**Always Ready: Week Two**

*Everyone Has Faith*

1 Peter 3:15

**15**but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

**Defining some worldviews:**

Scientism-

It “is the conviction that the methods of science are the \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ways to secure knowledge of anything, that . . . science provides \_\_\_\_\_ the significant truths about reality. . . . Being scientific just means treating science as our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ guide to reality”.

-Alex Rosenberg, Duke University

Humanism-

“Knowledge of the world is derived by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, experimentation, and rational analysis…We aspire to this vision with the informed conviction that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has the ability to progress toward its highest ideals.  The responsibility for our lives and the kind of world in which we live is ours and ours alone.”

* Humanist Manifesto

Relativism-

all truth is relative (or in the negative sense, “no truth is absolute”)

Debunking these claims-

1. 1. On what scientific/empirical evidence does he base his final comment on, that we should “celebrate life in every moment, admire its wonders, and love without reservation?”
2. Is Genocide evil?
   1. On what basis are you making this claim?
   2. Does evolutionary promote genocide? Why or why not?
   3. What are the other inconsistencies in their worldview?
3. The Peter Singer problem

"Human babies are not born self-aware, or capable of grasping that they exist over time. They are not persons." But animals are self-aware, and therefore, "the life of a newborn is of less value than the life of a pig, a dog, or a chimpanzee.”

-Princeton Professor, Peter Singer

How Christianity adds holistic value to all of human life

1. Genesis 1:26-27
2. Psalm 139:13-16

“The Greek worldview rested entirely on the conviction that there exists a natural hierarchy…Some men are born to command, others to obey. But in direct contradiction, Christianity was to introduce the notion that humanity was fundamentally identical, that men were equal in dignity—an unprecedented idea at the time, and one to which our world owes its entire democratic inheritance.”

-Luc Ferry, A Brief History of Thought

“There does not exist any perspective higher than life itself”

-Fredrich Nietzsche

“Judgments, value judgments concerning life, for or against, can in the last resort never be true.”

-Fredrich Nietzsche

“Nietzsche’s point is this: If you say you don’t believe in God but you do believe in the rights of every person and the requirements to care for all the weak and the poor, then you are still holding on to Christian beliefs, whether you will admit it or not. Why, for example, should you look at love and aggression—both parts of life, both rooted in our human nature—and choose one as good and reject one as bad? They are both part of life. Where do you get a standard to do that? If there is not God or supernatural realm, it doesn’t exist.”

-Pastor Tim Keller, Making Sense of God

What does Jesus have to say about love and how it affects our worldview?

Matthew 15:12-13

Romans 12:9-10

John 15:9-17

Our Job: Pointing people to the TRUTH…the ONE from whom their aspirations for love and justice flow from.