

Here is some study information for your 3rd Major Test:

- Definition of apologetics: "defense of the Christian faith."
- Definition of logic: "the study of correct and incorrect reasoning."
- What is SQ3R? (Tell me what each letter stands for.)
- Definition of plagiarism: "borrowing another person's words or ideas without citation or credit."
- There will be a matching section on the 11 logical fallacies that we studied. Know what each one is, so you can match them.
- What argument for the existence of God does C.S. Lewis use in his book Mere Christianity?
- Why is this Bible passage important for understanding atheism: Romans 1:19-20?
- There will be a section matching important people with their worldviews. For example:
 - Sigmund Freud – atheist
 - C.S. Lewis – Christian
 - Josh McDowell – Christian
 - Bart Ehrman – agnostic
 - Joseph Smith – Mormon
 - Charles Darwin – atheist
 - Bishop John Spong – atheist
 - Mahatma Gandhi – Hindu
 - Brigham Young – Mormon
 - Paris Hilton – Postmodernist
- Know the meaning of these terms:
 - "wish-fulfillment" = Sigmund Freud's view as to why people believe there is a God.
 - Contradiction = when something is asserted to be true and its opposite is also asserted to be true (A and not A; A · ~A).
 - Postmodernism = the worldview that appeared after Modernism in which objective truth is viewed as unimportant.
 - Postmodernism sees all opinions as equally valid. "Truth" is only important if it meets my needs.
 - Agnostic = a person who believes that nothing can be known about God or anything beyond the material world.
 - Reincarnation = (in Hinduism) the belief that a person's eternal soul must repeatedly be recycled into the world in different bodies.
 - Karma = (in Hinduism) merit or demerit that attaches to a person's soul according to how a person lives. Karma affects your status in the next life.
 - Samsara = (in Hinduism) the endless cycle of reincarnation.
- What are Scriptures that are important to know for apologetics? (On the test you will be asked to give two apologetics Scriptures.)

○ 1 Peter 3:15-16 ○ Jude 3 ○ 2 Corinthians 10:5	○ Colossians 2:6-8 ○ Philippians 1:7 ○ Philippians 1:16 ○ Acts 17:16-17 ○ Acts 19:8
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There will be one essay question on the Problem of Evil:

The Problem of Evil is the question, “Why is their suffering in the world?” It is also a very personal question because everyone experiences suffering and we want to know why. What would a Christian say about suffering? What would an atheist say? What would a Hindu say? Etc.

Christian Answers	Atheist Answers	Hinduism	Agnostic	Postmodernism
1. All are rebels against their King. No one deserves good. 2. We live in a <u>fallen</u> world and it's our grandparents' fault, not directly God's. 3. There is purpose in suffering for a believer. God can bring good out of evil. (You could also add the concept of ultimate justice.)	1. I and the world are a result of a random collision of energy and matter. 2. My suffering is a random, chance act of nature. 3. My suffering has <u>no</u> meaning, purpose, or hope. (You could also add the concept of no justice.)	1. The world is a <u>projection</u> of Brahman's (God's) mind. 2. Therefore, suffering is an <u>illusion</u>. 3. Get rid of your desires and you will get rid of suffering.	1. You cannot <u>know</u>.	1. Whatever view meets my <u>needs</u>.

Questions? Give me a call (540-220-4397) or email me (Dennis.Rupert@comcast.net).

Encouragement:

- I encourage you to get together to study. Use your study hall or select another person to talk to on the phone. Learn together. It will help to solidify it in your mind.
- Use the Memory Mechanics that you were taught.