

Neighborly Apologetics



Burning Issues



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The Royal Law
Love your neighbor

God has entrusted the primary work
of the Kingdom to the common
Christian family

with a priestly role in our neighborhoods

Neighborly Apologetic Categories:

- 1. Evil and Suffering*
- 2. Absolute Truth and Relativism*
- 3. “Only One Way” and Religious Pluralism*
- 4. Faith and Reason*
- 5. Free Will and Sovereignty*
- 6. God’s Existence and Troubling Nature*
- 7. Goodness of Man, Judgment and Hell*
- 8. Hypocrisy and Christian Crimes of the Past*
- 9. The Claims of Jesus and the Resurrection*
- 10. Miracles*
- 11. Science and Evolution*
- 12. The Veracity of the Bible and “Contradictions”*

today

Plus: Burning Issues of our Day

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How do we handle them?

Conduct yourselves with *wisdom* toward outsiders,
making the most of the opportunity.

Let your speech always be with *grace*,
as though *seasoned* with salt,

so that you might *know how to respond* to *each* person.

Colossians 4:5-6

How do we handle

the big one:

the attack upon biblical human sexuality

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but this issue is merely the outgrowth of a bigger one

the human heart

the Great Divide
in
Western Culture

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does the human heart:

determine what is true?

does it provide the way to Truth?

does it determine what is right or wrong?

does it determine what is real?

does it make me *divine*?

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am I not the center of the universe?

is it not all about me?

should I not be the focus of your attention?

should I not be the focus of the world's attention?

can I not declare my own gender?

can I not declare my own pronouns?

am I not the one who determines truth?

am I not the one who determines right and wrong?

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I am the way the truth and the life...

not Jesus... me

I am

not God...

Me

Worship me!

Please!

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Worship me! Please! *[the loss of true significance]*

please look at me!

please follow me!

please affirm me! *[the desperate quest for significance]*

please give me meaning by your applause!

please make me feel significant by your affirmation!

if you do not...I will punish you!

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the divine human heart

from the fallen nature of man or the judgment of God

Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man...

*they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and **worshiped** and **served the creature** rather than the Creator...*

For this reason God gave them over to...

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from the fallen nature of man or the judgment of God

the regression in Proverbs: simple-minded, fool, *scoffer*

the regression in Romans

God gives a people over

1st: sexual impurity

2nd: shameful lusts

3rd: depraved minds (*adokimon*)

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the Q narrative

paints everyone who doesn't agree as "hater", "hate-monger", "bigot",
"outcast", "backward", "stupid", "ignorant", "disgusting"...

all coupled with the tilt toward distorted feminism and the embracing
of compassion [*malevolent*] as our culture's prime ethic

this is the culture's worldview that impregnates
the heart of our neighbor...and our children



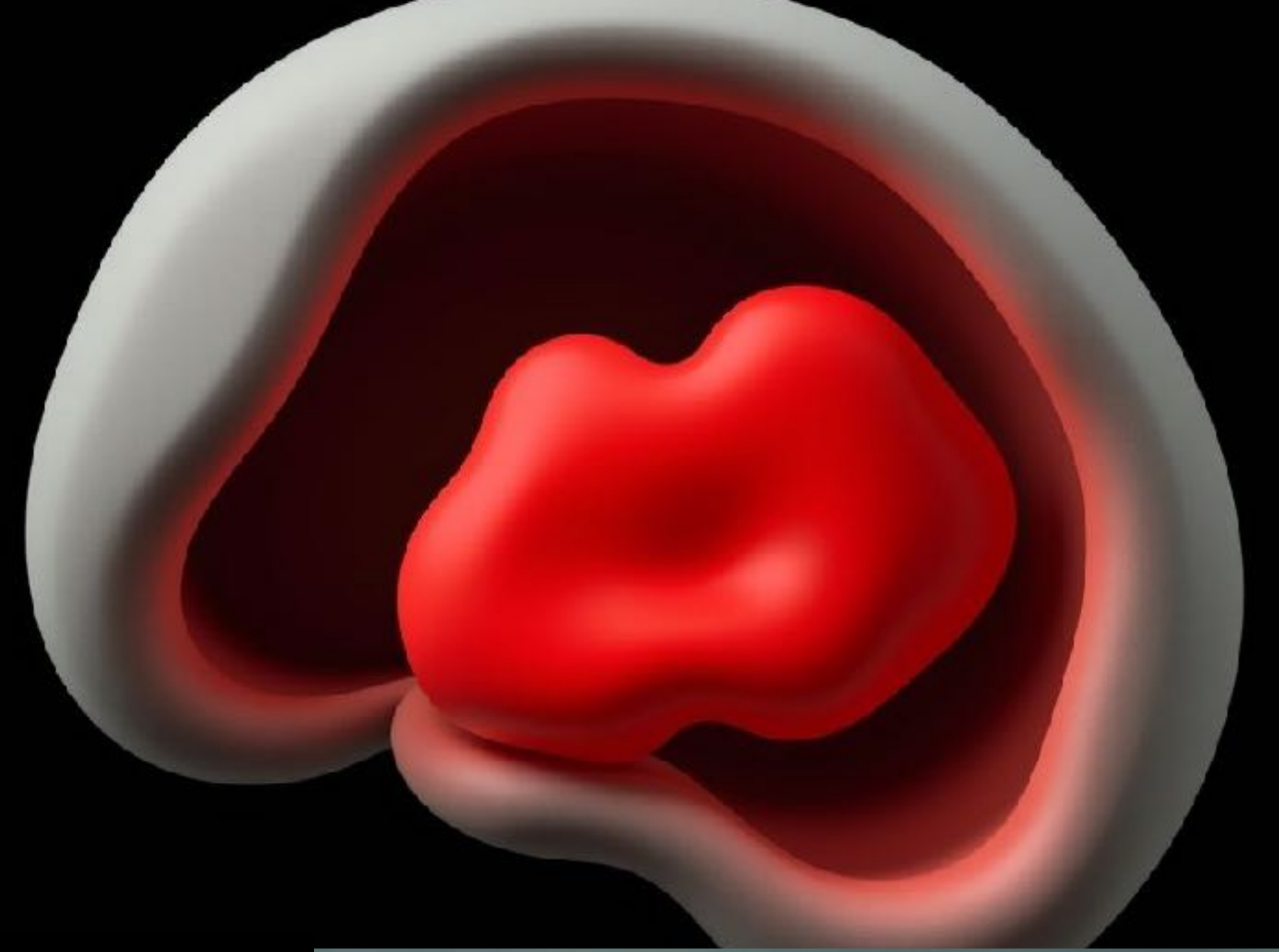
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Spiritual Family Barriers

the experience of Jesus

Matthew 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6; John 5:7

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