

# CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS: CLASS 1

## TRUTH IN A WORLD OF FALSITY





# OPENING PRAYER

GRACIOUS FATHER,

AS WE COMMENCE UPON OUR NEW CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS SERIES, WE ASK YOUR SPIRIT TO FILL EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US AND GUIDE US.

WE PRAY THAT ALL MINDS AND HEARTS WILL BE OPEN TO THE INFORMATION AND TO YOUR TRUTHS; YOUR TRUE TRUTHS LORD, AND NOT THE FALSE TRUTHS OF THIS WORLD.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM, KNOWING THAT ALL WISDOM COMES FROM YOU. LET US NOT LEAN ON OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING, BUT IN ALL THING TRUST IN YOU FATHER.

I ESPECIALLY THANK YOU FATHER, FOR THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF LEADING THIS CLASS.

WE PRAY THIS, IN JESUS' NAME,

AMEN



# **CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS**

## **SIX WEEK SERIES**

### ➤ **OVERVIEW OF CONTENTS:**

- **SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCES**
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- **LOGICAL, MORAL, AND PHILOSOPHYCAL DEFENSES FOR GOD, CHRIST, AND THE BIBLE**
- **ANSWERING OFTEN ASKED QUESTIONS BY ATHEISTS AND AGNOSTICS**
- **WHY CHRISTIANITY VS. OTHER RELIGIONS**

# INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

## ➤ CLASS ONE:

- I. UNDERSTANDING “WHAT IS APOLOGETICS”
- II. UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENT BELIEF GROUPS OF PEOPLE
- III. SCIENTIFIC DEFENSE: HOW THE EXISTENCE OF VIRUSES DEFIES DARWIN’S THEORY OF EVOLUTION (*PERSONAL TESTIMONY*)
  
- IV. MORAL DEFENSE:
  - I. IMPLICATIONS OF LIFE WITHOUT GOD AND ETERNITY

# WHAT IS CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS?

- **A-PO-LO-JE-E** (Greek): AN ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF OR JUSTIFICATION FOR; **TO GIVE A REASONABLE DEFENSE FOR YOUR BELIEF.**
- **THE DEFENSE OF A CHRISTIAN:** (FALLS UNDER FOUR MAIN CATEGORIES)
  - **EXISTENCE OF A CREATOR** – (WHY DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF AN ALL POWERFUL GOD?)
  - **CHRIST IS GOD** – (WHY DO YOU BELIEVE CHRIST WAS AND IS GOD?)
  - **CHRIST IS THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION** – (WHY DO YOU BELIEVE CHRIST IS THE ONLY WAY TO GAIN ETERNAL SALVATION. WHAT ABOUT ALL THE OTHER RELIGIONS AND BELIEF SYSTEMS.)
  - **BIBLE IS THE INERRANT WORD OF GOD** – (WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS NOT JUST A BUNCH OF STORIES WRITTEN BY PEOPLE)

# WHAT IS CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS?

- *1Pet.3:15-16, "...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."*
- **WHY APOLOGETICS IS IMPORTANT TO CHRISTIANS AND GOD:**
  - GIVES CLEAR SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCES FOR THE EXISTENCE OF A CREATOR **SO THAT...**
  - STRENGTHENS OUR WALK WITH CHRIST **SO THAT...**
  - HELPS OTHER CHRISTIANS IN THEIR WALK WITH CHRIST **SO THAT...**
  - SHARE CLARITY AND UNDERSTANDING WITH OUR CHILDREN, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY **SO THAT...**
  - HELP NON-BELIEVERS UNDERSTAND THE POSSIBILITY OF GOD'S EXISTENCE AND HIS GOODNESS **SO THAT...**

# USING APOLOGETICS PROPERLY

1. DEFEND WITHOUT ARGUING IN ANGER (EASIER SAID THAN DONE).
2. SHARE INFORMATION, BUT ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ONLY THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN CHANGE HEARTS.

1. **HAVE PATIENCE AS GOD IS PATIENT WITH US.** ECC. 3:1, "THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING, AND A SEASON FOR EVERY ACTIVITY UNDER HEAVEN."  
(REMEMBER THERE IS A TIME TO PLANT, A TIME TO HARVEST, AND A TIME TO SOW.)

2. **BE WILLING TO LET IT GO:** ISAIAH 55:10-11, "As the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the Earth,...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

3. **DO NOT WIN THE BATTLE BUT LOSE THE WAR**





# USING APOLOGETICS PROPERLY

## GOD'S TRUTH CAN STAND ON IT'S OWN

1. DO EVERYTHING WITH LOVE
2. LET GRACE ABOUND
3. REMEMBER, WE TOO WERE IN THEIR SHOES ONCE  
(Especially the ignorant and blind, like I once was)





# USING APOLOGETICS PROPERLY

**FIRST FIND OUT WHICH DIRECTION THEY ARE COMING FROM**  
**FROM** (example given)



# THE FOUR GROUPS OF PEOPLE

1. **THEIST**: BELIEVES IN THE EXISTENCE OF A GOD OR GODS (**INCLUDES ANY RELIGION THAT BELIEVES IN GODS AND GODS**)
2. **AGNOSTIC**: NOT CERTAIN IF GOD EXISTS OR NOT (**HAVE NOT MADE UP THEIR MIND YET**)
3. **ATHEIST**: DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF GOD; HOWEVER, BELIEVES THAT LIFE HAS HOPE, MEANING AND PURPOSE
  1. **(THESE ARE THEISTS IN DENIAL AND ARE NOT TRUE ATHEISTS**
  2. **THEY WANT ALL THE BENEFITS WHICH ONLY GOD CAN PROVIDE WITHOUT ACCEPTING HIS EXISTENCE (SUCH AS HOPE, PURPOSEFUL LIFE, AND GAINING ETERNITY)**
4. **NIHILIST**: DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF GOD, AND BELIEVES LIFE HAS NO HOPE, NO MEANING, NO PURPOSE, AND NO ETERNITY (**HONEST ATHEIST**)

# A JURY OF AGNOSTICS

## WHAT IS YOUR VERDICT?

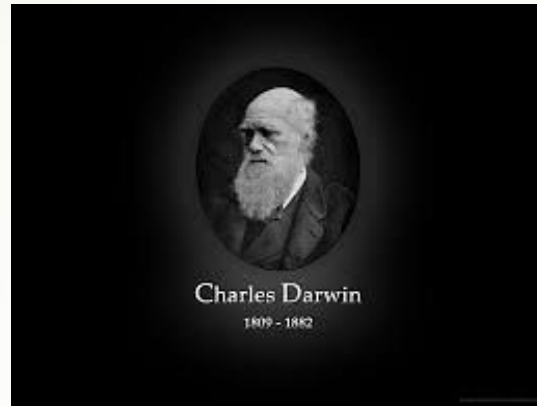
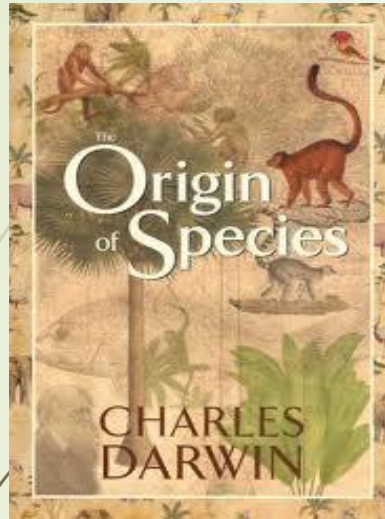
**YOU MUST DECIDE FOR YOURSELVES (BY THE END OF THE  
CLASS SIX)  
WHICH SIDE OF THE SCALE HAS MORE TRUE EVIDENCE**

God Does  
Not Exist



God Does Exist

# GOD'S PATH FOR OUR LIFE MYSTERIOUS, INCREDIBLE, AMAZING!



**THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION OR THE  
PRESERVATION OF FAVOURED RACES IN THE STRUGGLE FOR  
LIFE**

*(BOOK CAME OUT IN 1865, WRITTEN DURING TIME OF DEBATES REGARDING  
SLAVERY AND U.S. CIVIL WAR)*

**(What Stalin, Adolf Hitler and Saddam Hussein Cited)  
(AND MAO TSE-DONG, RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS OF OVER 100 MILLION, MORE  
THAN ALL RELIGION BASED KILLINGS COMBINED)**

# THE GREATEST HOAX IN HUMAN HISTORY



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- (HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR OVER 160 YEARS AND THE LIES CONTINUE STRONGER TODAY, THAN ANYTIME IN HISTORY, AFFECTING THE LIVES OF BILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD)
- IT AFFECTS HOW WE LIVE OUT OUR LIVES
- IT AFFECTS OUR LAWS
- IT PROMOTES THE MURDER OF BILLIONS OF UNBORN CHILDREN
- IT AFFECTS THE KILLING OF MILLIONS IN WARS AND OTHERWISE
- ATHEISTS USE THIS AS AN EXCUSE THAT THEIR EVIL ACTIONS WILL HAVE NO REPURCUSSIONS, BASED UPON THE FACT THAT GOD DOESN'T EXIST.
- THIS LIE IS PERPETUATED AGAINST OUR CHILDREN, TO DRIVE THEM AWAY FROM SEEKING OUT GOD,
- IT IS USED AS THE EXCUSE FOR IDEAS OF POST-MODERNISM BELIEFS SUCH AS MORAL RELATIVISM, ALL TRUTHS ARE RELATIVE, AND THERE ARE NO ABSOLUTE TRUTHS.
- IT AFFECTS OUR ETERNAL DESTINY)



## **THE RELIGION OF NATURALISM: NATURE AS GOD.**

### **MANDATING DARWIN'S MACRO-EVOLUTIONARY THEORY**

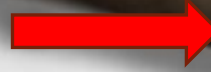
*(akin to Lucifer, the creation, challenging God the Creator for godship)*

- **PBS, KCET, "NATURE", NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, BLUE PLANET, COSMOS, ETC. (all push Naturalism over Intelligent Design, a lesson learned from the Nazis.)**
- **"IF THE LIE IS BIG ENOUGH, AND YOU TELL IT OFTEN ENOUGH, PEOPLE WILL START TO BELIEVE IT."** *(Joseph Goebbles, minister of propaganda for the German Reich; about selling the Nazi movement to youths of other nations such as the Dutch, Austria, etc.)*
- *(Cause of death: suicide, upon realizing the great Nazi lie had failed. Hitler also committed suicide.)*



# THE RELATIVE SIZE OF PARTICLES

# HUMAN HAIR



From the COVID-19 pandemic to the U.S. West Coast wildfires, some of the biggest threats now are also the most microscopic.

A particle needs to be 10 microns ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) or less before it can be inhaled into your respiratory tract. But just how small are these specks?

Here's a look at the relative sizes of some familiar particles »

HUMAN HAIR 50-180 $\mu\text{m}$  »  
FOR SCALE

FINE BEACH SAND 90 $\mu\text{m}$  »

GRAIN OF SALT 60 $\mu\text{m}$  »

WHITE BLOOD CELL 25 $\mu\text{m}$  »

GRAIN OF POLLEN 15 $\mu\text{m}$  »

DUST PARTICLE (PM<sub>10</sub>) <10 $\mu\text{m}$  »

RED BLOOD CELL 7-8 $\mu\text{m}$  »

RESPIRATORY DROPLETS 5-10 $\mu\text{m}$  »

DUST PARTICLE (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) 2.5 $\mu\text{m}$  »

BACTERIUM 1-3 $\mu\text{m}$  »

WILDFIRE SMOKE 0.4-0.7 $\mu\text{m}$  »

CORONAVIRUS 0.1-0.5 $\mu\text{m}$  »

T4 BACTERIOPHAGE 0.225 $\mu\text{m}$  »

ZIKA VIRUS 0.045 $\mu\text{m}$  »



Pollen can trigger allergic reactions and hay fever—which 1 in 5 Americans experience every year.

Source: Harvard Health

The visibility limits for what the naked eye can see hovers around 10-40 $\mu\text{m}$ .



Respiratory droplets have the potential to carry smaller particles within them, such as dust or coronavirus.



Wildfire smoke can persist in the air for several days, and even months.

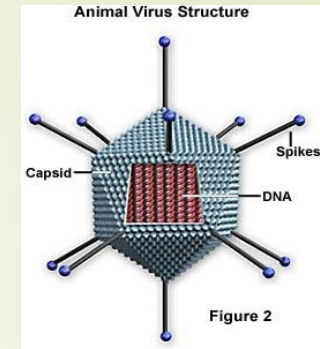
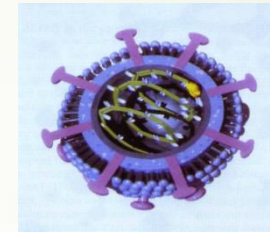
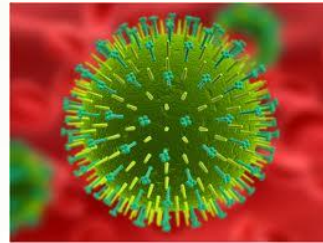
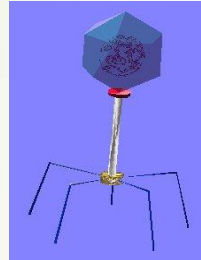
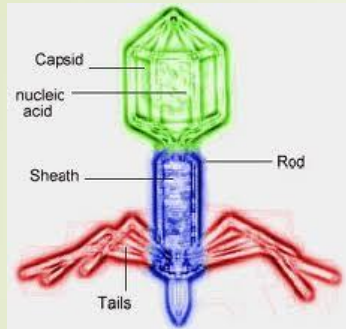
**HOW A QUESTION ABOUT THE SIMPLE**  
**VIRUS STARTED**  
**MY PERSONAL JOURNEY !!!**

VIRUS



BACTERIUM

# THE EXISTENCE OF VIRUSES SUPPORTS CREATION



- **DARWINIAN EVOLUTION: ORGANISMS EVOLVE FROM SIMPLE TO COMPLEX FORMS OF LIFE IN ORDER TO SURVIVE BETTER**
- **DARWIN'S MACRO-EVOLUTIONARY IDEA: VIRUSES MUST EVOLVE BEFORE BACTERIA SINCE BACTERIA ARE MORE COMPLEX THAN VIRUSES**
- **IF THE VIRUS CAME AFTER THE BACTERIA, THIS WOULD DESTROY THE "EVOLUTIONARY TREE OF LIFE" MODEL**
- **VIRUSES CONTRADICT "SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST" MODEL. A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR NATURALISM**
- **HOW ATHEISTS LIE TO COVER THIS UP: VIRUSES ARE NON-LIVING ENTITIES**

# PROOF THAT VIRUSES ARE LIVING ENTITIES: VIRUS DEFIES DARWIN'S HOAX

## ➤ BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR LIFE:

1. ALL LIVING CREATURES HAVE R.N.A. OR D.N.A.
2. ALL LIVING ENTITIES ARE PHYSICALLY MORTAL
3. ALL LIVING THINGS CAN MUTATE
4. ALL LIVING THINGS METABOLIZE ENERGY TO FUNCTION
5. ALL LIVING THINGS CONTINUE ON THROUGH REPRODUCTION OR REPLICATION PROCESS

## PROOF VIRUSES ARE LIVING ENTITIES

1. VIRUSES HAVE RNA OR DNA
2. VIRUSES CAN BE DESTROYED
3. VIRUSES MUTATE FASTER THAN ALL OTHER LIVING ENTITIES
4. VIRUSES METABOLIZE ENERGY, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FUNCTION
5. VIRUSES REPRODUCE BY USING THE HOST TO HELP THEM REPLICATE, AND THEY DO SO FASTER THAN EVEN BACTERIA CAN



➔ **The Existence of Viruses Supports**  
**Creation**

**NOT MACRO-EVOLUTION**

***(WHAT HAPPENED TO ME AS A RESULT OF THIS REVELATION)***

God Does  
Not Exist



God Does Exist



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- NOW THIS QUESTION OF EVIL AND SUFFERING IS A QUESTION WE'LL DEAL WITH IN GREATER DETAIL LATER, BUT FOR NOW, I WANTED TO ADDRESS THIS SPECIFIC QUESTION FOR THE MOMENT.
- SO WHAT IS THE GREATEST EVIL, MAN HAS EVER PERPETUATED IN HIS WORLD?
- **A:** IS IT THE TAKING AND SACRIFICING OF INNOCENT LIVES, IN THE THOUSANDS OF WARS CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT HISTORY?
- IS IT THE RAPING OF WOMAN AND INNOCENT GIRLS, BOYS, AND EVEN BABIES WHICH GOES ON DAILY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD?
- PERHAPS IT'S THE MURDER OF BILLIONS OF UNBORN CHILDREN THROUGH LEGALIZED ABORTION?
- YES, IT IS ALL OF THESE ATROCITIES, **BUT THE GREATEST EVIL MAN HAS PERPETUATED UPON HIMSELF, IS THE REMOVAL OF GOD FROM HIS MIND AND THE MINDS OF OTHERS. THE REMOVAL OF GOD FROM MAN'S SOCIETY, THE REMOVAL OF GOD FROM HIS CONVERSATION IN THE SCHOOLS AND THE DINNER TABLE, THE REMOVAL OF THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD FROM HIS LIFE, SO HE CAN CONTINUE PERPETUATING HIS ATROCITIES TO ONE ANOTHER, IN HOPES OF GETTING AWAY WITHOUT HIS EVNTUAL AND ETERNAL JUDGMENT, BY GOD.**
- **BUT JUST BECAUSE I COVER MY EARS WITH IPODS AND "BEATS HEADPHONES", DOESN'T MEAN THE SOUNDS FROM THE CRIES OF THE INNOCENT ARE DEAD, BUT INSTEAD ONLY FALLING ON DEAF EARS. JUST BECAUSE I SHUT MY EYES BY WATCHING NETFLIX, TIK-TOK, AND INSTAGRAM ALL DAY, DOESN'T MEAN THE HORRORS OF THIS WORLD DO NOT CONTINUE ON. AND JUST AS ALL THESE ATROCITIES CONTINUE ON, THOUGH MY EARS ARE COVERED, MY EYES BLINDED, AND MY MIND NUMBED TO THE TRUTHS OF GOD; MY CLAIM THAT I HAVE DESTROYED THE ULTIMATE JUDGE BY DENYING HIS EXISTENCE, DOESN'T MEAN GOD IS DEAD, OR THAT THE TRUTHS OF HIS ETERNAL PRESENCE WILL NOT EVENTUALLY PREVAIL.**





# MORAL DEFENSE FOR CHRISTIANITY

***MAN'S KNOWLEDGE OF ETERNITY  
DIRECTS US TO GOD***



# KNOWLEDGE OF ETERNITY DIRECTS US TO GOD

- **ATHEISTS DO NOT WANT TO ACCEPT, THERE IS LIFE AFTER DEATH: (THEY DENY THE EXISTENCE OF A SOUL)**
  - **Q: HOW DOES A CREATURE THAT HAS ONLY KNOWN DEATH, COME TO POSSESS THE KNOWLEDGE OF ETERNITY?**
  - *Ecc. 3:11, "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from the beginning to end."*
- **(CAN MAN PONDER ETERNITY WITHOUT GIVING CREDIT TO GOD?)**
- **DID ANY OF HIS FRIENDS DIE AND COME BACK TO TELL HIM ABOUT LIFE AFTER DEATH?**
- **MAN CAN NO MORE COME UPON THIS KNOWLEDGE BY HIMSELF, ANY MORE THAN NON-LIVING MATTER CAN COME UPON THE KNOWLEDGE THAT IT SHOULD SUDDENLY TAKE ON A DIFFERENT FORM OF EXISTENCE AND CHANGE INTO LIVING MATTER.)**

# LIFE WITHOUT ETERNITY AND GOD

## ➤ **WITHOUT THE PROSPECT OF GOD AND ETERNITY, NIHILISM IS THE ONLY VALID ALTERNATIVE**

➤ **NIHILISM: LIFE HAS NO HOPE, NO MEANING, NO PURPOSE, NO MORAL VALUE, NO EXISTENCE OF A SOUL, AND NO ETERNAL LIFE**

### ➤ **WHAT HAPPENS TO THE HITLERS OF THE WORLD WITHOUT ETERNAL JUDGMENT?**

*(HOW DOES MAN DEAL WITH THE HITLERS OF THE WORLD, WHO KILLED MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THE GAS CHAMBERS. THE HAIR ALONE, THAT WAS SHAVED FROM WOMEN'S HEADS SENT TO THE GAS CHAMBERS, AND COLLECTED TO MAKE INTO WIGS TO SELL IN ORDER TO RAISE MONEY FOR HITLER'S WAR EFFORTS, THE HAIR ALONE WEIGHED 14 THOUSAND POUNDS. THE PICTURES IN AUSCHWITZ SHOW DOCTORS PERFORMING SURGERY ON PRISONERS WITHOUT ANESTHETICS. SOMEONE PLEASE TELL ME, WHAT HAPPENS IN A WORLD, WHERE THE DOCTORS WHO WERE TRAINED TO HELP THE SICK AND WOUNDED, ARE THE SICK ONES WHO ARE SLICING AND WOUNDING THEIR PATIENTS. THE DEPRAVITY OF HUMANS HAVE NO LIMITS WITHOUT GOD PUTTING MORAL LIMITS UPON US.*

*IF ALL PEOPLE LIKE THEM HAVE TO PAY FOR THEIR SINS IS SIMPLY DEATH, LIKE ANY OTHER PERSON IN THE WAR HITLER STARTED, WOULD THAT BE FAIR, OR SHOULD GOD SEND THEM TO HELL?)*

➤ **ATHEIST LOVE TO JUDGE GOD'S GOODNESS, BUT IN A WORLD WHERE LIFE HAS NO VALUE, EVEN THE QUESTIONS OF AN ATHEIST HAS NO VALUE, AND EVERYTHING ABOUT LIFE BECOMES MEANINGLESS.**

➤ *Ecc. 1:2-3, "Meaningless! Meaningless! Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless." (niv)*

➤ *"Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity." (kjv)*

# LIFE WITHOUT ETERNITY AND GOD

(JOHN 14:6, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE" THE WAY IS THE GATE, JESUS IS THE GATE. THE TRUTH IS THE TRUTH OF GOD THAT CHRIST SPOKE. THE LIFE IS THE EVERLASTING ETERNAL LIFE PROMISED TO ALL WHO ACCEPT HIM, AS SHOWN THROUGH THE MIRACLE OF HIS OWN RESURRECTION.)

- **WITHOUT GOD, THERE IS NO MORAL ABSOLUTE, AND EVERYTHING BECOMES RELATIVE AND ACCEPTABLE**
- **WHAT DO YOU DO, IN WORLD WITHOUT MORAL ABSOLUTES, AND EVERYONE ONLY BELIEVES IN THEIR OWN MORAL VALUE OVER THEIR NEIGHBOR'S?**
  - **IF EACH PERSON ONLY BELIEVES IN HIS OWN TRUTH, WHOSE TRUTH DO WE TURN TO, TO SETTLE THE ARGUMENTS?**
  - **AT BEST, WE END UP IN A WORLD OF CONFUSION, AND MORAL ABANDONMENT LEADING TO DEPRAVITY WITHOUT JUDGMENT, DEFENDING OURSELVES AGAINST ONE ANOTHER WITH WORDS SUCH AS "YOUR TRUTHS, ARE NOT MY TRUTHS, AND YOUR SENSE OF RIGHT IS NOT MY SENSE OF RIGHT."**

(PEOPLE HOLD ON TO IDEAS SUCH AS NIHILISM BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS FOR ALL ETERNITY. IT'S NOT GOD THEY ARE REJECTING, IT'S THE IDEA OF ETERNAL JUDGMENT THEY CANNOT ACCEPT. THE SAME ATHEISTS WHO REJECT THE CHRISTIAN GOD, TURN TO BUDDHISM IN SEARCH OF ENLIGHTENMENT THROUGH A NEVERENDING REINCARNATION PROCESS UNTIL THEY CAN REACH NIRVANA, BECAUSE THAT MEANS THEY DON'T HAVE TO ACCEPT JUDGMENT. IN BUDDHISM, WHEN YOU REACH THE STATE OF NIRVANA, YOU SIMPLY CEASE TO EXIST. IMAGINE STRIVING YOUR ENTIRE LIFE JUST TO GET TO A STATE OF NON-EXISTENCE. THE PROPESTEROUS THING OF IT IS, THAT ACCORDING TO THE TEACHINGS OF BUDDHISM, ONLY THE MONKS IN THE ORANGE ROBES HAVE A CHANCE TO REACH NIRVANA, ALL THE HOLLYWOOD STARS SUCH AS RICHARD GERE, BRAD PITT, AND GEORGE CLOONEY WHO EXPOUND UPON THE VIRTUES OF BUDDHISM, WILL AT BEST END UP AS A DOG, CAT, TOAD, OR JUST A HOMELESS GUY IN THE STREETS OF INDIA WHEN THEY DIE TO THIS LIFE. WITHOUT GOD AND ETERNITY, LIFE TRULY IS "VANITY OF ALL VANITIES"

# LIFE WITHOUT ETERNITY AND GOD

- INTO THIS WORLD OF CONFUSION, HOPELESSNESS, AND DESPAIR, GOD BRINGS FORTH HIS BENEVOLENCE:
  - GOD SHOWS US HIS BENEVOLENCE, BY SENDING HIS ONE AND ONLY SON.
  - **CHRIST GIVES US A WAY TO ACCEPT ACCOUNTABILITY WITHOUT CONDEMNATION**
  - **GOD GIVES BACK VALUE TO OUR LIFE AND THE ABILITY TO ACCEPT OUR NEED FOR MORALITY; BECAUSE WITHOUT MORALITY, MAN IS NO DIFFERENT FROM AN ANIMAL**
  - **CHRIST GIVES US THE PROMISE OF SALVATION FOR ETERNAL LIFE WITH GOD, INSTEAD OF THE ETERNITY IN HELL WHICH WE DESERVE.**

# GOD'S LOVE FOR THE WORLD

*John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

## ➔ BUT STILL, MAN REFUSES THE LOVE OF GOD:

### ➔ WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN GOD SAYS HE LOVES US?

(HOW IS IT DIFFERENT FROM WHEN I SAY TO SOMEONE, "I LOVE YOU" AND I ALSO SAY, "GOD LOVES YOU"?)

(THE SAME WORD "LOVE" IS NOT USED IN THE SAME WAY BY ME COMPARED TO HOW GOD USES THE WORD "LOVE".)

### ➔ "IF I SAY "I LOVE YOU" AND YOU DON'T LOVE ME BACK, I AM HURT FOR WHAT I HAVE LOST.

### ➔ WHEN GOD SAY'S "HE LOVES US" AND YOU DON'T LOVE GOD BACK, GOD HURTS FOR YOU, FOR WHAT YOU HAVE LOST." (RAVI ZACHARIAS)

(YOU SEE, WHEN WE GIVE OUT LOVE AND THE SAME LOVE IS NOT RETURNED TO US, OUR FEELINGS ARE HURT, FOR WHAT WE HAVE LOST. BUT WHEN GOD GIVES OUT HIS LOVE AND IT IS NOT ACCEPTED BY YOU, HIS FEELINGS ARE HURT, FOR WHAT YOU HAVE LOST; A CHANCE FOR ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIM)

# NAVIGATING IN A WORLD AGAINST CHRIST

## ➔ HOW DOES THE CHRISTIAN FIT INTO THIS WORLD:

- 1) EVEN IF WE DISAGREE WITH A PERSON, WE MUST NOT BE DISAGREEABLE WITH THEM, SO THAT LOVE IS NOT LOST IN THE CONVERSATION.
- 2) BECAUSE IF LOVE IS LOST IN THE CONVERSATION, THEN GOD IS LOST IN THE CONVERSATION.
- 3) AND IF GOD IS LOST IN THE CONVERSATION, THEN INDEED, WE ARE ALL LOST.





# CLOSING PRAYER

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION TODAY.

I PRAY THAT THE INFORMATION SHARED WILL NOT STOP HERE, BUT THAT EVERYONE WILL CARRY IT FORTH TO SHARE AND TEACH OTHERS ABOUT YOUR TRUTHS; TRUE TRUTHS.

I PRAY THAT WE, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US, WILL SHARE YOUR WORDS WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE, AND RIGHT HEART, ESPECIALLY WHEN SPEAKING WITH THOSE WHOSE HEARTS ARE HARDENED AGAINST YOU.

I PRAY YOU WILL REMOVE THE SCALES FROM THEIR EYES AND REVEAL YOURSELF TO THEM.

FINALLY, I PRAY ABOVE ALL ELSE, EACH OF US WILL REMEMBER TO KEEP YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CONVERSATION, BECAUSE WITHOUT YOU IN THE CONVERSATION, WE ARE ALL LOST FATHER.

WE PRAY THIS, LORD, IN JESUS' NAME,

AMEN



## RECOMMENDED READING LIST FOR GREATER UNDERSTANDING, FAITH, AND DEFENSE:

- **“HOLY BIBLE” (read completely, before all else)**
- “MERE CHRISTIANITY” BY C.S. LEWIS
- “CASE FOR CHRIST” BY LEE STROBLE
- “CASE FOR CREATOR” BY LEE STROBLE
- “HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE, THRID EDITION” BY NEIL R. LIGHTFOOT
- “EVIDENCE THAT DEMANDS A VERDICT” BY JOSH MCDOWELL
- “JESUS AMONG OTHER GODS” BY RAVI ZACHARIAS
- “THE FOUR LOVES” BY C.S. LEWIS
- “THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS” BY C.S. LEWIS