PHREL 5373 A – Critical Thinking
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What you believe to be true will control you whether it’s true or not.
—Jeremy LaBorde

Course Description:
How do we get people to believe things? This course examines the means by which we convince ourselves and others that something is true. Of special interest here are the pitfalls to logical thinking that prevent us from coming to the truth.

Course Objective:
The goal of this course is to help students become adept at making a persuasive case for the truth of the Christian worldview.

Reading List:

Semester Grade:
(1) Mid-term exam — 20 percent positive.
(2) Final exam — 30 percent positive.
(3) Exercises — 50 percent positive. Exercises appear at the end of each chapter in NCM. Answers to all these exercises need to be written out and handed in each week.
(4) Single-page executive summary of YOU (with clearly recognizable embedded picture of yourself) — minus 5 percent if not handed in. Due beginning of second week of class.
(5) Active class participation — up to 10 percent negative.
(6) In-class quizzes — up to 20 percent negative.
Readings:
(1) NCM, ch. 1. GJ, chs. 1-3.
(2) NCM, ch. 2. GJ, chs. 4,5.
(3) NCM, ch. 3. GJ, ch. 6. G&E, Laws 1-4.

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