



MASTER'S ESSAY EXAM
MODULE I

INSTRUCTIONS

- The Master's Essay Exam is required of Potential Master's students and Current Master's students. Certificate students are not required to complete this part of the exam.
- This essay exam is designed to measure how well you have assimilated a number of the main ideas presented in the lectures and reading, and to give you an opportunity to communicate them persuasively in your own words.
- Choose two of the following questions and answer them (on separate sheets of paper) in concise, well-crafted essays of 2-4 pages each (typed, if possible, and double spaced). The essays will be evaluated on the degree to which they are accurate, well reasoned, focused, creative, and persuasive.
- Your letter grade for the module will be based on the following breakdown:

50	points - Certificate Quiz
10	points - Reading of Textbooks
20	points - Essay 1
20	points - Essay 2
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100	points - Total

- Submit your documents using **one of the following methods:**
 - 1) Send your essays along with your completed Certificate Quiz, reading score, and Module 1 grading fee of \$30 (current Master's students do not need to pay this fee) to:

Christian Apologetics Program

Biola University

13800 Biola Ave

La Mirada, CA 90639

OR

- 2) Scan and submit your quiz and essay(s) (Word or PDF) at the following link:

<http://watch.biola.edu/certificate-in-christian-apologetics-module-1>

****Please turn paper over for exam questions****

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SHORT ESSAYS

- Choose only TWO of the following to answer.
 - a. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper responding to an opinion article. In the opinion article, the author argued that the world would be a better place if Christians would not take the Bible as some sort of literal word of God and that Christians need to face the hard truth that this collection of ancient myths has little basis in history.
 - b. Write a logically compelling, but sensitive essay to the common objection: "Don't talk to me about God; the reality of the Holocaust during WWII is enough to show me that He does not exist."
 - c. Write an answer to the common side objection to the resurrection that "miracles are impossible!"
 - d. Use at least two arguments to explain why belief in God is a rational position.
 - e. Choose a main argument from one of the textbooks. Briefly explain or summarize the argument, and then (1) show how you would use it *against* a contemporary issue or objection; and (2) show how it supports belief in the Christian faith.
 - f. Write a concise essay that refutes moral relativism and defends objective morals. Give clear examples.