



ARMING APOLOGISTS #13: PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHICAL APOLOGETICS!

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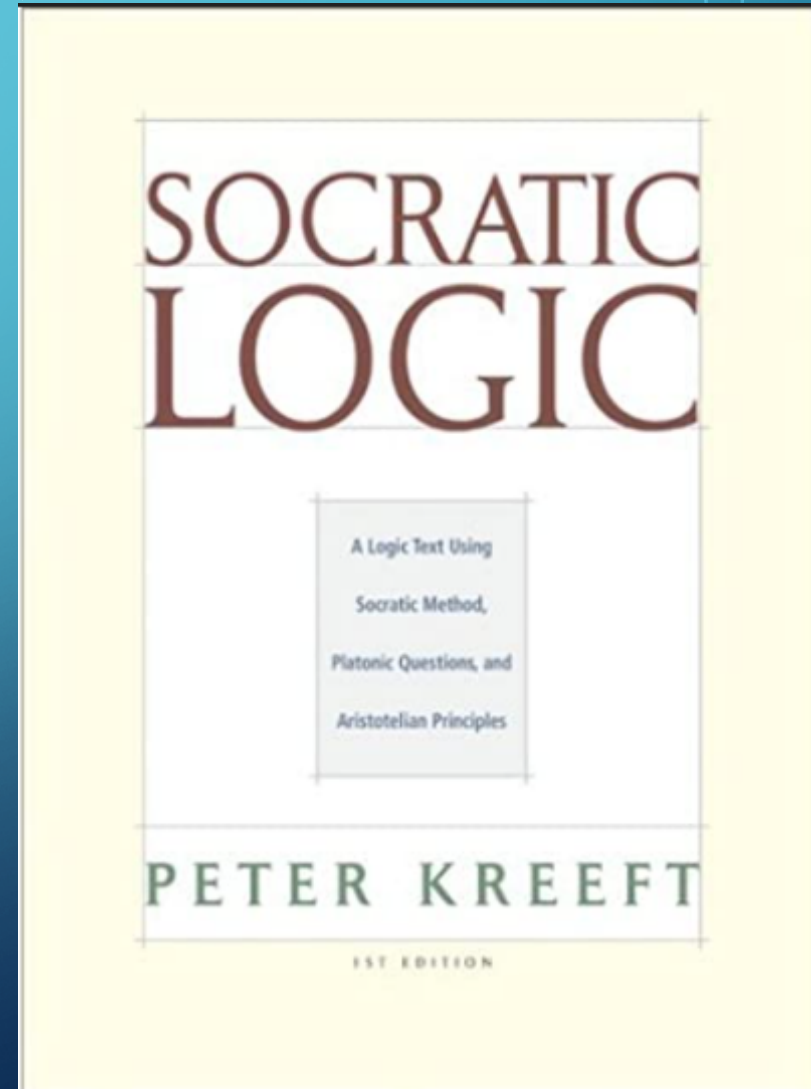
ATHOL BAPTIST CHURCH

COURSE OUTLINE

- Questions?
- Philosophical Apologetics Review
- Practical Philosophical Application

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- *Socratic Logic: A Logic Text Using Socratic Method, Platonic Questions, and Aristotelian Principles*
 - Dr. Peter Kreeft



MAXIM: ESTABLISH TRUTH

- Philosophical Apologetics
 - Defending Sound Philosophy (Way of Thinking)
 - Common Ground not Neutral Ground
- Tenets of Truth
 - Correlation to Reality
 - Exclusive Nature
 - Absolute Standard
- Law of Non-Contradiction

1ST ACT OF THE MIND

- Apprehension (Act)
- Essence (Reveals)
- What do you mean? (Practical Application)

THREE KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Concepts are immaterial & private
- Terms are either clear or unclear
- Solve ambiguity with definitions

2ND ACT OF THE MIND

- Judgment (Act)
- Existence (Reveals)
- What is your point? (Practical Application)

THREE KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Premises make a truth claim via a declarative sentence
- Multitude of methods for verifying its veracity
- A premise can only be true or false

3RD ACT OF THE MIND

- Reasoning (Act)
- Cause (Reveals)
- Why? (Practical Application)

THREE KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Deductive reasoning, when correct, demands certainty
- An argument can only be valid or invalid
- Validity is not the only, best, or easiest way to defeat an argument

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- BJJ – Learning, **DRILLING**, & Testing
- Who needs a suit?
- Adversarial Instruction
- “Melee Mayhem”

DIAMONDS

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DIAMONDS

- Questions?
- Agnostic
 - How can anyone truly know?
- Tenets of Truth
 - Corresponds to reality
 - Exclusive Nature
 - Absolute Standard

HEARTS

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HEARTS

- Questions?
- New Age
 - Individual feelings and experience should be our guide
- Law of Non-contradiction
 - “Nature” obeys

CLUBS

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CLUBS

- Questions?
- Latter-Day Saint
 - We're the same, LDS just have higher revelation
- 1st Act of the Mind / Terms
 - Jesus the Christ
 - Grace
 - Eternal Life
 - Salvation

SPADES

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SPADES

- Questions?
- Atheist
 - Most aggressive & prepared to debate
 - (Emotionally Charged)
- 2nd & 3rd Acts of the Mind / Truth & Validity
 - Biblical & Theological Attacks
 - Unrelated conclusions

ENDING EXHORTATION

- Truth favors the Bold
- “The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.”

Proverbs 28:1 NKJV

QUESTIONS?

- Fun?
- Revelations?
- Thank you

ARMING APOLOGISTS LESSON 13:

PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHICAL APOLOGETICS II HOMEWORK

Read Chapter 2 of *I Don't Have Enough Faith* _____

1. Review your performance during the practical application, list the three biggest take-aways from the practical application:

A: _____

B: _____

C: _____

Notecards:

1 – Truth favors the Bold / Proverbs 28:1 _____