

PLEASE JOIN DEACON JIM MCFADDEN FOR
A 7-WEEK WORKSHOP TITLED:
BASIC THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS
BASED ON THE MAGIS CENTER MODULES
JANUARY 13 — FEBRUARY 24, TIME: 7:00 PM—8:00 PM, VIA ZOOM

Module 1: January 13— Evidence for the Existence of the Soul

Module 1 gives evidence for the existence of every person's transcendent soul (capable of surviving bodily death) from peer-reviewed medical studies of near death experiences and terminal lucidity. Consideration is given to possible physical explanations which are answered by medical professionals, neuroscientists, and independent investigators of phenomena after the fact.

Module 2: January 20 — Evidence for God's Existence from Science

Module 2 presents evidence of a creation of our universe from contemporary science—specifically, the Borde-Vilenkin-Guth Proof of a beginning of all expanding universal systems, the evidence from entropy applied to the universe as a whole, and the fine-tuning of universal constants implying the intelligence of a creator.

Module 3: January 27 — Evidence of God's Existence from Philosophy

Module 3, we attempt to present Aquinas' proofs of God in a transparent, contemporary way. We then answer pressing questions on the relationship between faith and science, including "the Bible and science," the Catholic view of evolution, the Catholic view of aliens, scientific atheism, and the "Galileo affair."

Module 4: February 3 — Evidence of Jesus' Resurrection and Divinity

Module 4, addresses the competing claims about Jesus of Nazareth within our secular culture—including his historical existence or whether he is the stuff of myth or legend. This module gives credible, historical and extrabiblical evidence for the existence of Jesus, the latest historical arguments for His Resurrection from N.T. Wright, John P. Meier and others, and the scientific study of the Shroud of Turin which confirms that the latter is a relic of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Module 5: February 10 — Why Be Catholic?

Through the examination of scriptural texts and Church fathers, Module 5 shows that Jesus initiated the Catholic Church. Module 5 also looks at the Church's ability to outlast and transcend every other social institution; and finally, it examines contemporary, scientifically validated miracles concerned with Mary, the Holy Eucharist, and the saints.

Module 6: February 17 — True Happiness

Module 6 addresses the major theories of happiness that ultimately determine our view of success, purpose in life, and self-worth. We then present "The Four Levels of Happiness," a method that gives disciples of Jesus the tools to move themselves from Level 1 (materialistic-pleasure) and Level 2 (Ego-comparative) happiness to Level 3 (contributive-ethical) and Level 4 (transcendent-faith) happiness.

Module 7: February 24 — Why Would an All-loving God Allow Suffering?

The first part of Module 7 gives five arguments for why suffering and love are not incompatible, showing how suffering is indispensable for growth and virtue and helps us detach from superficiality and self-destructive life paths while deepening our faith. The second part gives a 3-step process to transform suffering into deeper faith and love and how to use it to help us on the path to salvation.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED and Recordings are Available!

To register for the series, please email Theresa Grant at tgrant@talkpathlive.com.
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