

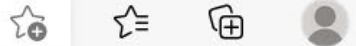
ARMING APOLOGISTS #8: Second Act of the Mind

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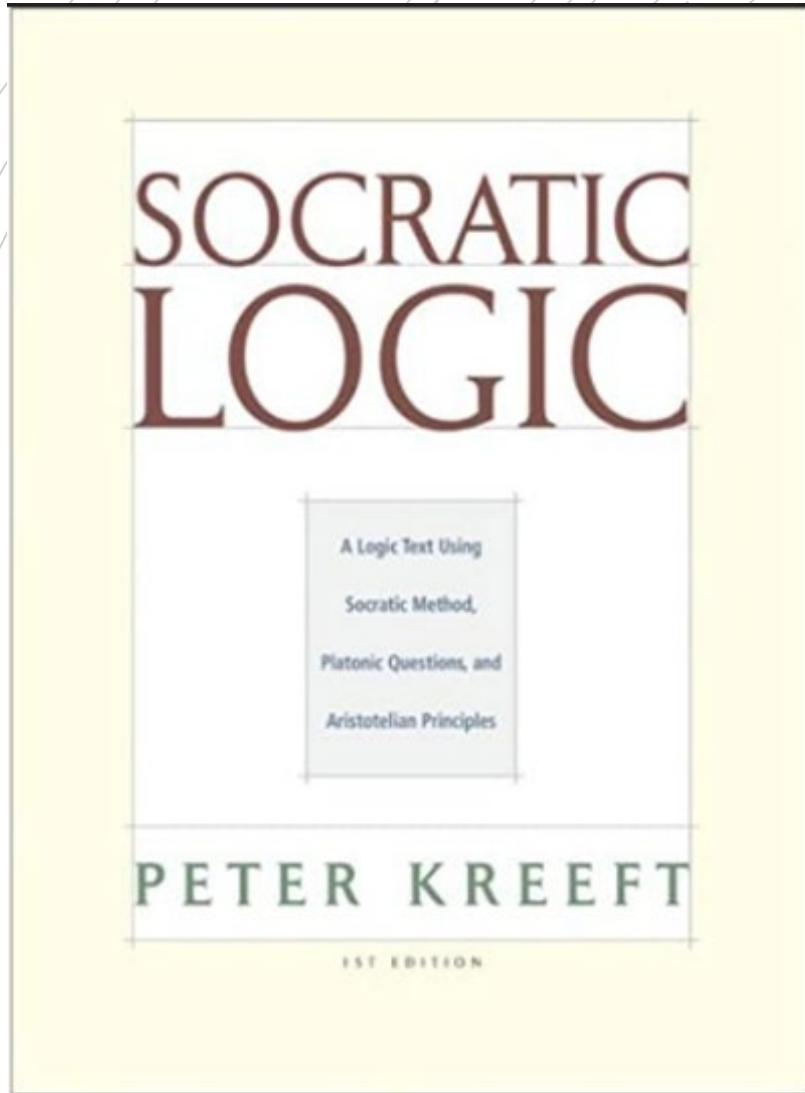
  **Arming Apologists Set 1**
from Jackie Ralston

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ARMING APOLOGISTS #1:

COURSE OUTLINE

- Questions?
- Post-lecture Questions
- Review MAXIM
- Review 1st Act of the Mind
- Introduce 2nd Act of the Mind



- Southern Evangelical Seminary
 - Dr. Norman Geisler, et al
- *Socratic Logic: A Logic Text Using Socratic Method, Platonic Questions, and Aristotelian Principles*
 - Dr. Peter Kreeft

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**MAXIM:
ESTABLISH
TRUTH**

- **Philosophical Apologetics**
 - **Defending Sound Philosophy (Way of Thinking)**
- **Tenets of Truth**
 - **Correlation to Reality**
 - **Exclusive Nature**
 - **Absolute Standard**
- **Law of Non-Contradiction**

LOGICAL THINKING

“If at any point in this book you think that any of its logical laws contradict what you already implicitly know by innate common sense, please stop and check; for you must be misunderstanding either the laws of logic or what you think common sense tell you, for *logic does nothing more than make explicit the rules everyone knows innately by common sense.*”

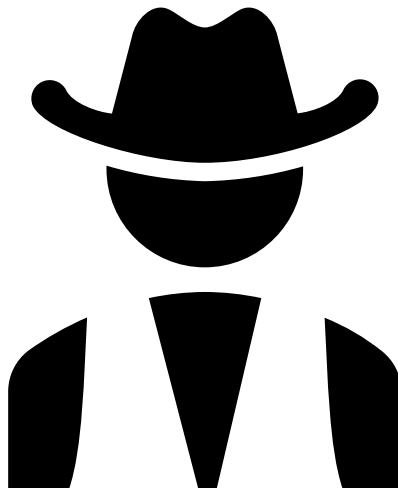
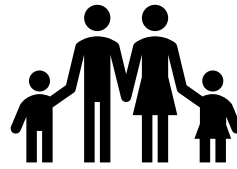
Kreeft, *Socratic Logic*, p27

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FIRST ACT OF THE MIND

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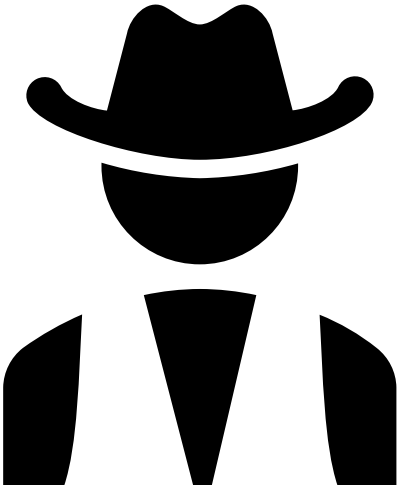
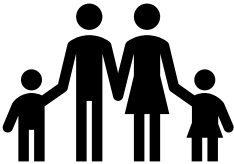
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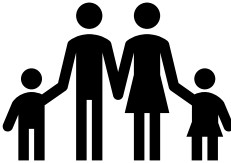
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“CASA”

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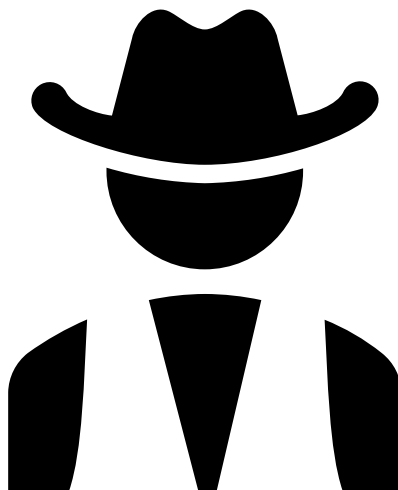
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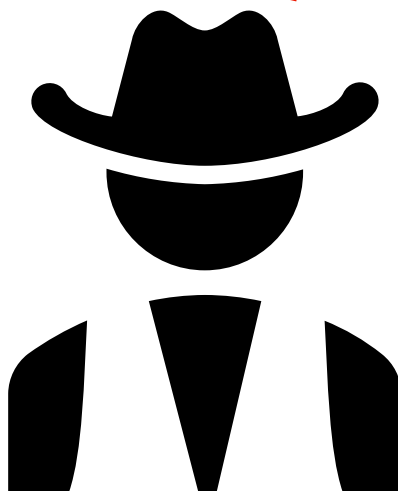
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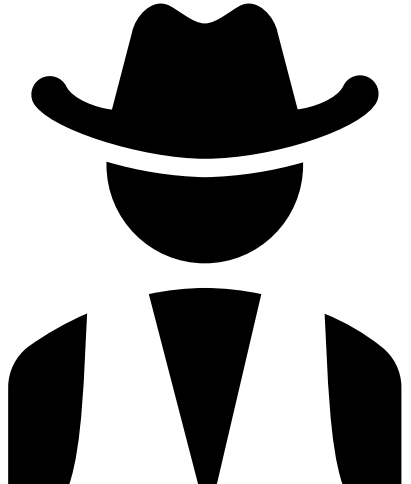


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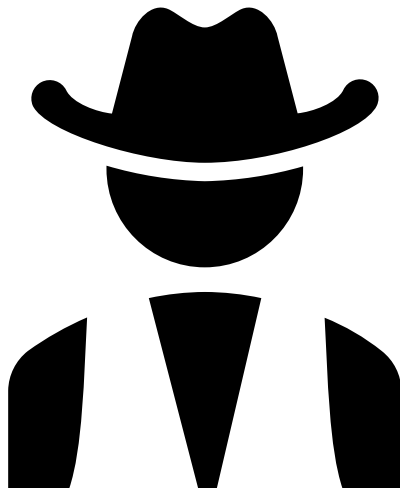
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“Defining a term is the way to heal the disease of ambiguity.”

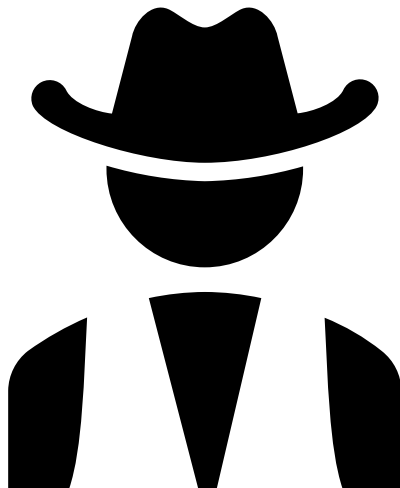
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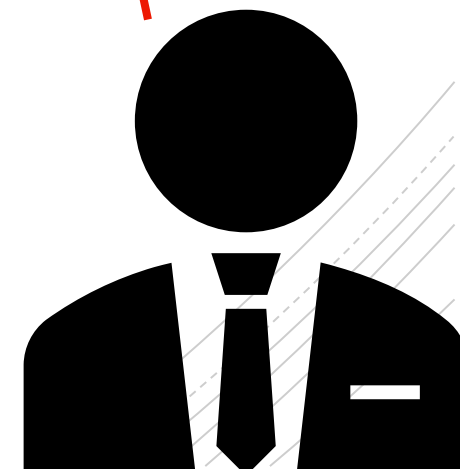
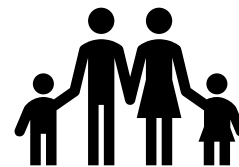
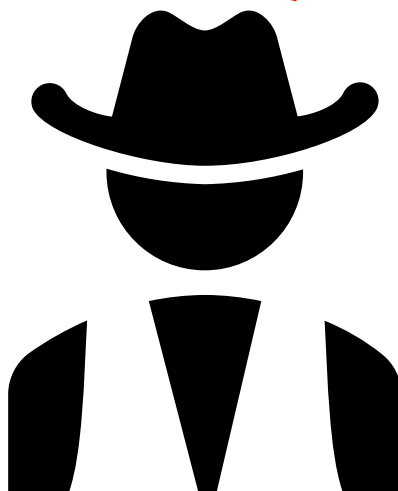


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**“CASA, THE PEOPLE
AND ACTIVITIES THAT
CREATE IT”**

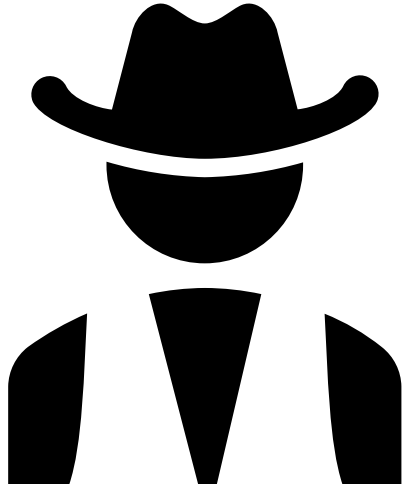


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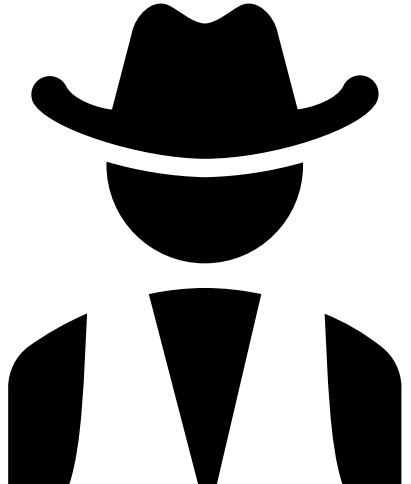


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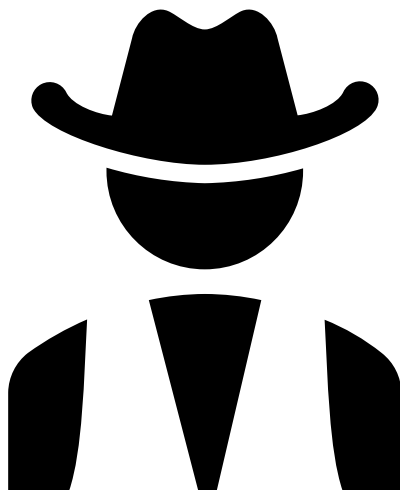
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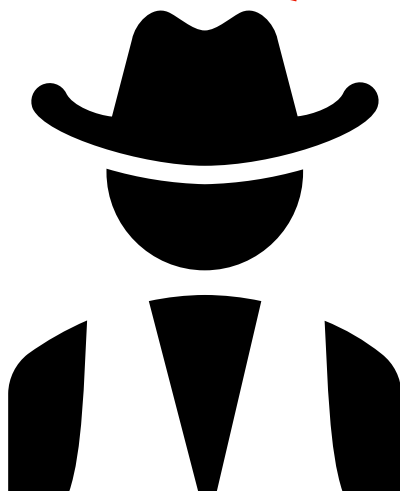
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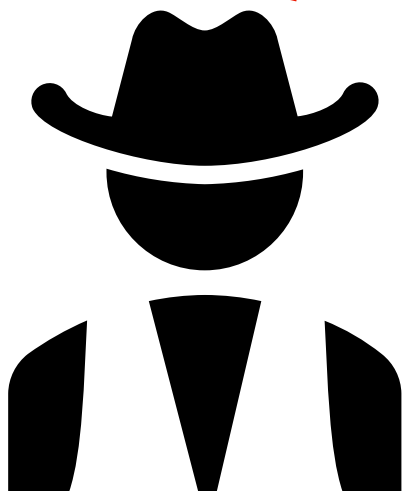
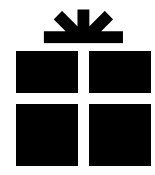


“GRACE”



FIRST ACT
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Gift



Grit



“GRACE”

LDS GRACE

- “For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children, and also our brethren, to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, **after all we can do.**”

2 Nephi 25:23

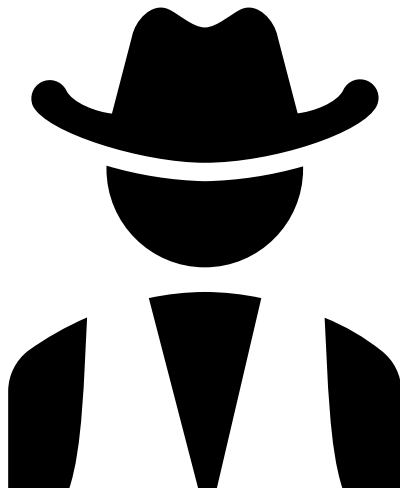
BIBLICAL GRACE

- “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **not of works**, lest anyone should boast.”

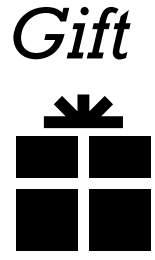
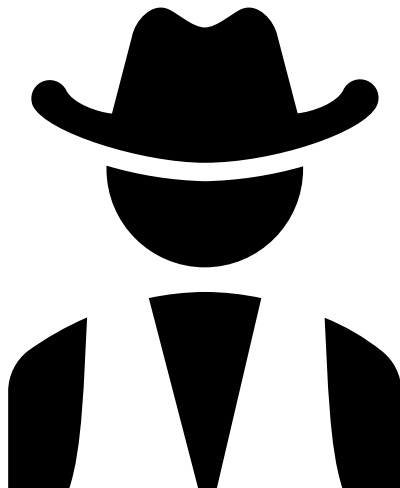
Ephesians 2:8-9

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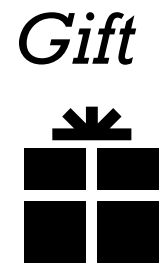
“Grace, by definition is a gift, and it cannot include works of any sort, otherwise it would not be a gift.”



FIRST ACT
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“GRACE”



FIRST ACT OF THE MIND

- **Three Foundational Take-aways**
 - **Concepts are immaterial & private**
 - **Terms are either clear or unclear**
 - **Solve ambiguity with definitions**

FIRST ACT OF THE MIND

- **Apprehension (Act)**
- **Terms (Logical Product)**
- **Word or Phrase (Linguistic Expression)**
- **What is it (Question Answered)**
- **Essence (Reveals)**
- **Clear *i.e. unambiguous* (Goal)**
- **Definition of terms (Methodology)**
- **What do you mean? (Practical Application)**

SECOND ACT OF THE MIND

- Judgment (Act)
- Propositions/Premises (Logical Product)
- Declarative Sentences (Linguistic Expression)
- Whether it is (Question Answered)
- Existence (Reveals)
- True (Goal)
- Various i.e. evidential, philosophical, anecdotal, etc. (Methodology)
- What is your point? (Practical Application)

SECOND ACT OF THE MIND

- Judgment
- “Judging is more complex than apprehension. Instead of just thinking one concept, like ‘man,’ it relates two concepts, like “man” and “mortal” to each other by predicating one term (the predicate) of the other (the subject) in judging that, e.g., “Man is mortal” or “Man is not a triangle.”

Kreeft, Socratic Logic, p28

SECOND ACT OF THE MIND

- Structural aspects of Judgment
- “*A proposition has two structural parts: the subject term and the predicate term. The subject term is what you are talking about. The predicate term is what you say about the subject.*”

Kreeft, *Socratic Logic*, p29

- Identical to grammar usage

PREMISES

- **Man is mortal.**
- **Man is not a triangle.**
- **Sushi is delicious.**
- **Fried bologna is yucky.**
- **North Idaho is a wild land.**
- **California is not a cool place.**

PREMISES

- **Declarative Sentence**
 - Makes a truth claim
- **Not an Interrogative sentence**
 - Does not ask a question
- **Not an Exclamatory sentence**
 - Does not simply exclaim
- **Not an Imperative sentence**
 - Does not give a command

PREMISES

- **Answers the Question**
 - **Whether it is**
- **Reveals this aspect of Reality**
 - **Existence**
- **Overarching Goal**
 - **True Premises**

PREMISES

- **Practical Application**
 - What is the point?
- **Preferred Methodology**
 - Contextual

PREMISES

- **Evidential**
 - Idaho has the most public land.
 - Facts & Data to support.
- **Philosophical**
 - Evil exists.
 - Definitions and absolutes.
- **Anecdotal**
 - Sushi is amazingly delicious.
 - Taste it or recall prior experiences.

PREMISES

- A premise can only be...
- *true or false*
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SECOND ACT OF THE MIND

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

PRACTICAL EXAMPLE

- **God isn't real. There are murders, rapes, drugs, alcoholism, racism, you name it, something evil is happening to an innocent person right now. I have lost my mother, I have lost my kids to my horrendous ex-wife. I will never be able to work a job that pays enough, because of this stupid woke world. If there is a God, he obviously hates good, hard working people. But obviously there isn't because how can a child molesting priest go to heaven, when a morally good Muslim dedicated to his family, or an atheist actively promoting love while exercising tolerance burns for eternity in hell fire. Give me a break, you Christians are the evil people spreading this non-sense and causing this social animosity we are currently enduring. God is evil, and if He existed, I would spit in his face, like he is spitting on my life right now.**

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PRACTICAL EXAMPLE

- **There is no God.**
- **Things can be good or evil.**

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THIRD ACT TEASER

- **Evil and God cannot exist together.**
- **Evil Exists.**
- **Therefore, God must not exist.**

Judge Righteously

ENDING
EXHORTATION

- “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

John 7:24

QUESTIONS?

- **Upcoming Book Order**
- **32 more to go**
- **Thank you**

ARMING APOLOGISTS LESSON 8:

SECOND ACT OF THE MIND

Fill in the blanks:

	First Act of the Mind	Second Act of the Mind
Mental		
Activity –	_____	_____
Logical		
Product –	_____	_____
Linguistic		
Expression –	_____	_____
Question		
Answered –	_____	_____
Reality		
Revealed –	_____	_____
Overall		
Goal –	_____	_____
Preferred		
Method –	_____	_____
Practical		
Application –	_____	_____

What is the second act of the mind? _____

What is the structure of a proposition? What is it aiming to do? _____

What type of a sentence must a premise utilize? Why is this the case? _____

What are the three key takeaways from the Second Act of the Mind? _____

ARMING APOLOGISTS LESSON 8: SECOND ACT OF THE MIND HOMEWORK

Reread Chapter 1-2 of *Twelve Steps* _____

Read Chapter 3 of *Twelve Steps* _____

1. Am I skilled at distilling a verbose argument into its essential truth claims? How do I improve this deciphering ability? _____

2. What truth statements does my targeted opponent usually claim as evidence against my presentation of the Gospel? _____

3. Do I tend to bolster my Gospel presentation with facts or feelings? How will I improve my weakest aspect in this arena? _____

4. Memory Work:

Rewrite the following:

Maxim: Establish Truth

Miracles: Demonstrate Theism

Message: Proclaim Trinitarianism

Notecards:

1 – Judge righteously / John 7:24

2 – A premise can be ... / True or false

3 – What is the point?
