



EVIDENCE AND ANSWERS

2020 ADULT CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

6:00P PAT ZUKERAN SPEAKING "WHY AM I A CHRISTIAN"
INTRODUCED BY DAVE HALLSTROM

6:50P BREAK

7:00P Q&A WITH PAT ZUKERAN

SATURDAY

1:00P PAT ZUKERAN SPEAKING "TRUTH IN A POST-TRUTH
CULTURE" INTRODUCED BY DAVE HALLSTROM

1:50P BREAK

2:00P KERBY ANDERSON SPEAKING "TRUTH IN MEDIA"
INTRODUCED BY DAVE HALLSTROM

2:50P BREAK

3:00P FAZALE RANA SPEAKING "TRUTH IN SCIENCE"
INTRODUCED BY DAVE HALLSTROM

3:50P BREAK

4:00P Q&A WITH PAT ZUKERAN, KERBY ANDERSON, FAZALE RANA

SUNDAY

6:00P RANDY MANLEY SPEAKING "TRUTH ABOUT GENDER &
SEXUALITY" INTRODUCED BY PAT ZUKERAN

6:50P BREAK

7:00P Q&A WITH RANDY MANLEY AND PAT ZUKERAN

Why I am a Christian

Dr. Patrick Zukeran

Introduction:

I. The Cosmological Argument

A. The argument

1. Whatever has a beginning has a cause (Law of Causality)
2. The universe has a beginning.
3. Since the universe has a beginning, the universe has a cause.

B. Along with the law of causality is the law of cause and effect.

1. Whatever created the universe is greater than the universe for every effect has a cause and no effect is greater than its cause.
2. Since the universe has a beginning, it must have a cause greater than it. When the universe began, time, matter, and energy exploded into being.
3. God is a reasonable cause.

II. The Design Argument

A. The Argument

1. Every design has a designer.
2. The universe has highly complex design.
3. Therefore, the universe has a designer

B. Illustrations of design

1. The forces that sustain the universe are delicately balanced

2. Our solar system is precisely designed for life on this planet.
3. Microbiology has made remarkable discoveries of design. One of the most powerful is DNA.
 - a) What makes DNA a powerful evidence of design is that an incredible amount of information is contained in a single cell.
 - b) Dr. Francis Collins, leader of the human genome project states, “It’s a happy day for the world. It is humbling and awe inspiring for me that we caught the first glimpse of our own instruction book, previously only known to God.”
 - c) Microsoft’s Bill Gates stated that DNA is far, far more complex than any software ever created.¹

III. The Moral Argument

- A. The argument
 1. Every law has a lawgiver
 2. There is an absolute Moral law
 3. Therefore, there is an absolute Moral Lawgiver
- B. The fact that we can identify evil and what is unjust reveals an understanding in all people of a universal moral law.

IV. Jesus Christ

- A. The Resurrection
 1. Jesus died by means of crucifixion
 2. The tomb site was known and empty

¹ Bill Gates, quoted in Lee Strobel, *Case for a Creator*, 225.

3. The Resurrection appearances
 4. Changed lives of the disciples
 5. The preaching begins in Jerusalem.
 6. Preaching or Resurrection begins very early
- B. Alternative Explanations Have Failed to explain the facts
1. The disciples stole the body??
 2. Legend Theory
 3. The women went to the wrong tomb??
 4. The Swoon theory??
 5. The disciples hallucinated the resurrection??
 6. Dogs ate the body of Jesus??
 7. Substitution Theory (Islam)
 8. Jesus was raised from the dead??

Conclusion:

Truth in a Post Truth Culture by Pat Zukeran

Introduction: Our culture of confusion

- The term “Post-truth” rose to prominence in 2016 when it was Oxford Dictionary’s word of the year.
- Definition of post-truth - Post-truth according to Oxford dictionary means “relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.”

I. Today’s Post Truth Culture

A. A culture is post truth when it elevates preferences and feelings over facts and truth.

B. Post-truth culture elevates autonomy over freedom

1. Autonomy
2. Freedom
 - a) **Freedom From** interference and constraint.”
 - b) **Freedom For** excellence, to do what is excellent, right and good.
 - c) God, truth and freedom go together.

C. Thou shalt lie

II. How did we get here?

A. Genesis 3

1. God gave freedom
2. Adam and Eve sought autonomy
3. Their quest for autonomy led to the fall and sin with its devastating effects.

B. Seeking autonomy, we tried to argue relativism which failed

C. Now we argue truth exists but I don't care, my preferences and feelings are more important than the facts.

III. The Consequences

A. A culture of chaos

B. We lose our moral compass

C. The ability to reason and have civil dialogue is lost.

D. Ultimately a civilization crumbles from within and meets its end (Romans 1)

IV. Christian response to a Post-truth culture

A. The Bible rejects the premise of post-truth thinking.

1. Truth exists and we cannot ignore it
2. God exists and is the source of truth
3. Can we trust emotions to determine truth?
4. Truth is what corresponds to reality not what we create.

B. Christians should seek truth

1. John 17
2. Psalm 1:2
3. Philippians 4:8

C. Church must Lovingly Defend the truth

1. Ephesians 4:15

2. 1 Peter 3:15

Conclusion

Truth in Media
Kerby Anderson

1. Battle for Truth

Examples of Media Bias

2. Media Influence

3. Biblical Standard

2 Timothy 2:22

Colossians 3:8

Philippians 4:8

4. Impact of the Media

Influence on Worldview and Behavior

Media Worldviews

5. Media and Our Brains

6. Lies from Media

7. Resources

Evidence and Answers Conference 2020

Fazale 'Fuz' R. Rana, PhD

Title:

The Truth in Science

Description:

Many people think that science and Christianity are in conflict and are surprised to discover that scientific advances can be used to demonstrate God's existence and the reliability of Scripture. In this talk, I lay down the biblical foundation for the relationship between science and faith and then show how advances in cosmology, astrophysics, and biochemistry can be used to bolster the classical arguments for God's existence from philosophy. I also show how these same discoveries reveal the characteristics of the Creator, pointing us to the God revealed to us in Scripture.

Outline:

- Conflict: A common narrative on the relationship between science and faith
- A surprising openness to the evidence for God's existence from the design of the universe
- The biblical view on the relationship between science and faith
- An introduction to scientific apologetics

Goals:

- Establish God's existence
- Establish God's identity
- Demonstrate credibility of creation accounts
- Classical arguments for God's existence
 - Cosmological argument
 - Teleological argument
- Evidence for God's existence and Scripture's reliability from cosmology
 - The cosmological argument
 - The teleological argument

- Evidence for God's existence and Scripture's reliability from biochemistry
 - The teleological argument
 - Biochemistry and the revitalized watchmaker argument
- A common objection: Why the God of Christianity?
- Science and the Creator's identity
 - Transcendent
 - Personal
 - Singular
 - Unchanging
 - Artistic

Truth About Gender and Sexuality

by Randy Manley

Know Your Terms . . .

Gay – a person sexually attracted to someone who is the same sex.

Lesbian – A woman who is sexually attracted to other women.

Bisexual – A person who is sexually attracted to both men and women

Pansexual – A person who has the potential to be attracted to all or many gender identities and expressions.

Questioning – A person who is unsure of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Transsexual – A person who strongly identifies with the opposite sex and may seek to live as a member of this sex especially by undergoing surgery and hormone therapy to obtain the necessary physical appearance.

Demisexual – Someone who can only experience sexual attraction after an emotional bond has been formed. This bond doesn't have to be romantic in nature.

Asexual – A person who does not experience sexual attraction. Asexuality differs from celibacy in that it is a sexual orientation, not a choice.

Intersex – A general term used of a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that doesn't seem to fit the typical definitions of female or male.

Autosexual – A sexual attraction toward oneself.

Gender Identity – how I think or feel about my gender

Sexual Orientation – who I am attracted to

Biological Sex – what 'parts' your born with

Gender Presentation – what gender you present to others

GOING BACK TO THE FOUNDATION

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” – Gen. 1:1

- Creator**
- Designer**
- Purpose Giver**

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLICAL ISSUE

1. God Has A Good Plan For Sex – Gen. 2:18, 21-25

- Jesus endorsed this plan – Matt. 19:3-6

2. Any Deviation From God’s Plan For Sex Is Sin

- Any sex outside of heterosexual marriage is sin

Leviticus 18 & 20 includes the types of sex that were prohibited:

- ✓ incest
- ✓ homosexuality
- ✓ adultery
- ✓ cultic prostitution
- ✓ premarital sex
- ✓ bestiality

Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. - 1 Corinthians 6:18 (NLT)

Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God’s people. - Ephesians 5:3 (NLT)

“sexual sin” “sexual immorality” – *porneia* = sexual sin of all kinds

Don’t you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don’t fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. - 1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NLT)

“those who do wrong” – *adikos* = unrighteous

That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. - Romans 1:26–27 (NLT)

IDENTIFYING THE REAL ISSUE

1. It’s A View of Sex Issue – 1 Cor. 10:31; 1 Cor. 7:3-4

2. It's An Image of God Issue – Gen. 1:26-27

3. It's A Biological Reality Issue

- **The sexes (male and female) are different physiologically**

Females are better at discriminating among colors, researchers say, while males excel at tracking fast-moving objects and discerning detail from a distance

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2012/09/120907-men-women-see-differently-science-health-vision-sex/>

In boys' brains, a greater part of the cerebral cortex is dedicated to spatial and mechanical functioning. So boys tend to learn better with movement and pictures rather than just word.

<https://www.webmd.com/parenting/features/how-boys-and-girls-learn-differently#1>

Many women have suspected it all along: men listen with only one side of their brains, while women use both, according to a study on brain imaging being presented in Chicago at the 86th Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA). But those convinced that women are better listeners than men don't have hard proof just yet. <https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/412256>

Women typically live 3 to 4 years longer than men.

<https://www.dobsonlibrary.com/resource/article/9149f0c1-006e-4e69-8443-f4901c11843e>

The skeletal structure of women is different than men.

<https://www.dobsonlibrary.com/resource/article/9149f0c1-006e-4e69-8443-f4901c11843e>

Women have larger stomachs, kidneys, liver and appendix but smaller lungs

<https://www.dobsonlibrary.com/resource/article/9149f0c1-006e-4e69-8443-f4901c11843e>

Men have 50% more brute strength than women due to larger muscle mass.

<https://www.dobsonlibrary.com/resource/article/9149f0c1-006e-4e69-8443-f4901c11843e>

*The greatest physical difference between men and women is the woman's ability to bear children.

There are 6,500 genetic differences between male and female

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/05/170504104342.htm>

4. It's A Love Issue

World's Love = the accidental, uncontrollable, overwhelming, feeling triggered by attraction of another.

Biblical Love = the willful and active desire for the best of the object loved

5. It's A "Who Do You Acknowledge As God" Issue

RESPONDING TO THE ISSUE

1. Toward the Unsaved

- **All people bear the image of God**
- **Understand that the struggle is real** (it's not just a switch you can turn off and on)
- **Don't let the side issue distract you from the real issue**
- **Love them where they are but don't compromise God's best**

2. Toward those who claim salvation

- **Understand the struggle is real**
- **Lovingly confront but firmly rebuke**
- **Offer hope and help**