

# **ARMING APOLOGISTS#14: THEISTIC APOLOGETICS**

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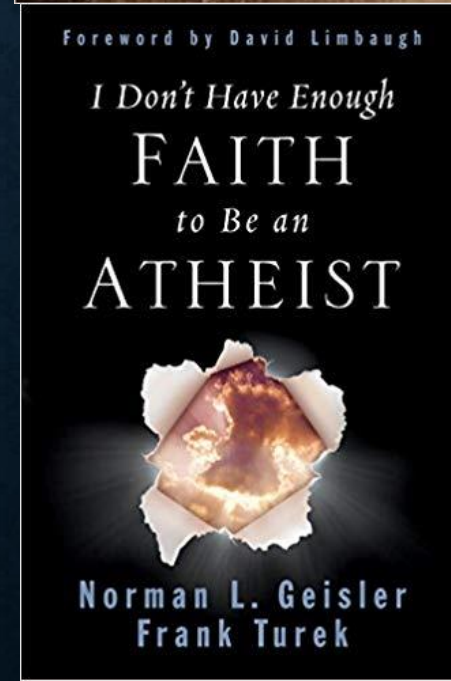
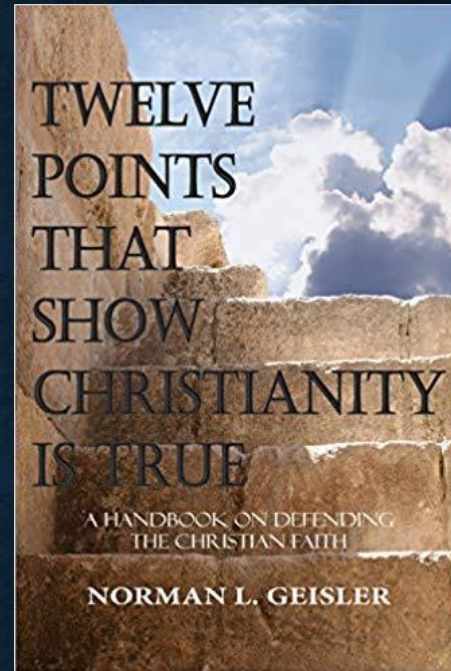
# COURSE OUTLINE

- Questions?
- Apologetic Orientation
- Introduction to Theistic Apologetics



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Southern Evangelical Seminary
  - Dr. Norman Geisler, et al
- *I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist*
  - Dr. Norman Geisler & Dr. Frank Turek
- *Twelve Points that Show Christianity is True*
  - Dr. Norman Geisler (& Dr. Douglas Potter)



# 2<sup>ND</sup> LEVEL OF CLASSICAL APOLOGETICS

- Philosophical Apologetics (1<sup>st</sup> Level)
- Demonstrate Theism
  - Theistic Proofs
  - Miracles
- Historical Apologetics (3<sup>rd</sup> Level)



# THEISM

- Definition
  - Theos
- A-theism
  - Law of non-contradiction
  - Agnosticism

# THEISTIC PROOFS

- Description
  - Philosophical proofs based upon observable reality
- Purpose
  - Corroborate general revelation
- Limitations
  - Provides a single element of divine truth



# BIBLICAL EXAMPLE

- Apostle Paul at Aeropagus
- Acts 17:22-34

# THEISTIC PROOFS

- Cosmological Argument
  - Omnipotent Person
- Teleological Argument
  - Omniscient Presence
- Moral Argument
  - Opulent Perfection



# IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

- Origins – Where do I come from?
- Meaning – Why am I here?
- Morality – How should I live?
- Destiny – Where am I going?

# INTEGRAL ANSWERS

- Origins – Cosmological Argument
- Meaning – Teleological Argument
- Morality – Moral Argument
- Destiny – Biblical Argument



# ENDING EXHORTATION

- God & gravity, both easily denied, but never defied.
- Acts 17:23

# QUESTIONS?

- Thank you



# ARMING APOLOGISTS LESSON 14:

## THEISTIC APOLOGETICS

What are the two main goals of the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of Classical Apologetics?

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What are the important aspects of Theism?

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In regards to theistic proofs, what is its:

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purpose? \_\_\_\_\_

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limitation? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are the three theistic proofs utilized in Classical Apologetics?

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What are the four questions sought by humanity & which theistic proof answers it?

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# ARMING APOLOGISTS LESSON 14: THEISTIC APOLOGETICS HOMEWORK

Read Chapter 4 of *Twelve Steps* \_\_\_\_\_

Read Chapter 3 of *I Don't Have Enough Faith* \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which theistic proof are you most excited to learn about & why? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Which theistic proof are you least excited to learn about & why? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Thinking of your previous evangelistic efforts, which theistic proof do you feel will be the most effective for you & why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Notecards:

1 – Engage the Lost / Acts 17:23

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2 – Four Important Questions / Four Integral Answers

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3 – God & gravity, both easily denied, but never defied

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