

## The Ology Islands Series #2: Basic Theology



### Theo-Prime Island (Day 1)

**Captain's Log:** Theo-Prime is the largest of the islands and the beginning point of our adventure. This island will take us four lessons to conquer and to settle. To withstand the battle pressure that we will face later we must do some background training here on the quiet side of the island. We will need to know our Christian Theology well to defeat the Ism Pirates. The Greek word *theo* means God and any word that has *ology* on the end means "study of". So, theology is simply the study of God.



### Roll Call/Treasure Hunt:

- I. **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (BSB)
  - A. The Bible does not **prove** the existence of God.
  - B. Yahweh is **uncreated**, you cannot prove His existence using traditional scientific methods.
- II. **Psalm 90:1-2** <sup>1</sup>Lord, You have been our dwelling place through all generations. <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God. (BSB)
  - A. People have had **experiences** with Yahweh that they have testified to. These testimonies go back thousands of years.
  - B. His deity **exists** even if no one believes in Him.
- III. **Hebrews 11:1-3, 6** <sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of what we hope for and the certainty of what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is why the ancients were commended. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ... <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who approaches Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. (BSB)
  - A. **Faith** is necessary to please God.
  - B. When we step out in faith to believe in Yahweh, He **proves** Himself to us.

**Crew Huddle:** "What would you say to someone who asks you what makes you believe that there is a God?" Here are some common answers to this question.

- A. The **Bible** says so.
- B. Someone **told** me that there was a God.
- C. Creation is so **complicated**, there must be a creator. This is called natural revelation.

D. Through either a healing, answered prayer, or many other types of supernatural experiences I have experienced God for myself.



### **Battle with Ism Pirates:**

**Atheism** - The belief that there is no God

**Agnosticism** - The belief that you cannot prove the existence of God and therefore the study of “God” is meaningless.

There are some great resources for dealing with these “Ism-Pirates”.

~*Evidence that demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell is one of them.

~*God in the Dock* by C.S. Lewis is another one.

~Personal testimony is also a great way to battle these pirates.



**Set Course:** We will move along the quiet coastlines and do more drills in order to be prepared for battle.

**Prayer**