

**Dayspring Bible College & Seminary**

**Apologetics I AP102**

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**I. Course Description**

This is an examination of the case for Biblical Christianity. It presents facts on the existence of God, internal and external proofs that the Bible is God's Word, and the history of the Sacred Canon. Topics covered include the background of the Bible, historical evidence for the Scriptures, a study of the life of Jesus Christ, proofs of fulfilled prophecy, and Biblical criticism.

**II. Course Objectives**

As a result of taking this class, the student should be able to:

- A. Answer the questions of the skeptic in a knowledgeable but loving manner
- B. Give a reasoned defense of the authenticity and authority of the Scriptures
- C. Give a reasoned defense against modern Biblical criticism

**III. Course Requirements**

**A. Required Reading:**

None

**B. Recommended Reading:**

*Evidence That Demands A Verdict*, Josh McDowell

*Who Moved the Stone?*, Frank Morrison

**C. Class work:**

Student will listen to the recorded lectures and complete the corresponding material

**D. Bible Study Projects:**

After completing Unit 4, Lessons 7 & 8, the student will write a 500 word paper explaining the "Trilemma – Lord, Liar, or Lunatic?". The paper should include a synopsis of the trilemma and how it proves that Jesus Christ is who He said He was – God in the flesh.

**E. Bible Memorization:**

Memory verses will be given throughout the lectures.

**IV. Tests & Grading**

Tests are graded on a percentage basis, with an 80% minimum passing grade. Scores less than 80% require that the student repeat the material.

The lesson to test ratio is as follows:

Lessons 1 & 2 = Test 1

Lessons 3 & 4 = Test 2

Lessons 11 & 12 = Test 6

Lessons 13 & 14 = Test 7

Lessons 5 & 6 = Test 3  
Lessons 7 & 8 = Test 4  
Lessons 9 & 10 = Test 5

Lessons 15 & 16 = Test 8  
Lessons 17 & 18 = Test 9  
Lessons 19 & 20 = Test 10

**Note of Encouragement:**

The study of apologetics will help to strengthen your faith, and will also give you increased boldness in witnessing. Most people don't expect a Christian to be able to answer the skeptics questions. Being able to do so in a kind and loving manner will go a long way toward reaching the lost.