



APOLOGETICS

FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

With Clare Nowak

WEEK		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.