

Getting started in Apologetics

Critical thinking is an unavoidable part of everyday life, as well as an imperative foundation to Faith. Please see “Do I Need Apologetics” for an introduction to the importance of intellectual faith, an introduction to Apologetics and tips for how to handle discussions that relate to the truth of Christianity.

The resources listed in this document provide a starting point for equipping the Christian to engage in Apologetics discussions. All resources are provided in alphabetical order.

While these resources provide a decent starting point, a lifetime of further study is strongly recommended. Furthermore, Christians are strongly recommended to connect with a mentor familiar with these kinds of conversations.

Suggestions/clarifications? Contact us at <http://whyjesus.ca>

Some good starter websites:

<http://www.bethinking.org.uk/>
<http://www.rzim.org>
<http://www.str.org>

What is the NCAC?

We are a group of scholars and lay-Christians in the Calgary area dedicated to studying and showing that Christianity is intellectually reasonable. Find out more at whyjesus.ca.

Websites

<http://apologetics315.com>
<http://www.bethinking.org.uk/>
<http://www.leestobel.com>
<http://www.reasonablefaith.org>
<http://www.rzim.org>
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Books

Apologetics to the Glory of God (John Frame)
Evidence that demands a verdict (Josh McDowell)
Five Views on Apologetics (Gundry and Cowan)
Handbook of Christian Apologetics (Kreeft / Tacelli)
Is Christianity True? (Hugo Meynell)
Mere Christianity (C.S. Lewis)
Reasonable Faith (William Lane Craig)
Tactics (Greg Koukl)
Who moved the stone? (Frank Morison)

DVDs/CDs/Software

Craig - Hitchens debate - available through <http://www.doesgodexistdebate.com/>
Bible Study software – E-sword www.e-sword.net

See LOTS more here - <http://apologetics315.blogspot.com/2009/11/recommended-apologetics-book-directory.html>

Education opportunities in Post-Secondary institutions

NOTE: Although some show, “no known Apologetics courses” it is always worth asking.

Alberta Bible College - <https://www.abc-ca.org/>

No known Apologetics courses
Various courses related to Theology, Philosophy, History

Ambrose University College - <http://www.ambrose.edu/>

No known Apologetics courses
Various courses related to Theology, Philosophy, History

Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary (and College) - <http://www.csbs.ca>

No known Apologetics courses
Various courses related to Theology, History, Evangelism

Rocky Mountain College - <http://www.rockymountaincollege.ca>

At least one Apologetics course
Various other courses related to Theology, Philosophy, History

St Mary's University College - <http://www.stmu.ab.ca>

No known Apologetics courses
Various courses related to Theology, Philosophy, History

University of Calgary - <http://www.ucalgary.ca>

No known Apologetics courses
Full degrees in religion, philosophy, history, etc.

Victory Bible College - <http://www.vbci.org>

At least one Apologetics course
Various other courses related to Theology, Evangelism, History

Educational opportunities other than Post-secondary

Center Street Church -

http://www.cschurch.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=122&Itemid=200

Sample courses:

- A Christian Attitude toward other religions
- Getting the truth right: A thinking believer's guide to Bible Interpretation
- Understanding the New Age movement
- Cult class: practical tips on witnessing to Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses
- Understanding worldviews