

Tactics In Defending the Faith

Come on! You have to "Get in the Game" – the "Double-Dog Dare" by Pastor Chris Sutton

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2008 Men's Monday Night Football Fellowship **Over-All MMNF Format From Week to Week**

1. 7:30 PM - Food arrives (setup)
2. 7:45 PM - Men arrive and get food and settle in
3. 8:00 PM - Start Meeting **Promptly**
4. 8:00 PM - (5-10 min.) Prayer and Share (BS)
5. 8:10 PM - (20-25 min.) MODELING (B²) TACTICS (BB), SCRIPTURE (BS)
6. 8:30 PM - (45 min) Small Groups start (this may vary slightly)
7. 9:15 PM - Game Goes on
=> NOTE: You may continue with your small group discussions, fellowship, watch the game or go home.
8. 10:00 PM - Food Clean up and wrap up game / fellowship
9. 10:30 PM - We kick you all out! – feel free to talk outside

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Welcome to Week 1

- **Lesson Today**: Introduction to the topic of the study
- **Food** – How food will work this year?
...Organizing Food... when we'll eat.... The Kitty.... The Sign up sheet!
- **Agenda**:
 - (BS) - Prayer and Share
 - (Steve Ebert – Small Group Coordinator) Pick Small Groups
 - (B²) MODELING – With our B² Skit we will try and show you the tactics!
 - (BB) TACTICS– Introduction to the study
 - (BS) – Scriptures / Memory Verse – I Peter 3:14-16
We will take a look at this weeks verse
NOTE: This week's verse is also the verse which is the Theme for the Study
 - Small Group Discussion and Role - play
 - The Game: game starts at 8:30 PM, however, we will turn the game on at 9PM tonight (Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys) - Normally the game will go on at 9:15PM

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Prayer and Share

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5. So... Snooze you lose!

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Small Group Discussions and Drills

- Purposes of Small Group time:
 1. Iron Sharpening Iron – Growing together through small group discussion and drills.
 2. Transparency - Build trust among our brothers – zip your lips outside meetings by agreeing to keep things in the group.
 3. Accountability – Challenge each other in learning and work on daily struggles
 4. Friendship / Fellowship – Build on existing friendships and forge new ones.

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Time To Pick Small Groups

- **SMALL Group Coordinator** – Steve Ebert will provide support and follow up to group leaders, Steve will also act as one of our small group leaders
- **Volunteers Please!** – We need 6 to 12 volunteers for leading and co-leading a small group
- **Leaders** – will guide group each week, pray for group during the week and follow up with a a call or email
- **Co-Leaders** –will guide group on weeks when leader can't make it and will assist with flow of discussion as needed. Will assist with follow ups.
- **We want you to "Pick Teams"** – lets all agree to act like adults with this!
- **Sit Together** – Sit together after teams are picked and during each meeting.
- **The Church Facility may be used for small groups** – pick your place but be back by 9:15 PM if you want to see the game (9PM tonight).

IMPORTANT: All food must stay in Fellowship Hall

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Time for Tactics!

- Strategy and Tactics
- Drills vs. Role-Plays
- No more "Stump the Christian"

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Scripture Study / Memory Verse

Week 1 Verse, Verse for Study: 1 Peter 3:14-16

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But do this with gentleness and respect,

keeping a clear conscience,

so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.”

- Each week we will take a brief look at some scripture
- The verse above will be reviewed each week
- Additionally we will have a new verse each week and a re-cap of our “study verse”
- Some of the scriptures we will look at will be to support our tactics discussion and will be for study purposes and to give scriptural support to this study.
- We Strongly encourage you to study Scripture and Memorize it so that you are “always prepared to give the reason for the hope that you have within you.”

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- Time for Small Groups
...but first a word on Hand-outs...
- Hand-Outs each week will have the following format:

SIDE 1

- **"Team Discussion"** - questions or instructions on drills

SIDE 2

- **"Take-Aways"** - key-thoughts for the study each night.
 - **"Studying the Playbook"** – this is Scripture Memory to sharpen your knowledge of Scripture to prepare yourself to "Get the Game"
 - **"Give-Aways"** - homework to give away to others what you have learned
- See you at 9 PM when the Game goes on

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END OF WEEK 1 SLIDES

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September 22, 2008

Week 2

Men's Monday Night Football Fellowship

Agenda:

Prayer and Share

Tactics / Scripture Study

Modeling

Small Groups

9:15 Game

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5. Your Requests....

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TIME FOR TACTICS

Review....

- Goal – Spread the Gospel (Mark 16:15)
"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.'"
- Strategy – Take it to them personally (1 Peter 3:14-16)
- Tactic – Have the conversation....
 - In the moment
 - Belly to belly
 - Mano y mano

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Scripture Study / Memory Verse

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Week 2 Verse: 1 Corinthians 14:11

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I am a foreigner to the speaker, and he is a foreigner to me.”**

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The Value of Tactics

1. Helps you execute your game plan
2. Gets and keeps you in the driver's seat
3. Helps you manage the conversation in the face of opposition
4. More friendly and less combative
5. Helps the other person think through their personal position....which often creates the greatest leverage

Caution: If you try to manipulate your opponent using tactics, it will become apparent. If you are not genuinely interested in engaging, come back another time.

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The “Columbo Tactic #1

“WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?”

1. Helps you initiate and move the conversation in a productive direction
2. Disarming and non-confrontational
3. Removes the need for YOU to be the “Answer Man” (relieves you of the burden of preaching)
4. Gives you a way of avoiding the direct confrontation of an opponent

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Uses of "Columbo Tactic #1

"WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?"

1. You find out what they are really thinking (never be a mind reader!)
2. You demonstrate your genuine interest (how many times have YOU been asked this question by a would-be opponent?)
3. You won't run the risk of twisting their words or misinterpreting them.
4. It helps them examine their own personal position

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MODELING: Skit

Scenario: Student speaking to Professor

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How to run drills...

IMPORTANT: Drill time is for:

REPETITION.....NOT discussion:

1. I hear and I forget. I see and I understand. I do it and I can do again.
2. Keep focused on doing as many quality repetitions as possible during the drill time
3. Avoid discussions
4. We will discuss the drills at the end.

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Time for Small Groups

Small Group Instructions (Take 30 Minutes):

1. Divide into pairs, and, if necessary, one team of three
2. One person will play the role of the Christian and the other will play the role of the non-Christian
3. The "non-Christian" will state one of the refutations from the list to the "Christian"
4. The "Christian" will respond with some variation of "What do you mean by that?"
5. Repeat steps three and four ten times (go through the entire list.)
6. Reverse roles and repeat the process.
7. As soon as each pair has completed both runs through the list, pair up with another partner and repeat the process.

The goal of these drills: Go through as many repetitions as possible, in a genuine way, in the time allotted. We will debrief as a group when time is called at about 9:00 pm.

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END OF WEEK 2 SLIDES

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September 29, 2008

Week 3

Men's Monday Night Football Fellowship

Agenda:

Prayer and Share

Review Last Weeks Drills

Tactics / Scripture Study

Modeling

New Drills

Short Video Clip? ...if time permits

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First a Brief Sports Commentary

- May I please have a moment of your complete silence?
- I can't speak... Just read it and weep with me!
- Are you a frustrated Eagles Fan?
- Are you sick of stupid play calls?
- Have you had enough of terrible clock management?
- Are you sick of losing games you dominate and should win?
- Are you sick of losing games because your head-coach ALWAYS says,
“I take full responsibility for that”
but he NEVER has been, and NEVER EVER IS held accountable.
- What does one have to do to get fired?
- And that's a MEMO!!!
- Oh, and Just one more thing.....

Here He is ... The Problem!



→ Can we agree
It is time for
This man to Go?.....

→ DeSean Jackson
hurt us with some
rookie mistakes, but
he can and will help
us, but the head
coach, Andy Reid,
has no more
excuses!!!!
It's time to go!

- I mean how, after not being successful running the ball all evening...
do we run FOUR STRAIGHT TIMES UP THE MIDDLE??? .. Grandma knows ...
- We have a 6' 3" 250 lb QB who almost never misses a QB sneak and
we don't try it? Play-action anyone?
- But don't worry, he'll "Take full responsibility"
- But WHEN will Jeffery Laurie Fire him?.... My limit is reached, how about you?

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5. STANDING REQUESTS:
 - a) Our Troops
 - b) Our Leaders
 - c) Our Election
 - d) Our Country's Financial Crisis
 - e) Our Pastoral Staff
6. Your Requests.... Mine is...
➔ That Andy Reid is fired!

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Scripture Verse for Study:

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Review (NOTE: Hand-out sheets should be passed out at this time)

1. Goal – Spread the Gospel (Mark 16:15)
2. Strategy – Take it to them personally (1 Peter 3:14-16)
3. Tactic – Have the conversation
 - In the moment
 - Manage the conversation with skill
 - More friendly, less combative
 - Clarifies their position up front
4. Purpose of Drills:
 - Conditioning....not education
 - The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war

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The “Columbo Tactic #1

“WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?”

1. Opinion vs Belief
2. Why do we call it the "Columbo Tactic?"
3. Your experiences this week?
4. Quick review drill (Drill 1 on your Sheet)- just like last week:
 - Pair up
 - One person read an objection from our list
 - The other person respond with some variation of "What do you mean by that?"
 - Don't make it a role play, just practice responding
 - Go through all ten on the list
 - Switch roles and repeat
 - 5 min. max

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1. Why would a just God allow pain and suffering and evil in this world?
2. God doesn't exist because the world is full of hate and not love.
3. Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?
4. If God is a loving God why doesn't everyone go to Heaven?
5. How Can God be 3 people?
6. Belief in God is unscientific
7. How do you know Jesus is God and not just a prophet or a good man?
8. How did God get all life onto the ark?
9. Do you really believe that it only took God 6 days to create the world?
10. Why didn't God create us to love Him?

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Columbo Tactic #2

“HOW DID YOU COME TO THAT CONCLUSION?”

1. Tactic #1 clarifies **WHAT** they think
2. Tactic #2 clarifies **WHY** they think it

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Columbo Tactic #2

“HOW DID YOU COME TO THAT CONCLUSION?”

1. We've clarified what they mean....gotten their PREMISE
2. Now, we ask for them to SUPPORT their premise
3. What is their RATIONALE for believing what they said
4. This is called the "Burden of Proof" Tactic.

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BURDEN OF PROOF (legal definition)

1. (Latin: onus probandi) is the obligation to prove allegations which are presented.
2. "The necessity of proof lies with he who complains"
3. A person is not required to prove his or her own innocence
4. The accuser / complainer, must provide the proof

Example: If you have been accused of a deed, it is NOT UP TO YOU to prove you are innocent. Your innocence is assumed until your accuser has proven you guilty.

Example: If someone alleges that the Bible is incorrect, that Christ is false, that God did not create the universe....IT'S NOT YOUR JOB TO DISPROVE THEIR ALLEGATIONS. It's their job to prove their own allegations

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MODELING: Skit

Scenario:

Student speaking to Professor
as Professor tries to walk to his car.

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REMINDER: How to run drills...

IMPORTANT: Drill time is for: **REPETITION**.....**NOT**
discussion:

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3. **IMPORTANT:** Avoid discussions
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Time for Drill #2

Instructions (10 minutes):

1. Divide into pairs, and, if necessary, one team of three
2. One person will play the role of the Christian and the other will play the role of the non-Christian
3. The "non-Christian" will state one of the refutations from the SECOND list to the "Christian"
4. The "Christian will respond with some variation of "How did you come to that conclusion?"
5. Repeat steps three and four ten times (go through the entire list.)
6. Reverse roles and repeat the process.
7. As soon as each pair has completed both runs through the list, **CHANGE PARTNERS** and repeat the process.

The goal of these drills: Go through as many repetitions as possible, in a genuine way, in the time allotted. We will debrief as a group when time is called.

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Let's Begin Drill #2

With the new topics...

Take 10 minutes Max or until time is called

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List for Drill #2 – 10 min. (list is also on your hand-out):

11. The Bible is a story book.
12. The Bible is full of contradictions and errors
13. We have other books that are equally true
14. How can the Bible be true since it was written so long ago by so many authors?
15. I just don't believe the Bible
16. Do you believe in a literal Bible?
17. The Bible is just for illustrations; figurative and not literal.
18. Where did the Bible come from anyway?
19. Do you believe the story of Jonah?
20. The Bible doesn't apply today

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Now for the next set of Drills...
With the any of the 20 topics...

Drill 3 -Take 10 minutes Max or until time is called

1. Get with a new partner.
2. One person will play the role of the Christian and the other will play the non-Christian
3. The non-Christian will make a statement from one of the lists
4. The Christian will reply with the first tactical question
5. The non-Christian will state anything from either list that seems to support the original statement
6. The Christian will ask the second tactical question
7. STOP! Then, do it again with another statement from the list
8. Repeat this 10 times and then reverse roles and repeat it.

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Wrap-Up Discussion

Enough time for the video????

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October 6, 2008

Week 4

Men's Monday Night Football Fellowship

Agenda:

Prayer and Share
Review Last Weeks Drills
Tactics / Scripture Study
Modeling
New Drills
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Week 4 Verse: Proverbs 15:1

“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”

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Review (NOTE: Hand-out sheets should be passed out at this time)

- **Goal** – Spread the Gospel (Mark 16:15)
- **Strategy** – Take it to them personally (1 Peter 3:14-1)
- **Tactic** – Have the conversation
 1. Drills - not education....conditioning!
 2. Skillful manipulation of productive conversations

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Quick Review:

When our faith is being attacked:

Columbo tactic #1 - "What do you mean by that?"
(clarifies WHAT they think)

Columbo tactic #2 - "How did you come to that conclusion?"
(clarifies WHY they think it)

Columbo tactic #2 - is the BURDEN OF PROOF tactic
(he who makes the claim
bears the burden of proof)

IMPORTANT: If you have not made a claim, you are not on the hook for proving anything.

(avoid flaming bags of pooh!)

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Quick Drill - (5 Minutes or until time is called):

- Pair up
- Skeptic read a claim from any of the lists
- Christian employ tactic #1
- Skeptic read another claim, or reply sensibly
- Christian employ tactic #1
- Skeptic make another claim or reply sensibly
- Christian employ tactic #2, then stop.
- Do this THREE TIMES, switch and repeat
- Take about 5 minutes

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Quick Review:

What happens when your opponent ...

- Gets upset or defensive?
- Offers alternate or unrelated explanations?
- Avoids your question?
- Accuses you of "attacking" them?
- Calls you a name, or insults you?

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Conversational Aikido

- Use your opponent's momentum to your advantage
- Shift from argument mode to FACT FINDING mode
- Slow the conversation down
- Tactic: Narrate the conversation:

For Example....

Say, "Hold on. What just happened here? You made a statement and I asked what you meant by it. You clarified and I asked you how you came to that conclusion....now, you seem upset. Help me out, here. What did I miss?"

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Narrate the Discussion

- Keeps you from the obligation to respond to claims, or answer right away
- Gives you time to collect your thoughts
- Keeps you in control and keeps the responsibility for their claims on them
- Keeps you in the driver's seat, instead of being driven
- Use this tactic to pause the discussion, go away and study up, and then come back again
- Powerful statement: LET ME THINK ABOUT IT

For example, say....

That's news to me. Tell me your view, and your reasons for it, then let me think about it.

Don' t feel obligated to handle an unfamiliar issue on-the-spot. (flaming bag of pooh)

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MODELING: Skit

Re-cap and Scenario:

Week 2: We had the first day of Biology class where the professor claimed he had proof positive that God had no hand in creation.

Week 3: Later, we had a dialogue in the parking lot, where the student employed the Columbo tactics to get more info.

THIS WEEK: Now, we're in the second class meeting, in which the professor had indicated he'd present some of the proofs of the origin of life from a scientific point of view.

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Drills

- Employ Columbo tactics #1 & #2
- Practice Narrating the conversation
- **REMEMBER**: he who makes the claim bears the burden of proof

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Drills

- Skeptic makes a statement
- Christian use tactic #1
- Skeptic makes a statement
- Christian uses tactic #2
- Skeptic demonstrates high emotion
- Christian narrates the discussion
- Do this five times each and reverse roles
- 10 Minutes

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Wrap-Up Discussion

----- END OF WEEK 4 SLIDES -----

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October 13, 2008

Week 5

Men's Monday Night Football Fellowship

Agenda:

Prayer and Share
Review Last Weeks Drills
Tactics / Scripture Study
Modeling
New Drills

9:15 Phillies Game or Football Game – You Decide!

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- For the creation to deny its creator is to live a lie
- To hold to a lie, one must construct falsehoods to protect it
- Evolution is one such lie – casts doubts on the creator
- Positions man as an ever-evolving, self perfecting creature
- Education is key to the evolving and perfecting process
- The reason Christians are so backward and unenlightened...
- Primary tools of Non-Christians:
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October 20, 2008

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MODELING – An Example Email

THE CONTEXT - a long email “chain” was proceeding on various issues

An original comment was made by Joe Briggs (Brent’s brother) that **“McCain/Palin will put Israel before the country”**.

I went to defense of that to deny it was true
(I didn’t start with the tactics, I just responded).
He actually conceded to my points (that was amazing enough).

However, another man told me I was not the expert on Israel and “info-bombed” me with a ton of reasons why our Government is wrong and shouldn’t support Israel because it is unconstitutional. This was actually well-supported.

I then conceded that I had very little knowledge on Israel’s History and couldn’t fairly comment on its Constitutionality.

Yet I continued and was NOT applying the tactics... Here’s the ensuing email...

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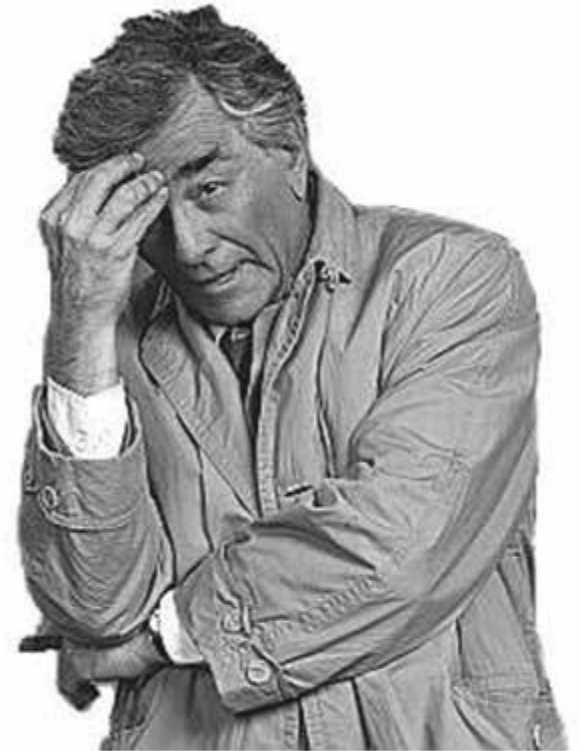
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- Ask "WHY NOT?"
- There's no magic behind these questions
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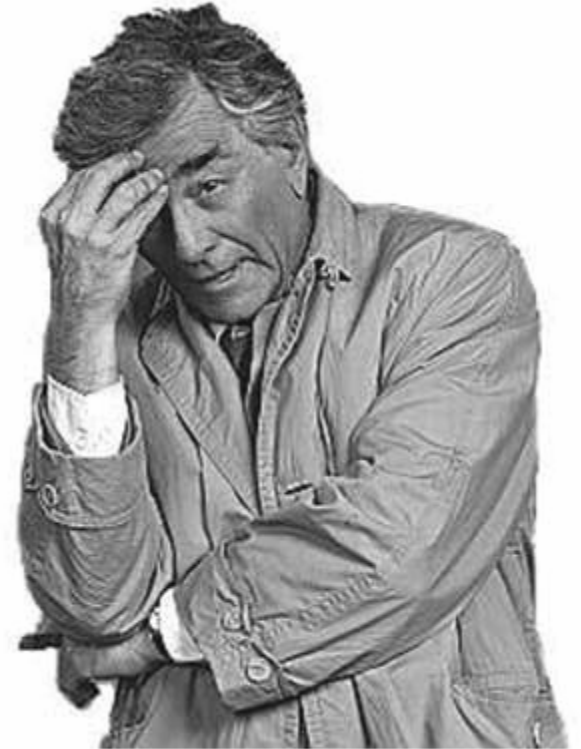
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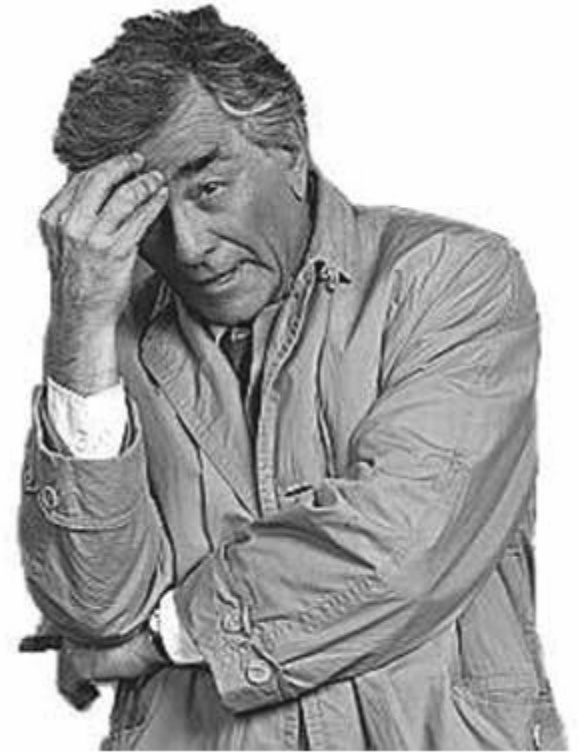
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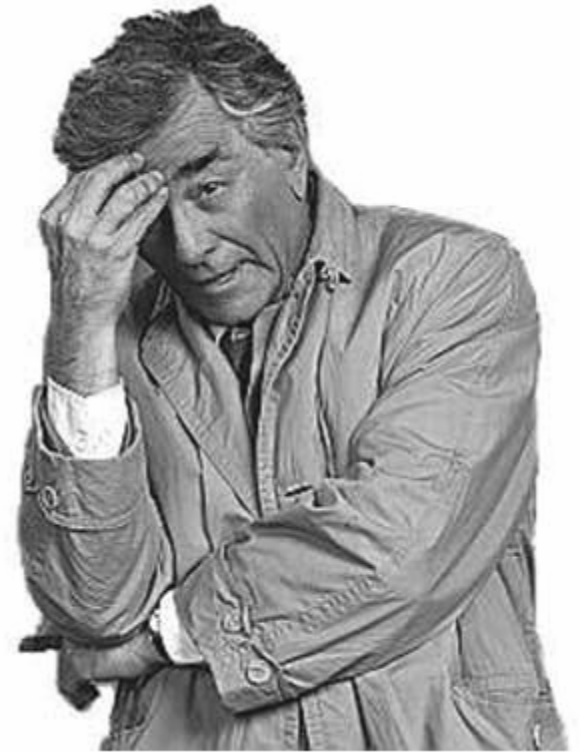
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- Wear clean
- Don't bother
- Answer the
- Sit quietly in
- Don't run with.....
- Obey all the.....
- Eat all your....
- Do what tell you

"Mother" is a parental authority figure (real, or imagined)
telling you NOT to take risks.

"Mother" is an internal voice that tells you not to do masculine things.

"Mother" says you'll never be ready to act like an adult.

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Opponents of the Christian Faith will tell you:

- These are the rules
- Go along to get along
- Christians don't argue
- You cannot win
- Nobody respects you
- If you think that way, you'll fail

They put "Mother" in your face to neutralize you.

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Greatest Conversational Challenges:

- Prove the Authenticity of the Bible in the following ways:
 - Historical Accuracy
 - Prophetic legitimacy
 - Gospel Clarity / steps to lead people to repentance in Christ
- My opinion is as valid as your opinion (i.e. i don't believe in God or a heaven and that is as valid as your opinion of the opposite)
- People can't get past the 'God is loving and would not send a human to hell'
- I am good enough to make it
- There are many ways to get to heaven - yours is just one of many - and all are valid

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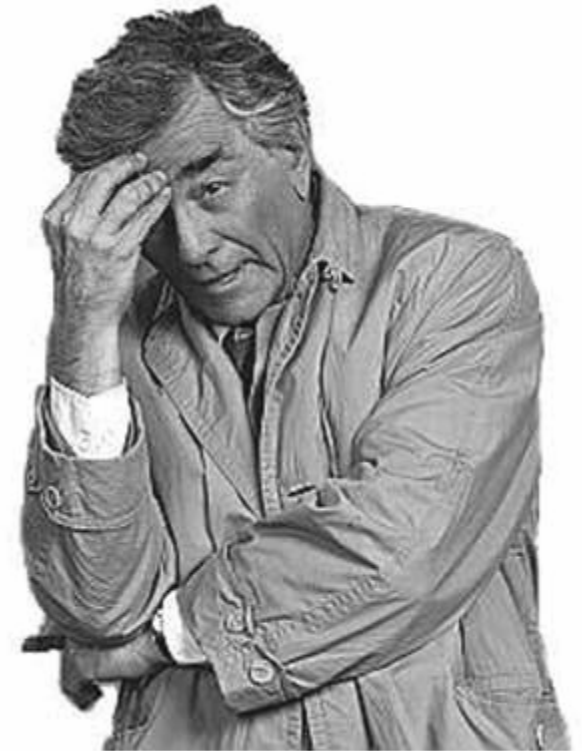
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- Sets you up to start again at some point.
- It comes so unexpected that it lightens the mood of the discussion.
- It gives them a sense of control while in fact you are in control.
- If they say, "yes its over", then "Go Negative" to turn it positive.

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Definitions from Webster's:

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Truth:

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in accord with fact or reality.

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When challenged on the existence of Absolute Truth:

1) Point out simple, absolute truths in everyday life;

- * $2 + 2 = 4$ It never equals anything else. It is absolute
- * There is only one president of the US.
- * Ice is colder than fire.

Conclude; the existence of absolute truths defeats the argument.

2) The statement "There is no absolute truth." if true, would be an absolute truth itself....defeating its own premise. This is called a self-defeating statement.

3) In order to prove the claim that no absolute truth exists, one would have to have mastery of all knowledge in the universe.

- * One would have to have to be absolutely knowledgeable.
- * Any conclusion from one who is absolutely knowledgeable would be an absolute truth

4) If two points of view oppose on a fact based issue, then either one is right and the other is wrong, or both are wrong.

- * Use this logic to raise the possibility of your opponent being wrong.
- * If there is a wrong position on an issue, then there can be a right position.

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Homework:

- Review “ABSOLUTE TRUTH” study we did tonight.
- Prepare to discuss “Proving God’s Existence – Who He is”
- Practice tactics... even on your dog!

Wrap-Up Discussion

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