



**C.S. Lewis Institute Atlanta**  
**Apologetics Forums**  
**Spring 2018—The Question of God**

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C.S. Lewis Institute Atlanta is committed to the task of inspiring and equipping thoughtful believers to impact their world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. One of the ways that we accomplish our vision is by providing high quality events throughout the year. We are pleased to announce the next series of Apologetics Forums for the Spring of 2018.

**The Question of God**

This new series of nine Forums will focus on the worldviews communicated by C.S. Lewis (Christian theism) and Sigmund Freud (naturalism). In order to feature these two prominent Western thinkers, we will follow the framework found in Dr. Armand Nicholi's bestselling book, *The Question of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud Debate God, Love, Sex, and the Meaning of Life*. Along with Dr. Nicholi's book, we will make use of the PBS website <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/questionofgod/>, DVDs, and the companion guide written by Bill Smith, *Conversations on the Question of God with C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud*.  
Sample topics: *Science or Revelation? The Human Condition, Miracles, Suffering and Death*

These Forums are designed to enable participants to:

- Gain a better understanding of Christian theism
- Better understand the limitations of naturalism and pantheism
- Represent the Christian perspective more persuasively

***Who can participate?*** Preference will be given to those who are associated with the CSLIA community (Fellows, Grad Fellows, email recipients, etc.) The group will be limited to 25 participants due to the size of the facility and goals of the meetings.

***When will we meet?*** There will be nine meetings as listed below (typically 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday) from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Tues Jan 30—Introduction

Tues Feb 13

Tues Feb 27

Tues Mar 13

Tues Mar 27

Tues Apr 10

Tues Apr 24

Tues May 8

Tues May 22

***Where will we meet?*** Life Time Athletic and Tennis, 6350 Courtside Drive, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. We will meet in the training room of the main building.

***What are the commitments?*** Each participant is expected to attend all nine of the meetings\* which begin on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. We ask that you commit to reading the assigned materials and complete any other short assignments that may be given based on the focus of the reading.

\*Note: Our expectation is that each participant will attend all nine Forums. This allows for continuity and familiarity with the structure. Exceptions will be taken into consideration.

***Who will lead the Forums?*** The Forums will be led by Bill Smith, CSLI Atlanta Director, with assistance from other participants and guests.

***What is the cost to participate?*** There will be a **one-time fee of \$30** to cover the cost of provided materials and facility rental, to be collected at the first meeting.

(cash or check payable to CSLI)

In addition, participants will need to **purchase Dr. Nicholi's book** (ISBN 978-0743247856).

The companion guide by Bill Smith is included in the \$30 registration fee.

***How do I sign up?*** Email Bill Smith at [b.smith@cslewisinstitute.org](mailto:b.smith@cslewisinstitute.org) by **Mon Jan 29** to reserve your spot. You will receive an email confirming your reservation.

As Nicholi states on the DVD:

“Arguably, few individuals have influenced the moral fabric of contemporary Western civilization more than Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis. Scientific skepticism and religious belief — the two worldviews these men represent — form the basis of *The Question of God* series.”

From Nicholi's introduction to the PBS Discussion Guide:

“The writings of Freud and Lewis are strikingly parallel. Freud raises an argument and Lewis attempts to answer it. While Freud continues to serve as the primary spokesman for the secular worldview in our culture, Lewis, for many, serves as the primary spokesman for the spiritual worldview.”