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ARMING APOLOGISTS #12: PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHICAL APOLOGETICS

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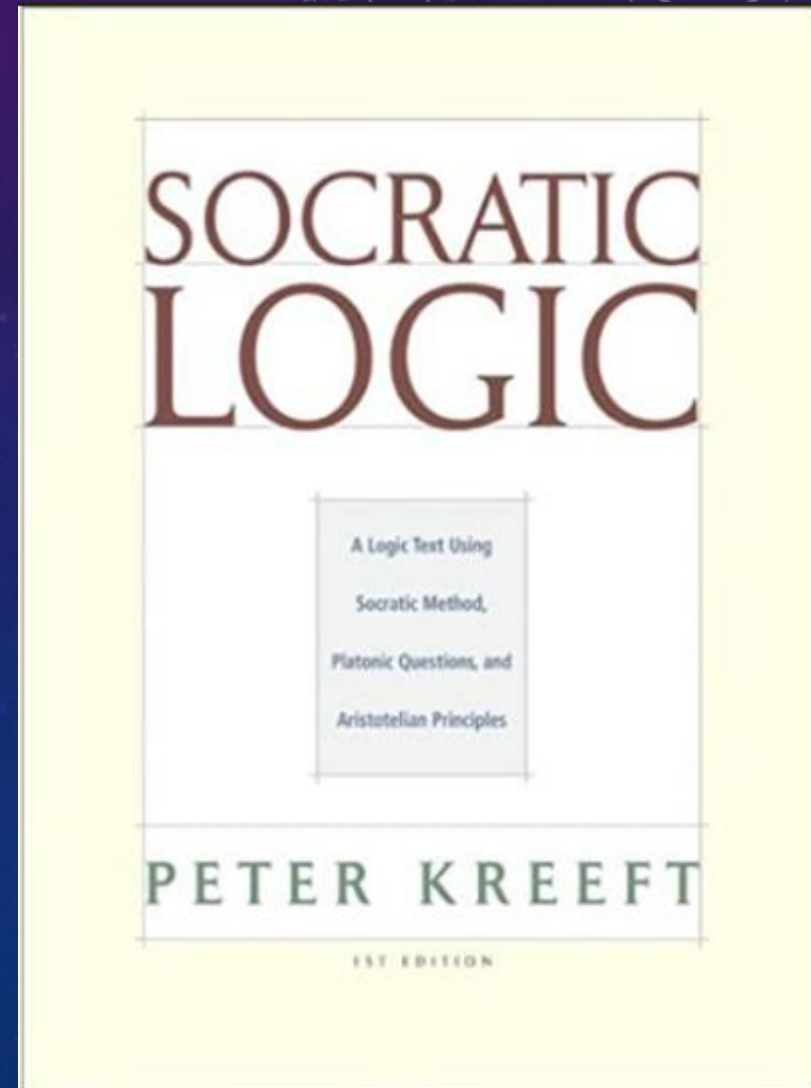
ATHOL BAPTIST CHURCH

COURSE OUTLINE

- Questions?
- Schedule Change
- *I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist*
(Dr Geisler & Dr Turek)
- Philosophical Apologetics Review
- Practical Philosophical Preparation

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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

CONGRATULATIONS

- Foundation in Logical Thinking
 - Universal Applicability
 - Classical Apologetics (& life)
 - Frame & Walls & Doors & Windows
- “For wisdom is better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her” (Proverbs 8:11)
 - Just a tool

COMMON ADVERSARIES

- Best Logic cannot defeat:
 - Apathy (Tenets of truth)
 - Obstinance (Law of Non-contradiction)
 - Ignorance (1st Act of the Mind/Clear Terms)
 - Deception (2nd Act of the Mind/True Premises)
 - Inconsistency (3rd Act of the Mind/Valid Arguments)
- Five Fools

RAMPANT RELIGIOUSITY



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RAMPANT RELIGIOUSITY

- How do we answer the challenge that all paths lead to God?
- Biblically?
 - John 14:6
- Logically?
 - Law of Non-contradiction

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POSTMODERN PHILOSOPHY

- How do we answer the challenge of relative truth?
- Biblically?
 - John 8:31-32
- Logically?
 - Tenets of truth (self-refutation of relative truth)

PRACTICAL EXERCISE

- Homework
 - Draw a card
- Practical Exercises x 2
 - Person
 - Position
 - Problem
- Preparation
- Red Air (Cooperative)

ENDING EXHORTATION

- All who wander are not lost, just those without Jesus
- “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Matthew 7:13-14

QUESTIONS?

- Homework Preparation
- Thank you

ARMING APOLOGISTS LESSON 12:
PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHICAL
APOLOGETICS

What are the Five Fools & which area of Logic do they oppose?

1 - _____

2 - _____

3 - _____

4 - _____

5 - _____

What is Rampant Religiosity? _____

How does the Classical Apologist answer Rampant Religiosity? _____

What is Postmodern Philosophy? _____

How does the Classical Apologist answer Postmodern Philosophy? _____

ARMING APOLOGISTS LESSON 12:

PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHICAL APOLOGETICS HOMEWORK

Read Introduction & Chapter 1 of *I Don't Have Enough Faith* _____

1. Research & prepare for your adversarial position _____

Notecards:

1 – All who wander aren't lost, just those without Jesus / Matthew 7:13-14 _____

2 – Common Adversaries of Logic / (Five Fools) _____

3 – Response to Rampant Religiosity / Law of NC _____

4 – Response to Postmodern Philosophy / Tenets of Truth _____