



## ***FAITH AND THE BIG QUESTIONS***

### **CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS PROGRAM**

*Faith and the Big Questions* is a Catholic apologetics series for youth and adults presented by Steve Hemler, President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA). This program is intended to prepare high school/college students and adults for challenges to their faith they are facing, or will likely face in the future, from our increasingly secular society.

The following sessions are timed for parish and college campus ministry *after-dinner* talks, as well as high school class and youth ministry meetings. They are shown grouped in a *4-year rotating cycle*, which is appropriate for high school and college students.

- 1. Is There Evidence that God Exists? (Part 1 - Scientific Evidence) Year 1**
- 2. Is There Evidence that God Exists? (Part 2 - Human Evidence) Year 1**
3. Which is True: Creation, Evolution, or Both? Year 2
4. Is There Scientific Evidence that Life has an Intelligent Cause? Year 2
- 5. Why Would a Loving God Allow Evil, Pain, and Suffering? Year 3**
- 6. Is Jesus Truly the Son of God Who Really Rose from the Dead? Year 3**
7. How Are We Saved? Year 4
8. Why Go To Church? Year 4

Given the atheistic worldview often promoted by the media and academic/scientific establishment, the need to strengthen the faith of Catholics and equip them to better explain and share our faith has never been greater. We are confident that the adults and youth in your parish, ministry, or group will appreciate CAINA's informative and interesting sessions as an opportunity to develop persuasive reasons for belief, valuable for sharing with family and friends who may doubt the existence of God, Jesus' divinity, the need to attend Mass, etc.

These custom-developed sessions feature modern multi-media presentations (Microsoft PowerPoint with embedded video clips) and personal reflection/small group discussion activities for youth.

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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Steven R. Hemler is President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) (see [www.cainaweb.org](http://www.cainaweb.org)) and author of *The Reality of God: The Layman's Guide to Scientific Evidence for the Creator*, published by St. Benedict Press and TAN Books.

Steve has a **Master of Pastoral Studies** degree from Loyola University of Chicago, as well as **Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil/Structural Engineering** from Virginia Tech.

He also has a **Certificate in the Catechism of the Catholic Church** from Catholic Distance University and a **Certificate in Advanced Youth Ministry Studies** from the Center for Ministry Development, is **VIRTUS** trained and certified, and has **Advanced Catechist Certification** from the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Virginia.

Steve has been actively involved in adolescent and adult catechesis for over 30 years, including developing and teaching six 3-week-long online apologetics seminars for the **Certificate in Apologetics** offered by Catholic Distance University ([www.cdu.edu](http://www.cdu.edu)). He is also **on the Diocese of Arlington Speakers Bureau** (see: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Evangelization/Speakers-Bureau/>).

After a 33-year professional engineering career, including 13 years in Saudi Arabia, Steve took early retirement in 2011 to follow a calling to serve God and the Church full time. He and his wife Linda have been married for 38 years and have three grown children. They live in Culpeper, Virginia, and are active at Precious Blood Catholic Church.

To-date, Steve has given CAINA's well-received presentations over two hundred times at dozens of locations in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Diocese of Richmond, Diocese of Pittsburgh, Diocese of Harrisburg, Diocese of Nashville, Diocese of Knoxville, Diocese of Covington (KY), Diocese of Charleston (SC), Diocese of Orlando, Archdiocese of Louisville, Archdiocese of Baltimore, and Archdiocese of Washington (DC).

Steve has been on TV discussing religion and science on **EWTN LIVE** with Fr. Mitch Pacwa and on the **Catholic Community Television Network (CCTN)** with Fr. John Giel, Vicar General of the Diocese of Orlando. He has also appeared on several popular Catholic radio shows, including **The Jennifer Fulwiler Show** (three times), **Seize the Day** with Gus Lloyd (twice), the **Busted Halo Show** with Fr. Dave Dwyer, **The Drew Mariani Show**, the **Son Rise Morning Show** with Matt Swaim, **Meet the Author** with Ken Huck, and **Faithworks** with Dr. Matthew Bunson.