

# Apologetics for Parents, Session #1



## Topics Covered:

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- The Nature of Truth
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  - Types
  - Adequate source
- The Nature of Science
  - Definition
  - Types
  - Operational Science
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**Apologetics for Parents Video (5min):** <https://youtu.be/EruX2tcX20Q>

## A) Goal:

- 1) To help equip parents with answers regarding the worldview challenges that confront their children from a secular society.
- 2) To help parents convey the truth & hope that is in Christ to their children so that they may walk in truth (3 John v4; 1 Peter 3:15).

## B) Topics that will be covered in this Series:

- 1) The Nature of Truth, Definition of Science, Observational Science, and Historical Science
- 2) Hierarchy of Evidence, & Logical Fallacies
- 3) Biblical Hermeneutics Basics: the 11 steps
- 4) Jesus' biblical morality
- 5) Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Transgenderism, Intersex
- 6) Source of Suffering, Tragedy, and Death
- 7) History of Worldwide Slavery
- 8) History and the domain of History
- 9) The Scientific Method, & the founding Scientist Who were Christians
- 10) Seculars/Materialist Scientists'' acknowledge their a-priori aversion to a Creator
- 11) Internal & External Evidence for a creator God
- 12) Divine Creation Evidence – External
- 13) Divine Creation Evidence – Internal
- 14) Age of the Earth models
- 15) Age of the universe models
- 16) Distant Star Light models
- 17) Radiometric Dating & Carbon 14 dating
- 18) Biological Variation, adaption, and alleles [good design]
- 19) Taxonomy and speciation
- 20) Macro Evolution, Mutations & Natural Selection: Inadequate & FLUFF
- 21) DNA and Chromosomal comparison between taxonomical groups
- 22) Abiogenesis, Probability, Time & Information: impossibility

23) Common descent vs. common Designer

24) The Genesis Flood

25) The Fossil Record

26) Geologic column

27) Dinosaurs & the Bible

28) Bible's Inspiration & Bible's Transmission Accuracy

29) Jesus' Historic Resurrection

30) The Fall, Gospel, Judgment & the Coming Kingdom

### C) PATV's Statement of Christian Beliefs

1. **The Bible is the inspired word of God.** [Accurate & Authoritative]
2. **Our God is one, but manifested in three persons** - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. **Salvation is the gift of God** to man through faith in Jesus Christ.
4. **Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world.**
5. **The New Birth is necessary to all men,** and when experienced, produces eternal life.
6. **Baptism in water is by immersion,** is a direct commandment of our Lord, and is for believers only.
7. **We believe in sanctification,** which is living a life of holiness.
8. **Healing is the privilege of every member of the Church today** provided through Jesus' death on the Cross.
9. **The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift** and is accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues.
10. **Jesus will return and ". . . The dead in Christ shall rise first:** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air . . ." (1 Thess. 4:16–17)."
11. **The one who physically dies in his sins without accepting Christ is eternally lost** and, therefore, has no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel or repenting.
12. **The term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman** in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in scripture.

## D) The Nature of Truth:

### Jesus and the Importance of Truth

- John 8:32      “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you **free**.”
- John 14:6      “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”
- John 17:17      “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your [God’s] **word** is truth.”
- John 18:37      “I [Jesus] have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth.”
- 1 Peter 1:25    “But the word of the LORD endures forever.”

### Truth (dictionary)

(<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/truth>)

- A noun: The body of real things, events, and facts. (The accurate description of an aspect or aspects of reality)

*(Truth: an aspect of reality that is understood and communicated by an adequate source).*

### 5-Types of Truth:

- **1) Human-Truth:** The best human understanding of an aspect of Reality, that was ascertained and communicated by someone who is
  - 1) limited,
  - 2) not all-knowing,
  - 3) location-bound, and
  - 4) temporal.

- **2) True-Truth:** A declaration of an aspect of Reality, ascertained and communicated by someone who is
  - 1) unlimited,
  - 2) all-knowing,
  - 3) everywhere-present, and
  - 4) eternal. (The Bible)
  
- **3) Half-Truth:** A declaration of an aspect of Reality, that has content that is both accurate and inaccurate.
  
- **4) Selective-Truth:** A declaration of an aspect of Reality, that is deliberately limited in content and scope. (e.g., I saved the squirrel example)
  
- **5) Essential-Truth:** A declaration of an aspect of Reality, and while not exhaustive, is reasonably accurate within content and scope.
  - **An example of a Human-Truth:** Robert is standing stationary on the Earth's equator, how fast is he traveling?
    - [ ] 0 mph
    - [ ] 1,037 mph
    - [ ] 67,000 mph
    - [ ] God can provide the complete answer

Key Point: The accuracy of Truth is limited to the capability of the observer.

## E) The Nature of Science

**Definition of Science:** <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/science> <https://www.etymonline.com/word/science>

- From Latin *scientia* "knowledge"
- Human Knowledge (in general)
- Human knowledge of the physical world, especially as obtained by and tested through the scientific method

### Two Types of Physical Sciences:

#### 1) Observational Science:

Knowledge of the physical world, especially as obtained and tested through scientific method, that was established on the basis of:

- 1) Human Observation,
- 2) Experiment & Measurement,
- 3) Consistently repeatable results, and
- 4) The ability to be Falsifiable (Testability).

#### 2) Historical Science

Knowledge of the physical world that is derived by human assumptions about the past to project answers or values for today. Assumptions typically include:

- 1) Whether currently measured rates were consistent throughout time,
- 2) Whether all past history and processes were uniformitarian, catastrophic, or a mix,
- 3) Whether Earth/Universe were Closed or Open system,
- 4) Whether all actual influences have been identified and understood.

**Historical Science** must use educated assumptions to predict the estimate of a past time or event or result.

**A Silly Example of a potential shortcoming in Historical Science w/ pure uniformitarianism assumptions:**

- Today Randy is 20-years old and 69" tall. All we know is that Randy grew exactly 1" per year for the past 10 years (from ages 10 [59"] to 20 [69"]).
- Therefore, based on this growth rate (and the assumption of uniformitarianism), Randy must have been 49" tall when he was born.

[Randy at age 20 is 69" tall (true)

Randy at age 10 is 59" tall (true)

Randy at age 0 (birth) is 49" tall] (historically true???)