

ARMING APOLOGISTS LESSON 12:

PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHICAL APOLOGETICS HOMEWORK

Read Introduction & Chapter 1 of *I Don't Have Enough Faith*

1. Research & prepare for your adversarial position

Notecards:

1 – All who wander aren't lost, just those without Jesus / Matthew 7:13-14

2 – Common Adversaries of Logic / (Five Fools)

3 – Response to Rampant Religiosity / Law of NC

4 – Response to Postmodern Philosophy / Tenets of Truth

DIAMONDS

Practical Exercise 1:

Person – Agnostic – i.e. do not believe enough evidence exists to determine whether God is real or not.

Position – “Why do Christians believe Jesus is the only way? There are plenty of pious believers living morally across a vast spectrum of religions. Why is Christian truth more valuable than their truth?”

Problem – Tenets of truth

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HEARTS

Practical Exercise 2:

Person – New Age – truth is relative, everybody's path is relevant. Spirituality is the key to authenticity not veracity.

Position – “Isn’t it amazing how the gods created so many different paths to reach divinity? Though humanity doesn’t realize it, we are united on spiritual paths to divine existence. Is your energy guiding you on the right path?”

Problem – Law of Non-contradiction

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CLUBS

Practical Exercise 3:

Person – Latter day Saint – we're Christians who have accepted the restored Gospel given through the prophet Joseph Smith and the true Church of Christ. We're not the only way, just the best way.

Position – “We are brothers/sisters in Christ. We believe in Jesus Christ, the bible, grace, and the Gospel. We’re the same, essentially.”

Problem – 1st Act of the Mind / Clear Terms

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SPADES

Practical Exercise 4:

Person – Atheist – there is no such thing as God. I know it, and life proves it. Only fools, and weaklings believe in God.

Position – “Christians are hypocrites. Religion is about money making and power. Therefore it’s all fake.”

"I have never seen God or anything divine. Only the weak and babies need a pacifier. Therefore, there is no God."

Problems – 2nd Act of the Mind / True Premises

3rd Act of the Mind / Valid Arguments

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