

Q/A Time on Monday June 7 2021

- A fun conversation pursued after the lecture. One very interesting question was regarding Islam; is it really considered a “religion” if their monotheistic God/Allah does not interact in time and space? Joseph explained that the ‘interactions’ of Allah do not determine the validity of its status as a religion or as being monotheistic. Islam claims, metaphysically, that their deity is one and only, and is unique, and transcendent. This is metaphysical-cosmological monotheism. Therefore, Islam is certainly a religion. However, as the conversation went on, Joseph did state that Islam, from a Christian worldview, is not true and invalid. Islam is not consistent in its teachings; meaning, its view of the Christian Trinity is incorrect and inconsistent. Christians need to interact with Muslims by looking at the arguments and seeing if they are consistent throughout all of the Old and New Testament and compare it with the Quran’s claims against Christianity.
- Next, the conversation turned to a discussion on Deism and the Founding Fathers of the US. This fun, long conversation led to Joseph sharing a college paper on that very topic. Simply stated, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and (sort of) George Washington were deist, which in turn impacted the writings of the United States. Yes, most of the Founding Fathers were devout Christians, but these three men were primary in the origin and structure of this nation. It is important to see where people, who we rightly revere, got their ideas and understand their worldview.