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# Essentials in Defending the Faith

Semester 1: I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist

Semester 2: Tactics For Answering Atheists & Skeptics

Up to 75% of our youth walk away from the Christian faith after high school. Be inoculated against the onslaught of disinformation by atheists and skeptics of Christianity. Evidence for the central truths of Christianity, the existence of God, the deity and resurrection of Christ, and the authority and truth of the Bible will be examined in a logical order and in a simple, engaging style. Christianity is not only more reasonable than all other belief systems but is indeed more rational than unbelief itself.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester we will focus on Tactics by Greg Koukl. Students will learn fantastic methods of conversing successfully with skeptics of all kinds. Greg's book has transformed many lives by changing their tactics on witnessing. We need to be better detectives and ask good questions to help take down the barriers to faith. People are much more prepared to hear the Gospel when we learn great "Tactics."

- CAUTION: This class may cause strong convictions, boldness, conversions to Christianity & belief in absolute truth. Students could take a firm stand against relativism, Christian-bashing, and other anti-Christian bias by professors, students, friends, and family. Use caution as Apologia Online Academy can definitely be held responsible.

## Required supplies for this class:

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Larry has been on staff with Apologia Educational Ministries, Inc. for a decade. He studied Pastoral Theology at Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College in Southern California where he received his B.A. He pastored for 15+ years as a Youth Pastor, Cult-Evangelist, and Christian Apologist. After years of witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and other people deceived by false religions and various aberrant groups, Larry developed a counter-cult ministry reaching many Jehovah's Witnesses for Christ. This led him to seek out further education in the area of apologetics – defending the Christian faith.

Larry earned his M.A.A. (Master of Arts in Apologetics) from Southern Evangelical Seminary in Charlotte, NC. In 2003 he and the president of the Seminary started Southern Evangelical Church and ministered as the Assistant Pastor & Christian Education. He developed numerous ministries of the church including "Educational Hour," "Institute for Biblical Studies" (lay Bible & Apologetics), and many other core programs of the church. Larry is one of the editors of the Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics.

When he is not directing Apologia Online Academy, lecturing and speaking at Homeschool Conferences conducting Teen & Adult Tracks, and guest speaking at other events, Larry plays competitive Pickleball, visits Disney World, performs Christian Illusions & Juggling, plays with his grandchildren Elijah, Aedan, & Reagan Gordon, and dates his wife Jane. He has been doing amateur paleontology for a few years and has a large collection of marine fossils he has dug from the mountain tops & valleys around the U.S.A. Larry and Jane, live in Matthews, NC.