

COURSE SYLLABUS

Christian Apologetics, OST530, 2 hours

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Course Description

The course will seek to formulate the rational basis for believing in Christian theism, with responses to objections and critiques of competing worldviews.

Apologetics is the study of how to give reasons for our Christian hope (1 Pet. 3:15). The course has three parts: I. Christian Theory of Knowledge, II. Historic and Contemporary Views of Apologetic Method, III. Topics in Apologetics. In the first part, we shall ask what Scripture says about human knowledge, particularly the process by which a non-Christian comes to know Christ. The second part will deal with the controversy over how to do apologetics, discussing representatives of different apologetic schools. The third part will discuss issues under debate between Christians and non-Christians: the existence of God, the truth of Scripture, the problem of evil, the currents of modern and postmodern thought.

Required Textbooks

AGG: Frame, John. *Apologetics to the Glory of God*. Phillipsburg: P&R, 1994.

DBB: Behe, Michael, *Darwin's Black Box*, New York: Free Press, 1996.

DOT: Johnson, Phillip E. *Darwin on Trial*. Washington: Regnery Gateway, 1991.

DKG: Frame, John. *Doctrine of the Knowledge of God*. Phillipsburg: P&R, 1987.

FV: Cowan, Steven B., ed., *Five Views of Apologetics*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.

GESB: Jones, Peter. *The Gnostic Empire Strikes Back*. Phillipsburg: P&R, 1992.

SD: Supplementary Documents (Photocopied)

Frame, "Christianity and Culture."

Frame, "Infinite Series."

All required books are available through the RTS Online Bookstore at www.mindandheart.com.

Course Requirements

Online Student Handbook

The Online Student Handbook is a guide that contains information for participation in this course. Needed forms may be downloaded and printed from this site. You will find it located on the RTS/Virtual website under Student Services. Check here for all the latest updates.

Requirements in Brief

All work is to be completed within eight weeks from the time that you enroll in this course.

Completion of Reading Assignments

Listen to all Recorded Lectures

Participate in Immersive Learning Simulations

Participate in Forum Discussions (with other students and Professor)

Midterm Exam

Final Exam

Course Paper

Mentor Report

Simulations (20%)

There is an Introduction video, 3 sneak peak simulations, three immersive learning simulations in the course. Each simulation will cover a topic relevant to the topics covered in the readings and lectures for the appropriate weeks.

Course Paper (25%)

Each student is required to submit a methods paper at the completion of the course. See notes below for a specific description of this paper, and the specific requirements for it.

Examinations (Midterm: 20%, Final: 20%)

There are two examinations for this course. The mid-term examination will cover the lectures and readings from Lesson One through Lesson Four. The final examination will cover the lectures and readings from Lesson Five through Lesson Seven.

All exams are proctored. For this course, you will take your exams within the Moodle Virtual Classroom. Under Week 4 you will see links to instructions for the mid-term examination and a link to the examination itself. Under week 8, you will see links to instructions for the final examination and to the examination itself. Your mid-term examination will be in 2 sections and your final examination will be in 2 sections. In order to take your examinations, you must email student services (vcss@rts.edu) and request that the appropriate examination password be sent to your proctor, who will then open the exam for you.

Forum Discussions (10%)

The student is to participate in forum discussions in the online tutorial. 10% total (5% Student to Student, 5% Student to Professor)

Mentor Report/Course Application Paper (5%)

Each MA Distance student is required to have his mentor submit a report at the end of the course. This report will contribute to 5% of the student's grade. For students who are not registered in the MA program, you are asked to write a 200 word summary of how you perceive what you have learned in this course will fit into the objectives you have for your ministry, your educational goals, or other objectives you wish to achieve in life.

Assignments

All assignments are due at the end of the week in which they fall in the online course. Any student who needs an extension must get approval from the Virtual Campus before the deadline. Assignments are to be uploaded within the tutorial. Please follow the directions provided.

Time Limit

All course work, including exams, papers, reading requirements, is to be completed within eight weeks from your course start date.

COURSE METHODS PAPER

Write a paper of approximately 2000 words describing and arguing your own view of apologetic method. This should show interaction with the course lectures and readings and should present a biblical basis for your view. Some research beyond assigned readings required. The paper should interact with Van Til and with some of the other alternative apologetic methods discussed (both in the historical lectures and in the book *Five Views of Apologetics*). This paper will be 25% of your final grade. For details of the mechanics of writing a course paper, visit the RTS Virtual Campus Opening Page to review the Course Paper immersive learning simulation at any time.

When you are required to submit a course topic, follow this format: "My Personal View of Apologetic Method: (with a brief description of what that is)". Then go ahead and complete the "Big Four": Topic, Paragraph, Outline and Bibliography.

Grading of Papers

Abbreviations for Comments on Papers

A - awkward

Amb - ambiguous

Arg - more argument needed

C - compress

Circle (drawn around some text)

- usually refers to
misspelling or other
obvious mistake

D - define

E - expand, elaborate, explain
EA - emphasis argument
F - too figurative for context
G - grammatical error
Ill - illegible
Illus - illustrate, give example
Int - interesting
L1 - lateness penalty for one
 day (similarly L2, etc.)
M - misleading in context
O - overstated, overgeneralized
R - redundant
Ref- reference (of pronoun, etc.)
Rel- irrelevant
Rep - repetitious
Resp - not responsive (In a dialogue: one party raises a good
 question to which the other does not respond.)
S - summary needed
Scr - needs more scripture support
Simp - oversimplified
SM - straw man (a view nobody holds)
SS - problem in sentence structure
St - style inappropriate
T - transition needed
U - unclear
V - vague
W - questionable word-choice
Wk - weak writing (too many
 passives, King James
 English, etc.)
WO - word order
WV - whose view? yours?
 another author?

Letter Grades

A: Good grasp of basic issues, plus something really extraordinary, worthy of publication in either a technical or popular publication. That special excellence may be of various kinds: formulation, illustration, comprehensiveness, subtlety/nuance, creativity, argument, insight, correlations with other issues, historical perspective, philosophical sophistication, research beyond the requirements of the assignment. One of these will be enough!

A-: An A paper, except that it requires some minor improvement before an editor would finally accept it for publication.

B+: Good grasp of basic issues but without the special excellences noted above. A few minor glitches.

B: The average grade for graduate study. Good grasp of basic issues, but can be significantly improved.

B-: Shows an understanding of the issues, but marred by significant errors, unclarities (conceptual or linguistic), unpersuasive arguments, and/or shallow thinking.

C+: Raises suspicions that to some extent the student is merely manipulating terms and concepts without adequately understanding them, even though to a large extent these terms and concepts are used appropriately. Does show serious study and preparation.

C: Uses ideas with some accuracy, but without mastery or insight; thus the paper is often confused.

C-: Problems are such that the student evidently does not understand adequately the issues he/she is writing about, but the work may nevertheless be described as barely competent.

D: I do not give D's on papers.

F: Failure to complete the assignment satisfactorily. Such performance would disqualify a candidate for ministry if it were part of a presbytery exam.

Most of my students get B's. I try to keep A's and C's to a relatively small number. F's are extremely rare, but I have given a few.

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Reading Assignments

Lesson 1

DKG, 1-75

Refer to appendices D and E , “Unregenerate Knowledge of God” and “Certainty.”
Michael Behe, Darwin’s Black Box. This book is to be completed by the end of the course.

Lesson 2

DKG, 101-164

Lesson 3

FV, 25-145, 314-344 (Craig, Habermas);
Supplementary document, Frame, “Infinite Series”

Lesson 4

FV, 145-206, 265-312, 345-349, 364-373 (Feinberg, Clark)

Lesson 5

FV, 207-263, 350-363 (Frame)

AGG, 1-88

Refer to appendices F and G, “Van Til: A Reassessment” and “Transcendental Argument.”

Lesson 6

AGG, 89-118 (The Existence of God)

SD: Frame, “Infinite Series”

Refer to Appendices H, I, and J, “Ontological Argument,” Steve Hays, “Why I Believe”; and
Hays, “I’m Glad You Asked.”

AGG, 119-147 (Proving the Gospel)

AGG, 149-190 (The Problem of Evil)

Lesson 7

AGG, 191-217 (Philosophy and Religion)

DOT (all) (Science)

GESB (all) (General Culture)

SD: Frame, Christianity and Culture

Refer to appendix K, “Greeks Bearing Gifts.”

COURSE OUTLINE
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Part I: Doctrine of the Knowledge of God/Biblical Theory of Knowledge

Lesson 1

Section 1: Objects of Knowledge

- I. The Biblical World-view as a Christian Philosophy
- II. God and the World (Metaphysics, Ontology)
- III. God as an Object of Human Knowledge
- IV. Knowing God's World

Lesson 2

Section 2: Justification of Knowledge

- I. The Question of Justification
- II. Forms of Justification
- III. Secular Epistemologies
- IV. Normative Justification
- V. Situational Justification
- VI. Existential Justification

Section 3: Method in Apologetics

- I. Normative
- II. Situational
- III. Existential

Lesson 3

Part II: Apologetic Method

Section 1: History and Current Discussion

- I. The Nature of Apologetics: giving a reason of our hope (1 Pet. 3:15)
- II. Original Opponents of Christianity
- III. The Second Century Apologists: "Preaching of Peter," Quadratus, Aristides, "The Letter to Diognetus," Justin Martyr, Tatian, Melito, Theophilus, Athenagoras.
- IV. Irenaeus (d. around 200)
- V. Tertullian (Carthage: 160-220)
- VI. Clement of Alexandria (155-220).
- VII. Augustine (354-430 A. D.)
- VIII. Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)
- IX. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Lesson 4

- I. John Calvin (1505-1564)
- II. Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)
- III. Joseph Butler (1692-1752)
- IV. William Paley (1743-1805): “Evidentialism”
- V. Thomas Reid (1710-1796)
- VI. Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)

Lesson 5

- I. Alvin Plantinga (1932-), “Reformed epistemology” (Cf. Kelly James Clark)
- II. Gordon H. Clark (1902-1985)
- III. Cornelius Van Til

Lesson 6

Part III: Topics in Apologetics

Section 1: Apologetics as Proof

- I. Apologetics is evangelism, counseling, preaching.
- II. Toward an Ideal Argument
- III. The Existence of God
- IV. Proving the Gospel

Section 2: Apologetics as Defense

- V. Apologetics as Defense: The Problem of Evil

Lesson 7

- VI. Apologetics as Offense: Challenging Unbelieving Thought

COURSE BIBLIOGRAPHY
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Religious Knowledge

See also books listed in the Apologetics section below.

Calvin, John, Institutes, I, i-ii, various editions.

Clouser, Roy. *Knowing With the Heart*. Downers Grove: IVP, 1999. Clouser is doctrinally Reformed, Dooyeweerdian in background. Always stimulating.

Frame, John. *Doctrine of the Knowledge of God*. Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1987.

Geivett, R. Douglas, and Brendan Sweetman, ed. *Contemporary Perspectives on Religious Epistemology*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1992. Discusses atheism, Wittgensteinian fideism, Reformed epistemology (Plantinga), natural theology, Prudential Arguments, Religious Experience. Articles by well-known philosophers survey the contemporary issues.

Mavrodes, George. *Belief in God*. New York: Random House, 1970. A very important philosophical work.

Plantinga, Alvin, and Nicholas Wolterstorff., ed. *Faith and Rationality*. Notre Dame: Univ. of Notre Dame Press, 1983. Plantinga is greatly respected even in secular philosophical circles. His work is original, much discussed, and not easily classified. Requires some philosophical background. See Frame's review of this volume in an appendix to *Doctrine of the Knowledge of God*. Plantinga is of Christian Reformed background and taught at Calvin College for some years. Now teaches at Notre Dame.

Poythress, Vern. *Philosophy, Science and the Sovereignty of God*. Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1976.

Reymond, Robert L. *The Justification of Knowledge*. Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1976. Van Tillian, but veers toward Clark at points.

Van Til, Cornelius. *A Christian Theory of Knowledge*. Nutley, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1969.

_____. *An Introduction to Systematic Theology*. Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co.,

1975.

- _____. Survey of Christian Epistemology. Phila.: Den Dulk Christian Foundation, 1969; Reprint, Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., n.d., (early work).
- Wolterstorff, Nicholas. Reason Within the Bounds of Revelation. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976. Also, see under Plantinga. Wolterstorff also taught at Calvin for many years. He recently moved on to Yale.

Apologetics (General works)

- Bahnsen, Greg. Always Ready. Phillipsburg: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1996. Includes many biblical references supporting presuppositional apologetics.
- _____. Van Til's Apologetic: Readings and Analysis. Phillipsburg: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1998).
- Beisner, Calvin. Answers For Atheists. Wheaton: Crossway, 1985. Fairly traditional. Well-written in dialogue form.
- Boa, Kenneth D., and Robert M. Bowman. Faith Has Its Reasons. Colo. Springs: NavPress, 2001. An excellent, thorough survey of apologetic approaches, weighted somewhat toward presuppositionalism.
- Bush, L. Russ, ed. Classical Readings in Apologetics. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1983. Readings up until around 1800, with an essay on apologetics since that time.
- Carnell, Edward J. An Introduction to Christian Apologetics. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1948. See the chapter on Carnell in Frame's Cornelius Van Til: An Analysis of his Thought.
- Clark, Gordon H. A Christian View of Men and Things. Eerdmans, 1952. Clark was Reformed in theology, and a kind of presuppositionalist, but opposed to some of Van Til's ideas. This is an excellent work, showing that many human disciplines (history, politics, ethics, etc.) require Christianity.
- _____. Religion, Reason, and Revelation. Phila.: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1961.
- Clark, Kelly James. Return to Reason. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990. Follows Plantinga (see below).
- Corduan, Winfried. Reasonable Faith. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 1993. A disciple of Geisler. Pretty good book.
- Cowan, Steven, ed. Five Views On Apologetics. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000. Includes six contributions by Frame in support of presuppositionalism. Other authors: William Lane Craig (classical), Gary Habermas (evidential), Paul Feinberg (cumulative case), Kelly Clark (Plantingan Reformed Epistemology).
- Craig, William L. Apologetics: An Introduction. Chicago: Moody Press, 1984. Traditional.
- _____. Reasonable Faith. Wheaton: Crossway, 1994.
- DeMar, Gary. Thinking Straight in a Crooked World. Powder Springs, GA: American Vision, 2001. Methodologically presuppositional, applied to various aspects of modern culture.
- Edgar, William. The Face of Truth. Phillipsburg: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 2001.
- _____. Reasons of the Heart. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996. Edgar is a presuppositionalist, very knowledgeable about culture, adept at speaking to real people.
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- _____. *Apologetics to the Glory of God*. Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1994.
- Geehan, E. R., ed. *Jerusalem and Athens*. Nutley, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1971. A Festschrift: essays in honor of Van Til. Some are critical of him and advocate the “traditional method,” among them the essays by Pinnock and Montgomery, which sum up well the standard criticisms. See also Van Til’s “My Credo,” which contains a four-page outline summary of his system.
- Geisler, Norman. *Baker Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1999.
- _____. *Christian Apologetics*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1976.
- _____. *Philosophy of Religion*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1974.
- Geisler, Norman, and Ron Brooks. *When Skeptics Ask: A Handbook on Christian Evidences*. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1990. Geisler is an evangelical Thomist, follows a generally traditional method.
- Gerstner, John, with R. C. Sproul and A. Lindsley. *Classical Apologetics*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1984. (Note Frame’s review, *Westminster Theological Journal* 47, no. 2 (Fall 1985): 279-99, reprinted in *Apologetics to the Glory of God* [under “Frame,” above]).
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- Hackett, S. *The Reconstruction of the Christian Revelation Claim*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1984. Traditional.
- _____. *The Resurrection of Theism*. Chicago: Moody, 1957. An earlier work of Hackett, sharply critical of presuppositionalism.
- Hanna, Mark. *Crucial Questions in Apologetics*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1981. Tries to establish a position called “veridicalism,” between “presuppositionism” and “verificationism.” His concept of presuppositionism is a straw man; his veridicalism is very close to Van Til, once you get past the rhetoric.
- Hoover, Arlie. *Dear Agnos: A Defense of Christianity*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1976.
- Kreeft, Peter. *The Best Things in Life*. Downers Grove: IVP, 1984.
- _____. *Between Heaven and Hell*. Downers Grove: IVP, 1982.
- _____. *Socrates Meets Jesus*. Downers Grove, IVP, 1987. Kreeft converted to Roman Catholicism from Reformed background. He is fond of C. S. Lewis and follows Lewis’s basic apologetic. Excellent writer.
- Kreeft, Peter, and Ronald Tacelli. *Handbook of Christian Apologetics*. Downers Grove: IVP, 1994. A comprehensive overview of the field. For example, it contains twenty arguments for God’s existence.
- Lewis, C. S. *Mere Christianity*. New York: Macmillan, 1952; New York: Simon and Schuster, 1996.
- _____. *Miracles*. New York: Macmillan, 1947; New York: Harper, 2001. Lewis is one of the best apologetic writers of all time. We can learn much from his style. His content is uneven.
- Lewis, Gordon. *Testing Christianity’s Truth Claims*. Chicago: Moody, 1976; Reprint, Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1990. A survey of evangelical apologists, circa 1970.

- Gives three chapters to Carnell, one to Van Til.
- Marston, George. *The Voice of Authority*. Vallecito: Ross House, 1978. This is the simplest of all the simplifications of Van Til.
- Mayers, Ronald B. *Both/And: A Balanced Apologetic*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1984. Like Hanna, tries to find a middle ground that allows both presuppositions and evidences. I think Van Til already found it. But there are good things in the volume.
- McDowell, Josh. *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*. San Bernardino: Here's Life, 1979. McDowell has published a great many books of evidences. He doesn't worry too much about apologetic method, just sets out the facts. Lots of quotations from others. The author is not a profound thinker, but these books are handy summaries of relevant data. He does sometimes amuse, as when talking about the "swooooooooooooon theory."
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- Pratt, Richard. *Every Thought Captive*. Phillipsburg: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1979. A Van Tillian apologetic directed toward young people.
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- Reymond, Robert L. *The Justification of Knowledge*. Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1976. Van Tillian, but veers toward Clark at points. Good critiques of a number of recent apologists.
- Robbins, John. *Cornelius Van Til: The Man and the Myth*. Jefferson, MD: The Trinity Foundation, 1986. I mention this only to warn you about it. Robbins is a fanatical follower of Gordon Clark who has very little understanding of Van Til. This book, as a critique of Van Til, is simply incompetent.

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