

CLASS HANDBOOK

CONTAINING: STUDY GUIDES | STUDY QUESTIONS | HOMEWORK VIDEOS | VIDEO NOTES



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Dear Friend in Christ,

Thank you for entering The Michigan School of Apologetics!

My hope, after the completion of six weeks of classes, is that you will have:

- » a renewed confidence about why your Christian faith is true.
- » a greater love for Christ and His Word.
- » a passion to tell others what you've learned.
- » the desire to make a difference for Christ and His Kingdom.

I have spent the last twenty years sharing and defending Christ and his Gospel. This handbook is my effort to not only give you the very best in apologetic material, but also to provide you with effective, field-tested tools.

I would also encourage you to enter into this time together prayerfully. Pray for God to allow you to attend all six weeks. Pray for not only growth in knowledge, but for your passion to reach others for Christ. Lastly, pray for protection. We have an enemy. Therefore, pray for God's grace to grow and learn without any distractions.

I am excited to get to know you better, and to help you grow in Christ through studying apologetics and evangelism. Let me know if you have any questions about your own faith, or other questions you might be struggling with.

Thank you again, and may this course be life-changing for you.

For Christ and His Kingdom,

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BASIC GRADUATION CERTIFICATE

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MSOA Exists to Strengthen Christians and Equip them to Share and Defend the Truths of a Biblical Worldview

WEEK 1:

- » Class 1A: Apologetics Can Change Your Life
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- » Class 2B: How to Share your Faith without Sounding Offensive

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WEEK 6:

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- » Class 6B: Q and A time | Exam | Awarding of Graduation Certificates

APOLOGETICS CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Goals for apologetic training:

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1. Dr. Norman Geisler's definition of apologetics:

» Positive:

» Negative:

2. The major threats in the West to our culture and Christian values:

» Atheism:

» Moral relativism:

» The historical Jesus:

» No soul:

▶ **VIDEO** *Frontline: Who is Jesus?*

3. A major challenge in the East and our world to Christian values:

The religion denies:

1.

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3.

4. The Bible's answer to the challenges we face as Christians:

- » Philippians 1:7
- » 1 Peter 3:15
- » Jude 3

▶ **VIDEO** *Larry King Live with Jews for Jesus (3:45 - 6:47)*

5. Apologetics and spiritual warfare:

- » Not just humans and God that exist; we have an enemy.
- » Satan's strategy is clearly seen starting in Genesis 3:1-5
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

How does apologetics then help conquer spiritual warfare?

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INTRODUCTION TO COMMON OBJECTIONS

▶ **VIDEO** *Cute Atheist Girl Debates Christian*

What the Christian man did well:

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The atheist's main objections:

1. There is no scientific evidence for God.

- » Tape measure analogy:

2. How can Jesus be the only way?


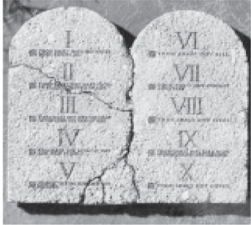





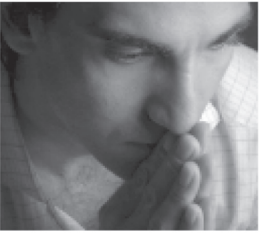




» The greatest person:

» Solved the greatest problem:

» With the greatest solution:

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S MESSAGE

How Can You Enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

<p>Belief in God</p>  <p>James 2:19</p>	<p>Keep the Ten Commandments</p>  <p>Romans 3:20</p>	<p>Love God</p>  <p>John 14:21</p>
<p>Help Others</p>  <p>John 14:21</p>	<p>Be a Good Person</p>  <p>Romans 3:10</p>	<p>Baptism</p>  <p>Acts 2:38</p>
<p>Communion</p>  <p>1 Corinthians 11:25</p>	<p>Pray</p>  <p>Matthew 6:5-8</p>	<p>Go to Church</p>  <p>Acts 14:27</p>
<p>Read the Bible</p>  <p>John 5:39</p>	<p>Do Your Best</p>  <p>1 Peter 1:15</p>	<p>Anything Else?</p> 

“Dim or indistinct views of sin are the origin of most of the errors, heresies, and false doctrines of the present day. If a man does not realize the dangerous nature of his soul’s disease, you cannot wonder if he is content with false or imperfect remedies.” – J.C. RYLE

▶ **VIDEO** *Duck Dynasty - Phil Robertson - Deciding to follow Jesus*

★ WITNESSING TIP #1

What then is the #1 apologetic issue Christian’s face?



WHAT IS THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-4?

1. Christ:

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2. ...died...

3. ...for our sins...

“Greek word: For”

4. According to the Scriptures

5. ...that he was buried...

6. ...that he was raised on the third day

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▶ **VIDEO** *Courageous Movie Scene: Gun Range Gospel*

» The gospel in 3 seconds:

» The best question to ask someone to see if they understand the gospel:

» Galatians 2:21 and a good question to ask:

HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITHOUT SOUNDING OFFENSIVE

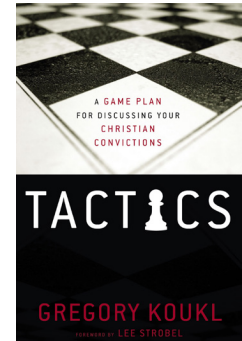
Based on the book: *Tactics* by Greg Koukl (www.str.org)

God considers us His Ambassadors. (*2 Corinthians 5:20*)

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The Ambassador's Creed by Greg Koukl

READY

An Ambassador is alert and for chances to represent Christ and will not back away from a challenge or an opportunity.

TACTICAL

An Ambassador adapts to each unique person and situation, maneuvering with wisdom to challenge bad thinking, and presenting the truth in an understandable and compelling way.

HONEST

An Ambassador is careful with the facts and will not misrepresent another's view, overstate his own case, or understate the demands of the Gospel.

DEPENDENT

An Ambassador knows that effectiveness requires joining his best efforts with God's power.

REASONABLE

An Ambassador has informed convictions (not just feelings), gives reasons, asks questions, seeks answers, and will not be stumped by the same challenge twice.

CLEAR

An Ambassador is careful with language and will not rely on Christian lingo, nor gain unfair advantage by resorting to empty rhetoric.

HUMBLE

An Ambassador is provisional in his claims, knowing that his understanding of truth is fallible. He will not press a point beyond what the evidence allows.

PATIENT

An Ambassador won't quarrel, but will listen in order to understand, then with gentleness seek to respectfully engage those who disagree.

FAIR

An Ambassador is sympathetic and understanding toward others and will acknowledge the merits of contrary views.

ATTRACTIVE

An Ambassador will act with grace, kindness, and good manners. He will not dishonor Christ in his conduct.

THE USE OF TACTICS WILL ENABLE YOU TO:

- » Completely control a conversation
- » Be in the driver's seat in a witnessing encounter
- » Allows the other person to do most of the work
- » Sway confrontation and defensiveness
- » Avoid quarrels
- » Easy ways to escape challenging questions and people
- » A way to minimize the awkwardness of confrontation
- » Engage a person productively
- » Come across as thoughtful and interested
- » Be totally confident in your approach
- » Put a stone in someone's shoe in a good way
- » Be used by God to help someone consider Christ

"Once you learn how to guide a conversation, you have also learned how to control it."

— HUGH HEWITT

DANIEL 2:14: (NIV)

Possible Situations

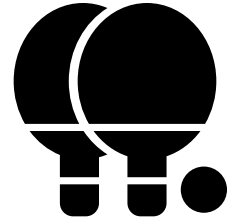
1. You're at a friend's house and someone admits they don't believe in God. What do you do?

2. You're at a Bible study and a newcomer says, "Who are we to push our views on others, besides, God is love anyway."

3. At your lunch break, you try to share your faith, and your co-worker says, "I don't believe in the Bible. It was translated over and over again...you can't trust it. Plus, it was written by men."

WHAT DO WE DO?

Use questions...like in a ping pong game!



1ST QUESTION: _____?

Or,

What do you mean by “God?”

What do you mean by “you don’t believe?”

What do you mean by “pushing your views?”

What do you mean by “God is love?”

What do you mean by “...the Bible was translated?”

What do you mean by “...the Bible was written by men?”

ASKING QUESTIONS BACK ACCOMPLISHES MANY THINGS:

1. Forces the other person to think.
2. Makes the other person do the work.
3. If sincere, you come across as friendly and interested.
4. You get an education. It puts you in fact finding mode.
5. Enables you to go from point to point without seeming pushy.

According to nationally-syndicated radio talk show host, Hugh Hewitt, we should ask at least a half dozen questions in every conversation.

2ND QUESTION: _____?

- » The first question, “What do you mean by that?” helps you know...

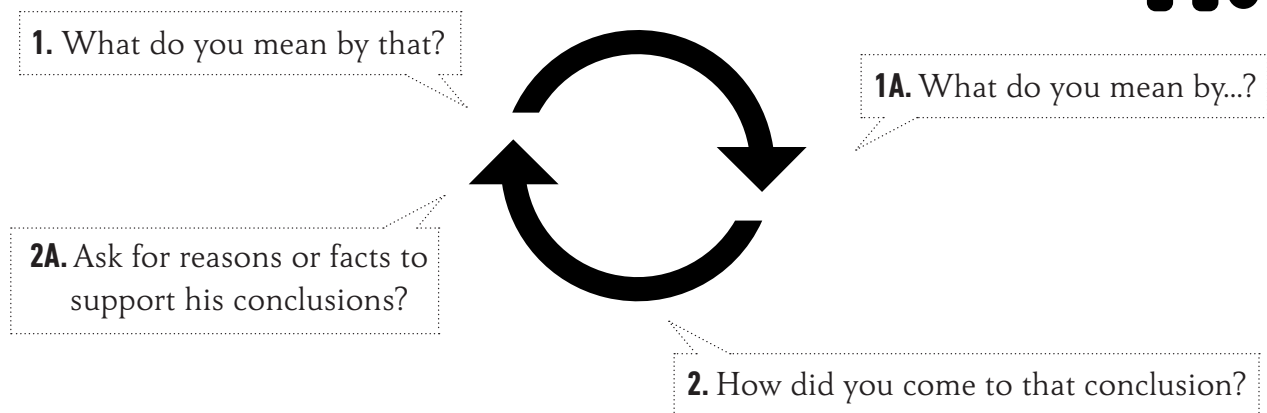
- » The second question, “How did you come to that conclusion?” helps you know...

“Some people think Christians are the only ones who need to answer for their beliefs.”
— **GREG KOUKL**

Whoever makes the claim bears the _____! ★ **THIS POINT IS HUGE!**

“People should be able to give reasons for important things they think are true. Instead of letting our critics have a free ride, we make them defend their own beliefs – or unbelief, as the case may be. I called this move ‘reversing the burden of proof.’” — **GREG KOUKL**

★ REVIEW: THINK PING PONG!



CLASS HOMEWORK:

“I think religion causes more harm than anything else.”

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“I think Hell is so unfair. I can’t believe in a God like that.”

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“Science and evolution have proven there is no God.”

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“The Bible has been changed.”

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“I think I’m good enough to go to heaven.”

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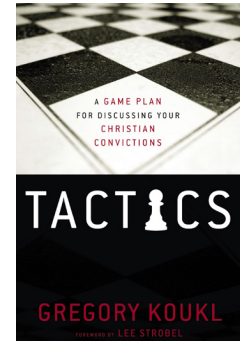
PRACTICING AND EXPANDING THE TACTICAL APPROACH

Based on the book: *Tactics* by Greg Koukl (www.str.org)

▶ **VIDEO** *I found a Jesus who taught love for all people, not hate.*

The Two Main Questions always are:

- 1.
- 2.



BUT WHAT COMES NEXT?

A. Ask yourself if the person's conclusion is justified by the evidence they give.

B. If you find you don't have the resources to take the conversation further, let it die a natural death. Make it a learning experience.

C. Which ways do you want the conversation to go?

- 1.
- 2.

D. Now it's time to go on the offensive, without being offensive.

» How?

E. The last step is more demanding because you have to be able to see weakness in the person's argument before you can work with it. This will come in time.

F. Examples of leading questions:

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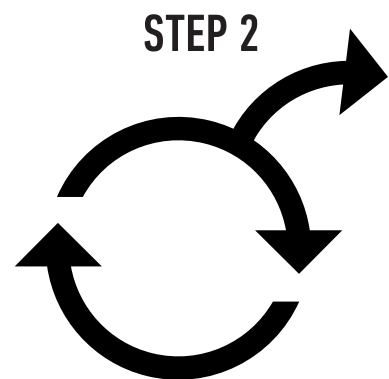
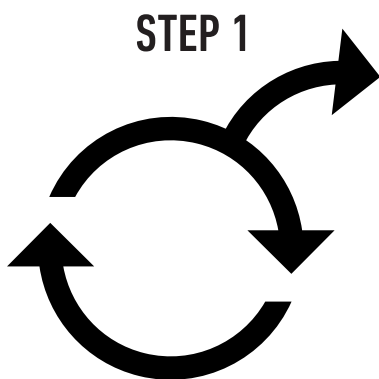
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SHARING GOD'S MESSAGE



▶ **VIDEO** *Witness – “Wake-up call”*

What did Kirk Cameron do well?

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What did Kirk Cameron forget in his message?

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HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH ONE-ON-ONE

The Bad News | Based heavily on “The Way of the Master” wayofthemaster.com
W.D.J.D. – “WHAT DID JESUS DO?”

W: Would you consider yourself to be good enough to go to heaven? (*Proverbs 20:6*)

D: Do you think you’ve kept the 10 Commandments? (*Romans 3:10-12, 20*)

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J: Judgment – If God were to judge you by the 10 Commandments, would you be guilty or innocent? (*Hebrews 9:27*)

D: Deserve – Do you deserve to go to Heaven or to Hell? (*Revelation 20:11-15*)

The GREAT News | Based very loosely on “The Way of the Master” wayofthemaster.com
3 C’S AND 3 T’S!

C: Concern | Does that concern you? (*James 4:6*)

C: Christ | The perfect, sinless, Son of God; God in human flesh. (*1 John 5:20*)
» “Do you know who Jesus is?”

C: Cross | Jesus’ death paid for sin and fulfilled prophecy. (*1 Corinthians 15:3-4*)
» “Do you know why Jesus died for you?”

T: Triumph! | Jesus raised Himself from the dead! (*1 Corinthians 15:3-4, John 2:19-22*)
» “Do you know why Jesus had to raise from the dead?”

T: Turn | We must repent of our sins. (Think differently) (*Mark 1:15, Acts 20:21*)
» “What must we do to get right with God?”

» “Was Jesus’ death enough, or do we need to do something else?”

T: Trust in Jesus Christ as our only Savior and Lord. (*John 3:16, Acts 16:31*)
» “What’s keeping you from trusting Jesus as your God and Savior?”

DOES TRUTH EXIST?

WHAT IS TRUTH?

What does subjective or relative truth mean?

What does objective or absolute truth mean?

13 OBJECTIONS TO OBJECTIVE TRUTH:

Motive for these answers:

1. There is no truth.

2. There is no absolute truth.

3. Truth doesn't exist.

4. No one can know the truth.

5. No one can know anything for sure.

6. What's true for you, isn't true for me.

7. Everything is meaningless.

8. You should doubt everything.

9. You shouldn't judge.

10. Christians shouldn't judge.

11. Christians shouldn't push their views on others.

12. You Christians think you're so right.

13. Truth is relative.

So, does Truth exist?

EVIDENCES THAT THE BIBLE IS THE SUPERNATURAL WORD OF GOD

“A man may have prodigious learning, and yet never be saved. He may be master of half the languages spoken around the globe. He may be acquainted with the highest and deepest things in heaven and earth. He may have read books till he is like a walking encyclopedia. He may be familiar with the stars of heaven, the birds of the air, the beasts of the earth, and the fishes of the sea. He may be able to speak of plants, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows on the wall. He may be able to discourse of all the secrets of fire, air, earth, and water. And yet, if he dies ignorant of Bible truths, he dies a miserable man. Chemistry never silenced a guilty conscience. Mathematics never healed a broken heart. All the sciences in the world never smoothed down a dying pillow. No earthly philosophy ever supplied hope in death. No natural theology ever gave peace in the prospect of meeting a holy God. All these things are of the earth, earthy, and can never raise a man above the earth’s level. They may enable a man to strut and fret his little season here below with a more dignified gait than his fellow-mortals, but they can never give him wings, and enable him to soar towards heaven. He that has the largest share of them, will find at length that without Bible knowledge he has no lasting possession.” — J.C. RYLE

Why is the Bible so important (2 Timothy 3:15-16)?

Why is the Bible so attacked?

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SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

» The amazing first verse of the Bible:

» Count the stars:

» The earth suspended over nothing:

» The shape of the earth:

MEDICAL EVIDENCES:

Ebers Papyrus

Acts 7:22 "...and moses learned all the wisdom of the egyptians."

Exodus 15:6 "I am the God who heals you..."

» Sanitation: (*Deuteronomy 23:12-13, Exodus 29:34, Leviticus 22:4-8*)

» Handling of dead bodies and washing: (*Numbers 5:2-4, 9:6, 19:11-16, Leviticus 11:24-28*)

» Disinfection: (*Leviticus 14:34-48, Leviticus 15:2-13, Deuteronomy 24:8*)

» Quarantine: (*Leviticus 13:4-6, 31-33*)

PROPHECIES:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/the-messiah/>

A practical way to show the Bible is supernatural:

Introduction Question:

Read Outloud: Isaiah 53:3-6

Question 1:

Question 2:

Conclusion:

Isaiah 53 was written in 700 B.C.

Dead Sea Scroll of Isaiah Digital (<http://dss.collections.imj.org.il/isaiah>)

PRACTICAL HELP FROM MSOA:

- ▶ **YOUTUBE** *“Why is the Bible God’s Word if it was written by men?”*
- ▶ **YOUTUBE** *“Is there evidence the Bible is the Word of God?”*
- ▶ **YOUTUBE** *“Were the Gospel writers biased?”*

VIDEOS TO WATCH ON WHY WE CAN TRUST THE BIBLE

Dr. Frank Turek:

New Testament – Too Embarrassing to be False

Early Testimony For The New Testament

Frank Turek – Is the New Testament True?

Jay Warner Wallace:

Jay Warner Wallace – God’s Crime Scene

Dr. Peter Williams:

Lecture: Dr Peter Williams – New Evidences the Gospels were Based on Eyewitness Accounts

HOW TO TALK TO AN ATHEIST

Making a C.A.S.E for God's Existence:

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A:

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The Definition of Atheism:

Introduction: How does someone become an atheist?

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A. Encountering atheists and embarrassment:

» Romans 1:18-20:

» Psalm 19:1-2:

Made:

Design:

Art:

B. How does the human heart impact God's clear evidence?

» John 11:38-53, 12:9-11:

» Romans 1:18:

» A good question to ask to know whether the problem is an intellectual problem, or chiefly a spiritual problem:

C. Levels of interaction

» Open or Closed?

▶ **YOUTUBE** *Tim Hawkins – Atheist Kids' Songs*

A LOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ARGUMENT FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD:

The Kalam Cosmological Argument:

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D. Atheist rebuttals

- » “I believe in science...”

- » “Where did God come from?”

▶ **YOUTUBE** *Who Created God? John Lennox at the Veritas Forum at UCLA*

▶ **YOUTUBE** *Who Designed the Designer? A response to Dawkins – The God Delusion by Dr. William Lane Craig*

VIDEOS TO WATCH ON YOUTUBE ON ATHEISM:

John Lennox:

Miracles: Is belief in the supernatural irrational? With John Lennox at Harvard

Greg Koukl:

Greg Koukl – The New Atheists: Old Argument New Attitude

VIDEOS TO WATCH ON YOUTUBE ON SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE FOR GOD'S EXISTENCE:

How did the universe begin? (The Kalam Cosmological Argument by William Lane Craig)

Five reasons why you can believe God exists | The John Ankerberg show

10 Really bad Youtube objections to the Kalam Cosmological Argument

"The Kalam Cosmological Argument" | William Lane Craig at Georgia Tech

Lee Strobel: The Case for a Creator

VIDEOS TO WATCH ON YOUTUBE ON ATHEISM FROM MSOA:

Is Belief in God Irrational?

What is the Best Evidence God Created?

Do we need faith to believe in God?

GOD EXISTS, SO WHY IS THERE EVIL AND SUFFERING?

Introduction:



A. Evil and suffering affect people in two primary ways:

1.

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B. A question to find out if a person's struggle with suffering is an intellectual problem, or primarily emotional:

C. Evil and suffering are used against the Christian faith.

Example:

D. Evil and suffering is everyone's problem. Christianity offers a better answer, and hope.

PART 1: DOES EVIL AND SUFFERING DISPROVE GOD'S EXISTENCE? OR, THAT GOD IS GOOD?

Story of University of Massachusetts student:

- » If God is good and loves all human beings, it is reasonable to believe that he wants to deliver the creatures he loves from evil and suffering?
- » If God is all-knowing, it is reasonable to believe that he knows how to deliver his creatures from evil and suffering.
- » If God is all-powerful, it is reasonable to believe that he is able to deliver his creatures from evil and suffering.
- » Conclusion: if God wants to deliver people from evil, knows how to deliver people from evil, and is able to deliver people from evil and suffering, but since evil and suffering still exists, God most likely does not exist.

GREAT QUESTION USING TACTICS:

- » We know what is wrong, because we know what is...
- » Incorrect...
- » A bad painting...
- » A crooked line:
- » A good bowler:

Evil only makes sense when comparing it something good. Without God as the standard of real or objective good, it is hard (even impossible) to ground an event as evil, morally wrong, or a tragedy.

What is evil then? What if God doesn't exist?

What would a world without God and objective good look like?

- » Hitler:
- » Mother Teresa:
- » Jeffrey Dahmer:

Therefore, real evil in the world actually proves God, rather than disproves God. How so?

“My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?” – C.S. LEWIS

TOOTH DECAY:

▶ **YOUTUBE** *The Moral Argument*

1. Evil exists
2. Objective good must exist
3. Objective moral good must come from a morally good law-maker
4. God is the good behind all objective laws
5. Therefore, God exists

PART 2: BUT WHY DOESN'T GOD INTERVENE?

Picking and choosing our moral tragedies (Greg Koukl)

- » December 14th, 2012. Sandy Hook Elementary School.
 - » How many Americans that same day...
 - » Sins that day were multiplied thousands of times over.
 - » There were no outcries against these sins on the nightly news.

“We don’t complain when evil makes us feel better, only when it makes us feel bad. If the truth were known, we do not judge disasters based on unprejudiced moral assessment, but rather on what is painful, awkward, or inconvenient to us. We only cry ‘foul’ when He doesn’t stop others from hurting us.” – KOUKL

The problem of evil is much bigger than Sandy Hook or 9/11

- » It includes all the ordinary corruptions...
- » Hundreds of small vices and sins that me and you...
- » It entails not only what offends us, but what offends...

Why doesn't God stop evil in the world?

- » Why doesn't God stop me every time I...
- » If God wanted to stop evil, He might just say, "Okay, I'll start with..."
- » If God heard your prayer and decided to end evil at 12:00 a.m., where would you...

"The discomfoting reality is that evil deeds can never be isolated from the evil doer. Each one of us is guilty in some capacity, and we know it. That's the problem." – KOUKL

Why doesn't God do something about evil?

- » God has done something about the evil in the world
- » God is patient...

The uniqueness of God's plan...

- » God has chosen to extend mercy and redeem people.
- » God has taken on sins of you and I by the gospel.
- » Instead punishing sinners, he saves sinners.



"Our dilemma should not be why God allows evil. Instead, our wonder should be why He would pay such an incredible price to rescue us at all when we have rebelled so completely against Him. When this reality grabs our hearts, we will get down on our knees and ask forgiveness instead of criticizing God for not doing enough." – KOUKL

▶ **YOUTUBE** Videos to watch on Youtube on the problem of evil

- » Clay Jones Why God Allows Evil
- » Clay Jones Will Heaven be Worth it?
- » CSAP The history of human sin
- » CSAP The history of human sin, part 2
- » CSAP The origins of Evil - Clay Jones
- » CSAP Understanding Free Will
- » Clay B Jones Killing the Canaanites was justified capital punishment
- » Greg Koukl - If God is all powerful then why does evil exist?

PART 3: HELPING WITH THE EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY EVIL AND SUFFERING

1. Remember, God's love has already been proven to me, no matter what circumstances come my way. (*Romans 5:8*)

2. Remember, God is the owner of all things, even our children. We are just His managers. (*Psalm 24:1*)

3. Remember, pain and suffering will end soon. (*Revelation 22:20*)

4. Remember, amazing good can come out of tragedy. (*Romans 8:28-29*)

5. Remember, God promises the blessings to come with eternal life will far outweigh the trouble we have gone through. (*2 Corinthians 4:16-18*)

6. Remember those who go through tragedy without Christ. Pray and look for ways to bring the gospel to those who go through loss like you have. (*2 Corinthians 4:7-15*)

ANSWERING MORE COMMON OBJECTIONS

NO.1: EXCUSING CHRISTIANITY BECAUSE OF CHRISTIANS

▶ **YOUTUBE** *Richard Dawkins: If I meet god when I die*

» Religion is the cause for all the harm in the world.

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» Christians are hypocrites.

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» I know a lot of mean Christians.

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» Christians are stupid.

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» Christians act just like the world...there is no difference.

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NO. 2: EVOLUTION IS A FACT.

▶ **VIDEO** *Evolution Vs. God Movie*

▶ **VIDEO** *Ben Stein's movie Expelled - No Intelligence Allowed*

▶ **VIDEO** *Lee Strobel The Case for the Creator Full Documentary*

▶ **VIDEO** *Darwin's Dilemma*

▶ **VIDEO** *David Berlinski explains problems with evolution*

▶ **VIDEO** *Amazing seminar on intelligent design by Stephen Meyer*

» Definition of evolution:

» Micro evolution:

» Macro evolution:

» The problem:

» An answer:

NO. 3: WHY IS CHRISTIANITY TRUE?

WHAT DO I DO NOW THAT MSOA IS OVER?

STUDY QUESTIONS

CLASS 1A: APOLOGETICS CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

- » What does the word apologetics mean biblically?

- » Explain Dr. Norman Geisler's definition of apologetics in your own words:

- » How does apologetics help conquer spiritual warfare?

CLASS 1B: INTRODUCTION TO COMMON OBJECTIONS

- » Name a couple of things to keep in mind when talking to a non-christian:

- » Explain what would you say if someone said there is no scientific evidence for God:

- » What would you say if someone said, “How can Jesus be the only way?”

CLASS 2A: UNDERSTANDING GOD’S MESSAGE

- » What is the biblical definition of the Gospel according to 1 Corinthians 15:3-4?

- » What is the best question to ask someone to see if they understand the gospel?

- » What is the gospel in 3 seconds?

CLASS 2B: HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITHOUT SOUNDING OFFENSIVE

- » What does it mean that whoever makes a claim, has to bear the burden of proof?

» What is the first tactical question to ask someone when challenged?

» What is the second tactical question to ask someone when challenged?

CLASS 3A: PRACTICING AND EXPANDING THE TACTICAL APPROACH

» What are some examples of leading questions?

» Why are leading questions important?

» What are the three qualities to being a good ambassador?

CLASS 3B: SHARING GOD'S MESSAGE

» What is the purpose of God's Law, or the 10 Commandments?

» Why is using the Law often necessary first, before we present the gospel?

» What is the definition of:

» Repentance:

» Faith:

CLASS 4A: DOES TRUTH EXIST?

» What is the definition of truth?

» What would you say to someone who said, "There is no truth."?

- » Once someone admits truth exists, what would be the next logical question to ask him or her?

CLASS 4B: EVIDENCES THAT THE BIBLE IS THE SUPERNATURAL WORD OF GOD

- » Why is the Word of God necessary for someone to come to salvation?

- » Explain how you could use Isaiah 53 to show someone the Bible is the Word of God.

- » Why is Genesis 1:1 such a powerful evidence for the Bible?

CLASS 5A: HOW TO TALK TO AN ATHEIST

- » Why is the Bible not needed to convince someone God exists?

» According to Romans 1:18-32, why does someone reject God?

» Give a logical and scientific argument on why God exists.

CLASS 5B: THE PROBLEM OF EVIL AND SUFFERING IN THE WORLD

» How would you answer the charge, “Why did God create a world full of evil?”

» Using your tactics, how would you simply answer the question, “Why does God allow evil?”

» Give an answer to the question, “Why doesn’t God stop evil?”

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▶ **VIDEO** *Teaching on the Resurrection of Jesus – Gary Habermas, PhD*

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