CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, May 31, 2015

What Will Be Your Defining Moment?

The Issues with Strong Rationalism

Strong Rationalism: “No one should believe a proposition unless it can be proved rationally by logic or empirically by sense experience. Proof is an argument so strong that a normal person would not have any reason for disbelieving it.”

A) It does not live up to its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

As a proposition, it is not provable.

B) It requires complete \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, an   
 impossibility.

C) It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to live by, for anyone! No one  
 lives by this principle. NO ONE.

Reason & Faith Work Together

Faith: Belief, trust, or confidence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ someone or something, such that you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on it.

Burden of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = Balance of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Four Great Questions

1. Origin: where did you come from?
2. Morality: how are you supposed to live?
3. Meaning: what is the purpose of your life?
4. Destiny: where will you go when you die?

Reasoning the Answers

The “Uncaused Cause”, The Case Against Infinite Time.

The 1st Law of Thermodynamics, Conservation of Energy.

Vast matter/energy, dimensions, physical laws and constants.

🡺 The “Force”: acted from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the universe, and created with incredible power and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Fine-Tuning and Intricate Design in the Universe.

The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics, Entropy: decay from order.  
🡺 The “Force”: in the beginning, caused phenomenal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, fine-tuned for life.

Personhood: consciousness, rationality, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

How did these come about by chance?

🡺 The “Force”: the source of personhood, is itself personal.

Summary: observations of our universe match Christian belief of a God outside of space-time, that created with incredible power, phenomenal order, and design, and is the source of and answer to rationality, relationship, morality, and meaning.

Reasonable Decisions of Faith

What are *your* answers to the four questions?

Intellectual integrity, and the necessity of making a decision.

Daily decisions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our character.

What will be your defining moment?

Creekside Class: June 14, 21, 28 @ 9:45am, Room 218

Selected Resources: “The Reason for God”, Keller. “Letters from a Skeptic”, Boyd. “Mere Christianity”, Lewis.