

*He was looking
for answers... and found
so much more.*



NORM GEISLER:
NOT QUALIFIED
THE MOVIE

"The quest for ultimate satisfaction will never be fulfilled in anything less than the ultimate...that's why we need to know the true God."

Dr. Norman L Geisler

"In every generation, God raises up a handful of people, like a Norm Geisler, to speak into the culture, challenge the way we've been doing things and point ahead to how we could do better in the future. Much of what Norm Geisler wanted to say to the 20th century was really speaking to the 21st century, and needs to be heard today just as much as ever before."

Dr. Ed Hindson

Former Dean and Distinguished Professor, Liberty University

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“I am put here for the defense of the gospel” Phil. 1:16

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain” Phil. 1:21

“There’ll never be another Norm Geisler.”

Dear Friends,

I’ll never forget Brad Bright’s words, “There will never be another Norm Geisler.” Brad is the son of the late Dr. Bill Bright (Founder of Campus Crusade for Christ). That was the day I became convinced that God wanted me to co-found “Norm Geisler International Ministries” with my father. By 2015 that dream finally became a reality. Truth be told, I sat on the curb most of my life watching my father, at times, almost single handedly defend evangelical Christianity. But God was asking me to step off the curb. Making Norm Geisler: Not Qualified, a film about my father’s life, has been a part of that continued commitment. By bringing this hero to a new generation, I hope and pray that many will be inspired by his legacy and follow the path he left us.

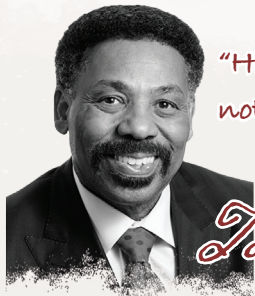
His message is an important one and desperately needed for such a time as this.

This booklet is a compilation of some of the most important concepts or “Geislerisms” my father taught in his over 60 years of ministry. I hope this sampling will be an aid to you in growing deeper roots in Christ and also developing greater confidence in reaching a lost world.

His Servant,

David Geisler

President and Co-founder, NGIM



"His legacy is to show that to be saved does not mean to lose the mind."

Tony Evans

FAITH & REASON

"God wants to reach the heart, but he does not bypass the head on the way to the heart."

"Christ does not call on us to make a leap of faith in the dark, but to take a step of faith into the light."

"God's truth goes beyond reason, but not against reason."

"I can trust God for what I don't know because of what He's revealed to me that I do know."

"Faith is trust in what I have good reasons to believe is true."

"You don't have to just believe, you can know that it is true."

"Apologetics bears on the question of "belief that" not "belief in."

"Apologetics can make the horse come to the water metaphorically but only the Holy Spirit can make it drink."

"A reasonable God when he's talking to reasonable people can use reason as a means to convince them of the truth of Christianity."

"God has provided enough evidence in this life to convince anyone willing to believe, yet he has also left some ambiguity so as not to compel the unwilling."

"God has given everyone enough knowledge of Himself from nature alone to condemn us but not enough knowledge to save us."

2 Cor. 10:5 Js. 2:19 1 Cor. 15:14,19 Jn. 6: 65 Heb. 11:6

Words to Know

Fideism - The idea that matters of faith and religious belief are not supported by reason.

“Mentorship is not just downloading theory, mentorship is the embodiment of that which you want somebody to become.”



Derwin Gray

MENTORSHIP

“I couldn’t believe how he took so much time with me. And I remember walking away saying, Lord, if you ever give me a ministry out there, then I want to give away everything I ever have, and I want to be able to take time with people.”

~Josh McDowell

“I don’t want to look at his legacy in terms of just material. You should look at his legacy in terms of people.”

Joseph Holden

“God is the highest model, and if God is the highest model, then we’re going to become like what we think of God.”

“We cannot know ourselves truly, unless we know our God truly”

“You cannot be like God, unless you know what God is like.”

“The best way to know humans made in God’s image is to know God in whose image they are made.”

“The quest for ultimate satisfaction will never be fulfilled in anything less than the ultimate . . .
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“The Greeks said ‘know yourself,’ but the Bible says know your God. The best way to understand the imperfect copies that we are, is to study the original, after whom we are patterned.”

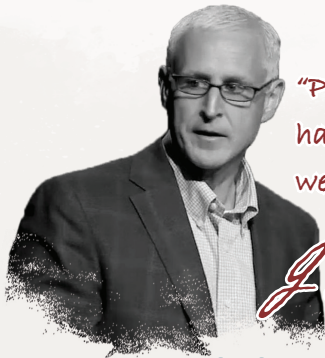
“A true believer is something like tea. Their real strength comes out when they get in hot water.”

“You can determine what someone believes not by what they do but by what they would want you to do to them.”

“God’s will is for you to clear up your mind and clean up your life.”

“The goal is to train trainers, coach coaches, and teach teachers so that the cycle never ends.”

2 Tim. 2:1-2 Eph. 4:15



“Personally for me, I don’t think I could have become a Christian, unless I saw there were people like Norm.”

J. Warner Wallace

GOD’S EXISTENCE

“There are only two possibilities: either no one created something out of nothing or someone created something out of nothing.”

“Everything that begins has a beginner.”

“Every design has a designer.”

“There are no moral laws without a moral law-giver.”

“I am not an eternal being, my existence is contingent.”

“You and I have not only a beginning cause for our existence but also a current cause for our existence.”

“If God can do the big miracles, He can do the little miracles.”

“The New Testament has more documents, more accurately copied, closer to the date of the original with more people and more eyewitness testimony that has been verified for those documents than any event from the ancient world.”

“Jesus lived a sinless and miraculous life, fulfilled prophecy written hundreds of years before he was ever born, died on the cross and rose from the dead.”

“Just because I can explain the operation of the universe in terms of natural laws, doesn’t mean I can explain the origin of the universe in terms of those same natural laws.”

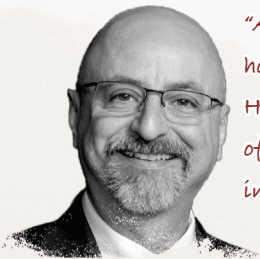
Jn. 8:32 2 Cor. 1:18 John 1:14 John 14:6

Words to Know

Cosmological Argument – An argument for the existence of God that says since there is a universe rather than none at all, it must have been caused by something and is being held into existence by something beyond itself.

Moral Argument – An argument for the existence of God based on the idea that if objective morality truly exists, then there must be a standard for that morality. Such morality is not actually a duty if it comes from anything less than God. And since people recognize that there really is good and evil, then there must be a Moral Law Giver, and we call that Moral Law Giver “God.”

Teleological Argument – Otherwise known as “the argument for God from design.”



"A proper appreciation for how God has created our minds, and how God has enabled us as human beings to know the creation He's given us and indeed even know Him, it's entirely because of the influence he's (Norm Geisler) brought to us... from the influence that he got from Thomas Aquinas."

Richard G. Howe

PHILOSOPHY

"The most important philosophical question is, why is there something rather than nothing?"

"You can't beware of bad philosophy unless you are aware of it."

"Just because something is sayable, doesn't mean it is meaningful."

"The Laws of Logic apply to reality."

"Nothing cannot create something."

"There are only two choices: Either matter is eternal or mind is eternal."

"God is a being that cannot not exist."

"This is not the best of all possible worlds, but I think it's the best of all possible ways to get to the best of all possible worlds."

"The purpose of this life is the knowledge of God that leads to happiness in the next life."

"Our first duty is to God, then people, then things."

Col. 2:8 2 Tim. 4:2-4 1 Tim. 6:20 1 John 4:1



"My first apologetics class began with this single statement, 'The laws of logic apply to reality.' And from that single line he built a case for the existence of God. Then, he built a case for miracles, the New Testament documents, the resurrection, and that Jesus could be trusted... I walked out of that classroom... and said this prayer, 'God I've always believed you were there, now I know.'"

Andy Stanley

12 POINTS THAT SHOW CHRISTIANITY IS TRUE

1. Truth about reality is knowable.
2. The opposite of true is false.
3. It is true that the theistic God exists.
4. Since God exists, miracles are possible.
5. Miracles can be used to confirm a message from God.
6. The New Testament is historically reliable.
7. In the New Testament, Jesus claimed to be God.
8. Jesus proved to be God by miracles.
9. Therefore, Jesus is God.
10. Since Jesus is God, whatever He teaches is true.
11. Jesus taught that the Bible is the Word of God.
12. Therefore, the Bible is the Word of God and anything opposed to it is false.

THE CULTURAL SHIFT AWAY FROM A BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

**"We've got to get back to our foundation."
Norm Geisler**

1900's - Fundamentalism: church separated from culture

1925 - Scopes Trial I: evolution can be taught in public schools

1933 - Humanist Manifesto

1947 - Everson v. Board of Education: separation of church and state

1961 - Torcaso v. Watkins: atheism declared a religion

1962 - Engel v. Vitale: prayer banned in public schools

1963 - Abington School District v. Schempp: bible banned in public schools

1960's - Sexual revolution

1960's - Second wave feminism

1960's - Postmodernism

1973 - Roe v. Wade: abortion decriminalized

1980 - Stone v. Graham: 10 Commandments banned in public schools

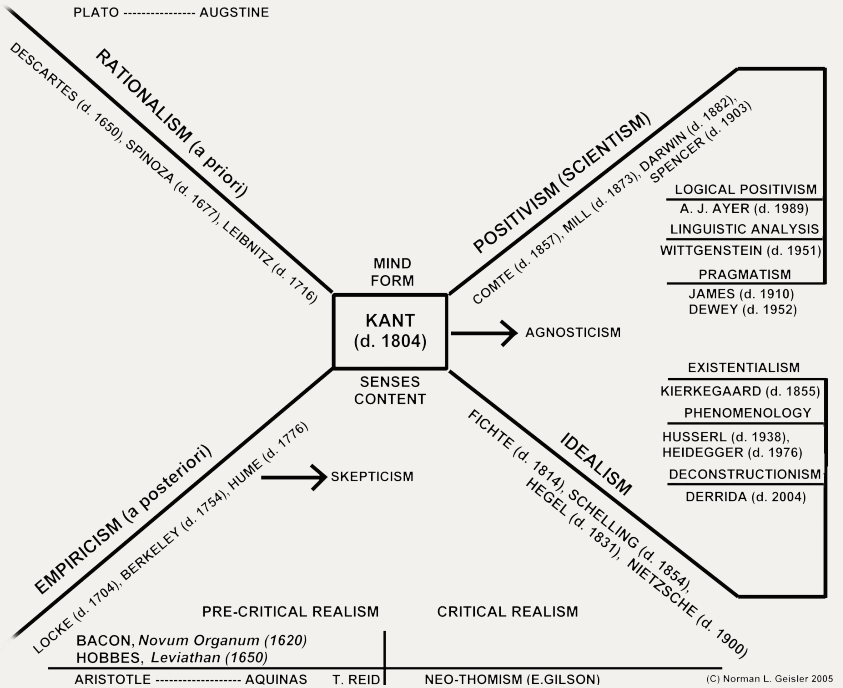
1987 - Scopes Trial II: creationism cannot be taught in public schools

2003 - Lawrence v. Texas: sodomy laws banned

2015 - Obergefell v. Hodges: same-sex marriage legalized

THE DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN THOUGHT

Immanuel Kant taught that we can only know appearances, but we cannot know reality.
 Norm Geisler taught that it took almost 200 years for this idea to reach the general population.



"The truth is, none of us are qualified for the things that God has for us to do...but He qualifies us when He calls us."

Stephen Cutchins

NORM GEISLER RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

REASONS FOR BELIEF

FROM GOD TO US

I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FAITH TO BE AN ATHEIST

CONVICTION WITHOUT COMPROMISE

LEGISLATING MORALITY

ONE VOLUME SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

THE BIG BOOK OF BIBLE DIFFICULTIES

THE BIG BOOK OF CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

IF GOD, WHY EVIL

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