# Personal Discipleship





Week 1
Course Introduction

## Course Description

This class will build upon the apostle Paul's instruction in Philippians 2:12...

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,"



## Working Definition

"Personal Discipleship" is the process by which a believer or seeker accepts personal responsibility for exploring the claims and content of the Bible.





### Course Content

The class will explore resources and topics, going beyond the sacred page to meet some of today's most interesting and thought-provoking theologians, apologists, and philosophers. We will discuss historical evidence for the Resurrection, the dating of Easter, apologetics, textual criticism, the trustworthiness of Scripture, biblical inervancy, science and faith, and current topics in theology.



### Instructor





#### John Paine

- Water resources engineer who manages a small office for a very large engineering company.
- · Grew up in Newport News
- No formal theological training whatsoever
- · Former Elder at WCC
- Personal discipleship is my hobby
- Other interests include:

  Blogging (Writing)

  Washington Nationals Baseball

  Auto Mechanics



## Syllabus

#### 9 Weeks

- 1 Introduction to Personal Discipleship
- 2. Keeping It Real
- 3. Historical and Current Challenges to Christianity
- 4. Apologetic Reasoning
- 5. Does God Exist?
- 6. Can We Trust the Bible?
- 7. Textual Criticism
- 8. Biblical Inerrancy
- 9. The Trial of Jesus (Palm Sunday)







### Discussion

- \* How do you study?
- \* What excites you about your studies?
- \* What are some of your go-to resources?
- \* With whom and how do you share what you learn?
- \* What keeps you from sharing more frequently?



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### Resources: Veracity Blog

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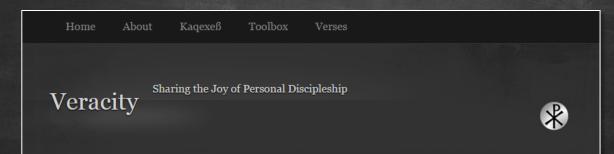
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#### The Case for Truth

January 9, 2015

By John Paine

As you might imagine, truth is a very important topic on a blog named Veracity. Veracity is a one-word description of the Bible. The Bible is true. Most people really have no idea *how* true. Unfortunately, some believe that it is true because they *feel* it is true. Others *hope* that it is true without ever really knowing how true it really is. Agnostics *doubt* that it is true. Skeptics believe it is untrue.

So how important is it that your faith be based on *truth*? It sounds like a silly question, but it has profound personal implications. When you engage others about your faith, do you say things like, "This happened to me," or "I feel that..."? Unfortunately, these type of statements can point to a subjective faith. But Christianity is much truer than that.

Veracity is also a one-word description for Jesus Christ, taken from his own words:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6

So, ultimately, truth is a person. Got it. Plain and simple. But is it an objective truth?

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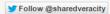


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Sharing the Joy of Personal Discipleship



#### Kagexeß

Pronounced "Kath-ex-ACE", it's the Greek word Luke used in Luke 1:2 to describe the orderly account of his Gospel. The word just means orderly, in an orderly sequence, or in succession. Now you know a little Greek.

The posts in this blog are topical; whatever we find interesting gets posted, whenever. Please use this page to study the information in an orderly segmence.

#### Apologetics

- 1. Why I Believe
- 2. Veracity's Top 10 Apologetics Sites
- 3. Apologetics 101
- 4. One Minute Apologist
- 5. Time for Apologetics
- 6. Bible vs. Science: Seven
- Approaches
- 7. Creation and the Bible (Apologetics Course)
- 8. Searching for God
- 9. Does God Exist?
- 10. Unwinding with Alvin Plantinga
- 11. Who Created God?
- 12. Why Does God Allow Evil and
- 12. Who Is Jesus?
- 14. Like a Son of Man
- 15. Son of Man and Prophecy
- 16. Son of Man: In Search of That Missing Prophecy
- 17. Hey Jude, Who is this Son of
- 18. Son of Man as Israel?
- what's a "Melchizedek"?
- 20. The Resurrection
- 21. Life After Death (Part 1)
- 22. Life After Death (Part 2)
- 23. Life After Death (Part 2) 24. Noah
- 25. Flood, Faith, and Russell
- 26. Lost Tomb of Jesus
- 27. The Subtraction of Easter
- 28. The Case for Easter
- 29. The Case For Easter Wrap-up
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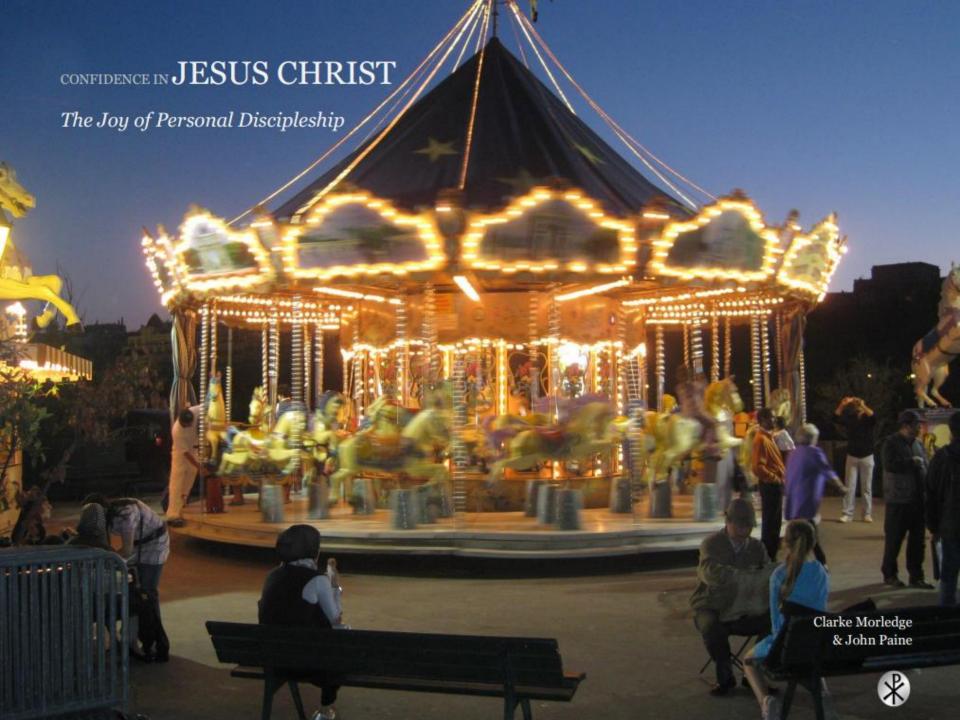


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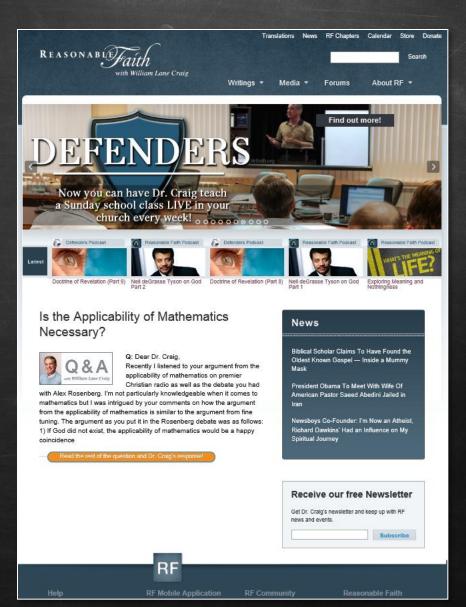




### Resources: Reasonable Faith Website

#### ReasonableFaith.org

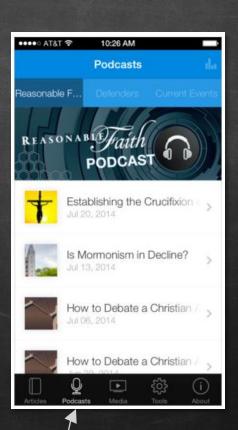
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## Resources: Reasonable Faith App

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## Resources: Podcatching

#### **Downcast App**

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## Resources: Bible App (for Reading)

#### **Glo Bible**



Because Bible study should not be boring!

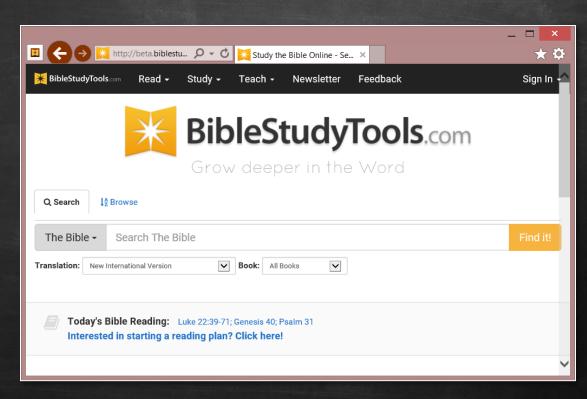
## Resources: Bible App (for Searching)

### **Bible Study Tools**

This is a really powerful search engine, that can be filtered and used to be filtered and used to compare translations.

It has commentaries, interlinear tools, and interlinear tools, and interlinear resources. many other resources.

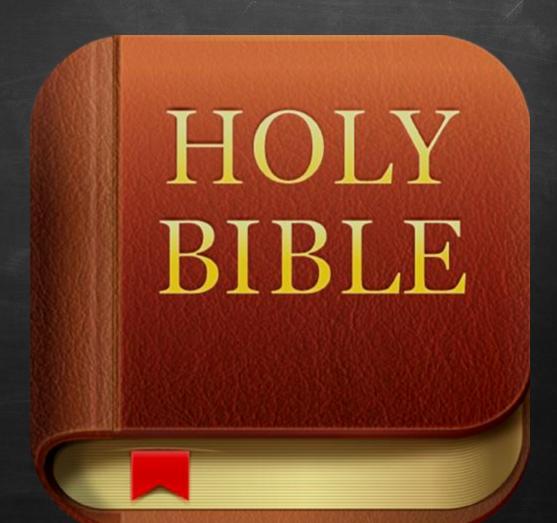
(Don't be fooled by the simple interface.)



### Resources: Audio Bible App

The Bible App (YouVersion)

This app reads the Bible to you. For lazy learners (Great for lazy learners like me.)



### Resources: Audio Book App

**Audible** 

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### Resources: Book App

#### Kindle Reader

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### Resources: Christian Magazines

### **Christianity Today**

There are a lot of exciting in happening in contemporary contemporary.

Be informed!



The Only Thing You Need to Teach Your

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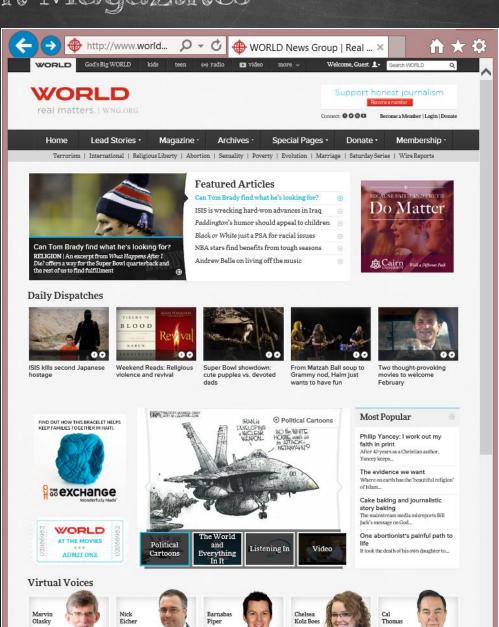
Plumbing the depths of God's mysterious

creation and beauty

## Resources: Christian Magazines

### **World Magazine**

There is such a thing as a christian worldview!



### Resources: Apologetics

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#### **Apologetics315 Website**

Probably the most comprehensive and active apologietics the resources site on the They produce lots of original podcast which you interviews which you can subscribe to on the Downcast App). Sign up for their podeasts and emails.



Friday, January 30, 2015

· Five Views on Apologetics - 2.99

Here are this week's recommended apologetics links.

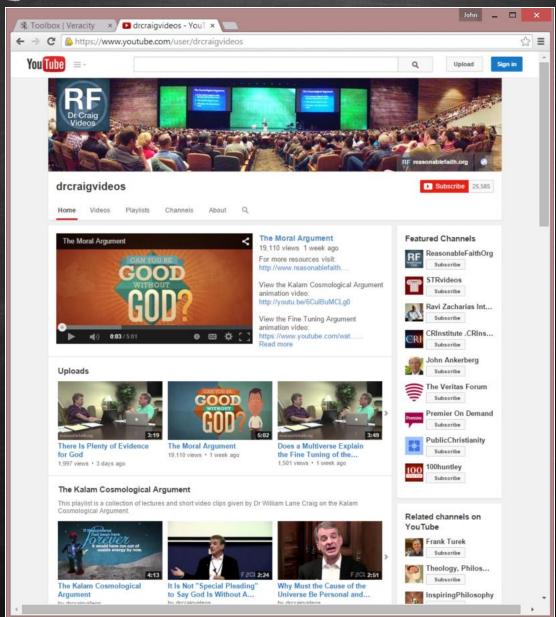
Weekly Apologetics Bonus Links (01/23-01/30)

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### Resources: Apologetics Videos

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### Resources: Devotional Bible Study

#### Mini Bible College



Here's a shortcut to the audio catalog!

**Mini Bible College Audio Catalog** 

### Resources: Free Online Seminary App

#### **Dallas Theological Seminary**

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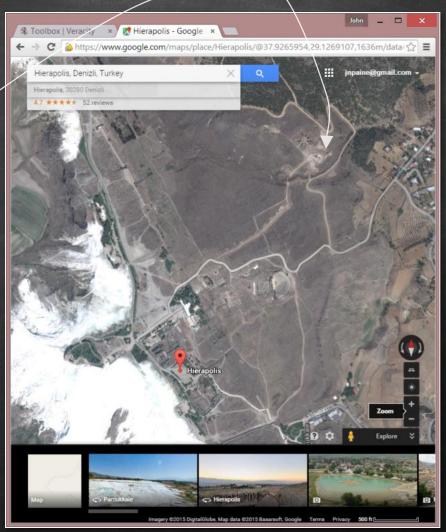


### Resources: Virtual Tours

#### **Google Maps**

This is ancient Hierapolis. The Apostle Philip was buried here.

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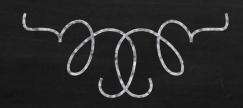


Upcoming Events...

National Conference on Christian Apologetics Oct. 16-17, 2015 Charlotte, NC

Evangelical Philosophical Society 67th Annual Meeting

Nov. 17-19, 2015 Atlanta, GA



### For Next Week

Volunteer Question: When was Jesus crucified?

Assignment:
Watch "The Case for Truth"

(J. Warner Wallace) on Veracity

