

And he returned to him, and lo, he and all the princes of Moab were standing beside his burnt offering. And Balaam took up his discourse, and said, "From Aram Balak has brought me,

the king of Moab from the eastern mountains: 'Come, curse Jacob for me, and come, denounce Israel!' How can I curse whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce whom the Lord has not denounced? For from the top of the mountains I see him, from the hills I behold him; lo, a people dwelling alone, and not reckoning itself among the nations! Who can count the dust of Jacob, or number the fourth

part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my end be like his!" And Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have done nothing but bless them." Numbers 23:6-11

God's kingdom in heaven and on earth must be unified through love. The sphere of the royal family of heaven will become the center of everything, both in the spiritual and physical worlds. Thus, unity comes about wherever members of that family may be. Cheon Seong Gyeong 1619 Greetings!

In Sunday's service on "Kingdom Inheritor," Hyung Jin Nim focused on the theme

of apologetics. He first invited three 2nd Gen in their 20s to give Apologetics Presentations they'd given in a recent contest. Christina Ellanson spoke about "The Hypocrisy of Feminism," sharing her personal experience as a "former feminist" and



Christina, Narry, & David- "Apologetics Contest" Finalists

explaining that Eve was the first feminist. Narry Ouk discussed the Bible's view of slavery. David Takahashi spoke about the ethics of Abortion, contrasting the illegality of child murder versus the legality of killing an unborn child a few minutes before birth.

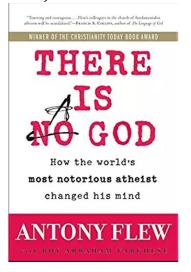
Hyung Jin Nim discussed the importance in current secular Western culture of being able to explain or defend the existence of God. Many young people have become cultural agnostics. Since Buddhism says the existence of God is not important, and that one should just focus on one's own enlightenment, it is unable to address this most important question. In 2007 he asked Korean Carp to learn apologetics, and to debate students who grew up in Communist China.



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He praised <u>William Layne Craig</u>, a leading Christian apologist who has challenged the leading atheists at top universities and showed a <u>debate</u> between Dr. Craig at Biola University debate with <u>Christopher Hitchens</u>, author of *God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything*. Craig presented a systematic overview of the cosmological, teleological, historical, moral, and experiential arguments for God. He pointed out that without God there is no absolute basis for morality. In response Hitchens asked "what moral action Christian believers could do that he, as an atheist, could not?"

After reflection, my own answer would be: have babies. Birth rates among secular couples in Europe, Korea, Japan, and other "advanced" countries are at historic lows, creating a demographic crisis in which there are not enough young workers to support the increasing aging population. The main exception to this are couples who practice an active religious faith. They are far more often willing to make the personal sacrifices to have and to raise children (usually four or more). As



materialists in the modern world, atheists see no reason to make the sacrifices that raising children entails.

Hitchens recounted the abuses of organized religion throughout history, (failing to note the abuses of organized atheism, ie. Communism). Afterwards Hyung Jin Nim contrasted the danger of state-run Christianity vs. decentralized Christianity which is about a personal relationship with God. It is not an accident that the founders of the American republic were Protestants or at least influenced by a worldview based on the Protestant view of man's direct, unmediated relationship with God and Christ. They sought to create a society where the power of the state could not easily interfere with each human being's

freedom and responsibility.

Hyung Jin Nim concluded by noting that <u>Antony Flew, perhaps the top atheist</u> of the 20th century, towards the end of his life felt compelled, <u>after reviewing</u> modern research on the complexity of life, to concede that an intelligent Supreme Being must exist.



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