

# Apologetics Around the Kitchen Table

Welcoming Questions and Doubts  
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# Apologetics around the kitchen table...

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- ▶ The *Why*
- ▶ The *How*



# The *Who*...

*Who* needs apologetics?

- unbelievers, skeptics, atheists  
(and thus, you!)
- you (a personal need, perhaps)
- our own children/families

# The *Why*...

*Why* do our children, those raised in the church, need apologetics?

- Some of them have questions and doubts themselves
- And even if they aren't asking questions...

# The *Why*...

Potential parenting approaches to deal with “bad ideas” in our culture:

- Isolation
- Inoculation

# The *Why*...

Yale research study in 1960's:

The goal - convince people of a bad idea -  
Brushing your teeth is bad for them.

- The Control Group - told nothing

# The *Why*...

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Brushing your teeth is bad for them.

- Group #2 - truth reinforced, but isolated from hearing about any bad ideas

# The *Why*...

Yale research study in 1960's:

The goal - convince people of a bad idea -  
Brushing your teeth is bad for them.

- Group #3 - truth reinforced, but also inoculated with bad ideas



# The *Why*...

Yale research study in 1960's:

When later exposed to the “bad idea” that brushing your teeth is bad for you, which group was most likely to believe it?

Group #2... The group isolated from the “bad ideas”!

# The *Why*...

Yale research study in 1960's:

And which group was the least likely to believe it?

Group #3... The group inoculated to the “bad ideas”!

# The *Why*...

## Truth claims of Christ:

- John 17:17 - Thy word is truth.
- John 14:6 - I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

## vs. Our culture's truth claims:

- Truth is relative.
- Live your truth... Be true to yourself.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ADVICE YOU CAN GIVE OTHERS ABOUT HOW TO LIVE THEIR LIVES?

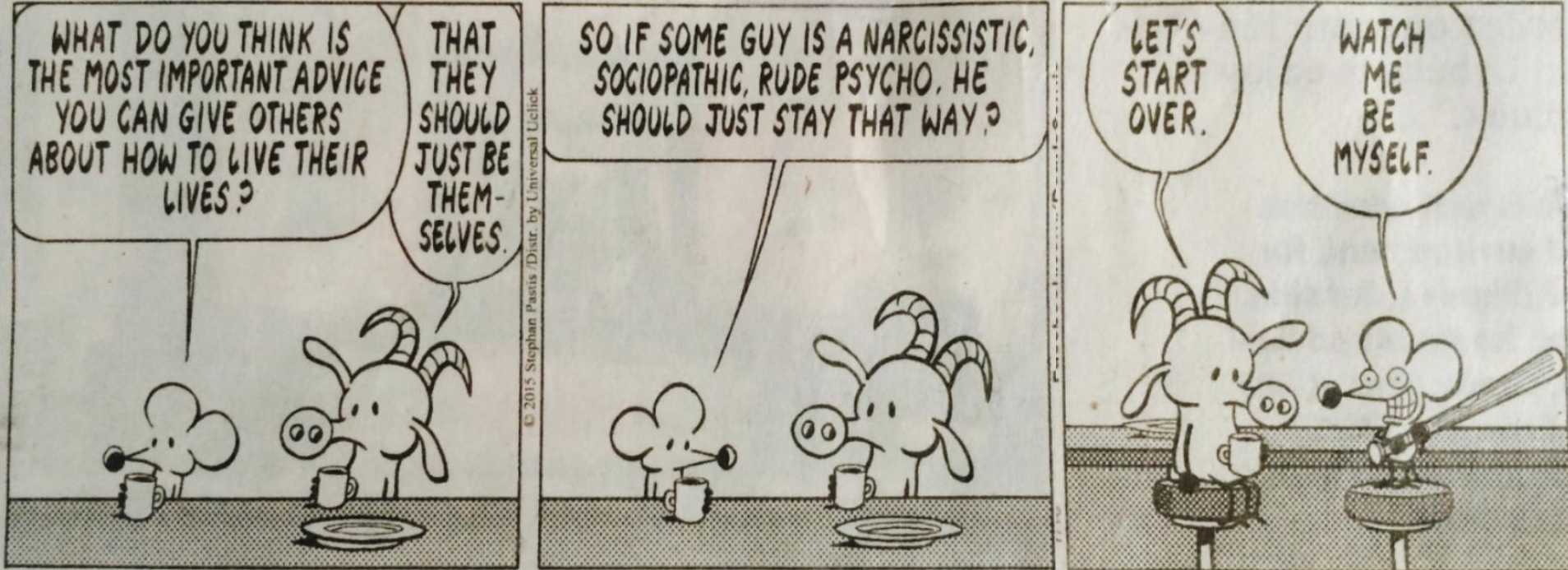
THAT THEY SHOULD JUST BE THEMSELVES.

SO IF SOME GUY IS A NARCISSISTIC, SOCIOPATHIC, RUDE PSYCHO, HE SHOULD JUST STAY THAT WAY?

LET'S START OVER.

WATCH ME BE MYSELF.

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# The *How*...

## Clarifications:

- Around the table *only*?
- Apologetics *only*?
- Bad ideas *only*?

# The *How*...

A Proposed Order:

- The Truth
- The Inoculation
- The Response/answers

# The *How*...

## Hindrances:

- Lack of time (perceived)

## Deut 6:4-7 - a daily Jewish prayer:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: <sup>5</sup> And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. <sup>6</sup> And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: <sup>7</sup> And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when you sit in thine house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

# The *How*...

## Hindrances:

- Feelings of Inadequacy (you're in good company here!)

## Exodus 3:11, 4:10 - Moses' misgivings

"Who am I?" ... "I have never been eloquent. I'm slow of speech. And I have a slow tongue."

## Exodus 4:11 - 12 - God's guarantee

"And the Lord said to him, Who has made man's mouth?... Is it not I the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."



# The *How*...

Learn from others ... seek out resources

1. Past Apologetics Conference talks  
[etr.apostolicchristian.org/apologetics-conference](http://etr.apostolicchristian.org/apologetics-conference)

APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE 2022 - Washington

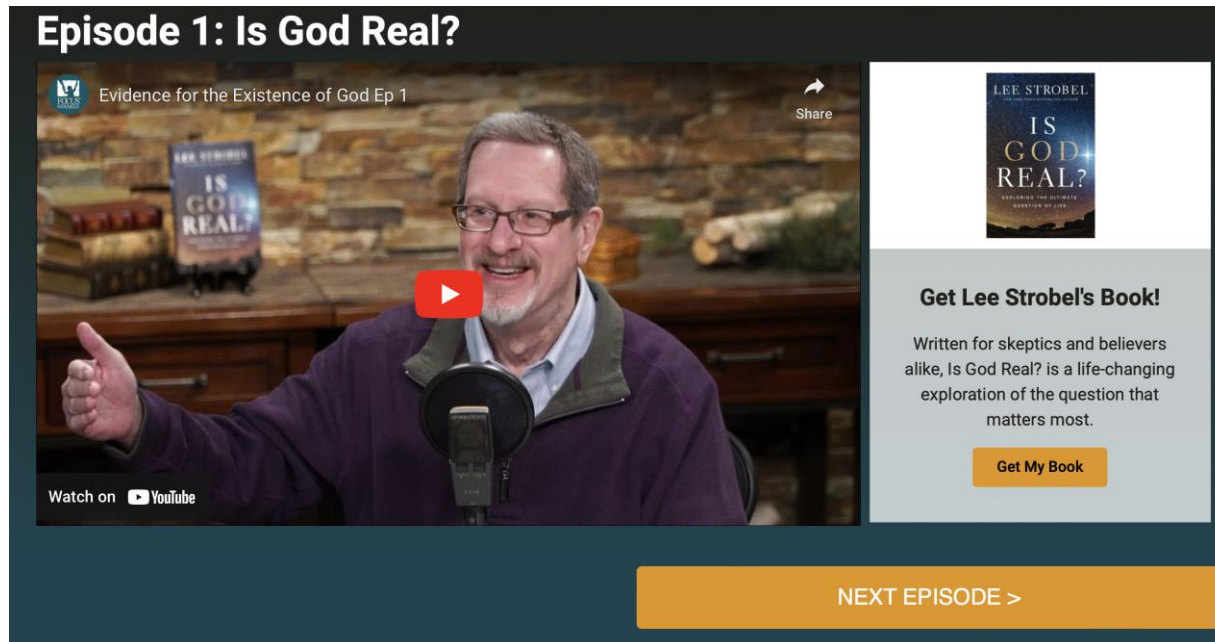


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## 2. Focus on the Family video series

[familyu.focusonthefamily.com/evidence-for-the-existence-of-god-episode-1](http://familyu.focusonthefamily.com/evidence-for-the-existence-of-god-episode-1)

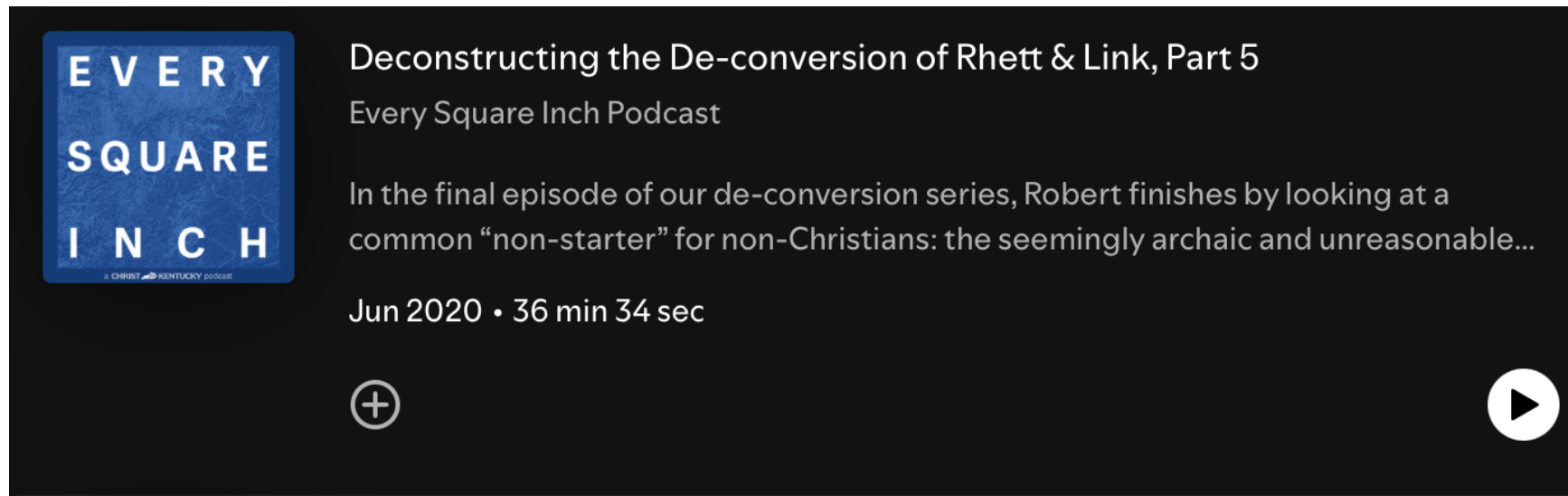


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## 3. Podcasts, such as Every Square Inch



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Deconstructing the De-conversion of Rhett & Link, Part 5  
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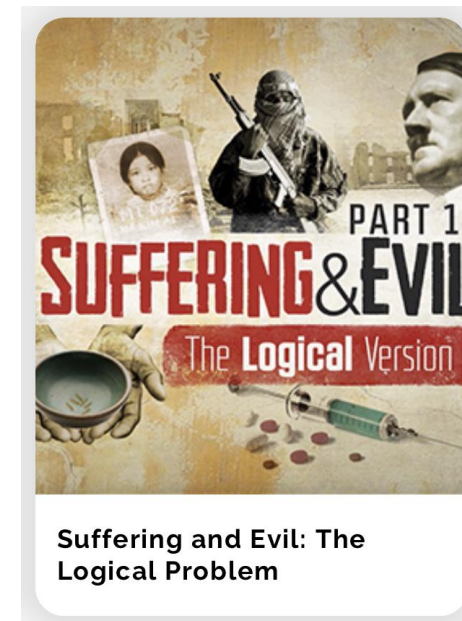
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4. [drcraigvideos](http://drcraigvideos.com) - from Dr. William Lane Craig

[reasonablefaith.org/animated-videos](http://reasonablefaith.org/animated-videos)



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## 5. The Power of Story

CS Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*



Max Lucado's *Tell me the Story and Tell me the Secrets*

