



# STAND FIRM

## APOLOGETICS COURSE

Videos + Study Guide available at  
[sbtexas.com/standfirm](https://sbtexas.com/standfirm)

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](https://sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/evangelism/c-33)
- [sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/confident-christianity/c-57](https://sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/confident-christianity/c-57)
- [sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/missions/c-28](https://sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/missions/c-28)

## Lesson Order

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- 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

## 4 Does the Universe Indicate God's Existence? Keith Loftin

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 Can you think of anything that began to exist without a cause?
- 2 Must the universe have a cause? If so, why doesn't God himself have a cause?
- 3 What's wrong with claiming that history has always (eternally) been growing, one day at a time, day after day?
- 4 So the universe must have a beginning. How compelling is this fact as evidence for God's existence?
- 5 How convincing do you find the Kalam cosmological argument?
- 6 We've seen that the cause of the universe must have certain qualities or attributes. Do you think that cause must have each of those qualities (i.e., it must be uncaused, beginningless, timeless, spaceless, immaterial, enormously powerful and intelligent and personal)?
- 7 If you agree that it's important we—the church—train young believers to think intelligently about such matters, what are some ways to teach them the Kalam argument?
- 8 With an eye toward evangelism, what are some strategic ways to get into conversations with non-believers about the Kalam argument and God's existence?

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

#### BOOKS

- The Case for a Creator: A Journalist Investigates Scientific Evidence That Points Toward God by Lee Strobel
- The Creator and the Cosmos: How the Latest Scientific Discoveries Reveal God by Hugh Ross
- I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist by Norman L. Geisler & Frank Turek
- Understanding Intelligent Design: Everything You Need to Know in Plain Language by William A. Dembski & Sean McDowell
- The Design Revolution: Answering the Toughest Questions About Intelligent Design by William A. Dembski & Charles W. Colson

#### WEBSITES

- [sciencereasonfaith.com](http://sciencereasonfaith.com)
- [seanmcdowell.org](http://seanmcdowell.org)
- [reasons.org](http://reasons.org)
- [crossexamined.org](http://crossexamined.org)
- [rzm.org](http://rzm.org)
- [leestrobel.com](http://leestrobel.com)
- [reasonablefaith.org](http://reasonablefaith.org)
- [thepoachedegg.net](http://thepoachedegg.net)
- [4truth.net/Science](http://4truth.net/Science)