

Faith Bible Church

2 Corinthians 10:5 *We are* destroying speculations (λογισμοὺς) and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

Any Questions?

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Philosophical/Theological/Doctrinal & Spiritual Foundations

- Eschatology
- Thanatology
- Ecclesiology
- Israelology
- Dispensationalism
- Doxology
- Hodology
- Soteriology
- Hamartiology
- Natural Law (DE, Gvt, Econ.)
- Anthropology
- Angelology
- Pneumatology
- Christology
- Paterology
- Trinitarianism
- Theology Proper
- Bibliology
- Prolegomena: logic (9)

Broad and deep understanding of Epi-BD

1 Cor. 2:16.
"We have the
mind of Christ"

- Mature Believer**
- Mind of JC, OWC, PLG
 - Great depth of BD
 - Supergrace life
 - Fantastic blessedness
 - Phenomenal Stability
 - +H - Prime of life
 - Great Divine Production
 - Absolute Confidence

Enough BD to be overcomer; DV

1 John 2:14, "you are
strong, and the word of
God abides in you"

- Adolescent**
- Overcomer of KD
 - Committed to BD
 - Not into religiosity

Lacks BD, DV

Eph 4:14,
"tossed here and
there by waves,
& carried about
by every wind of
doctrine."

- Babe**
- Still has a lot of philosophical HV
 - Follows God for self/blessings
 - Lacks capacity for God /POG
 - Sensitive, defensive
 - Can only handle baby food
 - Dominated by DOL.
 - Seeks approbation/entertainment

Identify the law of logic that applies

1. Something is what it is and nothing else. Something that exists has a specific nature. $A = A$ _____
2. Something cannot be itself and not itself at the same time, in the same way, and in the same sense. $\neg(A \wedge \neg A)$ _____
3. A statement is either true or false. Thus, the statement, "A statement is either true or false," is either true or false. $A \vee \neg A$ _____
4. If William of Ockham (1287-1347) rejects the universals of Aristotle, he will reject using reason/causality in leading back to God, Ockham rejected universals of Aristotle
Therefore, Ockham rejected using reason/causality in leading back to God.

5. If John Duns Scotus (1266-1308) accepted Aristotelian primacy of the intellect in knowing God, he would not have become irrational about God's will.
He did become irrational about God's will,
Therefore He did not accept Aristotelian primacy of human intellect in knowing God.
6. If I confess my sins, then God will cleanse me from all unrighteousness,
God did not cleanse me from all unrighteousness,
Therefore, I did not confess my sins.
7. If I confess my sins, then God will cleanse me from all unrighteousness,
God cleansed me from all unrighteousness
Therefore, I confessed my sins.

8. If humans are perfect, then they do not need a Savior,
They need a savior
Therefore, humans are not perfect

9. If my carburetor fails, the engine dies
The engine has died
Therefore, I need to rebuild the carburetor

10. If God did not exist, objective values would not exist.
Objective moral values do exist
Therefore, God exists.

11. If I trust the Lord, I will not be afraid
I am afraid,
Therefore I did not trust the Lord.

12. If I trust the Lord, I will not be afraid
I trust the Lord
Therefore I am not afraid

13. If I trust the Lord, I will not be afraid
I am not afraid,
Therefore I trusted the Lord.

14. If evolution is true, then the 2nd law of thermodynamics is wrong

But the 2nd law of thermodynamics is not wrong

Therefore, Evolution is not true

15. Either Jesus is the only way of salvation, or there are other ways of salvation,

There are no other ways of salvation (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)

Therefore, Jesus is the only way of salvation

16. If a person speaks in the names of false gods, that person is a false prophet,

Muhammad spoke in the names of false gods (cf. Satanic verses)

Therefore, Muhammad was a false prophet

17. If a person delivers a revelation that does not come from God, that person is a false prophet.

Muhammad delivered a revelation that didn't come from God (cf. Satanic verses).

Therefore, Muhammad was a false prophet.

18. If Global Warming is true, then we will have a hotter summer.

We are having a hotter summer

Therefore Global warming is true.

19. If Obama is a bad president, gas prices will go up

Gas prices are going up

Therefore, Obama is a bad president.

20. If you believe in Jesus, you are saved

You are not saved

Therefore you do not believe in Jesus.

Resurrection Special #36: Falsifying Naturalism (12- Final!)

**Resurrection &
the Spiritual Life
in the Epistles**

**A Walkthrough of the Resurrection
Narratives**

6 Arguments that

Falsify Naturalism (Final: questions 36-100)

The Failure of All Alternate Theories

Bedrock Facts: Death of JC & Multiple Appearances

**Historiography: Establishing Historical Proof
for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

List and describe the two categories of divine revelation

36. N_____ revelation, Rom 1:18-20; Psa 19
37. S_____ revelation, 2 Tim 3:16-17
38. Describe the pathology of one the world's most famous atheists (Freud, Hobbes, Ludwig von Feuerbach, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Camus, Hume, Madeleine Murray O'Hare, Antony Flew).
39. What evidence is there that shows that atheism is a better candidate for a defense mechanism for denial than theism is a candidate for projection?

40. Explain C.S. Lewis' argument for God based on the human existential need.



C.S. Lewis 1898-1963

Extra Credit

If a person believes in evolution, then he is not a Christian
Lewis believed in evolution
Therefore he was not a Christian
True or False? Why or why not?

41. Which of the following provides a correct description of *naturalism*?

A- Most opposing theories offered to date adequately account for Jesus' resurrection.

B- The natural world is all there is.

C- Although Jesus rose from the dead, it was by natural causes.

D – Eating all natural foods without preservatives is the best diet one can have.

42. Some critics claim that science has shown that resurrections are impossible. Why is this position false?

A- Scientists are always biased by their atheism and their conclusions should always be rejected.

B- Although scientific studies may reveal that resurrections are impossible, we must accept Jesus' resurrection on faith alone.

C- Science has only shown that resurrections are impossible by *natural causes*.

D- All of the above.

43. If a skeptic told you that he could never believe that Jesus rose from the dead because his experience tells him that when people die they stay dead, how might you respond?

A- My experience from the Bible tells me differently. So our experiences cancel each other out.

B- His experience shows that the dead do not return to life by natural causes. However, this does not eliminate the possibility of God raising someone from the dead under special circumstances.

C- His experience shows him that 5,000 cannot be fed by five loaves of bread and two fish. However, it happened. Therefore, his reasoning is problematic.

D- All of the above.

44. Skeptics will sometimes claim that even if God exists He cannot violate the laws of nature. What could you say in response?

A- Nature is all there is. God exists and is, therefore, included in the definition of nature. Thus, His actions within nature do not violate nature's law.

B- The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

C- God does not desire to violate nature's laws and Jesus' resurrection fits in well with those laws.

D- If God created the universe and its natural laws, there is no reason why He could not suspend or override those laws if He wanted to.

45. If a skeptic suggested that science can explain everything and, thus, we do not have to appeal to a god, what might you say in response?

A- Science is unable to answer the evidence for Jesus' resurrection. This attests to the extraordinary evidence for it.

B- Since appealing to a god can explain everything, we do not have to appeal to science for answers.

C- What we know from medicine, history, and psychology disprove natural explanations for Jesus' resurrection.

D- A & C.

46. If a skeptic said that only what science proves is true, you might respond with which of the following?

A- Since science cannot prove this position it cannot pass its own test.

B- I am only referring to religious matters, not science. So your objection fails.

C- Near death experiences (NDE's) are proof from science that resurrections are possible.

D- All of the above

47. If a skeptic said, “I’ll grant we can know that something happened. But we cannot say that Jesus rose,” how should you respond?

A- We can make this conclusion because the inspired Word of God reports it.

B- Since all the evidence points to a resurrection and no plausible opposing theories exist, Jesus’ resurrection is the only plausible solution to account for the known facts

C- That’s a good point. I can see why you’re not a Christian.

48. Skeptics frequently appeal to problem passages in the resurrection accounts in the Gospels. What is a good way to respond to this tactic?

A- This objection is irrelevant, because we know that the Bible is inspired and have no need to answer critics who claim that the Bible contains errors.

B- Jesus' resurrection would be disproved if the Bible contains errors, since it is our best source regarding the resurrection accounts.

C- A minimal facts approach keeps us focused on facts, which both sides admit. Problem passages, even in the resurrection accounts, don't at all undermine these minimal facts.

D- This objection is irrelevant, because the majority of scholars believe that Jesus rose from the dead.

49. What is the name of the philosophy that teaches that the believer does not need to do apologetics? He just needs to believe because “evidence has no place in the Christian faith” _____. (This would mean that on an epistemological basis Christianity is no different than any religion.)
50. Who was the individual in the Bible who was the greatest philosopher-theologian, given the most Bible doctrine, desired “books” for his last moments on earth, had an unparalleled spiritual (resurrection empowered) life, was not appreciated by most around him, and was the most effective force for the spread of Christianity in history?

51. What argument for the existence of God deals with the fact that matter does not have intentionality?

52. Name the Darwinian evolutionist who believes that teaching the Bible to our children is a form of child abuse, who has no intellectual response to the fine tuning of the universe, whose books are very popular, does not believe in objective morality (though he has his own 10 commandments), is called a coward by fellow atheists for refusing to debate William Lane Craig, and has an enormous vitriol against God and Christians.

List distinctions between a thinking Christian (intellectual) and sensate Christian (anti-intellectual) .

53. Regarding the spiritual life before God

54. Regarding orientation to others.

55. Regarding orientation to self and the DOL.

List 5 examples of anthropic principle on the fine tuning of the universe for life on earth.

56. Hint: miraculous properties of water.

57. Hint: Free neutrons and protons; hydrogen atoms (sun and water).

58. Electrons and protons.

59. Distance of earth from the sun.

60. Moon.

Answer the following in regard to Stephen Hawking (the self-described naturalist who rejects all supernaturalism)

61. He is an anti- _____ who effectively believes in the Matrix.
62. He is a full-blown p_____ .
63. By attempting to close the door on God's foot in door, he has become a _____ Rom. 1:22.
64. He rejects _____, though he uses it in the first 1/3 of his book.
65. His desire is to have a complete theory of _____
66. The _____ _____ waited with baited breath for his new book.
67. _____ _____ his erstwhile colleague (as well as any others), was disappointed in his recent book due in no small part to Hawking's anti-realism and multiverses.

68. What passage describes the fate and volition of the mass of humanity?
69. Why is the person who never hears the gospel still without excuse, Romans 1:20.
70. How is it that Aristotle could understand the essence of God and the purpose of man's intellect better than many Christians? Rom 1:18-20. (Aristotle on God: "unmoved mover, no parts, and essentially "thought-thinking-thought.")
71. What passage teaches that all unsaved are convicted regarding morality?
72. What passage teaches that moral values are hardwired in man? (Atheists can be moral, though they cannot give justification for it)

73. Is it fair for people to be born in places where they have never even heard of the name of Jesus, and yet will suffer in Hell forever for not believing in Him?
74. What passage teaches that there are no accidents as to the time or place someone is born and lives?
75. How does this passage eliminate the charges against God's love?
76. What promise does God make for every person? Acts 17:26-27; Psa 145:18; Isa 55:6; Jer. 29:13.
77. What is the difference between determinism (Calvinism), open theism, Molinism, and compatibilism? Which view better fits with the biblical data? Discuss prayer and Calvinism.

78. Explain how God's gift of freedom of volition precludes a perfect world of no suffering.
79. Does God value the freedom of man's volition over his freedom from pain and suffering? Explain.
80. Is it logically possible for God to force man to make a free decision?
81. How is God's sufficient grace distinct from His efficient grace?

82. Defend the concept that God has so ordered the world that those who never hear the gospel and are lost are only people who would not have believed in the Gospel.

83. Describe how Molinism (middle knowledge where God knows what every person would do in any circumstance) makes it likely that God chose the best possible world. The world with maximum good— for salvation and for positive believers to grow to supergrace.

84. Will someone be able to indict God at the Great White Throne for never even getting the chance to respond to the gospel? Why?
85. What is the proper response to an individual who challenges Christian particularism as it relates to those who have never heard?

86. Explain how libertarianism/freewill really is free and never determined by any outward factor (cf. 1 Cor. 10:13). Discuss how this is the only way God can hold man personally responsible. Include a discussion of transworld damnation for the lost as well as why some believers move into reversionism and fail to persevere.

87. Why is the problem of suffering (evil) such a problem for atheists?

2 Corinthians 4:17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.

2 Samuel 12:22 And he said, "While the child was *still* alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, that the child may live.'²³ "But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

Describe how you would handle the problem of suffering

88. on an intellectual level in response to Hume's charge, "Is God willing to prevent evil, but is not able? Then He is impotent. Is He Able, but not willing? Then He is malevolent. Is He both able and willing? Whence then is evil."
89. on an emotional level in response to the need to comfort or console those who are suffering with the aim of dealing with their emotional dislike of a God who would permit suffering in their lives?

90. What is the true purpose of life and the end of man? Cf. Job 13:15; 42:5; John 17:3; Philip 3:10; Heb 2:10; 2 Cor 4:16-18
91. What is always God's objective in unjust suffering?

Machiavelli – the consummate practical naturalist

92. What was the basis of his anthropological view of man?

93. What was the basis of his epistemology?

94. What was his view regarding metaphysics?

List the 6 ways of Falsifying Naturalism

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