

Discipleship in a culture where we really need it

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“Religion today is not transforming people; rather it is being transformed by the people. It is not raising the moral level of society; it is descending to society’s own level.”

– AW Tozer

Some sobering statistics



The percentage of people with a biblical worldview **declines**
in each generation:



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There's more bad news

In three independent surveys, Christian teens said:

- uncertain if Jesus was physically resurrected (41%);
- didn't believe Jesus was the son of God (63%);
- believed the Bible was just one of many authoritative voices about Jesus (44%);
- Jesus isn't the only way (33%); and
- uncertain about trustworthiness of Bible (60%).

COMMITMENT TO JESUS AMONG GEN Z

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● Committed Christian teens ● Nominal Christian teens ● All others

Global teens



U.S. teens



U.S. young adults



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But
there's
hope...

U.S. TEENS' MOTIVATION TO CONTINUE LEARNING ABOUT JESUS

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Throughout the rest of your life, how motivated are you to continue learning more about Jesus Christ?

● Very motivated ● Somewhat motivated ● Somewhat unmotivated ● Not at all motivated
● I am not sure

All teens



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And
they
want to
learn
more!



Let's play a game.

We have a truth
problem.

We can't compromise
truth because it makes us
(or others)
feel uncomfortable.

“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:5







PLANTING SEEDS

A BIBLICAL MANDATE

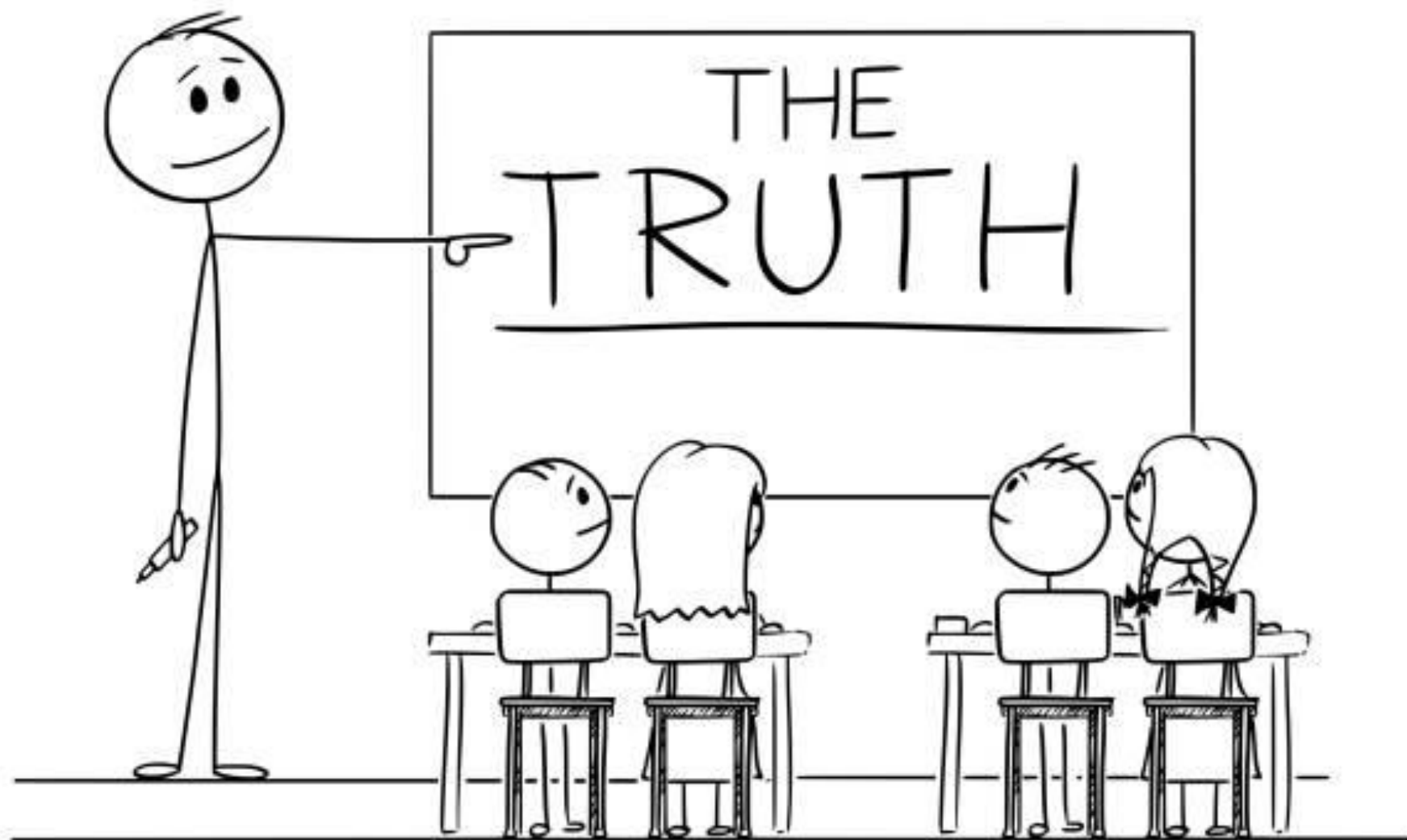
Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

A BIBLICAL MANDATE

We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.

Psalm 78:4





Practically speaking...

- Worship in your home.
- Talk about God and His good works.
- Pray as a family.
- Study the Bible.
- Serve in your community and in kid min.
- Take an apologetics class and/or read an apologetics book together.

ROAR

Recognize the
Message

Offer Discernment

Argue for a
Healthier
Approach

Reinforce through
discussion,
discipleship, and
prayer

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The Kalam Cosmological Argument

Premise 1: Everything
that begins to exist has a
cause.

Premise 2: The universe
began to exist.

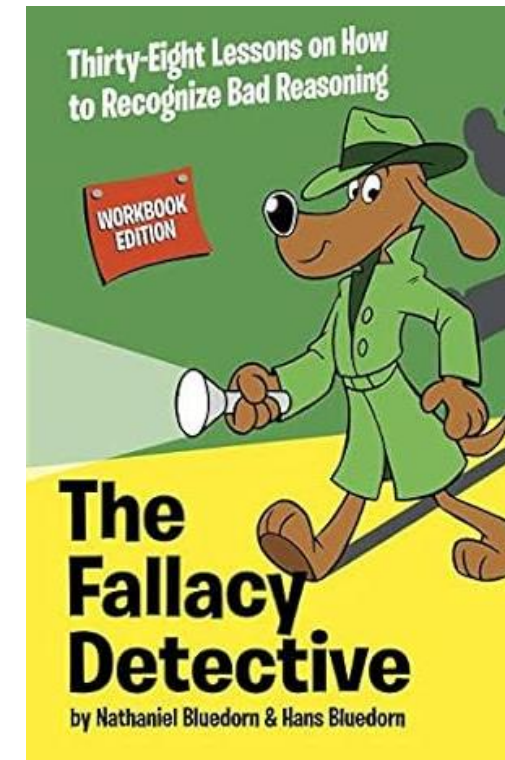
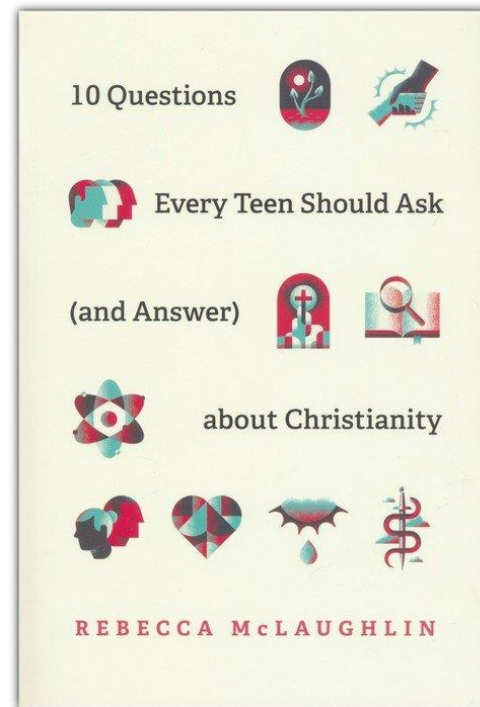
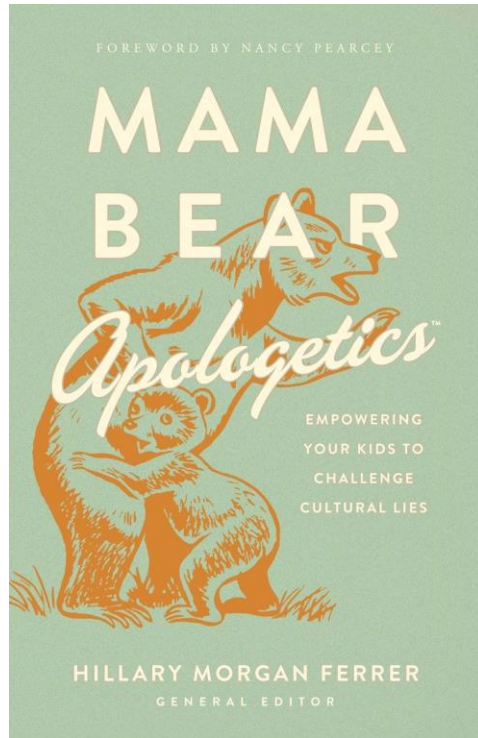
Conclusion: Therefore, the
universe has a cause.





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Recommended Resources

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Busy Mom's
GUIDE TO
Apologetics



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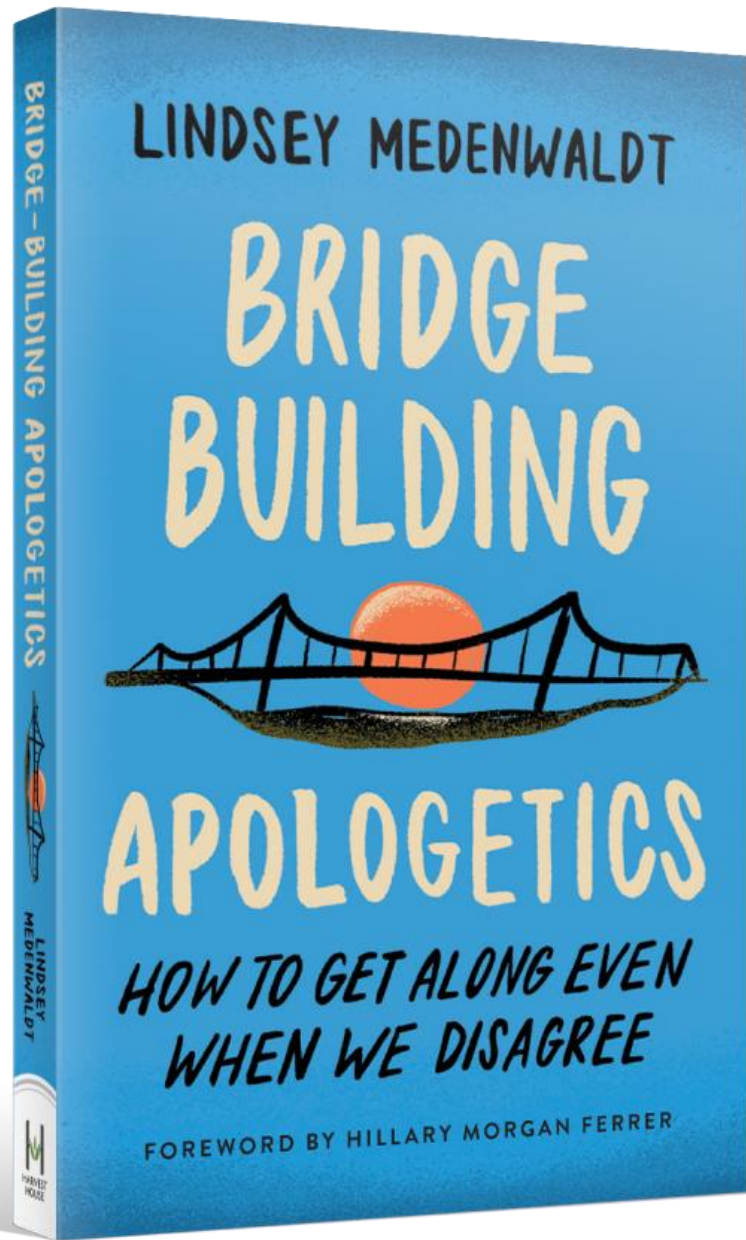
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