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THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
LAY DIVISION

APOLOGETICS FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION
With Clare Nowak

	TOPIC
Week 1	What do we mean by God? – Faith & Reason and Destroying Idols
Week 2	Proofs for the Existence of God (Change, Cause, Contingency, & Infinite Regress)
Week 3	Proofs & Arguments for the Existence of God (Perfection, Teleology, & Infinite Time)
Week 4	Atheist Objections – “God of the Gaps,” Scientism, & Thomas Aquinas
Week 5	Arguments for the Existence of God (Consciousness & Free Will, Truth, Origin of the Idea of God, Ontological, Morality, Conscience)
Week 6	Arguments for the Existence of God (Desire, Religious Experience, Common Consent, Miracles, Beauty)
Week 7	Atheist Objections – The Problem of Evil (Part I)
Week 8	Atheist Objections – The Problem of Evil & Divine Hiddenness (Part II)
Week 9	The Divinity of Christ: Lord, Liar, Lunatic
Week 10	The Divinity of Christ: Lord, Liar, Lunatic, Enlightened, or Legend
Week 11	The Resurrection of Christ: Swoon Theory and Conspiracy Theory
Week 12	The Resurrection of Christ: Hallucination or Myth
Week 13	The Soul & Life After Death
Week 14	Hell, Heaven, & Purgatory
Week 15	The Historicity of the Gospels & Reliability of Scripture
Week 16	What is the Church and Which one is She? – Scripture, Tradition, Magisterium
Week 17	The Teaching Authority of the Church: the Primacy of Peter
Week 18	The Liturgical Life of the Church & the Sacraments (Part I)
Week 19	The Liturgical Life of the Church & the Sacraments (Part II)
Week 20	Mariology: Virgin Mother, Virgin Birth, and the New Ark of the Covenant, the New Eve, the Gebirah
Week 21	Mariology: the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption
Week 22	The Role of Saints and the Angels
Week 23	The Miraculous: Eucharistic, Marian Apparitions, Healings
Week 24	Why Christianity? – Comparative Religions
Week 25	Why Catholicism? – The Church and Scandal
Week 26	Objective Truth & Moral Relativism – Christian Anthropology
Week 27	Christianity & Sexual Ethics
Week 28	Christianity & Social Justice
Week 29	The Church & Spiritual Warfare
Week 30	The Church & Artificial Intelligence

* Syllabus subject to modification by instructor.