

WEDNESDAY 12 JULY 2017 (DAY 1)				
Start Time	Topic	DESCRIPTION	Speaker	Venue
7:00	Registration & Coffee	Registering of all students and speakers and room assignments	All	Hall A
8:00	Welcoming and Introduction	Welcoming, Agenda, Introduction of Speakers, Rules, etc.	Simon Brace and Rudi de Beer	Hall A
8:30	WORSHIP			Hall A
8:45	Answering the Arguments of Popular Atheism	An analysis of the phenomena of "t-shirt" or "bumper sticker" atheism (clever one-liners or popular myths) along three categories (1) Rhetorical Arguments (e.g., "Atheism is merely a lack of a belief in God"); (2) Scientific Arguments (e.g., "Christianity has always stood against the advances of science."); and (3) Philosophical Argument (e.g., "If God created the universe, who created God?")	Prof. Richard Howe	Hall A
10:00	COFFEE/TEA BREAK			Hall A
10:15	Answering Philosophical Challenges to the Doctrine of Hell	TBD	Mike Willenborg	Hall A
10:15	The Bill of Rights, a new golden Calf?	This will involve looking at how the Bill of Rights came into being, the role/limits of a Bill of Rights and an assessment of some Constitutional Court decisions since 1994.	Keith Matthee, SC	Conference Hall
11:30	Considering the Psychological and Sociological Characteristics of Cults	As Christians it is very important to look at cults from a theological perspective. But, we sometimes neglect their psychological and sociological side which provides us with great insights into the finer mechanics of cults. Our exploration will therefore focus on some of these psychological and sociological characteristics in the cultic realm.	Daniel Maritz	Hall A

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11:30	Is there Genetic Evidence for Evolution?	Molecular Genetics is the newest field in Life Sciences being less than 60 years since its discovery by Watson and Crick in 1953. Notably when the evolutionary theory was devised in 1859 by Charles Darwin the complexity of cellular systems and of course DNA were not even concepts at the time. Therefore, we need to evaluate if some of the genetic principles today do correlate with the evolutionary theory. Adaptive evolution in the lab has been provided as evolution in progress where observable changes in DNA is directly linked to noticeable changes in an organism. Does this type of observation provide undeniable proof for evolution?	Diane Lind	Conference Hall
12:45	LUNCH			Hall A
13:15	AFTERNOON BREAK			Hall A
17:15	DINNER			Hall A
18:15	WORSHIP			Hall A
18:30	Does South-African Law Accord the Unborn Child Worth and Dignity?	This will include an analysis of the present law regulating abortions and a reflection on a matter before the Gauteng High Court which was argued by Keith Matthee in October 2016, where judgment is still outstanding. Part of the talk will be to see if SA can learn from a comparison between the American and German approach to the unborn child.	Keith Matthee, SC	Hall A
18:30	Satanism	After a quick look at what constitutes an occult world view, we look at the specifics of Satanism, primarily as a religious (as opposed to criminal) phenomenon in America, including both Anton LaVey's Church of Satan and	Prof. Richard Howe	Conference Hall

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		Michael Aquino's Temple of Set.		
19:45	COFFEE/TEA BREAK			Hall A
20:00	Jesus the Promised Messiah: An Argument from Fulfilled Prophecy	TBD	Mike Willenborg	Hall A
20:00	The Worldview Test	The Christian worldview is by far the superior competitor when you systematically analyse and compare it with other worldviews. Having a standard method to compare worldviews is an essential tool in any apologist's arsenal. If you can clearly recognize and dismantle another person's worldview with gentleness and respect you create fresh ground to plant the seeds of the truth claims and evidences for Christianity	Christie Smith	Conference Hall
21:15	Panel Discussion	All speakers of the day available for Q&A	All	Hall A
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7:00	BREAKFAST			Hall A
7:30	WORSHIP			Hall A
8:00	The New Age Movement	The New Age movement is subtly infiltrating the Church of Christ, but what does this movement entail and where does it come from? If we are more aware of some of its characteristics we will be better equipped to stand against the New Age challenge and prevent further infiltration.	Paul Luc Michau	Hall A
8:00	In Defense of the Resurrection	Talk on the historical evidences for the Resurrection	Rudi de Beer	Conference Hall
9:15	Logic	Can you deal with the modern day onslaught of information in an orderly and systematic manner or do you find yourself overwhelmed by all you read, see, and hear? Do you merely drift in the direction of popular opinion or are you able to recognize arguments and evaluate them critically. This talk will focus on the importance of logic (the forgotten discipline of our time) and will aim to equip listeners with the ability to recognize and identify informal fallacies	Nel Brace	Hall A
9:15	Religion of Force	Based on the book with the same title and with the use of multi-media excerpts from the famous Star Wars™ movie series, we examine exactly what is the world view and message that is being portrayed and how that	Prof. Richard Howe	Conference Hall

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		message compares and contrasts with Christianity.		
10:30	COFFEE/TEA BREAK			Hall A
10:45	Finding the Hidden God: Why isn't the Truth of Christianity more Obvious?	TBD	Mike Willenborg	Hall A
10:45	The Resurrection - A Lawyer's View	Using the methodology of a lawyer, the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus is evaluated. In the process the approach to evidence by Dawkins is assessed.	Keith Matthee, SC	Conference Hall
12:00	What About Those Who Have Never Heard the Gospel?	An examination of the problem of the unreached. Various options are surveyed including universalism, pluralism, and inclusivism. The conclusion (exclusivism) maintains that no one goes to heaven without knowingly trusting Jesus as Savior, but tries to show how this works out for those who have never heard the specifics of the Gospel.	Prof. Richard Howe	Hall A
12:00	The Death of Science	An examination of the moral basis of science and how this is affecting research integrity.	Prof. Reitze Rodseth	Conference Hall
13:15	LUNCH			Hall A
13:45	AFTERNOON BREAK			Hall A
17:45	DINNER			Hall A
18:45	WORSHIP			Hall A
19:00	Dying to Die	A Christian analysis of euthanasia.	Prof. Reitze Rodseth	Hall A

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19:00	The Christian Mind as Pertaining to Woman	<p>The study of theology proper, philosophical theology, and apologetics has traditionally been dominated by male thinkers.</p> <p>The relatively small number of noteworthy female scholars in these disciplines attest to this. Why is this the case? Is the content of these disciplines of little or no value for women? What is a Christian woman's responsibility as pertaining to her mind? And is there spiritual and practical value in cultivating well developed Christian thinking?</p> <p>This presentation will explore these and other related questions and will evaluate the importance of the life of the mind as pertaining to the Christian woman.</p>	Nel Brace	Conference Hall
20:15	COFFEE/TEA BREAK			Hall A
20:30	Natural Law Theory	<p>An exploration of the model of morality known as Natural Law theory and how it arises from an understanding of some basic elements in metaphysics and theology, including: what is human nature?, what does the term 'good' mean?, what is the connection between good and God?, and more.</p>	Prof. Richard Howe	Hall A
21:45	Panel Discussion	All speakers of the day available for Q&A	All	Hall A
22:15	CLOSING DAY 2			Hall A

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7:00	BREAKFAST			Hall A
7:30	WORSHIP			Hall A
8:00	Naturalism vs. Christianity: The Case for Unbelief	Despite Alvin Plantinga's great success as a Philosopher, his (and other's) case for the basic warrant of Christian beliefs fails. In this talk Charl will argue that, based on Plantinga's view, Christianity faces the evidentialist challenge which favours naturalism above theism as an explanation for the evidence that exist.	Charl Botha	Hall A
9:15	The Shroud of Turin	In this epic talk Rudi de Beer will remove the shroud from the eyes of those shrouded in their ignorance about the real shroud....a garment, that has, for too long been shrouded in mystery, wrapped in an enigma, and rolled in a conundrum. Cloaked in this controversial topic, Rudi will in this talk challenge your skepticism, and get you to all subscribe to his new order of men who are very shroud about their beliefs in the shroud.	Rudi de Beer	Conference Hall
9:15	Is there Genius behind Genetics?	The goal of evolutionary biology is to explain the origin of species on earth by building species phylogenies and assigning taxonomic units in what is known as the Tree of Life project. Further, the field is aimed at understanding mechanisms that drive and maintain phenotypic diversity. The advent of genetic technology and tools in the 1960s has posed even more questions and complexities in the field. Current theories explaining the local adaptation of functional traits have caused a lot of controversies, with some being contrary to known and acceptable knowledge.	Sophia Bam	Hall A

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		Here, we look at genetic mechanisms underlying developmental plasticity and their successes and failures in elucidating adaptive evolutionary theories. Is there a genius behind genetics?		
10:30	COFFEE/TEA BREAK			Hall A
10:45	Textual Criticism for the Rest of Us	The Bible is an ancient text. The versions thereof that we have before us today are the end results of the processes of copying and translation over centuries. Can we have confidence that what we read today is an accurate representation of what the biblical authors wrote? This talk offers an introduction to textual criticism, the art and science of determining the original biblical text.	Nel Brace	Hall A
10:45	The New Age Infiltration of the Church: Considering the law of Attraction	The New Age movement is subtly infiltrating the Church of Christ, but what does this movement entail and where does it come from? If we are more aware of some of its characteristics we will be better equipped to stand against the New Age challenge and prevent further infiltration	Daniel Maritz	Conference Hall
12:00	How Theology Needs Philosophy	A study of the various ways that philosophical topics and categories are utilized in doing theology. Includes a look at the relationship of faith and reason, the laws of logic, answering objections to the use of logic, detecting self-refuting statements, the role of presuppositions, natural law morality, science and religion, how philosophy helps clarify theology in issues such as truth and biblical inerrancy, and more.	Prof. Richard Howe	Hall A



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12:00	Evangelism and Apologetics in the New Age	Over the years a variety of models of evangelism and popular books have been recommended and taught within the Church. Many Christians, for example, are familiar with the Four Spiritual Laws approach, the friendship evangelism model, the Way of the Master, or the Evangelism Explosion model of evangelism. There have also been numerous books also written on the subject of evangelism. This talk will offer a brief critique of some of these models and books and then proceed to delve into the model of evangelism adopted by those in the New Testament; a model in which Apologetics serves as the handmaiden to evangelism. From here we will investigate whether this methodology is appropriate for the age in which the Church now finds itself.	Simon Brace	Conference Hall
13:15	LUNCH			Hall A
13:45	AFTERNOON BREAK			Hall B
17:45	DINNER			Hall A
18:45	WORSHIP			Hall A
19:00	Linguistics and Morality	The talk is a study into the linguistic debate. The first objective will be to identify what major linguists, in both the cognitive and functional disciplines, are saying about morality. Secondly, it is to identify the underlying philosophies that shape the way modern linguists think. Lastly, the goal is to provide an appropriate Biblical response to some of the questions and propose an alternative conclusion to the hermeneutics of our age. I will then proceed to prove that women are weird and that trying to understand	Jurec Mulder	Hall A

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		them is a farce.		
19:00	Faith, Science and the Age of the Earth Controversy	One of the most contentious issues debates between Christians concerns the age of the earth. How does a person balance the two forms of revelation from God, that is, God's knowledge of Himself revealed through the Word and His Creation? This talk will address this contentious subject addressing the foundational assumptions in this very important discussion which sadly often ends up in a very unsatisfying stalemate.	Simon Brace	Conference Hall
20:15	COFFEE/TEA BREAK			Hall B
20:30	The Problem of Evil	An examination of the famous challenge to theism (particularly Christian theism) from skeptics and unbelievers. We cover the responses that are out of bounds for the evangelical and responses within the bounds of evangelicalism.	Prof. Richard Howe	Hall A
21:45	Panel Discussion	All speakers of the day available for Q&A	All	Hall A
22:15	Final Words	Final words and giving thanks	Rudi de Beer	Hall A
22:30	CLOSING DAY 3			Hall A

SATURDAY 15 JULY 2017 (DAY 4)				
Start Time	Topic	DESCRIPTION	Speaker	Venue
7:00	COFFEE, BISCUITS & GOODBYE			Hall A