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**FINAL EXAM**

*Please answer the following questions in the space allotted—do not write outside the given borders. Answer all the parts of each question. Be concise. **This exam is closed-book.***

**Quick identifications (provide full names where applicable) [1 point each]:**

1.1 *Greatest English-speaking apologist of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century*

1.2 *Author of On the Origin of Species*

1.3 *The Cal Berkeley law professor who is widely regarded as the architect of the intelligent design movement*

1.4 *Apologetic approach that stresses the Bible as a norm for apologetics*

1.5 *Apologetic approach arguing that belief in God is properly basic*

1.6 *Regarded by Mark Noll as the greatest American theologian*

1.7 *Example of miracle of new creation*

1.8 *Most prominent atheist currently in the English-speaking world*

1.9 *The truthful traitors and the \_\_\_\_\_ [fill in the blank]*

1.10 *Authored the axiom: “that which is not assumed is not healed”*

**Define the following terms and briefly note their significance [3 points each]:**

2.1 *methodological naturalism*

2.2 *inerrancy of Scripture vs. infallibility of Scripture*

2.3 *the Vincentian Canon*

2.4 *situation ethics*

2.5 *theistic realism*

2.6 *inference to the best explanation*

2.7 *enlightenment rationalism (also known as modernism – what’s its appeal?)*

2.8 *metaphor vs. simile*

2.9 *the “blind watchmaker” thesis*

2.10 *Evangelicalism (four defining features according to Mark Noll)*

**Answer the following questions [10 points each]:**

3. *How does C. S. Lewis's argue that naturalism undermines its own credibility? Evaluate his argument.*

4. *What is the core of the faith? Distinguish the physical, theoretical, and regulative core. Give examples of each.*

*5. What, according to Mark Noll, is the scandal of the evangelical mind? Has Noll identified an actual problem? Does he accurately portray it? Explain. What is his solution? How, if at all, would you improve on his solution?*

6. *C. S. Lewis distinguishes two meanings of “because.” What are they? Illustrate the difference. In light of this distinction, how would you reply to someone who says “You’re just a Christian **because** you were raised in a Christian home”?*

*7. Of the various apologetic methods considered in this course, which do you regard as the most effective? Explain your answer by comparing the approach you prefer to the others.*



8. *You happen to meet Peter Fromm at Starbucks. He's spouting off that the Resurrection never happened. Realizing that he knows a lot of theology, how do you defend the Resurrection of Christ?*