

The Ology Islands #5:



Day Three on Theo-Prime Island

Captain's Log: We are on the third and final day of training in order to start meeting the Ism Pirates in battle. We have circled the shores of Theo-Prime and should wrap up our training today. For our training today we will look at philosophical approaches of defending the existence of God. These four approaches will help us to defend our faith against any Ism. We also have friends and family with us to celebrate the conclusion of our training.



Roll Call/Treasure Hunt: Here are some philosophical “proofs” for God’s existence.

I. The Cosmological Approach (Cause and effect argument; God is presented as the uncaused cause):

Hebrews 3:3-4

Job 38:1-7

- A. The existence of creatures _____ the existence of a Creator.
- B. Every effect must have an adequate _____. The universe has not always existed. There was a time when the universe did not exist. The universe must have had an origin.
- C. The Originator, the Source, the First Cause of all existence is God. Of all existence, God alone is _____, without a beginning. Before God created the universe, He existed alone. God is the first cause of the universe.

II. The Teleological Approach (Where there is design, there must be a designer. God is the original designer):

Psalms 19:1

Psalms 104:24

Romans 1:20

- A. God has left His fingerprints on _____ He has made. Everywhere one looks in nature he can see the fingerprints of God.
- B. Order and design everywhere in nature identify the universe as the _____ of God.

III. The Anthropological Approach: The first two arguments focus on creation as a whole. This one specifically focuses on the uniqueness of mankind.

Genesis 1:26-27

James 3:9

- A. This argument considers indications of God's existence as derived from man himself because we are made according to His _____ and His _____. We are so unique among all the other creatures on the Earth.

B. Conscience in man _____ that a Moral Governor, Lawgiver, and Judge exists.

IV. The Personal Testimony Approach:

2 Timothy 4:1-2

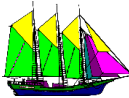
1 Peter 3:15-16

A. This is the most _____. It is when you just share what God has done for you personally.

B. This must be backed up with _____ behavior.



Battle With Ism Pirates: Next week we will battle the _____ Pirates. What modern day cult do these pirates go by the name of? These pirates cannot accept the Trinity because they start their understanding of “God” within the confines of time and space.



Set Course: We have completed our training. We will be ready to battle the Ism Pirates next week.