

How to Use this Apologetics Template:

1. Make a copy of the Sample Topic below and write your own card. (The margins of this notecard are designed for a 4x6 card)
2. Print: When printing, go to “more settings,” and click on paper size. Change the paper size to A6.
3. Load blank 4x6 cards into the printer.
4. If your printer has the option to print front and back, use that. If not, print odd pages first, then reload the printed 4x6 cards upside down and print the even-numbered pages on the backside.

Sample Topic: C5:12 Respond to the Karl Marx quote: “Religion is the opium of the people.”

Intro: Stoma analogy from Huxley’s *Brave New World*.

Thesis: Sin, not religion, is the opium of the people. What is opium? It is addicting and poisonous.

A. Sin is addicting

The idea of casting off God’s restraints is very appealing— it has been since all time. This is why the same sins are shown repeatedly throughout history.

Proverbs 26:11 “As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly.”

Sin leads to a fleeting sense of pleasure that crumbles quickly, and then the consequences of withdrawal hit.

-Israel in the Bible deals with this temptation post-exodus.

Psalms 4:2 “How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?”

Psalms 2:2 “The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.”

B. Sin is poisonous

Every sin has consequences.

Murder→ Guilt and Grief

Sexual Immorality → Guilt, low self-esteem, STDs, trafficking.

Theft→ Guilt, loss of property, loss of sense of security, no lasting gratification

“Ode on the Death of a Favourite Cat Drowned in a Tub of Goldfishes” by

Thomas Gray, “Not all that tempts your wandering eyes

And heedless hearts, is lawful prize;

Nor all that glisters, gold.”

C. God’s laws prevent destruction

Ben Franklin, “Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful”

Romans 8:15 “The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.”

Psalms 1:1-3 “Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

Do not be a slave to your basest instincts. Do not crawl the low road because you get a temporary sense of gratification from it. *Walk the path of Christ*, who has set us free from our sins. He has delivered us, just as an addict is delivered from an addiction by rehabilitation.

Freedom is not found in sin. Freedom is found when you avoid the sin which enslaves you.