



STAND FIRM

APOLOGETICS COURSE

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The **Stand Firm Apologetics Course** is designed to strengthen Christians' faith by presenting compelling evidence for the truths of Christianity, and equip Christians to share and defend the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Stand Firm is a sixteen-lesson video-driven introductory apologetics course that may be used for group or individual study. The individual videos are each about half an hour long and should be viewed prior to answering the discussion questions. Discussion leaders and individual students may research the topics by reading the recommended books and visiting the recommended web sites.

Beyond the suggested books and web sites included in the individual lessons, we also recommend the forthcoming book "Stand Firm" by Dickinson, Gould & Loftin to be published by Broadman & Holman as well as the following websites:

- sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/evangelism/c-33
- sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/confident-christianity/c-57
- sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/missions/c-28

Lesson Order

- 1 **A Rational Romantic Approach to Apologetics** Paul Gould
- 2 **Truth** Travis Dickinson
- 3 **The Bible** Travis Dickinson
- 4 **Does the Universe Indicate God's Existence?** Keith Loftin
- 5 **Does Science Disprove Miracles?** Keith Loftin
- 6 **Who is Jesus?** Paul Gould
- 7 **Resurrection** Keith Loftin
- 8 **Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?** Paul Gould
- 9 **The Exclusivity of Christ** Travis Dickinson
- 10 **Reaching Out to Catholics** Bruno Molina
- 11 **Reaching Out to Mormons** Bruno Molina
- 12 **Reaching Out to Jehovah's Witnesses** Rudy Gonzalez
- 13 **Reaching Out to Muslims** SBTC People Group Missionary
- 14 **Reaching Out to Hindus** SBTC People Group Missionary
- 15 **Reaching Out to Buddhists** SBTC People Group Missionary
- 16 **Standing Firm & Going Out** Travis Dickinson

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 If the name “Jehovah” is so important, then why is there absolutely no use of the name in the New Testament Greek manuscript evidence? If Jehovah preserved the use of his name in the Old Testament, why could he not preserve it in the New Testament?
- 2 If the name “Jehovah” is so important to salvation, why does Acts 4:12 say “Jesus” is the only name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved”?
- 3 If there are 144,000 spirit anointed witnesses who have a heavenly hope, and a great crowd who hopes for a restored earthly paradise, why does Paul say in Ephesians 4:4 that there is only one hope? Furthermore, why does Paul extend the hope of the so-called “anointed children of God” in Romans 8:20-21 to the whole of the created order?
- 4 If most of the New Testament epistles speak of the heavenly hope, where do these epistles address the earthly hope of the so called “great crowd”?
- 5 What biblical passages support the teaching that Jesus is a created being and is also the archangel Michael, especially in the light of Hebrews 1:13, which teaches that angels are never elevated to places of supreme divine prominence?

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

BOOKS

- The Jehovah's Witness: Understanding Their Faith & Teachings by Michael C. McKenzie
- In the Name of Jehovah: Understanding Jehovah's Witnesses by North American Mission Board (4truth.net)
- The Facts on Jehovah's Witnesses (The Facts on Series, 2008) by John Ankerberg, John Weldon & Dillon Burroughs
- The Kingdom of the Cults by Walter Martin
- The Challenge of the Cults & New Religions by Ron Rhodes

WEBSITES

- truelife.org
- 4truth.net
- carm.org
- clayjones.net
- gotquestions.org
- towertotruth.net
- freeminds.org
- jehovahs-witness.net
- e-watchman.com
- exjehovahswitnessforum.yuku.com

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- 6 How can Jehovah's Witnesses trust their current leadership, since by their own publications, the faithful and discrete servant class (from the 144,000 anointed) had to be of the 1914 generation? Since that so-called "anointed" generation has effectively passed on, what leadership has taken its place?
- 7 In Revelation 22:12-13, Jesus Christ says of himself, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (see also Rev. 1:17-18). However, in Revelation 21:6 God says of himself, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." (See also Isa 44:6; 48:12). How can Jesus claim to be the first and the last since such a definition can only refer to the one true God?
- 8 If the Holy Spirit is the impersonal active force of Jehovah, why does the Bible ascribe personality to him in Acts 13:2 and John 16:7-8, 13-14? Furthermore, how can an impersonal force bear witness (John 15:26), be blasphemed against (Mark 3:29), feel emotion (Isaiah 63:10) and speak of its own volition (Ezekiel 3:24, Acts 8:29, 10:19, 11:12, 21:11, Hebrews 10:15-17, Revelation 2:7)? Also, how can an impersonal force actively comfort believers (Acts 9:31) and be lied to as God (Acts 5:3-4)?
- 9 Bonus Question: In Colossians 1:15-17 and Philippians 2:9, the "New World Translation" inserts the word "other" a total of five times with no textual justification from extant Greek manuscripts. What do Proverbs 30:5-6 and Revelation 22:18 say about adding words to Scripture? Furthermore, what do these passages teach about Jesus when the unwarranted addition of "other" is removed?