you.”
1 Peter 3:15

- Philippians 1:7 “... I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the **defense** (*apologia*) and confirmation of the gospel ...”
- Philippians 1:16 “... knowing that I am appointed for the **defense** (*apologia*) of the gospel.”
- Additional defense passages: Jude 3, Col 4:6; Tit 1:9

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Biblical Apologetics - ἀπολογία

- The Greek word translated “answer” in **1 Peter 3:15** is *ἀπολογία* (*apologia*). This term is derived from the Greek [*ἀπό* (*apo*) = “out of”] and [*λόγος* (*logos*) = “logic/reason”], so *apologia* means “out of logic or reason”. It refers to a reasoned defense like that given in a court of law.
- The word also appears in the negative in Rom. 1:20: unbelievers are *ἀναπολόγητοι* (*anapologētoi*) (without excuse / defence / apology). The context says people who reject the revelation of God in creation are “without excuse”.
- The word for “**reason**” in 1 Pet 3:15 is *λόγος* (*logos*). In context it means evidence that provides logical justification for a person’s belief.

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John 1:1-18 "In the beginning was the WORD"
First WORD = LOGOS = Information Source
 See: Gitt PhD, *In the Beginning was Information*

The Word = JESUS
 Ἰησοῦς, يسوع, 耶穌, Иисус, यीशु,
 耶穌, Иисус, यीशु,
 عيسى, Yesus, Isus,
 عيسى عليه السلام, 예수,
 イエス, Icyc, İsa,
 Chúa Giê-xu, Icyc, ...

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Logikos Meditation
 = Contemplation
 Not a fuzzy feeling

• "I beg you therefore, brothers, in view of God's mercies, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your **reasonable (logikos)** service."
 Romans 12:1

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Clark's: LOGIC AND GOD

• "The well-known prologue to John's Gospel may be . . . "In the **beginning** was **Logic**, and **Logic** was **with God**, and **Logic** was **God**... In **logic** was **life** and the life was the **light of men**."
 • "This . . . translation — may not only sound strange to devout ears, it may even sound obnoxious and offensive. But the shock only **measures** the devout person's **distance from the language and thought** of the **Greek New Testament**."
 [i.e., so many Christians are **biblically illiterate**]

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Things to keep in mind when defending our Father

1. **Never** argue (*only God can change their heart*)
2. Everybody functions on **faith** (*blind or logical*)
3. Simple can be **profound** (*You don't need a PhD*)
4. **Listen** & ask questions to make them think
5. **Truth** and Non-Truth cannot both be correct
6. Verify everything with **evidence** (*yours & theirs*)
7. "I don't know" is **OK** to say (*if you research later*)

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What you share - AND - How you share

- We are to defend our **Father's** honor, NOT our own.
- **Failure** to share in a Christ-like way dishonors God
 - 1 Peter 3:15 "with gentleness and fear"
 - Col 4:6 "seasoned"
 - 2 Timothy 2:23-26 "not argue, but ... gentle to all ... patient ... meek ..."
- **Sin's** goal is to win arguments
- **God's** goal is to win the hearts of people
- Humble, prayerful, Spirit-led **PERSUASIVENESS**

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Biblical Belief is Logical. It is NOT Blind Faith.

"The **simple-minded** believes **everything**, but the **wise** **examines** carefully"
 Proverbs 14:15

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Biblical-Rational Faith

- "**Faith** is the ... **evidence** of things **not seen**." Hebrews 11:1-3
 * As **unseen SMOKE** indicates a **FIRE**
- **Hypo**-thesis (*Greek = Underlying-belief*)
 Scientific, legal, even **spiritual** **beliefs** should NEVER be blind, but based upon sufficient **evidence** **worthy** of trust. (logical inferences)

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Questions Important to All

- **Why** are we **here** on Earth?
- **Where** did we come **from**?
- **Why** are people & animals **suffering**?
- **Where** will we **go** after we die?
- **What** **evidence** shows us the **Truth**?
 - Feelings? Majority Opinion?
 - History? **Logic**?
 - Science? Religion?

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From I.B.E. to "L.I.B.E.R."

- **I.B.E.** = Inference to the **Best** Explanation = the goal of philosophy & science → **Truth**
 "Beware that no one deceive you" (Mat 24:4)
 "the truth will make you free" (John 8:32)
 [context is freedom from slavery to sin & its effects]
 "I AM ... the **Truth**" (John 14:6)
- **L.I.B.E.R.** = Latin meaning to liberate, to set **FREE**
Logical Inference to the **Best** Explanation **Researched**
Spec-Ops: De Oppresso Liber = To Free the Oppressed

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2010 Survey shows: Modern Christian Ignorance

- Pew Forum's U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey:
 - 55% Could **NOT** name the 4 Gospels in order
 - 75% of evangelicals did **NOT** know that salvation is through faith alone, apart from human works
 - So, what are modern U.S. "churches" doing?
 - Have many become Entertainment-Social Clubs?
Hosea 4:6
- "My people perish for lack of knowledge"**

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"Crisis of Our Time" – John Robbins PhD

- "The church has **no power** because it has **abandoned** the **Gospel**, the good news, for a religion of **experientialism**. 20th century American Christians are **children** carried about by every wind of doctrine, **not knowing** what they believe, **or even if** they believe **anything for certain**."
- Dr. Robbins : Masters at age 21, PhD at age 24
Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University
– p. 129 *The Philosophy of Science*, by Gordon Clark PhD

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Consensus to Nothing – John Robbins PhD

- "This **radical skepticism** has filtered down from the philosophers and [liberal] theologians and **penetrated** our entire **culture** *The Christian in the 20th century is confronted with an overwhelming cultural consensus – sometimes*
"Man does not and cannot know anything truly....
"If man can know nothing truly,
man can truly know nothing."
– Dr. Robbins quoted by Gordon Clark PhD on p. 123 of *The Philosophy of Science*.

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"Head VS. Heart" is **NOT** a biblical concept

- **Today**, people use the term "**heart**" to refer to our center of **emotions** like on Valentine's Day.
- **But** "heart" in the **OT** (lev) & **NT** (kardia) does **not** mean emotions like it does today.
- **God's** Word uses "heart" most often to refer to the center of reasoned, thoughtful decisions of the will.

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Epistemology & Revelation

- **Epistemology** = the study of . . .
– The nature of knowledge
– The sources of knowledge
- **Revelation** = source of revealed truth
– General Rev. from God's World (Rom 1:20)
– Special Rev. from God's Word (John 17:17)

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Three Laws of Logic, some say Four

Foundation of all mathematical, physical, and rational thinking

- 1. Law of Identity:**
If any statement is true, then it is true.
- 2. Law of Non-Contradiction:**
A statement cannot be both true & false at the same time & in the same sense.
- 3. Law of Excluded Middle:**
Any statement is either true or false.
- 4. Law of Sufficient Ground (Logical Inference):**
Anything true must have sufficient reason/evidence
– by *Leibniz 1646*

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3 Branches of Logic

- **Formal** (*Deductive or Inductive*)
- **Symbolic** (*Mind your P's & Q's*)
- **Informal** (*Critical Thinking*)

*** Our emphasis will be on Informal Logic**
= *critical thinking real-world reasoning*

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J.P. Moreland PhD – Jesus and Logic

<http://www.columbiaseminary.org/coffeetalk/123.html>

- "**Logic** comes from the very **nature of God Himself**. Its employment **need not be cold and impersonal**; it can be expressed through story and narrative as C. S. Lewis' works of fiction nicely illustrate. **Jesus** also **used logic** with 'the common man' every bit as much as he did with the 'wise and intelligent.' . . ."
[Emphasis added]
"The basic **laws of logic govern** all of **reality** and thought and are **known to be true** Those who deny them use these principles in their denial, demonstrating that those laws are **unavoidable** and it is **self-refuting to deny them**." [Emphasis added]

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Before Pilate condemned Jesus to death, he asked: "**What is Truth?**"

- Some people claim "There is **NO** Truth"
- How can their own claim be "**true**", if there is "**no truth**"?"
- Everyone assumes **some** things are true.

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My effort to explain their "self-refuting" claim:

- Many people today say:
"There are **NO** absolute truths."
- **But** if there are no absolute truths, then their own claim itself cannot be a truth.
 - So, their argument **refutes itself**.
 - Also, the *atheistic* claim that our minds *evolved* apart from a God of Truth is equally self-refuting.
 - "Evolved logic" would only be adaptive **illusion**. There would be no **reason** that its conclusions were objectively true in any absolute sense.

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The Mystery of Consciousness

"The **phenomenon** of **consciousness** is the **source** of all **value** in our lives. ... Yet ... consciousness is a subject that most scientists are reluctant to deal with. **We know practically nothing** about either its mechanisms or its **evolution**. ... We don't know. The machineries of consciousness are **an almost perfect mystery**."

Boston University Anthropologist, Matt Cartmill PhD, "Do Horses Gallop in their Sleep?" Key Reporter (Autumn 2000): 6, 8.

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God's Self-Revelation vs. Atheistic Theology

- **God** in the Old Testament revealed His personal name as **YHWH**, which means "**I-AM**".
Exodus 3
- **Jesus** in the New Testament, said about Himself "Before Abraham existed, **I-AM**."
John 8:58
- **Atheistic** "belief" about God says: "**He-ISN'T**".

J.P. Moreland PhD – Jesus and Logic

<http://www.columbiaseminary.org/coffeetalk/123.html>

- "Consider Matthew 22:23-33 where the **Sadducees** raise a *reductio ad absurdum* argument **against Jesus**. ... Jesus skillfully notes that the either/or dilemma His opponents have placed on Him (either adultery or polygamy is permissible in the afterlife) both make an **assumption**: There is marriage in the afterlife.
- "They argue that if there is marriage in the afterlife, then either there is adultery or polygamy. **Jesus** denies that there is marriage in the afterlife (Matthew 22:30), and in **one simple step**, He undermines the dilemma (either adultery or polygamy) they have raised against life after death." [Emphasis added]

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J.P. Moreland PhD – Jesus and Logic ...

- "In Mark 11:27-33, ... the religious leaders are **challenging Jesus' authority**, and **He asks**, "Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?"
- "**His argument** is this: (1) **If** John's baptism is from heaven, **then** the religious leaders ought to believe John's teaching about Jesus) and **If** John's baptism is from men, **then** the religious leaders are in danger from the people]. (2) Either John's baptism is from heaven or from men. Then, (3) the **critics** should either believe John's teaching or place themselves in danger from the people. Realizing that **Jesus had successfully placed** them on the horns of a **nasty dilemma**, they responded by saying "**We don't know** from where John's baptism came." [Emphasis added]

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Lack of critical thinking and testing ...



makes people vulnerable to deception & manipulation

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Perceptual Filters:

Mental Modules, Mental Environment (Dembksi), Consensus Thinking, Encapsulated Information

- "The crucial point is" [the illusion continues] "*even when you know it's an optical illusion*. ... this simple fact has important implications for understanding the architecture of the mind. ... This means that our perceptual mechanisms are informationally encapsulated."
- "Another possible example of information encapsulation comes from ... phobias ... for example, **odiophobia** or fear of **snakes**," (Olasha, Philosophy of Science, p. 117)

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Biblical Warnings about Deception

- **Genesis 3:13**
"Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent **deceived** me, and I ate."
- **Jesus said in Matthew 24:24-25**
"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to **mislead**, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told you in advance."
- **1 Corinthians 11:3**
"But I am afraid that, as the serpent **deceived** Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ."


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Enslaved by Deceptive Philosophy

"Beware that no one takes you **captve** through **philosophy** and empty **deception**, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, **rather than according to Christ**."
Colossians 2:8

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Beware:



... so think logically →

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Battle for Minds / Word War - 2 Cor 10:3-5

- "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are **not** of the flesh, . . ."
- "We are destroying **speculations** and every lofty thing raised up **against** the [*true*] **knowledge** of God, taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ . . ."
- The "S.word" of Logos vs. Lies of Enemy

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Critical (Logikos) Thinking

- "**Critical**" thinking is a worthy goal.
- "**Consensus**" thinking is *sadly* the usual result.
 - i.e., belief based on *majority opinion*, not evidence
- "**Censorship**" *dominates* academia and media regarding the subjects of "Origins" & Morals.
 - * Our goal should be "**Science-Uncensored**"
- "**Logikos**" thinking is a **Biblical** command
 - Rom 12:1; (1 Pet 2:2 "milk of the logical Word")
 - Application of logical faith: Pro 14:15; Heb 11:1

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- **Questions:** Common to Everyone
 - **Origin?** - evolution? devolution?
 - **Purpose?** - rights? responsibilities?
 - **Suffering?** - selfishness? loneliness?
 - **Destiny?** - Death? Eternity?
- **Answers:** Many choices are offered . . .
 - Evolution: (**Anti**-Theistic/Atheistic/Theistic)
 - Pantheism, Polytheism, Creationism, etc
- **Authority:** Which one is worthy of trust?
 - **Evidence** - showing your answers to be ...
 - Possible? Probable? Beyond reasonable doubt?*

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Theological Cornerstone of Truth

- For thousands of years until our "modern" age of politically correct atheism, it was an accepted understanding that accurate THEOLOGY is the necessary foundation and matrix upon which every other field of knowledge must be built. In order for any field to achieve a truly accurate, comprehensive body of knowledge, it must be consistent with the Creator who IS the source of LOGIC & TRUTH.

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Theology: the foundation for true knowledge

- The term "**Theology**" (from *theos* & *logikos*), means the "**logical study of God**".
- Keep in mind that even **atheists** have a *theological* perspective that is the root beneath their worldview.
- All of their beliefs are colored by their *theological filter* that insists, "There is **NO God**."
- Latin for "**knowledge**" is *scientia*; Greek is *gnosis*.
- An *agnostic* is a person not yet convinced that God exists. *Agnostic* means, "**without knowledge**".
- Theology is inherently the *cornerstone* of knowledge.

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Yawning (and Beliefs) are Contagious

- **Common** to all people
- **Natural** to follow others
- **Beliefs** produce actions
- **Hitler's Holocaust Why?**
 - Evolution ...
 - Racism ...
 - Eugenics / Genocide
- **Ethnos vs Ethnos Matt 24:7**
 - Photomontage by Zachary Scott

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- **Beliefs have consequences . . .**

Why do "good" people follow things like:
Hitler, Stalin, Human Trafficking, etc?

The **ROOTS** beneath beliefs . . .

- **Beliefs** are what we trust as true *conclusions*
- **Conclusions** are based on *evidence (good or bad)*
- **Strong Evidence** is *beyond reasonable doubt*
- **Weak Evidence** causes blind, *irrational* faith

- Do NOT believe anything I say . . .
- UNLESS you find sufficient **EVIDENCE**.

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Why do *some* people deny God?

- Thomas Nagel PhD, **Prof. of Philosophy** NY Univ.
- "I **want** atheism to be true and am made uneasy by the fact that some of the **most intelligent** and well-informed people I know are **religious believers**.... I **don't want** there to be a God: I **don't want** the universe to be like that." p. 130, *The Last Word*, Oxford Univ. Press 1997
- **WHY** so some people NOT WANT God to exist?

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Morality & renowned atheist, Huxley

- Aldous Huxley, author of *Brave New World*
- "For myself as ... for most of my contemporaries, the **philosophy of meaninglessness** was essentially an **instrument of liberation** ... from a certain system of **morality** ... because it interfered with our **sexual freedom** ... "We don't know because **we don't want to know**." (Book: *Ends and Means*) p. 316, *Ends and Means*

* *Moral bias often distorts our view of clear evidence.*

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Even beliefs in **Science** are influenced by both **Evidence** and **Desires**

- "Assumptions can be dangerous, especially in **science** ... assumptions often *graduate to articles of faith*, ... new **observations** are **forced** to fit them. ... if the volume of **troublesome** information [**evidence**] becomes unsustainable (*too contradictory*), the **orthodoxy** [**old beliefs**] **must collapse**."
- **John Mattick, PhD**, Professor of molecular biology, University of Queensland and director of the Institute for Molecular Bioscience. "The Hidden Genetic Program of Complex Organisms", *Scientific American*, October 2004, p. 61

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Warned by Jesus, Paul, Justin, Spurgeon, Moody ...

- **Emotions** are wonderful gifts from God
- But they're **NOT** biblical guides for decisions
- **Cults** and false religions are based on **feelings**, not on objective evidence
- The **Bible** is supported by **prophetic** proofs, **historical** veracity, **scientific** accuracy ... (*beyond reasonable doubt – rational faith*)
- Evidential-Presuppositional Apologetics
– BIBLICAL BALANCE

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Cult Characteristics

(The way spiritual slavery takes place)

- **Feelings** not facts, form their basis of **beliefs**
- **Censorship** of opposing views is their **defense**
- **Exaggerations** are used to **misrepresent**
- **Pride & anger**, not love, *seems* to motivate

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Objective vs. Subjective

- Everyone is "*Hearing from God*". **Really?**
- "*God told ME!*" How can you be **sure**?
- God spent 1,500 years & 40 writers for Bible
- = Objective Written "**Graphae**" – 1 Cor 4:6
- **Cults** are based on claims of subjective, personal, extra-biblical revelation.
- God's **WORD** is diligent study of His Book
– Led by His Spirit to discern practical principles for application in decision making (2 Tim 2:14-15)

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Knowing God's Will for Making Wise Decisions

James 4:13-17



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George Mueller

- A man whose life was a classic model of faith and a father to thousands of orphans warned:
- "**Impressions** have **neither** one thing nor the other to do **with faith**. Faith has to do with the **Word** of God. It is **not impressions**, strong or weak, which will make the difference. We have to do with the **Written Word** and **not ourselves** or our **impressions**."

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"God told me . . ." Are you sure?

- **James 4:13-16**
"Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we **will** go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas **you do not know what [will happen]** . . ."
- "**Instead you** [ought] to say, "If the **Lord** wills, we shall live and do this or that. **But now you** boast in your **arrogance**. All such boasting is **evil**."
- "Therefore, to him who **knows to do good** and does **not** do [it], to him it is **sin**."

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THE PROBLEM: God's Word is being replaced by

- **Man's Thinking**
 - that reason alone can figure out the unknown
- **Man's Feeling**
 - that experiences can mystically guide ME
- **Man's Assumption**
 - that God speaks directly & personally to ME

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God's Way

to know His will & make wise decisions

- **Prayer**
- **Principles**
- **Providence**
- **Practice**

(See the Appendix →)

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Psalm 37:4-7

- “**Trust** in the **LORD**, and **do good**; Dwell in the land, and feed on **His faithfulness**.
- “**Delight** yourself also in the **LORD**, And **He shall give you the desires of your heart**.
- “**Commit** your way to the **LORD**, **Trust** also in Him, And **He shall** bring [it] to pass.
- “**He shall** bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.
- “**Rest** in the **LORD**, . . .”

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If our Creator is a Good Shepherd, then why is the world so full of horror?

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First Century Christians & Creation

- Acts 4:33; 14:15-17; 26:9-22; Rom 1:20; 1 Cor 15:1-8; 1 Tim 1:12-16, etc . . .
- Whenever they shared with non-Jews who were **ignorant of the Bible** and skeptics like many today, they **never** started by quoting Scripture verses.

Instead, they began at the Beginning . . .

- They reminded seekers & skeptics about the physical **creation** and man's logical awareness that there is a Designer – an intelligent/ powerful **Creator**. (Rom 1:20; Acts 14:11-17; 17:18-31)

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Creator's Image to *Christ's Character*

Genesis 1:27
 “So God created mankind in **His own image**, in the **image of God** he created them; male and female he created them.”

John 1:1-3, 14 “In the **beginning** was the **Logos**, and the **Logos** was with God, and the **Logos** was **God**.² He was with God in the beginning.³ Through him **all things were made**; . . . The **Logos** became **flesh** and made his dwelling among us . We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of **grace and truth**.”

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His Goal = *The Purpose of Life*

Romans 8:28-29
 “And we know that **God causes** all things **to work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are called according to **His purpose**. . . . to become **conformed** to the **image of His Son**, . . .”

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Appendix

This section includes *extra* information slides for:

* Further *verification* of my presentation's content.
 *Further *study* by *you* and others at home. (homework ☺)

Feel free to email questions:
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How do you “know” if your beliefs are true?

WHY is your worldview
worthy of your trust?

What is your **evidence**?

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Various reasons people doubt the Bible:

- Some people have sincere, **intellectual** questions for which they have not yet seen enough **evidence** that sufficiently answers them.
- For other people, their questions are really just **smoke screens** covering up **moral** struggles they have with the **authority** of the God of the Bible.

For ME: it was BOTH

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Why Suffering? . . . especially Children?

Most theologies fail to explain: God & suffering

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Why Suffering? - even among Animals?

Does it affect our image of God IF . . .

- suffering existed before humans?
- death was always part of nature?
- survival of fittest was God's Way?

Yes. It would prove the Bible wrong.

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Amusement?

- **Muse** = to think, to reason
- **A-muse** = to "divert from serious thinking"

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Maybe this is why "logic" is not popular

- Formal Philoso-formulas???
 - Does this help you think? $p < - > q = (p \rightarrow q)(q \rightarrow p)$
 - Not me! ☹ So forget it. ☹
- Confusing Philoso-fog and Philoso-babble
 - An example from a real philosopher →

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How about this philoso-fog?

- "The phenomenon to be explained is called the *explanandum*, and the general laws and particular facts that do the explaining are called the *explanans*. The explanandum itself may be either a particular fact or a general law."
- (Okasha, Philosophy of Science, p. 42)
- **Simplified Translation** = Sorry, there's not one ☹

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Apologetic Books (see separate lists for creation, counseling, etc)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ** - Many Infallible Proofs - <i>Defending The Faith</i> Henry M. Morris • <i>Think Biblically</i> - <i>The Truth War</i> MacArthur • <i>Philosophy of Science and Belief in God</i> - <i>God and Logic</i> - <i>Philosophy of Christian Education</i> Gordon Clark • <i>The Reason for God</i> Timothy Keller • <i>Know Why You Believe</i> Paul E. Little 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Fallacy Detective</i> Nathaniel & Hans Bluedorn • <i>Logic and Faith (Booklet)</i> - <i>Discerning Truth</i> Jason Lisle PhD • <i>The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict</i> Josh McDowell • <i>More Than a Carpenter</i> Josh McDowell • <i>Jesus Among Other Gods</i> Ravi Zacharias • <i>Holman Quick-Source Guide to Christian Apologetics</i> Doug Powell
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Man's vs. God's Apologetics

? **Philosophical** apologetic approaches seek to build a logical defense of Christianity based on specific or implied Christian PRESUPPOSITIONS.

- Some apologetics use only this category of defense, calling it "Presuppositional Apologetics".

? **Evidential** apologetics is the use of the "many infallible proofs" God has sovereignly provided.

- Some apologetics use only THIS category of defense.

* **God's Way = Presuppositional Evidentialist**

- A biblically balanced blend of both approaches

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Book - Morris PhD – Many Infallible Proofs

- “The purpose of this book is to survey in systematic and comprehensive fashion the “many infallible proofs” of the unique truth and authority of biblical Christianity, together with a refutation of its alleged discrepancies. It will be seen that, not only is there **no mistake or contradiction** in the Bible, but also there are **innumerable evidences** of its divine inspiration and authority. . . .”
- “Other religions depend on . . . **blind faith** . . .”
- [From the electronic, Kindle Edition, *MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS*]

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Word Study on: Apologetics, Dialogue, Persuasion

- Defense - Luke 12:11-12 apologetomai, Acts 24:10; 25:8; 26:1; 26:24 = **“(apo)from”** (Logos “logic”, “word”) = “from logic or the Word” John 1:1-3 (Logos = Word of God = **JESUS**)
- Apologia - Act 22:1; 25:16; 1 Cor 9:3; Php 1:7, 16; 2 Tim 4:16; **1Pe 3:15**
- To Dialogue or Reason With - various Greek terms
 - Dialogomai = “through asking questions” Acts 17:2-4; 17:17; 18:25;
 - Example: Jesus as a boy in Luke 2
 - Dialogizomai = “through reasoning”, “through logic” Mat 21:25
 - Salligidomai = “together with logic” Luke 20:5
 - Petho = “persuade or convince” (Acts 17:4; 18:4)
- Must always be done **humbly with love** 2 Tim 2:23-26;
- Evidence (Proofs) Heb 11:1; Act 17:3 historical facts not feelings Acts 1:3 tekmarion “many convincing proofs”;
- Acts 17:3 “because he has fixed a day in which He will judge”
- “having furnished *proof* (term = pistis/faith) to all men . . . by raising”
- 2 Cor 13:3 “seeking for proof of the Christ” (dokimae = test of worth) 2 Cor 3:5; 1 Pet 1:7; tested by fire (approve); Jam 1:3; 1 Joh 4:1;

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Logos / Logic

“The Word”

John 1:1

λόγος, -ου, ὁ (λέγω), [fr. Hom. down], Sept. esp. for לִבְרָא, also for לִבְרָא and לִבְרָא; prop. *a collecting, collection*, (see λέγω), — and that, as well of those things which are put together in thought, as of those which, having been thought i. e. gathered together in the mind, are

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Logikos

λογικός, -ή, -όν, (fr. λόγος reason), [Tim. Loer., Dem., al.], *rational* (Vulg. *rationalis*); *agreeable to reason, following reason, reasonable*: λατρεία λογική, the worship which is rendered by the reason or soul, [‘spiritual’],

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“Critical” Thinking?

- “**Critical Thinking**” is often **PC**:
 - Indoctrination, Propaganda, Censorship
 - *Mystically* subjective, *foggy*
 - Like Eastern “meditative” mantras
 - Cultic, extra-biblical, non-biblical
- “**Logikos Thinking**” should be:
 - Diligent study of objective Word
 - *Biblical* Meditation on it

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Dr. Gordon Clark’s warnings ...

A few of Dr. Clark’s books:

- “*God and Logic*” / “*In the Beginning*”
- *Philosophy of Christian Education*
- *Science and God*

• **SEE ALSO**

- Dr. John MacArthur, Dr. Ravi Zacharias, etc . . .

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Clark’s: *In The Beginning*

- “The reason our Bibles translate **logos** as **word** is that Jerome, a monk of the early fifth century, **mistranslated** it as verbum. Jerome’s *Vulgate*, as it is called, . . .”
- “No one should be surprised that the **Logos**, the **logic**, the reason, the wisdom, . . . of God is truth. What is surprising and depressing is the fact that the churches called evangelical have almost totally eliminated this [intellectual process] from their thoughts. . . . they have become . . . **emotionalists** . . . and **existentialists** who find little or no truth in the Bible, they have . . . repudiated theology in favor of a **comfortably blank mind**.”

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Critical Thinking vs Crazy “Christians” ?

- **Sadly**, there are **some “Christians”** who make **exaggerated** and **false claims** about:
 - Science, Evolution, Healings, Miracles, etc . . .
 - Causing others to doubt **anything** “Christian”
- **However**, there are many **Christians**, including **1000’s of respected scholars & scientists** who:
 - **Support** their conclusions with solid **evidence** and **demonstrate** many scientific **beliefs** to be **FALSE**

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A WAR of “WORDS”

- **Battleground** = mind
- **Weapon** = Sword of the Spirit (Scripture)
- **Lie** of the Enemies
 - No morality, no guilt, no death
- **Truth** of God
 - Holiness, sin, separation, suffering, judgment

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The Logos by Gordon Clark

- "This emphasis on the **will** has almost totally **disappeared** from what now passes as Christian preaching. **Freudianism** has replaced it with the **emotions**. The **point** is important because **faith** in Christ is not an emotion but a **vocation**. One does **not feel** for Christ, he **decides** for Christ. The Scripture says, Jesus himself said, "Except you repent, you shall all likewise perish" (*Luke 13:3*). Note very carefully that repentance is a change of mind. Its root is the word *noeō*, "to think." The noun *noēsis* is the intellect. And faith, by which one is justified, is a belief, a **voluntary assent** to an understood proposition." [Emphasis added]
- Spoken to Chattanooga Christian School 1984
- <http://crosswork.org/the-logos-by-gordon-h-clark/>

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J.P. Moreland PhD – Jesus and Logic

- "Today there is widespread **indifference** to, even downright **hostility toward logic** and the fundamental **laws** that govern it. We are sometimes told that logic is a Western construction invented by DWEM's (Dead White European Males such as Aristotle), that in a postmodern world, story and narrative have replaced a cold-hearted, logical approach to life, and that Jesus was a prophet for the common man, not a logician for the "wise and intelligent. **I could not disagree more**" [E. added]
- <http://www.columbiaseminary.org/coffeetalk/123.html>

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Moreland - Think Like Jesus

- "To my mind, **Jesus** was the **greatest** thinker who ever lived. And while **He did not come to develop a theory** about logic or to teach logic as a field of study, it is clear that **He was adept** at employing logical forms and laws in His thinking and reasoning. **We** who are His followers **should go and do likewise**."
- Moreland is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Talbot School of Theology <http://www.columbiaseminary.org/coffeetalk/123.html>

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Theology is the King of All Knowledge

- "Our emphasis on the **Bible** as the sole source of **truth**, on the primacy of the **intellect**, on the supreme importance of correct **doctrine**, and on the necessity for systematic and logical **thinking** is almost unique in Christendom. Christianity is ... the **only** intellectually defensible **system** of thought. **God** has **made the wisdom of this world** – whether that wisdom be called science, religion, philosophy, or common sense"
- **Dr. Robbins** p. 129 *The Philosophy of Science*, by Clark

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Branches of Logic, Formal - Deductive or Inductive

- **Formal**
 - * **Deductive** (from general truths to particular truths)
 - The **most sure path** to establish truths
 - Traditional Aristotelian Logic
 - Modern Symbolic Logic
 - Inductive (from particular examples to general rules)
 - Analogy, Generalization, etc
 - Scientific Hypothetical Reasoning
 - Statistical Reasoning

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Formal Deductive vs. Formal Inductive Logic

- "... **scientists** arrived at these **beliefs** by a process of reasoning or inference. ... **how much confidence** should you place in the **inferences**...? Logicians make an important distinction between deductive and inductive patterns of reasoning. **Deductive reasoning** is a much **safer** activity **than inductive** reasoning. ... deductively, if we start with true premises, we will end up with a **true conclusion**."
- [Emphasis added]
- (Samir Okasha, *Philosophy of Science*, 2002, p. 18-20. Dr. Okasha is Prof. of Philosophy of Science, Bristol University. He received his PhD from Oxford, and is a non-Christian, evolutionist.)

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Informal Logic, Critical Thinking, & Education

- "Informal logic is the attempt to develop a logic to assess, analyze and improve ordinary language (or "everyday") reasoning. It intersects with ... philosophy, formal logic, cognitive psychology, and a range of other disciplines. Most of the work in informal logic focuses on the reasoning ... one finds in personal exchange,"
- "The development of informal logic is tied to educational goals: by the desire to develop ways of analyzing ordinary reasoning which can inform general education. intersect with those of the Critical Thinking Movement, which aims to inform and improve public reasoning, discussion and debate by promoting models of education which emphasize critical inquiry." <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/logic-informal>

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From Yawning to Perceptual Filters

- = "Milieu" (Psycho-babble)
- = "Mental Environment" (Dembski)
- = **Culturally Conditioned Consensus**
- = Politically Correct Thinking
- = Blind Faith
- NOT Critical Thinking
- NOT logikos, Biblical Faith

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Origin of Consciousness?

- "The **human brain** is the most **astounding** and **mysterious** of all known complex systems. Inside this mass of billions of neurons, information flows in ways that we are only starting to understand. The memories of a summer day on the beach when we were kids; **imagination**; our dreams of impossible worlds. **Consciousness**. Our surprising capacity for mathematical generalization and understanding of deep, sometimes counterintuitive questions about the universe. Our brains are capable of this and much more. How? We don't know; **the mind is a daunting problem for science**."
- Scientists, Richard Sole PhD and Brian Godwin PhD, *Signs of Life* (New York, NY: Basic Books, 2000), p. 119.

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... Beliefs are influenced by: **Evidence**

- EVIDENCE** - can be either strong or weak
 - * (Heb 11:1) Like the smoke in my classroom
 - * **Types of Evidence**
 - Logic/Reason, History, Philosophy, Experiences
 - Science (Direct to Indirect Continuum) (Astro, Geo, Bio/Genetics, Psychosocial ...)
 - * **Facts** are provable only in **MATH**, but not science
 - Math can be proven as Fact: $2 + 2 = 4$
 - **NOT** Hypotheses -> or Theories -> or Laws
- Undiscovered variables could disprove any hypothesis, theory, or scientific law (and have often done so).*

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... Beliefs are ALSO influenced by: **Desires**

- DESIRES** can be truth-**seeking** or truth-**avoiding**
 - We often believe only what we **WANT**
 - **Biased interpretation** of evidence can cause "**blind-faith**" instead of rational belief
 - **Moral** temptation can lead to **willful ignorance**.
- Romans 1:18*
- "unrighteousness of men who SUPPRESS the truth"*

"Often, the heart of our problem is the problem of our heart."

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Deuteronomy 18:20-22

- "But the prophet who **presumes** to speak a word in **my name** that I have not commanded him to speak, ... that same prophet shall **die**."
- "And if you say in your heart, 'How may we **know** the word that the Lord has **not** spoken?'"
- "when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if **the word does not come to pass or come true**, that is a word that **the Lord has not spoken**; the prophet has spoken it **presumptuously**."

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Proverbs 18:17

"The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him."

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Warning of deception cont.....

- **2 Timothy 3:13**
"But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, **deceiving** and being deceived."
- **Revelation 19:20**
"And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he **deceived** those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone."

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God's Way

to know His will & make wise decisions

- **Prayer**
- **Principles**
- **Providence**
- **Practice**

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God's Way – continued

(Prayer, Principles, Providence, Practice)

- **Prayer** (Matt 6:9-12) Is speaking to God, not listening for His voice
 - Jesus did not teach his followers to listen for mystical impressions from God in prayer

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Prayer ? For What?

- James 1:1-8
- ... if anyone lacks **wisdom** let him ask ...
- 1 Corinthians 4:6 "... learn **not to think beyond** what is **written** (*graphae*)"
- 1 Corinthians 8:1 [Wisdom is the loving **application of principles**]

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God's Way

(Prayer, Principles, Providence, Practice)

- **Principles** by the Book (Bible)
 - **Commanded?** Does the Bible **demand** it?
 - **Allowable?** Does the Bible **prohibit** it?
 - **Best?**
 - If you have many allowable choices, then which Bible principles help you decide the **wisest** one based on your life situation?

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God's Way

(Prayer, Principles, **Providence**, Practice)

- **Providence** – God's orchestration of circumstances that limit what is possible
 - If you are trying to decide between two job offers and one of the companies goes out of business, then that choice is out 😊

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God's Way

(Prayer, Principles, Providence, **Practice**)

- **Practice** –
 - “Not my will but Thy will be done”
 - Learning to walk in submissive trust
 - Seeing His faithfulness as we look BACK at the way He worked all things for “good”
 - “Good” = His glory, maturity for us and others

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Practical Examples

- **Choosing a Spouse**
 - 1 Cor 7: Only a mature believer
 - Mat 7: A home on a solid foundation (pyramid)
 - Good News: No magical match made it heaven
- **Choosing a Job or Vocation**
 - Exo 20:15 No immoral or illegal activity
 - 1 Cor 7 Meeting responsibilities to your family
 - What if you have many allowable & wise choices

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A sculpture can be beautiful, yet broken.
Earth is broken due to the FALL - until Christ returns.

“the **creation** itself also will be **set free** from its **slavery** to **corruption** into the freedom of the glory of the **children of God.**”

Romans 8:21

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The Way of “Survival of the Fittest”

Is this from God?

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Dr. Ravi Zacharias Oxford University Visiting Prof
 - speaking on the Commonality of Suffering -

“... **every worldview** – not just Christianity – must give an explanation or an **answer** for **evil and suffering.**”

“Either evil ... proves God does not exist or evil is **most coherently explained** by the **Christian view** of God and His **purpose in CREATION.**”

JESUS AMONG OTHER GODS:
The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message, p.108

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Theological Skill is Crucial in the Mind-Battle

- “... when the ploughman and the garage attendant **know the Bible as well** as the theologian does, **and know it better** than some contemporary theologians, then the desired **awakening** shall have **already** occurred.”

- Gordon Clark PhD, Internationally respected philosopher, theologian, and apologist.
- p. 130 *The Philosophy of Science*, by Gordon Clark PhD

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Defending our Father's Honor - Outline

Introduction: Why should you be able to defend your beliefs about both our **good God and suffering?**

1. **Logie** verifies **God** (John 1:1)
 * NEXT Session – Part 2 below ...
2. **Science** verifies **Creation** (Romans 1:20) →
3. **History** verifies **Scripture** (Luke 1:1-4)
4. **Religion** verifies **Christianity** (Romans 3:28)
5. **Prophecy** verifies **Jesus** (Luke 24:25-27)
6. **Time** verifies **Judgment** (Hebrews 9:27)
7. **Action** verifies **Faithfulness** (James 2:20)

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APPENDIX Recommended Resources:

Creation Websites -
www.answersingenesis.org

www.creation.com

www.icr.org

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A Top Evolutionary Web Resource
is www.TALKorigins.org – however . . .

- It is refuted at every point by creation scientists sites:
- www.TRUEorigin.org (creationists)
- <http://Creation.com> and www.ICR.org (creationists)
- www.AnswersInGenesis.org (creationists)

YES, there is too much data (*it seems overwhelming*), BUT relax, you **don't** need to be an expert to understand the foundational issues involved.

* [Macro-evolution cannot answer 7 Key Questions →](#)

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Website: www.creation.com
Creation Ministries International

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Website: www.AnswersInGenesis.org
Answers in Genesis

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Recommended Website: www.icr.org
ICR – Inst. Creation Research

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Technical Journals:

- [Journal of Creation](http://www.creation.com)
- [Answers Research Journal](http://www.answersingenesis.org)

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Popular Magazines:

- [Answers Magazine](http://www.answersingenesis.org)
- [Creation Magazine](http://www.creation.com)

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BS summa cum laude
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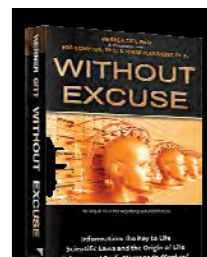
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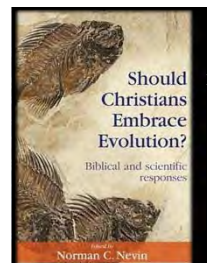
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Should Christians Embrace Evolution?
 Biblical & scientific responses

- 2009 - Edited by Norman C. Nevin PhD
- Professor Emeritus of Medical Genetics, Queen's University of Belfast and Head of the Northern Regional Genetics Service.
- See many quotes in the APPENDIX below

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