

Parents Formation 6/12/2022

- Family is the nature of God (One God in Three persons) and is the context to experience God 唯一天主有三人成一家
- Roles of each family member – Father, Mother, and children 父親、母親和小孩在家中的責任和義務
- Family (more specifically, **marriage** and **parenthood**) is also a battle ground where the enemies of God want to destroy 家是仇敵積極要破壞的對象
- We spent a year on Virtues 德行(三超德、四樞德)

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But Before Answering...

Why is answering these questions important? 回答這些問題有那麼重要嗎?

Answering is important because questions are fundamental 答案重要是因為問題是最基本的問題。

But **to know is** not to argue but **to love** 認識不是為要爭辯而是為能加深愛

To love God and love people and make disciple 回愛天主愛人並培養基督的門徒

Integration of Head, Heart and Hands 頭、心、手的整合

Answer gives us confidence to talk

Number one issue in faith is that parents do not talk to kids about faith at home 最大的問題是父母不與小孩談信仰。

Faith belongs only in the church building 信仰只在教堂中實踐。

Disconnection with family through Christ 家人沒有因基督相連

What kind of faith conversation? 在家中怎麼談信仰?

In arguments/reconciliation: 劇烈溝通/主內和解

Family prayers: 家庭祈禱

Family discernment: 家人共同分辨天主旨意

Answer gives us confidence to ask questions

Not to win arguments 不是要辯倒孩子或家人朋友

Use questions to invite dialogue 而是幫助他看到問題。

Use more questions to invite logical processing 多問問題以激發理性的思考。

Give answer only after the heart turns around 等到真心求知時才分享答案/真理。

Is there a God? 天主真的存在嗎?

How can you prove that there is no God? 你能證明天主不在?
 Why do miracles happen? 怎會有奇蹟?
 What is the meaning of life? Why was Hitler wrong? 生命有何意義? 希特勒有什麼不對?
 Why do people fear of death? 為何人都求永生而怕死?
 How do you explain near death experience? 如何解釋死去又活來的人的經驗?
 What Are Some of Your Objections to the Gospel and to Christianity? 你對福音或基督信仰有什麼樣的反對意見?

Is there a God? 天主真的存在嗎?

How does the universe come about? 宇宙是怎麼來的?
 chance 隨機產生?
 evolution 進化?
 Who created God (what's your idea of God)? 誰造了天主?
 God is uncreated; He is 天主超越一切, 祂是絕對存有
 cannot lump God with creatures 不能把天主與其他受造混為一談

Is there a God? 天主真的存在嗎?

The logic of intelligibility – **one** 有智慧
 The law of the universe 宇宙定律(地心引力、光速...)
 chemical and biological principles 化學和生物定律
 The logic of moral principles - **good** 倫理道德定律
 Everyone is born equal 人生而平等
 Should not kill, steal, etc 不可殺人、不可偷竊
 Scientific support - **truth** 科學發現
 soul 人的靈魂
 Big Bang theory 宇宙大爆炸理論是天主教神父發現的
 The love of Beauty and wonder – **beauty** 人對美和奧妙的熱愛
 objective view of beauty 美有一個客觀標準
 artistic appreciation 人對藝術的欣賞

Is there a God? 天主真的存在嗎?

St. Thomas' five ways of proving God's existence 聖師湯瑪斯五路論證天主存在
 1. 不動的推動者
 2. 第一因
 3. 偶然性
 4. 程度論證
 5. 目的論


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42Eg6UUBqqo>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fmgj0Y9rt5U&list=RDLV42Eg6UUBqqo&index=4>

Why evil? 為何有邪惡和苦難?

如果天主是全善的, 祂應會去除所有的惡。
 如果天主是全能的, 祂能做一切事, 祂必能除去一切惡
 因此如果有天主存在, 就不會有惡。
 但是世上有惡存在所以沒有天主

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Natural evil (death, hurricane etc) is the nature of material things.
 自然的惡(死亡、天災)是物質界的生息法則
 Moral evil does not have an entity; it is a void of good.
 罪所帶來的惡本身沒有實體, 它是個缺欠
 Suffering is usually caused by human sins
 苦難通常來自人的罪
 But God can cause good from evil 但是天主可以使善從惡中生出
 聖奧斯定說: 天主若不是為了使更大的善產生, 祂不會容許惡存在



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St. Thomas's explanation 聖多瑪斯的解釋


天主是全善的，祂願意有最大的善

但為使更大的善產生祂不能除去所有的惡，因而容許惡好成就更大的善

如果天主存在，仍會有惡為要產生更大的善。

因此，世上有惡並不否定有一位全能又全善的天主。


<https://aquinasonline.com/problem-of-evil/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oo4hF3lYGp4&list=RDLV42Eg6UUBqqo&index=2>



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Our experiences of evil and sorrow 我們苦難的經驗

I wanted to go to a college but I did not and I suffered greatly
 我很希望也祈求天主讓我進一所大學唸書，可是我不能如願
 But in the college that I did not want to go I met my wife...
 但是在另一所我不想去學校，我遇見了我未來的太太...
 (later on share your own stories in the small groups 等一下在小組討論時請分享你的經驗。)



Why Catholic? 為何要信天主教?

- Our culture of "tolerance" has equalized everything especially religions. 現今社會的容忍文化，使不同宗教混為同等
- We all have this idea that all religions are meant to make us a better persons. 們也因此有此想法，認為所有宗教的目的只是勸人為善
- It also causes us to think that it is prudent to allow our children to choose their own religion 甚至有不少人認為好的父母應該讓孩子自己去選擇他們將來願意去信的宗教。



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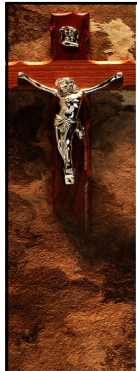
- Why Not? 為何不信天主教?
- What aspect of Catholicism that you do not like? Why? 有什麼是你不喜歡的?
- What aspect of Catholicism that you like? Why? 有什麼是你喜歡的?
- What do you know about other religions? 你對其他信仰有何了解?

<https://catholicgentleman.com/2019/06/all-roads-lead-to-rome-10-reasons-to-become-catholic/#:~:text=The%20Catholic%20faith%20alone%20can,just%20a%20system%20of%20ideas>



Why Catholic? 為何要信天主教?

- The Catholic Faith is One, true, good and beautiful 天主教是真善美聖的宗教
- Catholicism is reasonable 天主教是有理性的
- Historical 天主教是有歷史根據的，天主進入人的歷史
- Biblical – Tracing back to Jesus 願天主教有聖經根據
- Sacraments 天主教有聖事
- Witnesses of saints 天主教有無數聖人作證其真實



- Questions and answers 問答時間
- Sharing of ideas or faith experiences 分組討論分享