

Year-Round Mentoring for Apologetics Leaders

with Dr. Bruce A. Little



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GOAL: To provide Christian apologists the proper content, encouragement, relationships, and breakthrough training that would enable their apologetics ministries to grow qualitatively and exponentially.

PLAN: A three-hour webinar for personal introductions and introductory course material; four two-hour webinars with webinar assignments; a three-day retreat in Barcelona 2021 (TBA); and a Pre-Forum Conference at the 2022 Forum (20-21 May 2022)

PARTICIPANTS: Ten to twelve Christian apologists and evangelists who are willing to commit to becoming part of a learning community.

QUALIFICATIONS: All participants will be actively involved in apologetics and evangelism, and be a spiritually mature Christian.

COMMITMENTS: In addition to submitting an application, in order to be accepted as a participant, you must commit to:

1. Thoroughly review a selection of pre-assigned materials before and after each webinar. These assignments will consist of reading selections of books or academic articles, including the list of books and articles indicated for each webinar.
2. Have proper Internet connection and a device equipped with both microphone and video capability.
3. Attend **all** sessions:
 - a. Pre Forum Seminar at the 2021 European Leadership Forum (13 May 2021)
 - b. Two webinars, one in October and one in November.
 - c. A three-day retreat in Barcelona (TBA)
 - i. **Retreat in Barcelona:** All Apologetics participants will meet with Bruce in Barcelona for a three-day retreat. *Please ensure that you reserve this time in your schedule, also allowing for travel time. Participants are responsible for all of their own travel costs*
 - d. Two, 2-hour webinars in 2022. One in February and one in March 2022.
 - e. A Pre-Forum Conference at the 2022 European Leadership Forum
 - i. All Apologetics YRM participants will meet in Wisła (Poland) in 2022. Participants will still need to apply for the European Leadership Forum and

will be responsible for paying Forum fees in order to participate in the 2022 Forum. Participants must also pay for their own travel expenses.

- ii. Pre-Forum Conference Requirements
 1. Read Louis Markos, *Apologetics for the 21st Century*.
 - a. Write out two questions from the reading This is not optional; it is required in order to remain in the mentorship. You will email your questions to: blittle3045@gmail.com. These **must be** received two days prior to Pre-Forum meeting.
4. Secure a copy of the needed books for assignments
 - a. Francis A. Schaeffer. *The Trilogy*
 - b. Os Guinness: *Fool's Talk*
5. Pay the necessary fees
 - a. The participant fees for the December retreat are 150 Euros, or 100 Euros for scholarship recipients. For the retreat, non-scholarship recipients also have the option, which must be chosen in the application form, of paying 190 Euros in order to stay in a single room. Participants are also responsible for their own travel expenses.
 - b. For the 2022 Pre-Forum Conference the fees are 70 Euros for a Double Room and 90 Euros for a Single Room, or 40 Euros for scholarship recipients.

Barcelona Retreat

Date: December 2021 (TBA)

- I. During this three-day retreat we will eat most of our meals together where we can have an exchange of ideas and develop friendships.
- II. Each session will have lecture and discussion
- III. Topics addressed will include by not necessarily be limited to:
 - a. Pre-evangelism
 - b. Christianity and Science
 - c. Theistic Arguments
 - d. The Importance of Truth
 - e. The Cultural Consequences of Post Modernity (Anti-Modernity)
 - f. Opportunity to discussion issues related to particular cultures

Webinar Sessions

The current apologetics mentoring includes four webinars.

Webinar One: One's Vision of Reality and Apologetics

Date: October 2021 (TBA)

- I. The first 20 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to answering questions submitted from the reading/listening assignments. This is not optional; it is required in order to remain in the mentorship. You

will email your questions to: blittle3045@gmail.com. These **must be** received two days prior to the webinar. This webinar will focus on the importance of a Christian view of reality as it pertains to the work of evangelistic apologetics

II. Assignments

- a. Read “Reality In the Life and Works of C. S. Lewis and Francis Schaeffer” *
 - i. This will be emailed to you at the beginning of the mentorship.
- b. Read Francis Schaeffer’s *The God Who Is There* and pay particular attention to section four, chapter 2 and Section 5 including Appendices A-C in Francis A. Schaeffer’s *The God Who Is There**
 - i. Submit two questions you have from this reading and email to blittle3045@gmail.com

Webinar Two: How Do We Know and What Do We Know

Date: November 2021 (TBA)

- I. The first 20 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to answering questions submitted from the reading/listening assignments. This is not optional; it is required in order to remain in the mentorship. You will email your questions to: blittle3045@gmail.com. These **must be** received two days prior to the webinar. The focus of this webinar is the discussion of the importance of understanding how human beings gain knowledge and the importance of revelation as the source of information for Christian evangelistic apologetics.
- II. Reading, Listening, and Writing Assignments
 - B. Read Francis Schaeffer’s *He Is There and He Is Not Silent*.*
 - i. Write out 2 questions you have from this reading and email to blittle3045@gmail.com
 - C. Listen to the lecture “Current Shifts in Epistemology” * by Bruce Little from the 2008 European Leadership Forum. This audio file will be available on Oikos to download.
 - i. Write out 2 questions you have from this source and email to blittle3045@gmail.com

Webinar Three: Apologetics In A Post-Christian World

Date: February 2022 (TBA)

- I. The first 20 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to answering questions submitted from the reading/listening assignments. This is not optional; it is required in order to remain in the mentorship. You will email your questions to: blittle3045@gmail.com. These **must be** received two days prior to the webinar. This webinar focuses on the influence of the denial of objective truth which has come about as result of postmodernism (anti-modernism) and how that impacts the work of evangelistic apologetics.
- II. Assignments (both will be emailed at the beginning of the mentorship)
 - a. Read Os Guinness. *Fools Talk**
 - i. Submit two questions you have from this reading and email to blittle3045@gmail.com

- b. Read “The Gospel In A Post Christian Society”*
 - i. Submit two questions you have from this reading and email to blittle3045@gmail.com

Webinar Four: Answering the Problem of Evil

Date: March 2022 (TBA)

- I. The first 20 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to answering questions submitted from the reading/listening assignments. This is not optional; it is required in order to remain in the mentorship. You will email your questions to: blittle3045@gmail.com. These **must be** received two days prior to the webinar. The focus of this webinar is discussing the more common objection to God in general and Christianity in particular.
- II. Assignments: (Article will be emailed at the beginning of the mentorship)
 - a. Read “God and Gratuitous Evil” *
 - i. Submit two questions you have from this reading and email to blittle3045@gmail.com
 - ii. Submit two questions you have about the problem of evil and email to blittle3045@gmail.com

Pre-Forum Seminar – 2021

Date: 13 May 2021

- I. During our time at the pre-forum Conference will have time to get to know one another and learn of the different ministries represented.
- II. There will be a discussion on:
 - a. What is required of us?
 - b. How to think well.

Pre-Forum Conference – 2022

20-21 May 2022

- I. During our time at the pre-forum conference we will consider the different possibilities in doing apologetics in our time in light of what we have talked about this year. It will be an important time of fleshing out many of the subjects addressed during webinars as well as a time of discussion and group input.
- II. Pre-Forum Requirements
 - a. Read Louis Markos, *Apologetics for the 21st Century*.
 - i. Write a 200 response to the book as a whole and point out which chapter was most helpful.
 - ii. Write out two questions from the reading

How to Apply

To apply:

1. Fill out an online application [here](#). Please be sure to fill out every field.
2. You will also need to ask a pastor or spiritual mentor to complete a [reference](#) on your behalf.
3. Once we receive your application form and reference, your application will be considered complete. We will review completed applications and let you know if you are accepted into the program within four to six weeks.

If you have questions, contact us at initiatives@euroleadership.org.