



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 helps prepare 8th-12th grade and college students, as well as adults, for challenges to their faith that they are facing or will likely face in the future, especially in our increasingly secular society.

The following sessions are timed for parish and *college campus ministry* after-dinner talks, as well as *middle/high school* classes and *youth ministry* meetings. They are shown grouped in a 3-year rotating cycle, which is appropriate for Catholic middle and high school, youth ministry, and college campus ministry sessions.

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| 1. God and Science: Where Does the Evidence Lead? | Year 1 |
| 2. Which is True: Creation, Evolution, or Both? | Year 1 |
| 3. Is Jesus Truly the Son of God Who Really Rose from the Dead? | Year 2 |
| 4. Why Would a Loving God Allow Evil, Pain, and Suffering? | Year 2 |
| 5. How Are We Saved? The Catholic View of Salvation | Year 3 |
| 6. Why Go To Church? Being “Spiritual” Is Not Enough | Year 3 |

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 students and adults in your parish, school, or group will appreciate CAINA’s informative and interesting sessions as an opportunity to dispel doubts, strengthen faith, and develop persuasive reasons for belief, valuable for sharing with friends who may question the existence of God, Jesus’ divinity, the need to attend Mass, etc.

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

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Steven R. Hemler is President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) (see www.cainaweb.org) and author of *The Reality of God: The Layman's Guide to Scientific Evidence for the Creator* and *Search No More: The Keys to Truth and Happiness*, both 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, as well as **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 several 3-week-long online apologetics seminars for the *Certificate in Apologetics* offered by Catholic Distance University (www.cdu.edu). He is also **on the Diocese of Arlington Speakers Bureau** (see: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Evangelization/Speakers-Bureau/>) and is Vice President of the Catechetical Leaders of the Diocese of Arlington (CLDA).

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. Steve and his wife Linda have been married for over 40 years and have three grown children. They live in Culpeper, Virginia, and are active at Precious Blood Catholic Church, where Steve serves as the **Coordinator of Christian Initiation and Adult Faith Formation**.

Steve has given CAINA's well-received presentations over 300 times at dozens of locations in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Diocese of Richmond, Diocese of Pittsburgh, Diocese of Harrisburg, Diocese of Memphis, Diocese of Nashville, Diocese of Knoxville, Diocese of Covington (KY), Diocese of Charlotte, 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*, *Seize the Day* with Gus Lloyd, 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, *Faithworks* with Dr. Matthew Bunson, Teresa Tomeo's *Catholic Connection*, *Jon Leonetti in the Morning*, *Wake Up!* on Catholic Community Radio, *Off the Shelf with Pete Socks* on Breadbox Media, *The UnCommon Good with Bo Bonner and Dr. Bud Marr* on Iowa Catholic Radio, *Driving Home the Faith* with Fr. Rob Jack on Sacred Heart Radio, and *The Kyle Heimann Show* on Redeemer Radio.