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**Course Description:**
This course will provide the foundations necessary to develop an adequate defense of the faith. We will examine basic presuppositions and the debate over them - arguments for God’s existence, miracles, and the problem of evil. The importance of speaking to cultural issues will be stressed. In this light we will examine the New Age Movement, a response to new religious movements, and cultural apologetics.

**Required Books:**
Prioritize reading *True Truth* before class (remember to take reading notes – detailed outline format).

(1) Lindsley, Art. *C. S. Lewis’s Case for Christ*
(2) Sproul, R. C., John Gerstner, and Art Lindsley. *Classical Apologetics*
(3) Lindsley, Art. *True Truth: Defending Absolute Truth in a Relativistic World*
(4) Geisler, Norman. *Apologetics in the New Age*
(5) Moreland, J.P. *Scaling the Secular City*
(6) Lindsley, Art. *Love: The Ultimate Apologetic*

*Books are available from amazon.com, christianbooks.com and rts.edu.*

**Course Format:**
Lecture and extensive discussion

**Course Objectives:**
- To enable students to better articulate and defend their faith in the modern world.
- To engage the opposing world views to faith in Christ and provide an adequate response.
- To answer central objections to the faith.
- To encourage a responsiveness to people - speaking the truth in love.
- To urge the importance of creative responses to people based on the best of the apologetic tradition.
Course Requirements:

For YL staff taking the course for **credit** (either **2 or 3 hours**), AND
For RTS Students taking the course for **2 credit hours**:
  - Reading notes on the required texts. Take notes in detailed outline format on **all** the readings. You can begin immediately. You will be graded on thoroughness.
  - A final take home exam involving lectures and readings.

For students taking the course for **3 hours** (those taking it for credit at another seminary): in addition to the two assignments above, you are also required to write a 10-15 page paper on subject of student’s choice. Be sure to discuss and get approval on your topic with Dr. Lindsley. The due date for all assignments (2 and 3 hours) is June 25, 2010.

Students who are **auditing** the course are required to do assignments in order to receive credit through Young Life. Dee Dee Thomson has more information. Please contact her at dthomson@sc.younglife.org for details. The due date for all assignments is June 25, 2010.

**Grading** (for students taking the class for **3 credit hours**):
Reading Reports 20%
Paper 30%
Final Examination 50%

**Grading** (for students taking the class for **2 credit hours**):
Reading Reports 30%
Final Examination 70%

**Grading Scale:**
The standard RTS grading scale will be used.

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Supplementary Bibliography:
Clark, Gordon. *A Christian View of Men and Things*
Craig, William Lane. *Apologetics: An Introduction*
Geisler, Norman. *Christian Apologetics*
Geisler, Norman. *Philosophy of Religion*
Pinnock, Clark. *Set Forth Your Case*
Schaeffer, Francis. *The God Who Is There*
Sproul, R.C. *The Psychology of Atheism*
Van Til, Cornelius. *The Defense of the Faith*

Course Content:
This class will cover the following subjects:
- Apology for Apologetics
- Psychology of Atheism
- Absolutes Without Absolutism
- New Age
- Cults
- Arguments for God’s Existence
- Problem of Evil
- Authority of Scripture
- The Church Is Full of Hypocrites
- Is Christianity Too Narrow-Minded? What About the Pagan in Africa?
- Other Approaches to Apologetics
- Death and Immortality