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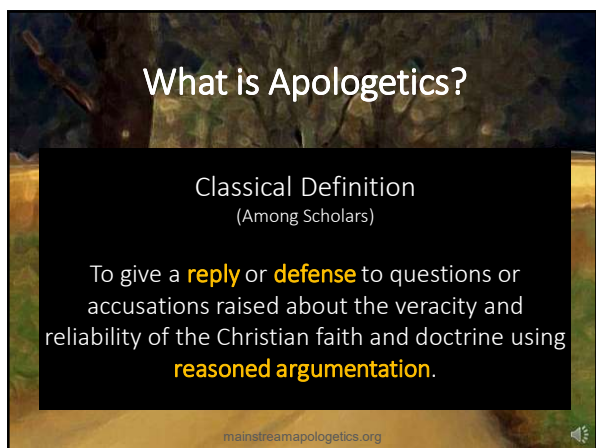
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## Why is Apologetics Important?

### Big Idea

The world will **challenge** our faith in God and **cause** us to doubt God's Word.

In response, we must **confirm WHAT** we believe and **WHY** we believe it.

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## Why is Apologetics Important?

### Satan's Lies

He (Satan) has always **hated the truth**, because there is **no truth** in him.

When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for **he is a liar** and the **father of lies**.

John 8:44 (NLT)

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## Why is Apologetics Important?

### Secular Worldviews

They traded the **truth** about God for a **lie**. So they worshiped and served the **things** God created instead of the **Creator** himself.

Romans 1:25 (NLT)

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# Why is Apologetics Important?

## Secular Worldviews

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# Why is Apologetics Important?

## World of Skeptics

Often do not **think critically** about life's most **important issues**.

Often settle for **simple/reasonable answers** from **unreliable sources**.

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# Why is Apologetics Important?

## Biblical Imperative

"We will no longer be **immature** like children. We won't be **tossed** and **blown about** by every wind of new teaching. We will **not be influenced** when people try to trick us **with lies** so clever they sound like the truth"

Ephesians 4:14(NLT)

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**Why is Apologetics Important?**

**Biblical Imperative**

“Always be prepared to **give an answer** to everyone who asks you to **give the reason** for the hope that you have.”

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

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**Why is Apologetics Important?**

**Blind Man**

The Pharisees asked the blind man, “What’s your opinion about this man who healed you?”

The man replied, “**I think he must be a prophet.**”

“**I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!**”

**If this man were not from God, he couldn’t have done it.”**

John 9 (NLT)

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**What is Apologetics?**

**Our Working Definition**

To provide a **reasoned answer** for **what** we believe to be true about God, and **why** we believe it based on both **knowledge** and **experience**.

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**Revelation of God**

Revelation of God is **Visible, Inspired, Reliable and Trustworthy**

Once we have established that God had a purpose for His creation, we establish that God's revelation of Himself is visible, trustworthy and inspired. We observe that God revealed Himself through nature, the revealed word (the Bible) and ultimately the person of Jesus. This is evidenced by mankind's response to the crucifixion, the moral conscience and the consistency of the biblical narrative and prophetic predictions/fulfillments over the course of 3,500 years.

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**Chapter 3: Revelation of God**

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- 3.11 God's Answer: Truth
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**3 Conclusion: Revelation of God is Visible, Inspired, Reliable, and Trustworthy (PHY-D304)**

God's revelation of Himself is abundant and widely visible. The general nature of God the Creator and the consequences of man's sin are evidenced by the created order. The specific nature of God the Redeemer is evidenced by the Bible, the written Word of God. These types of revelation come to us progressively through the ages. God's ultimate revelation of truth is in the person of Jesus Christ.

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# Introduction to Mainstream Apologetics

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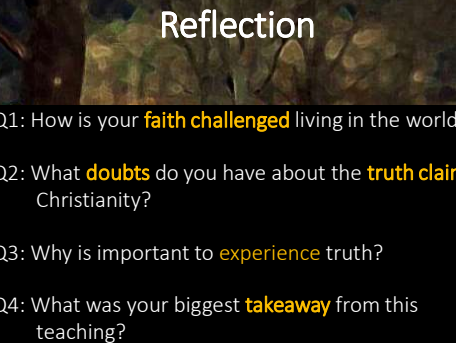
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# Reflection

Q1: How is your **faith challenged** living in the world?

Q2: What **doubts** do you have about the **truth claims** of Christianity?

Q3: Why is important to **experience** truth?

Q4: What was your biggest **takeaway** from this teaching?

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