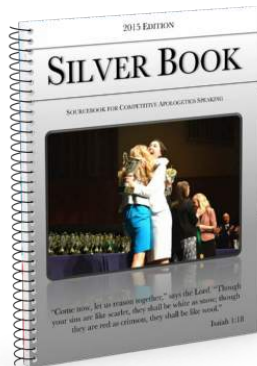


Lesson Worksheets

This is the workbook to accompany the Silver Book. After studying the question at hand, use these worksheets to outline your speech. If you have a chance to practice this in club or for others, include their feedback in the end. For each page:

1. **Thesis:** Write one sentence stating the purpose of your speech. All your point will affirm this thesis.
2. **Points:** Put ideas for your outline here. Example cards are in the Silver Book. Each “point” is one section of your speech.
3. **Illustrations/Quotations:** Write the sources and locations of quotations you would like to use in your speech. Illustrations are stories or metaphors that will help explain your points.
4. **View Feedback:** Put any useful comments you received from friends, family members, and judge ballots. These will help improve your performance throughout the year.



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Category 1: Existence and Nature of God



Cima da Conegliano, *God the Father* (1515)

Define: Trinity

by Zack Seals

<i>NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the trinity.</i>
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<i>Stoa: What does it mean that God is triune? Why does this matter?</i>
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Define: Omniscience

by Luis Garcia

<i>NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the omniscience of God.</i>

<i>Stoa: What does it mean that God is omniscient? Why does this matter?</i>
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Define: Omnipotence*

by Joshua Johnson

NCFCA: Define and defend the significance of the omnipotence of God.

Stoa: What is the meaning of God's omnipotence? Why does this matter?

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Define: Omnipresence

by Katie Duffy

<i>NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the omnipresence of God.</i>
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<i>Stoa: What is the meaning of the omnipresence of God? Why does this matter?</i>
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Define: Transcendence

by Christopher Larson

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the transcendence and immanence of God.

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Define: Eternality

by Katie Duffy

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the eternity of God.

Stoa: What does it mean that God is eternal? Why does this matter?

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Define: Holiness of God*

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the holiness of God.

Stoa: What does it mean that God is holy? Why does this matter?

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Define: Righteousness of God

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the righteousness of God.

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Define: Sovereignty of God

by Zack Seals

<i>NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the sovereignty of God.</i>

<i>Stoa: What is the meaning of the sovereignty of God? Why does this matter?</i>

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Define: Grace of God*

by Joshua Johnson

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the grace of God.

Stoa: What does the grace of God mean? Why does this matter?

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Question: God Revealing Himself to Man*

by Benjamin Vincent

NCFCA: In what ways has God revealed Himself to man?

Stoa: Does God reveal Himself to man?

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Question: See or Touch God

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: If God is real, why can't people see or touch Him?

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Question: God Allowing Evil and Sin*

by Joshua Johnson

NCFCA: If God is holy, why did He allow evil in the world?

Stoa: If God is holy, why did He allow sin in the world?

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Question: God as Merciful and Just*

by Maggie Topper

<i>NCFCA: How can God be both merciful and just?</i>
<i>Stoa: Can God be both merciful and just?</i>

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Question: Unchanging Nature of God*

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Why is the unchanging nature of God critical to who He is?

Stoa: Is the unchanging nature of God essential to who He is?

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Question: God's Origin

by Joseph Abell

NCFCA: Where did God come from?

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Question: Natural Disasters

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: How does a Christian account for natural disasters?

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Question: Bad things happen

by Christopher Larson

NCFCA: Why do bad things happen to good people?

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Question: The Holy Spirit

by Maggie Topper

NCFCA: What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

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Question: Suffering

by Zack Seals

Stoa: Why is there suffering in the world?

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Analyze: Testaments of Hate and Love*

by Katie Duffy

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, “The Old Testament God is a God of hate, while the New Testament God is a God of love.” Anonymous

Stoa: How would you respond to someone who told you: “The Old Testament God is a God of hate, while the New Testament God is a God of love”?

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Analyze: Inventing God

by Katie Duffy

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, “If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent Him.” –Voltaire

Stoa: How would you respond to Voltaire’s statement: “If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent Him”?

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Analyze: What God Finds Important

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." –A.W. Tozer

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Analyze: God's Interest in the Universe*

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "God set the universe in motion, but He has no interest in it."

Stoa: What is your response to the following quotation: "God set the universe in motion, but He has no interest in it"?

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Analyze: God Understands My Sin

by Zack Seals

NCFAs: Analyze and respond to the statement, “If God understands my humanity and sin nature better than I do, why does He still hold me accountable for what I cannot help doing?” – Anonymous

Stoa: What is your response to this question: “If God understands my humanity and sin nature better than I do, why does He still hold me accountable for what I cannot help doing”?

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Analyze: Atheists' Belief in God

by Benjamin Vincent

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "As an atheist, I don't believe there is a God." – Anonymous

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Analyze: Created in God's Image

by Benjamin Vincent

Stoa: How would you respond to someone who told you, "If I'm created in God's image, why aren't I perfect"?

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Analyze: Evil

by Taryn Murphy

Stoa: How would you respond to someone who asked, "If God is real, why is there evil"?

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Analyze: Dawkins on Atheism

Stoa: What is your response to this statement: "I have found it an amusing strategy, when asked whether I am an atheist, to point out that the questioner is also an atheist when considering Zeus, Apollo, Amon Ra, Mithras, Baal, Thor, Wotan, The Golden Calf, and the Flying Spaghetti Monster. I just go one god further"? (Dawkins, Richard. The God Delusion. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2006.)

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Category 2: Scriptures



Vincent van Gogh, *Still Life with Bible* (1885)

Define: Inerrancy

by Olivia Bowers

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of inerrancy.

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Define: Verbal Plenary Inspiration^{1*}

by Zack Seals

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of verbal, plenary inspiration of Scripture.

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¹ It's helpful to remember that discussion of biblical "inspiration" should never be separated from God's revelation, nor the two conflated. For the purposes of this essay the following distinction should be noted. Revelation is the *activity* of God by which he makes himself known. Inspiration on the other hand would be the *process* by which he revealed himself. "Verbal plenary" simply being the particular *means* by which that inspired process was done.

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Define: Sufficiency of Scripture*

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: What does the sufficiency of Scripture mean? Why does this matter?

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Define: Divine Inspiration*

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the divine inspiration.

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Define: Biblical Canon

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of Biblical canon.

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Define: Higher and Lower Criticism

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of higher (historical) criticism and lower (textual) criticism.

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Define: Unity of Scripture

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: What does the unity of Scripture mean? Why does this matter?

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Define: Uniqueness of Scripture

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: What does the uniqueness of Scripture mean? Why does this matter?

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Question: New Testament Reliability

by Olivia Bowers

NCFCA: Is the New Testament a reliable historical document?

Stoa: Is the New Testament historically reliable?

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Question: Old Testament Reliability

by Luis Garcia

<i>NCFCA: Is the Old Testament a reliable historical document?</i>
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<i>Stoa: Is the Old Testament historically reliable?</i>
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Question: Authority of Scripture

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Jesus clearly demonstrated His belief in the authority of Scriptures. Defend this statement with evidence.

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Question: Authorship from Errant Men

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: How can an “inerrant” book come from errant men?

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Question: Trustworthiness of Translations

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: How can the Bible be trustworthy when it has been translated so many times?

Stoa: Can the Bible be trustworthy when it has been translated so many times?

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Question: Authorship of the Bible

by Luis Garcia

<i>NCFCA: If the Bible was written by men, how could it also be written by God?</i>

<i>Stoa: How can the Bible be written by men but also written by God?</i>

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Question: Dead Sea Scrolls

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Did the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls affirm or deny the accuracy of the Old Testament?

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Question: Ancient Texts

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: How does the reliability of Biblical manuscripts compare to other ancient texts?

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Question: Canon of Scripture

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: How did the church decide what should be included in the canon of Scripture?

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Question: Myths

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Why are there parallel myths to the Biblical narrative in other religions?

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Question: Science and Scripture

by Joseph Abell

<i>NCFCA: Are Scripture and science in conflict?</i>
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<i>Stoa: Does science contradict the Bible?</i>

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Analyze: The Bible Compared

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "The Bible is no different than any other holy book."

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Analyze: Oppression of Slaves and Women

by Maggie Topper

Stoa: How would you respond to the following criticism: “The Bible supports oppression of slaves and women”?

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Analyze: The Bible as Conspiracy

by Maggie Topper

NCFCA: Analyze & respond to the following statement, “The Bible is simply the work of a great conspiracy where people sought to create a religion of their own.”

Stoa: What is your response to the statement: “The Bible is simply the work of a great conspiracy where people sought to create a religion of their own”?

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Analyze: Written to Fulfill Prophecy

by Caleb Pena

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, “The Bible was written to look like Jesus fulfilled prophecy.” –Anonymous

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Analyze: Collaborative Effort

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "The gospels were simply a collaborative effort of the church written after the time of Christ." –Anonymous

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Analyze: The Bible as Guide

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: What is your response to the statement: “The Bible is a guidebook. It was never intended to be taken literally”?

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Analyze: The Bible as Genocidal Book

by Zack Seals

Stoa: What is your response to the following observation by Noam Chomsky: “The Bible is probably the most genocidal book in the literary cannon”?
(<http://www.chomsky.info/interviews/20040917.pdf>)

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Analyze: The Bible as Fiction

by John Bush

Stoa: What is your response to the following Richard Dawkins quote: “The Bible should be taught, but emphatically not as reality. It is fiction, myth, poetry, anything but reality. As such it needs to be taught because it underlies so much of our literature and our culture”? (Dawkins, Richard. The God Delusion. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2006)

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Analyze: Biblical Contradictions

by Joshua Johnson

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, “We can’t believe in a Bible that is full of contradictions.”

Stoa: What is your response to the statement: “The Bible is full of contradictions”?

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Category 3: Nature, Purpose, and Destiny of Man



Michelangelo, *The Creation of Man* (1512)

Define: Depravity

by Zack Seals

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the depravity of man.

Stoa: What does it mean that man is totally depraved? Why does this matter?

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Define: Original Sin²

by Zack Seals

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of original sin.

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² It is argued here that the biblical doctrine of Original Sin consists of both an inherited guilt as well as corruption.

Define: Image of God

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the image of God.

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Define: Sin Nature

by Luis Garcia

<i>NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of the sin nature.</i>

<i>Stoa: What does the sin nature of man mean? Why does this matter?</i>
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Define: Sanctification

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of sanctification.

Stoa: What does sanctification mean? Why does this matter?

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Define: Repentance

by Grant Garcia

<i>NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of repentance.</i>

<i>Stoa: What does it mean to repent from one's sins? Why does this matter?</i>

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Define: Regeneration / Born Again

by John Bush

<i>NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of regeneration.</i>

<i>Stoa: What does it mean to be “born again”? Why does this matter?</i>
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Define: Resurrection of the Body

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: What does the resurrection of the body mean? Why does it matter?

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Question: Human Longing for God

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA and Stoa: Do all men have a longing for God?

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Question: Conscience

by Joshua Johnson

NCFCA: Do all men have a conscience?

Thesis

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Question: God as Invisible

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: If God is invisible, (1 Timothy 1:17) how can man be made in the image of God?

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Question: Living Good Lives

by Benjamin Vincent

NCFCA: If man is inherently sinful, why do many men lead relatively good lives?

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Question: Purpose of Man

by Taryn Murphy

<i>NCFCA: What is the purpose of man?</i>
<i>Stoa: Why am I here?</i>

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Question: Destiny of Man

by John Bush

NCFCA: What is the destiny of man?

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Question: God Creating Hell

by Luis Garcia

<i>NCFCA: Why would a loving God create hell?</i>

<i>Stoa: Did a loving God create Hell?</i>
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Question: Duty of Man

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: What is the essential duty of man?

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Question: Prayer

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: What is the purpose of prayer?

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Question: Loving Sinners

by Zack Seals

Stoa: Does God hate the sin but love the sinner?

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Analyze: Born With Knowledge of God

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "All men were born with ten fingers and toes but no one was born with the knowledge of God." –Voltaire

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Analyze: Heaven as a State of Mind

by Joshua Johnson

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "Heaven is only a state of mind." –Anonymous

Stoa: What is your response to the statement: "Heaven is only a state of mind"?

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Analyze: Leniency for Human Sin

by Benjamin Vincent

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "He's only human," as a justification for sin and the need for leniency. –Anonymous

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Analyze: Life After Death

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "When man dies, he simply ceases to exist. There is no immortality or eternal life." –Anonymous

Stoa: What is your response to someone who asks you: "Is there life after death"?

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Analyze: Pantheism

by Zack Seals

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, “All matter, energy, and life are an interconnected unity of which we are an inseparable part.” –World Pantheism Movement

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Analyze: Violence and Religion

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "Religion is as much a living spring of violence today as it was at any time in the past." –Sam Harris

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Analyze: Previous Lives

*NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, “All human beings go through a previous life.”
– Honore Balzac*

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Analyze: Basic Human Goodness

by Joshua Johnson

Stoa: What is your response to the following Martin Sheen quote: “I still believe in the nonviolent Jesus and the basic human goodness present in all of us”?

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Analyze: Anticipating the End

Stoa: What is your response to the following Sam Harris quote: “Nearly half of the American population is eagerly anticipating the end of the world. This dewy eyed nihilism provides absolutely no incentives to build a sustainable civilization”? Harris, Sam. Letter to a Christian Nation. New York: Random House Inc., 2006

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Analyze: Death Making Sense

by Benjamin Vincent

Stoa: How would you respond to someone who states: “Death has never made sense to me. How can a person be there and then just vanish, just not be here”? Larry Ellison, Founder of Oracle to biographer Mike Wilson; Washington Post 4/4/2015; article by Ariana Eunjung Cha

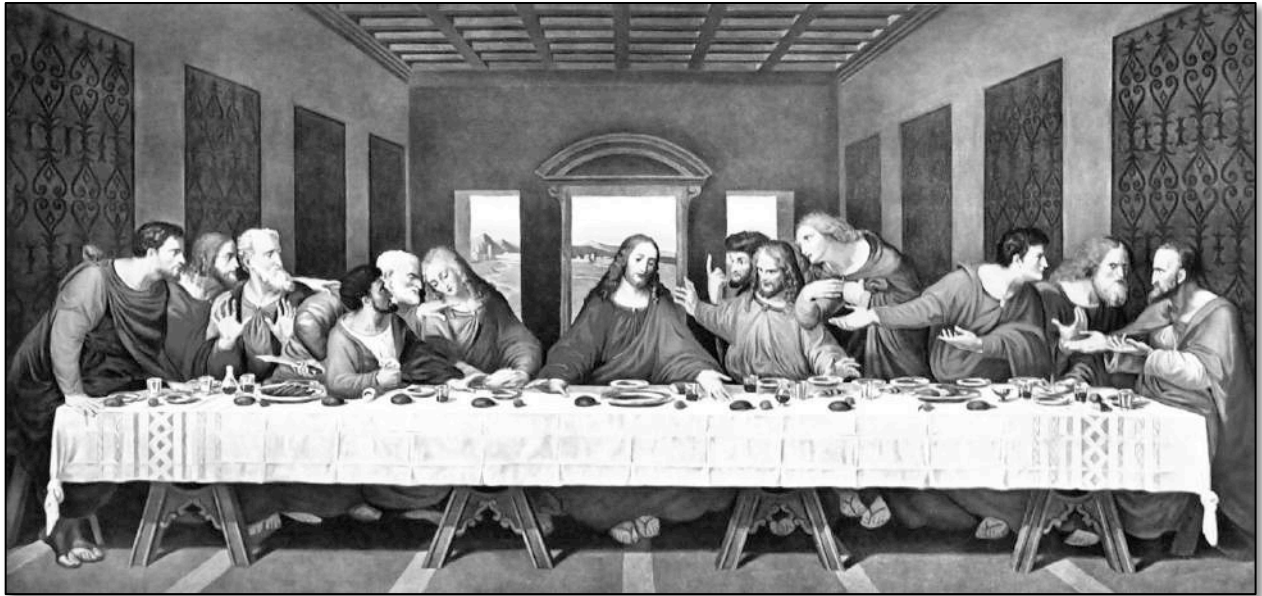
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Category 4: Salvation or How to Know God



Leonardo da Vinci, *The Last Supper* (1520)

Define: Justification

by Luis Garcia

<i>NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of justification.</i>
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<i>Stoa: What does justification mean? Why does this matter?</i>
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Define: Atonement

by Benjamin Vincent

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of atonement.

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Define: Propitiation

by Christopher Larson

<i>NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of propitiation.</i>

<i>Stoa: What does propitiation mean? Why does this matter?</i>

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Define: Redemption

by Luis Garcia

<i>NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of redemption.</i>

<i>Stoa: What does redemption mean? Why does this matter?</i>

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Define: Reconciliation

by Olivia Bowers

NCFCA: Explain the meaning and significance of reconciliation.

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Define: Eternal Life

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: What is the meaning of eternal life? Why does this matter?

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Question: Knowing God

by Luis Garcia

<i>NCFCA: How can a man know God?</i>
<i>Stoa: Can a person know God?</i>

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Question: The Ten Commandments

by Luis Garcia

<i>NCFCA: Can a man become right with God by keeping the Ten Commandments?</i>
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<i>Stoa: Can a person become right with God by keeping the Ten Commandments?</i>
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Question: One Way to Heaven

by Maggie Topper

NCFCA: Isn't it narrow minded to believe there is only one way to heaven?

Stoa: How many ways are there to heaven?

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Question: Need of Salvation

by Christopher Larson

<i>NCFCA: Why does man need salvation?</i>
<i>Stoa: Does man need salvation?</i>

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Question: Purpose of Church

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: What is the purpose of the Church?

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Question: Absolute Truth

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: How do you know that there is absolute truth?

Thesis

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Question: Assurance of Salvation

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: Can a Christian have assurance of his salvation?

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Question: Innocent People

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: What will happen to the innocent people who have never heard about Jesus and the Gospel?

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Question: Children of God

Stoa: Are all persons children of God?

Thesis

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Analyze: Sincerity and Belief

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the following statement, “It doesn’t matter what you believe as long as you are sincere.” —Anonymous

Stoa: What is your response to the statement from Linus (Peanuts, comic strip): “It doesn’t matter what you believe as long as you are sincere.”

Thesis

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Analyze: Charity

by Olivia Bowers

Analyze and respond to the statement, “Every charitable act is a stepping stone to heaven.” –
Henry Ward Beecher

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Analyze: Faith as a Cop-out

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "Faith is the great cop-out, the great excuse to evade the need to think and evaluate evidence." –Richard Dawkins

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Analyze: Living a Good Life

by Joseph Abell

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "I believe I will go to heaven because I have lived a pretty good life." –Anonymous

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Analyze: Know the Truth

by Joseph Abell

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "It is arrogant to claim to know the truth." – Anonymous

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Analyze: Giving Up

by Maggie Topper

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, “I don’t want to be saved because I would need to give up the things I enjoy.” –Anonymous

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Analyze: John 14:6

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: How would you respond to John 14:6: “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’”?

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Analyze: No Church

by Benjamin Vincent

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "I don't need to go to church. I can worship God wherever I am." –Anonymous

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Analyze: Christian Hypocrisy

by Zack Seals

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "I am not sure I want to be a Christian, as Christians are hypocritical, intolerant and judgmental."

Stoa: What is your response to this criticism: "Christians are all hypocrites. Why would I want to become one of them?"

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Analyze: God in Nature

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: How would you respond to someone who told you: "I commune best with God when I am out in nature. I don't need organized religion to feel close to God"?

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Analyze: Religion as Personal

by Maggie Topper

Stoa: How would you respond if someone told you: "Religion is a private personal matter"?

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Analyze: Help Themselves

by Joseph Abell

Stoa: What is your response to the popular wisdom: “God helps those who help themselves”?

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Analyze: No Hell

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: How would you respond to this quote by Rob Bell: “At the center of the Christian tradition since the first church, there have been a number who insist that history is not tragic, hell is not forever, and love, in the end, wins and all will be reconciled to God”?

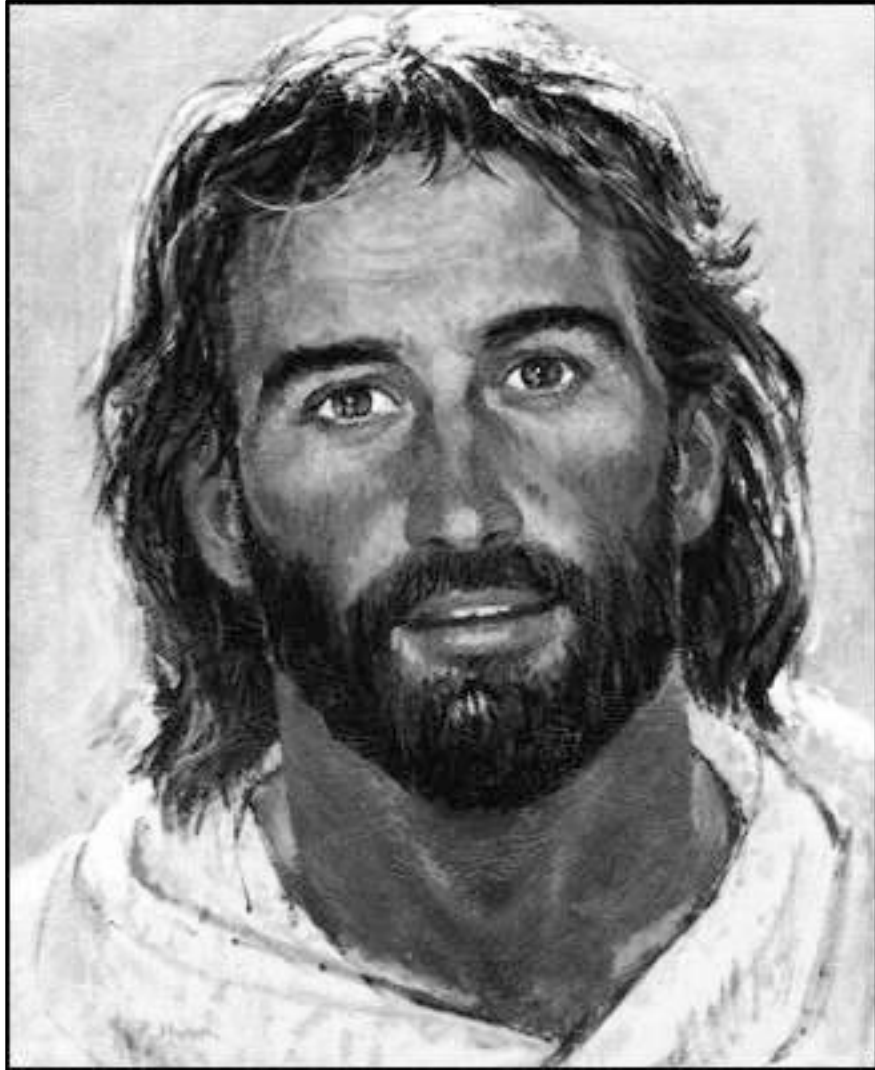
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Category 5: The Person of Christ



Richard Hook, *Head of Christ* (1960s)

Define: Jesus as God

by Joshua Johnson

<i>NCFCA: What is the meaning and significance of the deity of Christ?</i>
<i>Stoa: What does it mean that Jesus Christ is God? Why does this matter?</i>

Thesis

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Define: Incarnation

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: What is the meaning and significance of the Incarnation?

Thesis

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Define: The Virgin Birth

by Luis Garcia

<i>NCFCA: Why is the virgin birth essential to the Christian faith?</i>

<i>Stoa: What does the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ mean? Why does this matter?</i>

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Define: Jesus as Mediator

by Luis Garcia

<i>NCFCA: What is the meaning and significance of Jesus as the Mediator?</i>
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<i>Stoa: What does it mean that Jesus Christ is the Mediator? Why does this matter?</i>

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Define: Jesus as Messiah

by Caleb Pena

<i>NCFCA: What is the meaning and significance of Jesus as the Messiah?</i>

<i>Stoa: What does it mean that Jesus Christ is the Messiah? Why does this matter?</i>
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Define: Jesus as the Word

by Zack Seals

<i>NCFCA: What is the meaning and significance of Jesus as the Word of God?</i>

<i>Stoa: What does John 1:13 mean when it says that Jesus is the Word? Why does this matter?</i>
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Define: Jesus as the Lamb of God

by Luis Garcia

<i>NCFCA: What is the meaning and significance of Jesus as the Lamb of God?</i>

<i>Stoa: What does it mean to call Jesus Christ the Lamb of God? Why does this matter?</i>
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Question: Evidence for Resurrection*

by Joshua Johnson

NCFCA: What evidence is there for the resurrection of Jesus?

Stoa: Is there evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus? Is this evidence necessary for the Christian faith?

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Question: Need for Resurrection*

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Why is the resurrection essential to the Christian faith?

Stoa: Is the Resurrection essential to the Christian faith?

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Question: God Limited in Christ

by John Bush

NCFCA: If God is infinite, how could He limit Himself in the person of Christ?

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Question: Historical Jesus*

by John Bush

NCFCA: What evidence is there for the historical existence of Jesus?

Stoa: Is there evidence for the historical existence of Jesus? Is this evidence necessary for the Christian faith?

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Question: Jesus as both God and Man*

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: How could Jesus be both God and man?

Stoa: Why is it important the Jesus Christ be both fully God and fully man?

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Question: Jesus' Need to Die

by Joseph Abell

NCFCA: Why did Jesus have to die to provide salvation for men?

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Question: Did Jesus Die?

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: How do we know that Jesus really died?

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Question: Purpose of Miracles

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: What was the purpose of the miracles that Jesus performed?

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Question: Jesus as Jehovah

by John Bush

Stoa: Is Jesus Christ the Jehovah of the Old Testament?

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Analyze: Jesus as Example

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, “Jesus’ life and death are merely examples to us that we should all live sacrificial lives.” –Anonymous

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Analyze: Jesus as Son of God*

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the following statement, “Jesus was a good man and a good teacher, but certainly not the Son of God.”

Stoa: How would you respond to the common observations: “Jesus was a good man and a good teacher, but certainly not the Son of God”?

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Analyze: Don't Need Jesus*

by Luis Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, "I don't need Jesus, I can just relate to God myself." –Anonymous

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Analyze: Gnostic Gospels

by Maggie Topper

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, “We have much to learn from the Jesus of the Gnostic gospels.” –Anonymous

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Analyze: Justice

by Grant Garcia

NCFCA: Analyze and respond to the statement, “Justice has not been served by Jesus’ substitutionary atonement.” –Anonymous

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Analyze: Abundant Life

by Maggie Topper

Stoa: If Jesus came so that we may have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10), why does it often seem like those who don't follow Jesus have more fun and enjoyment in this life?

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Category 6: Christianity Compared

(Stoa only)



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Compare/Contrast: Biblical vs. Islamic Jesus*

by Zack Seals

Stoa: Compare and contrast the Biblical view of Jesus with the Islamic view of Jesus.

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Compare/Contrast: Muslim vs. Christian View

by Joshua Johnson

Stoa: Compare and contrast the Muslim view of God with the Christian view of God.

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Compare/Contrast: Origins of Quran vs. Bible

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: Compare and contrast the origins of the Quran and the origins of the Bible.

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Compare/Contrast: Hindu vs. Christian Nature

by Zack Seals

Stoa: Compare and contrast the Hindu view of the nature of man with the Christian view of the nature of man.

Thesis

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Compare/Contrast: Biblical vs. Mormon Jesus*

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: Compare and contrast the book of Mormon's view of Jesus with that of the Bible.

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Compare/Contrast: Christian vs. Buddhist Destiny *by Caleb Pena*

Stoa: Compare and contrast the Christian view of man's destiny with that of Buddhism.

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Question: Environmental Movement

by Luis Garcia

Stoa: Is the environmental movement in conflict with Christianity?

Thesis

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Question: Christian Intolerance*

by Maggie Topper

Stoa: Is Christianity a religion of intolerance?

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Question: Transcendental Meditation

by Zack Seals

Stoa: Is transcendental meditation in conflict with Christianity?

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Question: Karma

by Joshua Johnson

Stoa: Is karma a Biblical concept?

Thesis

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Question: Christians, Jews and Muslims

by Caleb Pena

Stoa: Do Christians, Jews and Muslims worship the same God?

Thesis

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Question: Jehovah's Witnesses*

by Zack Seals

Stoa: Are Jehovah's Witnesses Christian?

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Question: Mormons

by John Bush

Stoa: Are Mormons Christians?

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Question: Christianity as Unique

by Maggie Topper

Stoa: What are unique features of Christianity that set it apart from all other religions of the world?

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Analyze: Quran, Surah 28:67*

by Taryn Murphy

Stoa: Respond to this quote from the Quran, Surah 28:67: “However, the one who has repented in this life, and believed, and done good deeds may hope to be among those who will achieve salvation.”

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Analyze: Religious Fanatics

Stoa: Respond to the following Richard Dawkins statement, "Religious fanatics want people to switch off their own minds, ignore the evidence, and blindly follow a holy book based upon private revelation." Dawkins, Richard. The God Delusion. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2006

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Analyze: Ourselves

by John Bush

Respond to this statement by Buddha: "No one saves us but ourselves. No one can and no one may. We ourselves must walk the path." Translation of Dhammapada. No. 165. Karma: A Story of Buddhist Ethics. Chicago: Carus Publishing Co. 1984

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