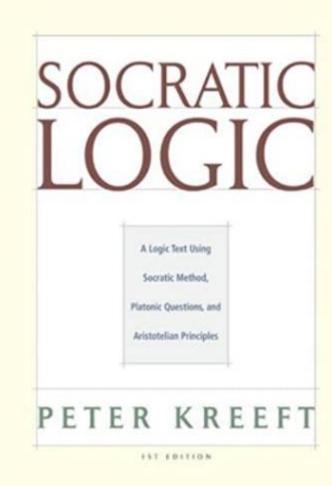


COURSE OUTLINE

- 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

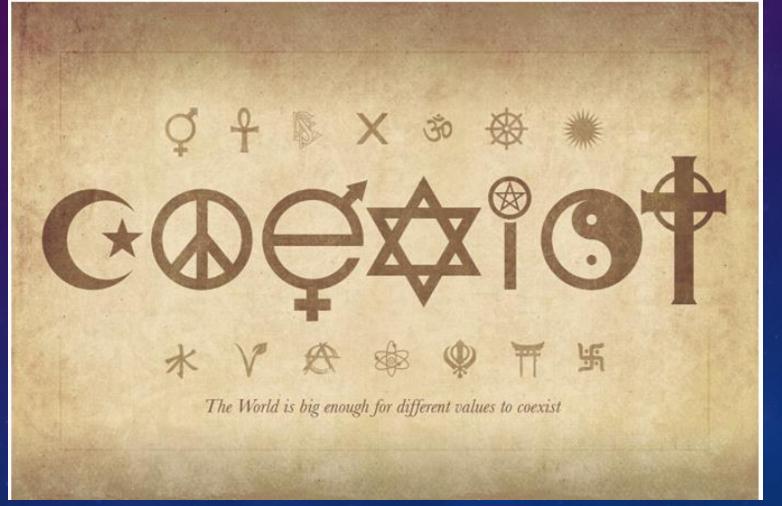
CONGRATULATIONS

- 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

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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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- 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?
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How does the Classical Apologist answer Postmodern Philosophy?

DIAMONDS

Practical Exercise 1:			
Person – Agnostic – i.e. do not believe enough evidence exists to determine whether God is real or not.			
Position – "Why do Christians believe Jesus is the only way? There are plenty of pious believers living morally across a vast spectrum of religions. Why is Christian truth more valuable than their truth?"			
Problem – Tenets of truth			

HEARTS

Practical Exercise 2:

Person – New Age – truth is relative, everybody's path is relevant. Spirituality is the key to authenticity not veracity.

Position – "Isn't it amazing how the gods created so many different paths to reach divinity? Though humanity doesn't realize it, we are united on spiritual paths to divine existence. Is your energy guiding you on the right path?"

Problem – Law of Non-contradiction			

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Person – Latter day Saint – we're Christians who have accepted the restored Gospel given through the prophet Joseph Smith and the true Church of Christ. We're not the only way, just the best way.

Position – "We are brothers/sisters in Christ. We believe in Jesus Christ, the bible, grace, and the Gospel. We're the same, essentially."

Problem – 1 st Act of the Mind / Clear Terms		

SPADES

Practical Exercise 4:

Person – Atheist – there is no such thing as God. I know it, and life proves it. Only fools, and weaklings believe in God.

Position – "Christians are hypocrites. Religion is about money making and power. Therefore it's all fake."

"I have never seen God or anything divine. Only the weak and babies need a pacifier. Therefore, there is no God."

Problems – 2nd Act of the Mind / True Premises

3 rd Act of the Mind / Valid Arguments	

ARMING APOLOGISTS LESSON 12:

PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHICAL APOLOGETICS HOMEWORK

Read Introduc	ction & Chapter 1 of <i>I Don't Have Enough Faith</i>			
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			