

## Apologetics Email/IM Assignment

Imagine you and a friend (Christian or not) were hanging out and discussing random things. Then the topic suddenly moves towards deeper topics like life, love, and God. Your friend asks you what you believe, and you mention you're a Christian. Then your friend goes on to tell you one of the reasons that he/she is not a Christian, or doesn't believe in God...

Your assignment is to pick up where the conversation left off by composing an email to your friend in response to the issue raised in your conversation. You should write a brief, clear, and loving email that (1) states the problem or issue your friend has with belief in God or Christianity, and then (2) lovingly, intelligently, and winsomely respond, (3) then anticipate the strongest counter argument from your friend and address it, and lastly (4) turn the email towards Jesus by "entering their story".

Select from one of the following topics:

1. Respond to relativism "What's true is different for different people, right?"
2. Respond to a question or doubt about God's existence. "You *really* believe in God? Why?"
3. Respond to the argument from evil. "If God's so good and loving, then why did he allow *this* to happen?"
4. Respond to the statement "The bible is a book of myths, right?"
5. "Isn't it intolerant for Christians to say other faiths are wrong? After all, there really isn't any one right religion."

Your email should be composed of 4 parts.

Part 1: State the problem with grace and tact.

Part 2: State your response.

Part 3: Anticipate a response from your friend and address it.

Part 4: Segue to Jesus.

Your email is due on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Email them to [enoch.liao@bcec.net](mailto:enoch.liao@bcec.net).