

# The Case for a Creator – 10-Week Syllabus

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Start Date: Monday, September 8, 2025 • Weekly Sessions (10 weeks)

Submit all reflections and projects by email to [chrisflutt@gmail.com](mailto:chrisflutt@gmail.com) by Sunday 11:59 pm each week.

## **Week 1 – Monday, September 08, 2025**

Topic: Intro: Can Science and Faith Be Friends?

Key Question: Can belief in God and science work together?

Reading: Read Chapter 1 (“Science vs. God?”)

Reflection (5–7 sentences): What is one big question you have right now that you hope this class might help answer?

## **Week 2 – Monday, September 15, 2025**

Topic: Starting the Investigation (Investigative Mindset)

Key Question: How do we fairly investigate evidence?

Reading: Read Chapter 2 (“Beginning with a Bang: The Evidence of Cosmology”)

Reflection (1 paragraph): List two observations from Ch. 2 that suggest the universe had a beginning.

## **Week 3 – Monday, September 22, 2025**

Topic: Evidence for a Beginning (Cosmology)

Key Question: Did the universe have a beginning?

Reading: Read Chapter 3 (“Exploring Evolution: A New Look at Old Ideas”)

Reflection (4–6 sentences): Identify one claim about biological change from Ch. 3 and one question you now have about how we infer common ancestry from evidence.

## **Week 4 – Monday, September 29, 2025**

Topic: Exploring Evolution (Re-examining Old Ideas)

Key Question: What does the evidence say about evolution?

Reading: Read Chapter 4 (“The Cosmos on a Razor’s Edge: The Evidence of Physics & Astronomy”)

Reflection (1 paragraph): From Ch. 4, list one fine-tuned feature and explain why small changes would make life impossible.

## **Week 5 – Monday, October 06, 2025**

Topic: Fine-Tuning: The Cosmos on a Razor’s Edge

Key Question: Is the universe designed for life?

Reading: Read Chapter 5 (“Mousetraps and Molecular Machines: The Evidence of Biochemistry”)

Reflection (5–7 sentences): Describe one molecular machine from Ch. 5 and why some argue it’s irreducibly complex.

## **Week 6 – Monday, October 13, 2025**

Topic: Biochemistry: Molecular Machines

Key Question: Does biochemistry point to design?

Reading: Read Chapter 6 (“DNA and the Origin of Life: The Evidence of Biological Information”)

Reflection (1 paragraph): From Ch. 6, explain why information is central to life’s origin and how that differs from mere chemistry.

## **Week 7 – Monday, October 20, 2025**

Topic: DNA & the Origin of Life (Biological Information)

Key Question: Is information evidence for God?

Reading: Read Chapter 7 (“Decision Time: Is There a Case for a Creator?”)

Reflection (8–10 sentences): Build a mini-case using two strands from the book (cosmology, fine-tuning, biochemistry, DNA/information).

## **Week 8 – Monday, October 27, 2025**

Topic: Decision Time – Pulling It All Together

Key Question: Does the cumulative evidence point to God?

Reading: No new chapter – review and integrate.

Reflection (8–10 sentences): What have you learned so far, and what questions do you still have?

## **Week 9 – Monday, November 03, 2025**

Topic: Debates – Testing the Case & Our Responses

Key Question: How do we answer tough objections?

Reading: No new reading.

Final Project: Create a 3-minute video: 'Why do I believe in God?' Include: (1) at least one Scripture; (2) one scientific/logical point from the book; (3) one personal reason/story.

## **Week 10 – Monday, November 10, 2025**

Topic: So What? Final Presentations & Prayer

Key Question: How should belief in a Creator impact my life?

Reading: No new reading.

Final Assignment: Bring your completed 3-minute video and present it live in class. After each, peers will affirm and respond.