

CHRISTIANITY FOR ALL

Faith Seeking Understanding

TODAY'S TOPICS:

- What are apologetics?
- Different types of atheism
- Cosmological Argument
- Design/Fine-Tuning Argument
- Moral Argument
- Resurrection Argument

APOLOGETICS

- Providing a defence/ reason for the faith (1 Peter 3:15)
- Can help confront doubt and strengthen faith
- Helps prompt dialogue and discussion with atheists/ non-believers
- Done with love and care
 - You are talking to individuals, not arguments
- Philosophy isn't everything
 - Humans are not purely rational

VARIETIES OF ATHEISM

- “Believe in” vs. “Belief that” (Price)
- Atheism vs. agnosticism

KALAM COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- P1: Everything that begins to exist has a cause
- P2: The universe began to exist
- C1: The universe has a cause
- The cause is:
 - Timeless
 - Immaterial
 - Personal

DESIGN-FINE-TUNING ARGUMENT

- Design argument
 - The universe functions in an orderly fashion
 - The laws of nature are uniform and not random
 - Life is extremely complex
- Fine-tuning argument
 - The probability of a life-sustaining universe is extremely small
 - The probability of this universe given theism is higher than atheism
- The designer is:
 - Personal
 - Cares for order and humanity

MORAL ARGUMENT

P1: If there is no God, there are no objective values

P2: There are objective values

C: There is a God

RESURRECTION ARGUMENT

- Jesus believed that He was the Messiah
- Jesus was crucified
- Jesus was buried
- Jesus was seen after his death by numerous people
- Abductive reasoning: argument to the best explanation

FURTHER RESOURCES

1. [On Guard](#)(Dr. Craig)
2. [The Son Rises](#)(Dr. Craig)
3. [Design and Fine-Tuning Arguments](#) (Interview w/ Dr. Collins)
4. [Fine-Tuning Arguments](#) (Interview w/ Dr. Barnes)
5. [Kalam Cosmological Argument](#) (Interview w/ Dr. Loke)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are some ways in which people could challenge Christian faith?
- How have you responded to these questions?
- What are some of the reasons for why people become Christians? What are some reasons why people are atheists?
- What are some of the short-comings of apologetics in evangelism and Christianity?

Q&A