

**AUGUST 2008 APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE:
TAKING THE “A” OUT OF ATHEISM
VENTURE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
SAT NIGHTS AT 5 PM**

8/2 Neil Mammen: “Destroying the Atheists’ Claims: The Opposite of ‘Blind Faith’ is ‘No Faith?’ Refuting the myth that all religions are essentially the same.”

Includes an overview of what each major religion teaches and what the basis for their beliefs are. If you have junior high or high school or college kids, this talk will be especially important to them, as it discusses how they will be affected in college. So make sure you bring them along.



Neil Mammen was born in Africa and grew up in Sudan and the Middle East. He has a BSEE in Electrical Engineering and an MSEE in Solid State Physics and Computers from Oregon State University. Neil has been the founder of a few Silicon Valley startups (one which actually survived) and the author of multiple patents. Neil is an Engineer by day and an Apologist by night, teaching at various churches and conferences around the U.S. He was part of Los Gatos Christian Church from 1984 to 1997 and led the Heirborne Young Adults group. Neil will be teaching Theology and Apologetics to High Schoolers at Hume Lake Christian Camps this summer. He is on the board of directors of both the Values Advocacy Council and the Finisher’s Project. Neil, his wife Anna and daughter Mary-Katherine

live in Willow Glen. Neil is always available to speak at local churches.

Neil’s website is www.NoBlindFaith.com

8/9 Frank Turek: “Destroying the Atheists’ Foundations: I don’t have enough Faith to be an Atheist”

The 12 point argument that you can use to rationally and logically show your friends that it requires more faith to be an Atheist than a Christian.



Frank Turek is the founder and president of CrossExamined.org and its primary presenter. Frank is a dynamic speaker and coauthor of two award-winning books: *I Don't have Enough Faith to be an Atheist*, and *Legislating Morality*. He hosts an hour-long TV program each week called *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* that is broadcast every Sunday night at 6 p.m. Eastern on the NRB network, DirecTV Channel 378 (DVDs of the show are available [here](#)). He has also appeared as a guest on numerous other TV and radio programs including: *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Hannity and Colmes*, *Faith under Fire*, *Politically Incorrect*, *The Bible Answerman*, and *Focus on the Family*. A former Aviator in the U.S.

Navy, Frank has hunted for Noah's Ark in Iran and other Biblical artifacts overseas. He has a Master's from The George Washington University and a Doctorate in Apologetics from Southern Evangelical Seminary.

Frank's website is: www.CrossExamined.Org

8/16 Shawn Hayes: "Destroying the Atheists' Conclusions: How Science demonstrates not only *that* God exists, but determines what *kind* of God exists.



Despite the claim by atheists or philosophers like Immanuel Kant that science cannot prove anything to us about God, Shawn will teach you how to use science to show your atheist friends that God exists and what His characteristics are.

Shawn received Christ in his life at the age of 13 and began to pursue the desire God gave him for ministry. Shawn served as Teacher, Deacon and eventually Youth Pastor of Fremont Bible Fellowship.

He graduated from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary with a Diploma in Christian Ministry in 1996 and worked as the Announcer and as a guest host for KFAQ 1100AM Radio Talk Show "Contending for the Faith" with Dr. Jerry L. Buckner.

Shawn is a graduate from Southern Evangelical Seminary in Charlotte, NC, where he studied Systematic Theology, Apologetics, and Philosophy. In 2005, Shawn and his wife, Sadora, founded Stand For Truth Ministries, a ministry dedicated to equipping believers to defend the historic Christian faith. Shawn and Sadora are also the founders of the California Christian Apologetics Conference, a yearly conference held in Fremont, committed to training believers to engage the culture for Christ. This year the conference will be held on September 19th and 20th at the Harbor Light Church in Fremont.

"I want to equip Christians to not only know what they believe, but why they believe it, and encourage those who are seeking answers to life's question, that those answers are found in Christ."

Shawn's website is: www.StandForTruthMinistries.org

8/23 Greg Koukl: "Destroying the Atheists' Favorite Argument - Suffering and Evil Proves there is no God."

The beginning argument for every atheist seems to be that the existence of Suffering and Evil in the world shows us that either God is not good or He is not powerful. Greg's goal is to show you how this argument falls apart under scrutiny in such a way that you can explain it to others.



Greg Koukl is the Founder and President of Stand to Reason. Greg started out thinking he was too smart to become a Christian and ended up giving his life for the defense of the Christian faith. A central theme of Greg's speaking and writing is that Christianity can compete in the marketplace of ideas when it's properly understood and properly articulated.

Greg's teaching has been featured on Focus on the Family radio, he's been interviewed for CBN and the BBC, and did a one-hour national television debate with Deepak Chopra on Lee Strobel's "Faith Under Fire." Greg has been quoted in *U.S. News & World Report* and the *L.A. Times*. An award-winning writer, Greg is author of *Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-Air* with Francis J. Beckwith, and *Precious Unborn Human Persons*. Greg has published more than 145 articles and has spoken on more than 40 university and college campuses both in the U.S. and abroad. Greg received his Masters in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics at Talbot School of Theology, graduating with high honors, and his Masters in Christian Apologetics from Simon Greenleaf University. He is an adjunct professor in Christian apologetics at Biola

University. He hosts his own radio talk show advocating clear-thinking Christianity and defending the Christian worldview.

Greg's Website is: www.STR.org

8/30 Neil Mammen: Independent Topic – Compassionately explaining to your Non Christian Friends without using the Bible or religion, why Gay Marriage is a moral issue for America.

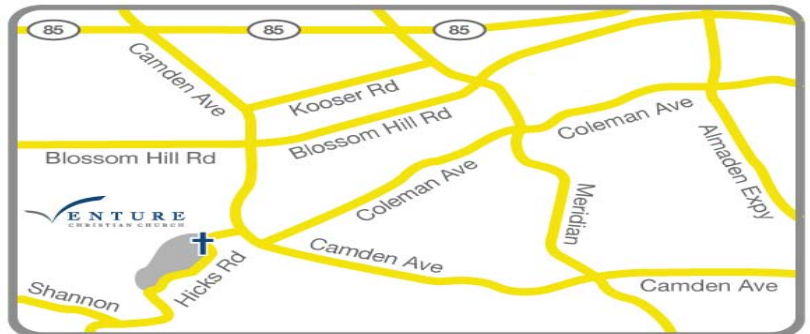


As a final topic we will go off our Atheism theme as we address a critical issue for Californians and indeed the entire United States. It is no longer sufficient for us to refer to the Bible as the authority on the Gay Marriage issue so this session will teach you how to explain to non-Christians why Gay Marriage is not only bad for California but bad for America and also bad for people caught in the Gay Lifestyle.

*We will also address the reasons why Governments should be involved in this issue. This talk is especially valuable for youth who tend to be influenced by the media despite their parent's views and usually are pro-gay marriage **without** their parent's knowledge.*

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All talks at VCC will be at
5pm on Saturday



Note most speakers will also give a different talk on Atheism the next day at SVCC in Gilroy.

See <http://www.svccgilroy.com/events/taking-the-a-out-of-atheism>