

WORKSHOP LEADER



REACHING THE MILLENNIAL SKEPTIC
Eric Hernandez




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The Atheist Role Play

 **ON** = “Erik Fernandez”
 (Atheist Millennial Skeptic)

 **OFF** = Eric Hernandez
 (ME! Christian Apologist)

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Role Play Debrief

OFF = Eric Hernandez
(ME! Christian Apologist)

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Two Goals: Colossians 4:5-6
(Keep the MAIN THING the main thing)

1. Making the most use of the TIME
(Theological TRIAGE)
2. Knowing HOW to answer
(instead of WHAT to answer)

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Learn how to ask *questions*:
You don't need to know all the
right answers, just know how to
ASK the right QUESTIONS.

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Two Powerful Questions:

1. What do you mean by *that*?
2. How did you come to
that *conclusion*?

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2 Goals Application: Refutations vs Rebuttals

Claim: It will rain today
because I am wearing brown
shoes.

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Refutation: proving that the other
person's CONCLUSION is false.

- In a *refutation*, you attack the
CONCLUSION.

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Rebuttal: showing that the other person has not *proven* that their conclusion is TRUE.

- In a rebuttal, you attack the JUSTIFICATION.

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A REFUTATION of the claim:

No, it will not rain today because the atmospheric pressure, temperature, and moisture in the air are not sufficient to provide rain.

- This requires *more* KNOWLEDGE.

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A REBUTTAL of the claim:

No, not necessarily, because you wore brown shoes yesterday and it did not rain.

- This only requires knowledge of their JUSTIFICATION.

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Which is *easier*?

The REBUTTAL

Which takes *more work*?

The REFUTATION

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Practicing Our Two Goals

Claim: I don't believe in God because the Bible is full of contradictions!

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The poster is for the "[UN] APOLOGETIC EVANGELISM CONFERENCE". The title is in large, bold, black letters, with the "T" in "APOLOGETIC" being a large orange cross. Below the title, it says "EVANGELISM CONFERENCE" in orange. Underneath that, in smaller black text, is "PERSUADING OUR GENERATION WITH TRUTH". A quote from 1 Peter 3:15 is included: "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15".

On the left, there is a QR code with an orange cross in the center. Below the QR code, a red location pin icon points to the event location: "LUBBOCK MAY 20, 2023 BACON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH 5110 54TH ST. | LUBBOCK, TX | 79414". A red oval highlights the registration information: "Register at texasapologetics.org".

At the bottom, there are two sections: "SPEAKERS" and "BREAKOUT SPEAKERS". Each section contains circular portraits of the speakers with their names below them:

- SPEAKERS:** MARY JO SHARP, TIM BARNETT, ERIC HERNANDEZ.
- BREAKOUT SPEAKERS:** KATIE MCCOY, ROBERT WHITE, JOSHUA FULTZ.

At the bottom right, there are two logos: "TEXAS BAPTISTS Center for Church Health" and "BACON HEIGHTS Baptist Church".

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