

Class 1 Session A Notes

General Outline

1. Personal Information
2. Review Syllabus
3. Expectations
4. Begin our introduction to Apologetics!

Personal Testimony:

- Raised non-Christian
- Excelled in martial arts/kickboxing
- Mark Dobbs' witness (thanks, Mark!)
- Conversion
- Time to grow (lots of mistakes!)
- Marriage and children!
- Baptism
- Intense learning
- Began to speak publically (2000)

Educational History

- Received 3 years training under Dr. Phil Fernandes. Certificates in:
 - Biblical Studies
 - Christian Apologetics
 - Christian Philosophy
 - Theological Studies
- Completed Dr. William Lane Craig's *Defenders Series I and II*

Review Syllabus - 3 broad areas of study: Apologetics, Doctrines, Competing Systems

Apologetics:

- Introduction to Apologetics
- Basic Christian Beliefs
- Basic Bible History
- Existence of God
- Against God
- Case for the New Testament
- Case Against the New Testament

Doctrines:

- The Trinity
- Sin and Salvation
- God's Sovereignty and Human Freewill

Competing Systems

World Religions:

- Origin & Philosophy of Religion
- Judaism
- Hinduism
- Buddhism
- Islam
- Secular Humanism?

Cults:

The 12 Marks of a Cult

- Mormonism
- Jehovah's Witnesses
- Christian Science
- Scientology
- New Age Movement

Not covered this year:

- Creation Apologetics
- Anthropology
- Old Testament Apologetics
- Eschatology (end times)
- The Early Church
- Ecclesiology (doctrine of the church)
- Etc....

Course Learning Activities

- Periodic short quizzes
- Classroom discussion
- Videos lectures/debates
- Guest Speakers?
- Quiz scores determine final mark
- 75% to pass
- Certificate awarded

What you can expect from me:

- Respect
- Planned lessons
- Desire to teach
- See you learn
- See you use the material!

What I expect of you:

- Respect (for me and each other)
- Desire to learn
- Focus
- Ask questions
- No "story-telling"

The Purpose for this Course:

To glorify God (Philippians 2:10-11)

2. To expose error, contend for the faith (Ephesians 5:11, Titus 1:9, Jude 3)

3. Legislated regulations aimed @ bizarre groups could be turned into edicts that would hinder legitimate alternative expressions of faith

4. To protect ourselves from error and deception