

COURSE SCHEDULE

Reasons for Faith

PRELUDES

- DAY 1 what to expect in this course
DAY 2 terms & a tiny bit of logic

THEISM

ways of resisting theism

- DAY 3 initial challenges to theism
DAY 4 the problem of evil
DAY 5 the problem of petitionary prayer
DAY 6 anti-theism & divine hiddenness

ways of accepting theism

- DAY 7 moral arguments for theism
DAY 8 origin arguments for theism
DAY 9 design arguments for theism
DAY 10 greatness arguments for theism

DAY 11 review for the first exam
DAY 12 first exam (a written exam on the theism material)

CHRISTIANITY

- DAY 13 What sorts of arguments for Christianity should we want?
DAY 14 Can it make sense to believe in a miracle?
DAY 15 Is there historical evidence that Jesus rose from the dead?
DAY 16 Would God have reason to become incarnate?
DAY 17 Would it be possible for God to become incarnate?
DAY 18 Who would God Incarnate be?
DAY 19 Why think Jesus was God Incarnate? And why rely on scripture?
DAY 20 Is it plausible to believe in Heaven?
DAY 21 Is it plausible to believe in Hell?
DAY 22 Is there a viable Christian view about divine providence?
DAY 23 How defensible is the doctrine of the Trinity?
DAY 24 What is (proper) faith?

DAY 25 review for the second exam
DAY 26 second exam (a written exam on the Christianity material)

DAY 27 study day
DAY 28 review for the oral exam
DAY 29 oral exam (involving both theism & Christianity)