# APOLOGETICS F RUM snohomish county

## Helping Equip Believers in the Defense of The Faith

<u>What</u>: The Apologetics Forum of Snohomish County (<u>AFSC</u>) was founded to help equip Christians in the defense of The Faith in the postmodern world in three related areas: 1) <u>Creation vs. Evolution</u>, 2) <u>Christian Apologetics</u> and 3) <u>Biblical Worldview</u>. <u>AFSC</u> provides a local Forum in the North Snohomish County area for lectures and DVD programs by knowledgeable presenters on these topics. All presentations are given with the presupposition that the Bible is God's inspired Word and inerrant in its original autographs. The Bible is a total worldview that speaks to all disciplines and areas of our life. More on <u>AFSC</u> at <u>http://ApologeticsForum.org.</u>

<u>Why</u>: Studies done by <u>Answers In Genesis (AIG</u>), documented in the books <u>Already Gone</u> and <u>Already</u> <u>Compromised</u>, show that more than 60% of youth raised in the church leave the church once they leave home. The main reasons are 1) they are looking for more answers to their hard questions and 2) they are being indoctrinated in secularism and evolutionism. See also this <u>Koinonia House article</u>. In reality believers of all ages need to be equipped to address challenges to The Faith in our postmodern world.

**How**: Monthly **AFSC** meetings are held at <u>Atonement Free Lutheran Church</u>, 6905 172<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, Arlington, WA. Each meeting includes a lecture or the showing of a DVD on a topic within the scope of the Forum's mission. There is time for discussion on the topic presented, followed by exhibits with books/DVDs for sale, and refreshments. **AFSC** creates a Forum where Christians can learn from each other, ask the hard questions about The Faith, Creation and Worldview, and receive the support of a community of Christian thinkers. The Forum equips Christians with well-researched information on issues that seek to challenge the truth of Christianity as revealed in the Bible.

**Oversight**: <u>AFSC</u> is a non-denominational Apologetics Forum run by a Board of Directors whose members have knowledge in the topics discussed at <u>AFSC</u> meetings and have a strong interest in providing and supporting an environment for participants to gain well-researched information in the defense of the Christian faith.

#### AFSC Core Principles

- AFSC is a Forum for Apologetics to help equip believers in the defense of The Faith in three related areas: a) <u>Creation vs. Evolution</u>, b) <u>Christian Apologetics</u>, and c) <u>Biblical Worldview</u>.
- AFSC is committed to the absolute truth and authority of the Bible as God's inspired Word, inerrant in its original autographs.
- Provides resources such as lectures, books, DVD's, lending library, website, social media.
- Provides evidence (fact, reason, experience) for the truth of The Faith. [Primary]
- Answers the claims and objections of skeptics, atheists and agnostics. [Secondary]
- AFSC makes resources available to (but does not take the place of) parents, schools, or churches.

### What We Believe

- We are always to be ready to give an intelligent, biblically accurate defense of the Christian faith with meekness and fear. I Pet. 3:15; Matt. 22:37; Jude 3, Col. 4:5-6.
- The Bible, in its entirety, is God's inspired word. It is fully inerrant in its original autographs, not only concerning spiritual issues, but also in history and science. **II Pet. 1:20-21**; **II Tim. 3:16**.
- The universe and all it contains, both living and non-living, was designed by God and created out of nothing in six days as described in Genesis. Biological changes since creation have been confined within the created kinds. **Gen. 1:1-31**; **Ex. 20:11**.
- The Noachian Flood was an historic event, worldwide in extent. Gen. 6:17; II Pet. 3:6.
- Acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is God, Creator and Redeemer, is mankind's only path to reconciliation with God. John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16; Acts 4:12; II Cor. 5:19.
- The biblical worldview is based on the infallible Word of God and is the foundation of all we say and do. The Bible speaks to all areas of life: ethics, psychology, sociology, science, law, politics, economics, and history. We engage our culture by thinking biblically. **1 Ch. 12:32**; **Col. 2:8**.

# AFSC Meeting Schedule (Updates at ApologeticsForum.org)

Mtg. Date	<b>Topics of Talks in 2013</b>	Speaker	Level
Sep. 27	Does Science Confirm Creation?	Dr. Heinz Lycklama	3
Oct. 25	Wonders of the Cell	Chris Ashcraft. M.S.	3
Nov. 22	Creation Astronomy: The Heavens Declare	Spike Psarris	4
Dec. 27	Showing the Film: Evolution Demolition	Mark Champneys	3
Mtg. Date	Topics of Talks in 2014	<u>Speaker</u>	Level
Jan. 24	Creation Geology: The Key to Unraveling Earth	Patrick Nurre	4
Feb. 28	Dinosaurs: Monsters of the Ancient World	Bruce Barton	3
Mar. 21	Christianity Re-Defined by Mormonism	Mark Champneys	1
Apr. 25	Evidence for Jesus' Resurrection	Dr. Phil Fernandes	2
May 16	Thousands Not Billions: Nuclear Evidence	Dr. Larry Vardiman	4
June 27	Answering the New Atheists	Dr. Heinz Lycklama	3
July 25	The Ice Age: Only The Bible Can Explain It!	Michael Oard, M.S.	4
Aug. 22	Life's Information Systems	Dr. Don Johnson ++	4
Sep. 26	Exposing Chrislam	Shahram Hadian	2
Oct. 17	Debunking the Big Bang	Spike Psarris	4
Nov. 21	War of the Worldviews: Christianity vs. Naturalism	Dr. John Byl	3
Dec. 12	Polystrate Fossils & Petrified Forests	J.D. Mitchell ++	3
Mtg. Date	Topics of Talks in 2015	<u>Speaker</u>	Level
Jan. 23	Egyptian Chronology and the Bible	Patrick Nurre	4
Feb. 20	No Compromise	Paul F. Taylor ++	4
Mar. 27	Planet of the Apes	Chris Ashcraft. M.S.	4
Apr. 24	Answering Skeptics Bill Nye	Carl Kerby ++	3
May 29	A Scientist Tests The Verses of Genesis	Dr. Ed Neeland ++	3
June 26	Creation and Flood Evidence in the NW	Dennis Bokovoy ++	4
July 24	Evidence For The Existence of God	Mike Riddle ++	3
Aug. 21	Integrity in Science	Dr. Don Johnson ++	3
Sep. 18	Dinosaurs and the Most-Asked Questions	Dr. Tas Walker ++	4
Oct. 23	The Floods Came Up and the Rains Came Down	Dr. Larry Vardiman	4
Nov. 20	Is Distant Starlight A Problem?	<u>Dr. John Byl</u>	4
Dec. 11	Men, Apes & the Bible	J.D. Mitchell ++	3
Mtg. Date	Topics of Talks in 2016	<u>Speaker</u>	Level
Jan. 22	Evangelicalism's Postmodern Apostasy	Eric Barger ++	2
Feb. 26	Amazing Animal Designs	Chris Ashcraft. M.S.	3
	Battle for the Next Generation	Mike Riddle ++	3
Mar. 18	Battle for the Next Generation		
	Answering Recent Attacks on the Jesus of the Bible	Dr. Phil Fernandes	3
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#### ++ <u>Other Events Planned During the Weekend of AFSC Meetings</u>. <u>Check with Heinz [heinz@osta.com; 425-501-5075, HeinzLycklama.com]</u> for the latest details.