

CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES

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COURSE INFORMATION:

Course #644

Thursdays @ 6:00 P.M

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TEXTBOOK:

- There are no required books to purchase; these books are recommended if one can find them--some remain in print, others are no longer in print. The Cates Publications material will be available in the course documents and may be downloaded freely from that source. Many other books could be on this list, but these bear closely and specifically upon the particular topics that will be considered in this class.
- Austin, Steven A., Ed., *Grand Canyon: Monument to Catastrophe*, (Santee, CA: Institute for Creation Research, 1994).
- Butt, Kyle, *A Christian's Guide to Refuting Modern Atheism*, (Montgomery, AL: Apologetics Press, Inc., 2nd printing, 2013).
- Butt, Kyle and Lyons, Eric, *Truth Be Told: Exposing the Myth of Evolution*, (Montgomery, AL: Apologetics Press, Inc., 2005).
- Cates, Curtis A., Sr., "Man: A Little Higher than Apes, or a Little Lower than Angels?" (Memphis, TN: Cates Publications).
- Cates, Curtis A., Sr., "The Noahic Flood," (Olive Branch, MS: Cates Publications, 1994).
- Cates, Daniel, *Morality: An Overview of Societal and Philosophical Issues Faced by the Church*, (Coldwater, MS: Cates Publications, 2010).
- Cates, Daniel, *Overview of Christian Evidences Number I*, (Coldwater, MS: Cates Publications, 2010).
- Cates, Daniel, *Overview of Christian Evidences Number II*, (Coldwater, MS: Cates Publications, 2010).
- Cauley, Kevin, *No Apologies*, (Manchaca, TX: Hopkins Publishing, 2012).
- Grebstein, Sheldon Norman, Ed., *Monkey Trial: The State of Tennessee vs. John Thomas Scopes*, (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1960).
- Harrub, Brad, *Convicted*, (Brentwood, TN: Focus Press, Inc., 2009).
- Harrub, Brad, *Dissecting the Truth*, (Montgomery, AL: Apologetics Press, 2008).
- Hochdorf, Sean, Ed., *Darwin's Damnable Doctrine: A Study of Christian Evidences, Evolution and the Geologic Timetable*, (Visalia, CA: West Visalia Church of Christ, 2004).
- Jackson, Wayne, *The Mythology of Modern Geology*, (Stockton, AC: Apologetics Press, Inc., 1990).
- Lyons, Eric, *The Anvil Rings: Answers to Alleged Bible Discrepancies*, Vol. I, (Montgomery, AL: Apologetics Press, Inc., 2003).
- Lyons, Eric, *The Anvil Rings: Answers to Alleged Bible Discrepancies*, Vol. II, (Montgomery, AL: Apologetics Press, Inc., 2005).
- Miller, Jeff, *Science vs. Evolution*, (Montgomery, AL: Apologetics Press, Inc., 2013).
- Morris, Henry M., *The Biblical Basis for Modern Science*, (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 3rd printing, 2004).
- Morris, Henry M., *Men of Science--Men of God* (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 19th printing, 2005).
- Morris, John and Austin, Steven A., *Footprints in the Ash*, (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2nd printing, 2005)
- Morris, John D., *The Geology Book*, (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 5th printing, 2007).
- Thompson, Bert, *The History of Evolutionary Thought*, (Fort Worth, TX: Star Bible & Tract Corp., 1981).

The Warren-Flew Debate on the Existence of God, (Jonesboro, AR: National Christian Press, 1977). The 4-DVD video of this debate is available from www.wvbs.org.
Whitcomb, John C., and Morris, Henry M., *The Genesis Flood*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1961).
Williams, Alexander, and Hartnett, John, *Dismantling the Big Bang*, (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2nd printing, 2006).

REQUIREMENTS:

Each student will be required to pay attention to the instructor, to follow along in the handouts, to do any required reading and assignments outside of class, and to actively participate in class.

Students taking the class toward the M.O.S.T. Certificate must write an 8-10 page paper on a specific subject with regard to the study of Christian Evidences (e.g., on a specific person involved in the study, or on a specific argument for the existence of God or for evolution or for the flood--whatever the subject, it must be approved by the instructor). Students taking the class toward the M.O.S.T. Advanced Diploma must write a 12-15 page paper on a similar specific subject.

GRADING:

There are 200 possible points divided in this way (this grading system is flexible):

1 Paper (100)

1 Final Exam (100)

Grading scale: 95-100=A, 85-94=B, 70-84=C, 60-69=D, 0-59=F

SCHEDULE: (*this schedule is also flexible*)

September 18	Need for the Study, Definitions of Terms
September 25	Arguments for the Existence of God
October 2	The Origin and Evolution of a "Theory"
October 9	The Origin and Evolution of a "Theory"
October 16	Refuting the Big Bang and Evolution with and without the Bible
October 23	The Genesis Flood
October 30	The Genesis Flood
November 6	Case Studies: Mount St. Helens, the Grand Canyon, et al
November 13	Role of Science, History, Prophecy, and Canon in Evidences
November 20	Review of Debates and Trials on God and Evidences
December 4	PAPERS DUE; Answering Alleged Discrepancies
December 11	Final Exam