

Apologetics in the 21st Century

Whenever Christians are involved in sharing their faith, various questions and issues inevitably arise. Knowing how to respond in a thoughtful, gracious manner can give us greater confidence when talking to people about Jesus.

In this one day conference John Dickson, Greg Clarke and Lewis Jones will look at Christian apologetics. Topics covered will include:-

- Biblical foundations for apologetics.
- An overview of apologetics and some principles for dealing with people's questions and issues.
- Worldviews and how they shape people's thinking (whether they know it or not).
- A number of common issues that people raise.

Keynote Speakers

John Dickson is a director of the Centre for Public Christianity (CPX). John is an author, historian, musician and speaker. He has recently produced two documentaries on the historical basis for Christianity (*The Christ Files* and the *Life of Jesus*). He is a gifted evangelist and loves talking to people about Jesus.

Greg Clarke is a fellow director of CPX. Greg is involved in writing, academic work and speaking. Greg has written a number of books and numerous articles and papers. Through his work with CPX, Greg is passionate about promoting a better understanding of Christianity in both the academic and wider community.

Lewis Jones is a former astro-physicist who now heads up REAP – a national network aimed at reaching academics and postgraduates with the gospel. Lewis is based at the University of NSW.

Date & Location

Saturday 28 March 2009

**Sydney Missionary & Bible College
43-45 Badminton Rd Croydon**

Parking available on site
(otherwise park in Arthur St - please do not park in Badminton Rd)

Programme

9:00 Registration and Refreshments

9:30 Bible Study: The Gospel as the Foundation for Apologetics - John Dickson

10:00 Apologetics is Dead, Long Live Apologetics - Greg Clarke

11:00 Morning tea

11:30 An Overview of World Views - Greg Clarke

12:15 Lunch

1:00 Electives Session 1 - Key Issues

- Sensitive dealing with the Issue of Suffering - John Dickson
- Taking the Bible Seriously Today - Greg Clarke
- Science & Christianity - Friend or Foe? Lewis Jones

2:00 Electives Session 2 - Key Issues

- Relativism and Other Religions - John Dickson
- A Believer's Guide to Atheism - Greg Clarke
- Science & Christianity - Friend or Foe? Lewis Jones

3:00 Afternoon tea

3:15 Panel - Question and Answer Session

4:00 Feedback & wrap up

4:15 Finish

Registration Form

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Closes 28 February

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Closes 26 March

Group **\$45.00**
(Five or more from one church - must register together)

Concession **\$45.00**
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Includes morning/afternoon tea, lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

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But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. (1 Peter 3:15-16)