

Mr. G's Conclusion to the Apologetics Course: Transcript of Video

Hey everyone, congratulations on making through the course. I hope it was interesting, and helpful, and eye-opening for you. Most of all, I pray that the Lord will use some of the stuff you've learned to bring you closer to Him and to enable you to better share His love and salvation with people you come into contact with.

So, just a few words of wisdom from me before I let you guys go. There are two main things I want you to take away from this course, two main things I want to encourage you to start doing, if you're not, or continue to do, if you are.

1. Get to know the Bible. Not so much as a textbook, or a book of history, or even a book of facts and truth; but as the living Word of God. This is the Creator of the Universe communicating with you about Who He is, how to know Him, and what's important in life. So read it every day; actually don't just read it, but soak in it. Take your time. Don't just do it to check off the box that you did it. Repeat the words you read over to yourself; memorize important verses. Ask God to teach you what it means, what He wants you to do. Look up the cross references to help you understand things better. Don't just read a few favorite passages either, try to read as much of it as possible to get the whole picture. If you know the Bible well, you won't be fooled by counterfeits or by attacks against it or lies about it.
2. Get to know God. Talk to Him, ask Him to talk to you, to teach you and lead you, and obey Him when you sense that He's saying something to you. As you get to know Him, you won't be taken in by arguments against His existence or against His character. That's not to say there aren't convincing arguments for His existence apart from knowing Him, apart from faith, like we saw...but knowing Him is really the foundation you want to be on.

Now, I want to remind you of something we mentioned towards the beginning of the course, which is that apologetics is limited in its usefulness and what it can accomplish. Only God can change someone, it doesn't matter how many logical arguments you present. I would encourage you, if you have a friend or acquaintance who is skeptical towards Christianity, to love them and pray for them. God can do what we can't. And make sure you pray for them from a heart of love for the person, not like to target them or defeat them.

Having said that, there may be some specific areas we touched on in the course that you're interested in looking into a bit more, and I'd encourage you to do that. There's a lot more you could learn about science and its relation to the Bible and to creation, or about archeology, or about the text of the Bible, etc. If you're interested in learning more about the original language of the Old Testament, I want to point out that I have a Biblical Hebrew language course on allinonehighschool.com, actually we'll have two years of Biblical Hebrew.

Anyway, at the end of the course I'll be posting some additional resources you can check out related to apologetics.

If you have a friend or acquaintance who is a member of a non-Christian religion and you want to talk with them about your faith, you might want to learn a bit about some of the main differences between Christianity and their faith, and especially what are some of the specific objections they may have to Christianity. My family and I lived overseas among Muslim people for about 14 years and so I love Muslim people and I've had a lot of good interaction with Muslims on matters of faith. Many of our conversations involve clearing away misunderstandings and misinformation they have about the Bible and Christianity. And above all, no matter whom you're talking with, as we've said many times before, make sure you are loving them, caring about them as a person. You can offer to pray for people when they are having problems; I've found that Muslims for example are usually very appreciative that someone would offer to pray for them or even with them.

OK guys, I'm going to let you go. Please feel free to write to me and let me know if you have any suggestions concerning this course and whether it's been helpful to you. I'd love to hear from you. My email is posted there on Lesson 90. Take care guys and may the Lord bless you all.