

WHY WE BELIEVE WHAT WE BELIEVE

Christian Apologetics and Worldview Study Series

DEFENDING THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS AMONG OTHER GODS

By REUBEN DAVID



Reuben David has dedicated his life and ministry to a reasoned defense of the gospel and a broader understanding of the historic Christian intellectual tradition. A former journalist, he has spoken in Europe, Asia, and America, and to university audiences around the world. He has addressed media and religious leaders in several venues, including a remarkable session entitled, *"Understanding Islam: Challenges to Democracy and Diversity,"* in Washington, DC. A former Visiting Scholar with The Wilberforce Forum, (now The Chuck Colson Center) the Christian worldview think tank founded by Charles Colson, Mr. David has written extensively on world religions. Born and raised in India — home to Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism — Reuben is well versed in the practical realities of comparative religions today. His first-hand knowledge of religions, cults, and the

competing philosophies and ideologies of our day has made him a popular lecturer with university students and adult audiences alike. Mr. David holds masters' degrees in mass media, psychology, and religion from Regent University in Alexandria, Virginia, and from Bangalore University in India. A former professor of journalism at the North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, he is the Founding Director of Launch Asia Ministries based in Texas and a Christian apologist and speaker on revival and worldview issues.

Endorsements:

"Reuben David was a visiting scholar with the Wilberforce Forum for nearly two years. We respect and appreciate him and his keen mind. He has a broad knowledge of international culture and world religions and is an articulate defender of Christian faith."

Charles Colson, *Founder, Prison Fellowship Ministries, VA*

My friend Reuben David has a unique grasp on both the Bible and our culture. I believe God has given him incisive apologist's lenses and gifts to instruct, warn, and mobilize the living church today. But Reuben also has a unique voice. It's the voice of authority to speak to the Western culture from his heritage in Eastern culture. His critiques of things Eastern and Islamic are based in experience. They have the authority of one who was born and raised in the societies created by these worldviews. His teaching and warnings to Western culture have traction because he can feel the tide rising as one who has been sensitized to the dangers. Reuben is a gift to the local church, and the living church in a world of confusion.

Roger Thompson

Teaching and Men's Ministry Pastor, Berean Baptist Church, MN

"Reuben David is a wonderful young Christian brother whom my family and I came to know well while he was a graduate student in the U.S. I admire his love of the Lord and his heart for the spread of the Gospel. He is intelligent, well read, articulate and full of enthusiasm. He has a very broad understanding of global missions. I warmly recommend him as a speaker on spiritual matters."

David Aikman,

Former TIME Journalist, Author, Jesus in Beijing

"Reuben David is a genuinely gifted speaker and a man of remarkable clarity of vision and discernment. In a world chock full of complex and often outrageous ideologies, Reuben helps people to clarify the issues and to appreciate the steady and reliable witness of the authentic Christian faith."

Jim Nelson Black, Ph.D

Author, When Nations Die,

"Reuben David is a deeply committed Christian with a breadth of knowledge and understanding of the Bible unusual for his age. He is a clear thinker with a keen interest in bringing principles of faith to the marketplace and effective public speaker."

J Douglas Tarpley, Ph.D

Former Dean, Fine Arts & Communication, Biola University

“I met Reuben David at a lunch Bible Study a couple of years ago. As we spoke to each other the conversation turned to the Kingdom of God and we instantly connected . A couple of weeks later we found ourselves enjoying a cup of coffee together and I found myself profoundly moved by Reuben’s passion for the Lord. I also realized that as I left our coffee meeting that day I was more encouraged in my faith than I had in years. I asked Reuben to speak at our church and when he came a couple months later to minister, our congregation absolutely fell in love with him. He is an unashamed lover of Christ which comes through every part of his preaching. His unique ability to articulate a Biblical worldview that is theologically sound, incredibly interesting and culturally relative is truly a gift. Without a doubt when it comes to guest speakers I am asked this question more than any other, “When is Reuben David coming again?” I’m glad I can answer them easily because we already have him scheduled and because I’m looking forward to hearing him just as much as they are! He is one of the most genuine and humble men I’ve met in ministry in years.”

-Michael Gamble, Senior Pastor, Radiant Life Church, Mckinney, TX

“Reuben David is a passionate warrior for the the Gospel. His heart breaks for the unreached, and he does more than reach out. Because of his international background, having born and raised in India, he knows what it’s like to live in a predominantly Hindu culture. He speaks on the supremacy of Jesus Christ among all other religions. I would recommend him as a speaker and minister of the gospel.”

-Ron Woodruff, Director, Reasonable Faith, Collin County and Dallas Chapter

“I had Reuben David to speak at our church and he was a blessing to all of us. Be inspired to live your faith with confidence, boldness and grace. Reuben David will strengthen your understanding of God's word from a biblical worldview.”

-Sue Detweiler, Author, radio host and pastor of Life Bridge Church, Mckinney, TX

“I’ve known Reuben David as a wonderful friend, a fine Christian apologist, philosopher and culture warrior. If you are looking for someone to challenge your church both in intellect and heart and encourage them to live for Christ in the marketplace, he is your best choice. He is passionate, brilliant and well versed in global missions. These are just some of the words I would use to describe Reuben and his ministry.”

-Dr Jarrett Stephens, Teaching Pastor, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, TX

"I have known Reuben David since 1998 when we first met in Bangalore, India. At that time he was a journalist for the Deccan Herald, a newspaper in India, and I was on the staff of the Bangalore Baptist Hospital where I had worked for the previous 24 years. Mr. David did an interview and wrote my story and that began a friendship. We have remained in touch intermittently over these past almost 20 years. I can recommend Mr. Reuben David as an international speaker on issues central to the Christian faith. I pray that God will bless his work and ministry. "

-Rebekah Naylor, MD, Founder, Bangalore Baptist Hospital, Medical Missionary to INDIA, From Fort Worth, TX

Seminar Series on Challenges of Global Faiths



Fight of Faiths

Description: We are living in a pluralistic society where multiple faiths contend for truth. Which religion is right and which is wrong? Which faith tradition answers the questions of life and which does not? Are all faiths valid to believe in? How should Christians respond to the plurality of religions in our neighborhoods?

In this fascinating lecture, Indian Christian apologist Reuben David will explain the complexities of world faiths and make a case for Christianity's unique contribution to humankind.

The lecture will be followed by a Q/A

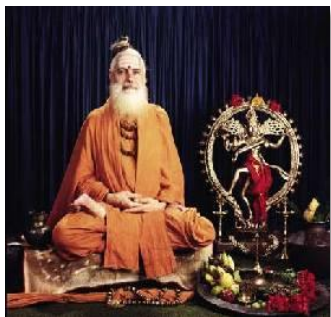


THE UNCOMMON WORD

A deep look at the reality of Jesus and Mohammed

Description: Recently an elite group of 138 Muslim scholars from around the world have written a letter saying that love for God and love for neighbor is common ground between Christianity and Islam. While this maybe superficially true it is fundamentally false. For the Christian love of God means loving the supremacy and the incarnational deity of Jesus Christ as the true God. Jesus is the Word who came in the flesh. Therefore he is the uncommon word among other words. For the Muslims, Prophet Mohammed is the final revelation of God which deeply contradicts the Biblical understanding of God and the way of salvation he has provided through Jesus Christ.

In this in-depth study, Indian scholar and Christian apologist Reuben David will uncover the fundamental understanding of the Islamic idea and make a case for the uncommon WORD Jesus Christ. *The event will be followed by a Q/A.*



emptiness of Hinduism.

The Cross and the Hindu

Description: In a blinding flash of luminous light the cross of Christ appeared to a young Indian Hindu woman and her life was never the same. Among the leading religions of the world, Hinduism has a billion followers worldwide. Its mysticism is appealing but at the core of the religion is a void so huge that many have been swallowed by its tentacles.

In this fascinating lecture, Indian Christian apologist Reuben David will narrate the dramatic conversion of a Hindu and uncover the

The event will be followed by a Q/A.



Multiculturalism and Christianity

Description: Most Western societies, and increasingly some older ones, are made up of people from many ethnic, national, religious, linguistic and geographical regions of the world. These people came, and still come, carrying with them the culture in which they were raised. The meeting of these cultures in new social settings results in the process known as multiculturalism.

Multiculturalism comes with its own set of good and bad, positives and negatives, benefits and dangers. How should we as Christians understand multiculturalism? What is our responsibility towards other cultures? What can we accept about multiculturalism and what can we reject about multiculturalism? In this lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David, himself being a multicultural individual will explain the complexities about multiculturalism and outline the true nature of Christian multiculturalism.

The lecture will be followed by a Q/A session



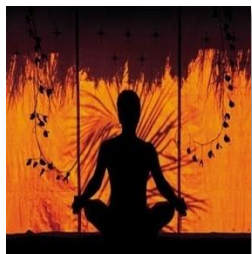
The Cross and the Crescent

Description: Most Americans are only vaguely aware of the Muslim community in the United States and know little about the religion itself, despite Islam's increasing importance in international affairs and the rapid growth in the number of Americans who call themselves Muslims. What is Islam? Why should we care to understand this rapidly growing religion? Does Islam answer the fundamental questions of life?

In this lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David will unpack the basic differences of Islam and Christianity and present a case why

Christianity answers the fundamental questions of life. A must lecture for those interested in knowing the majesty of Christ.

The lecture will be followed by a Q/A session



The myth of Transcendental Meditation

Description: It's the new cure for stress. A multi-billion dollar industry endorsed by the Beatles fame Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and the late George Harrison. It's called Transcendental Meditation (TM), an offspring of Hinduism, an eastern religious tradition. Presented to the western world as a 'scientific' way of reducing stress and finding peace within oneself" this movement is fast gaining ascendancy in American public life

What is TM? What is the difference between TM and Christianity's approach to meditation? While the TM movement strives to couch its concepts in scientific language or neutral terms, and while it promotes "its medicinal benefits as a form of relaxation," TM nevertheless "incorporates clearly pantheistic ideas into its approach. In this lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David will unpack the myth of TM and share the stark differences between Christian meditation and eastern meditation

The lecture will be followed by a Q/A session



The Rise of Global Christianity

Description: There is a bold revolution going on in the world of religion, that is, specifically Christianity is growing rapidly across the world. The expression of faith in the global south looks very different from most western countries. It looks like the Acts of the Apostles. What is the reason behind the rise of global Christianity especially at a time when atheists have been mightily striving to convince the western world that God doesn't exist and especially debunking the Christian God? In this lecture Indian Christian apologist Reuben David will

unpack the reasons behind the resurgence of global Christianity.

The lecture will be followed by a Q/A session



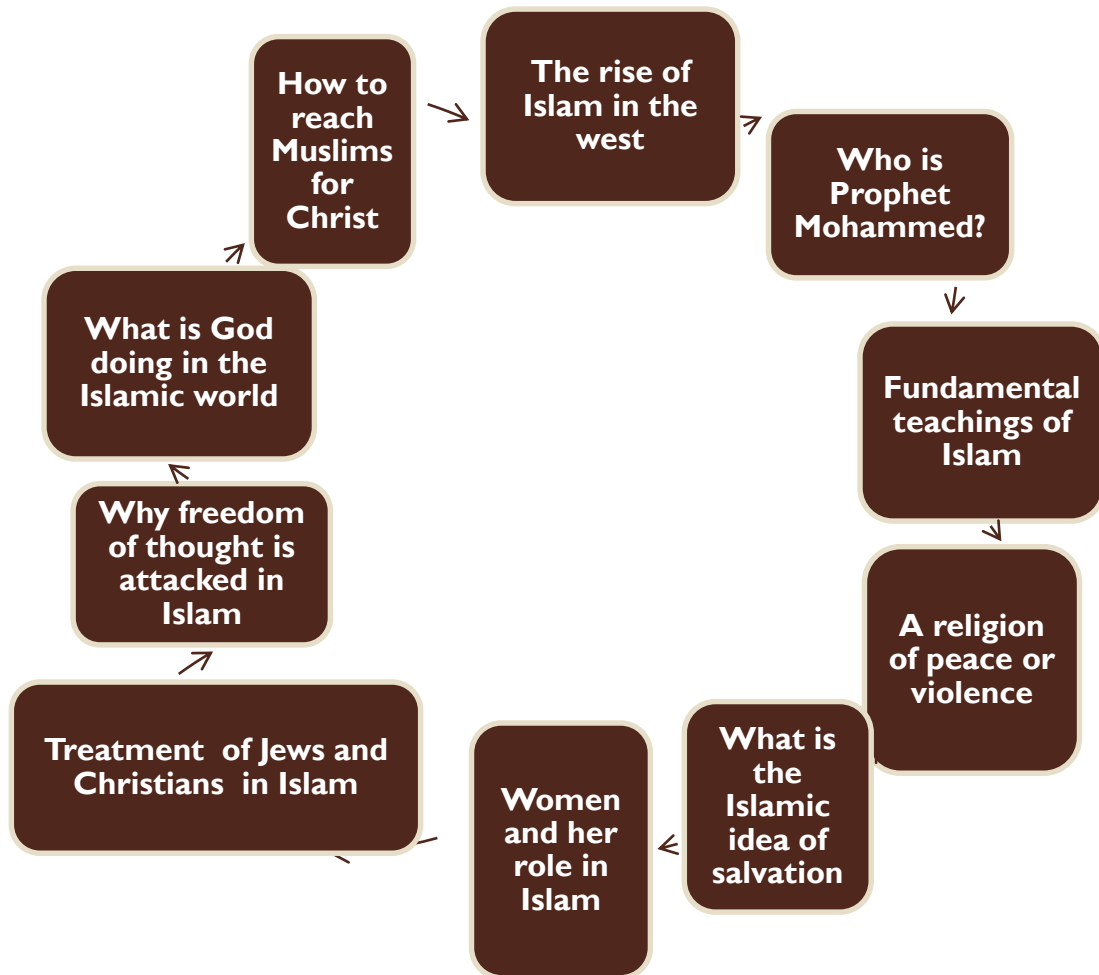
Jesus and Islam



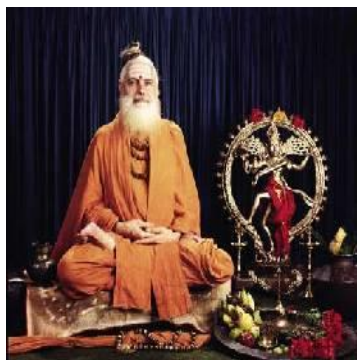
Class Description:

The rise of Islam in America and its influence in the western world is something to be taken seriously by westerners in general and Christians in particular. Islam with a billion followers is rising with renewed vigor to advance its global agenda, one that is characterized more by terror than truth. Investigations into the recent terrorist attack in Mumbai, India---dubbed as India's 9/11---was apparently traced to a little known Islamic front called Deccan Mujahedeen which is inspired by the ideology of radical Islam. It's time western Christians inform themselves about the worldview of Islam.

In this fascinating 10-part series into the journey of Islam, Indian scholar and journalist Reuben David unravels the myth and the murky waters of Islam and offers a reasonable Christian response to the questions posed by Islam.



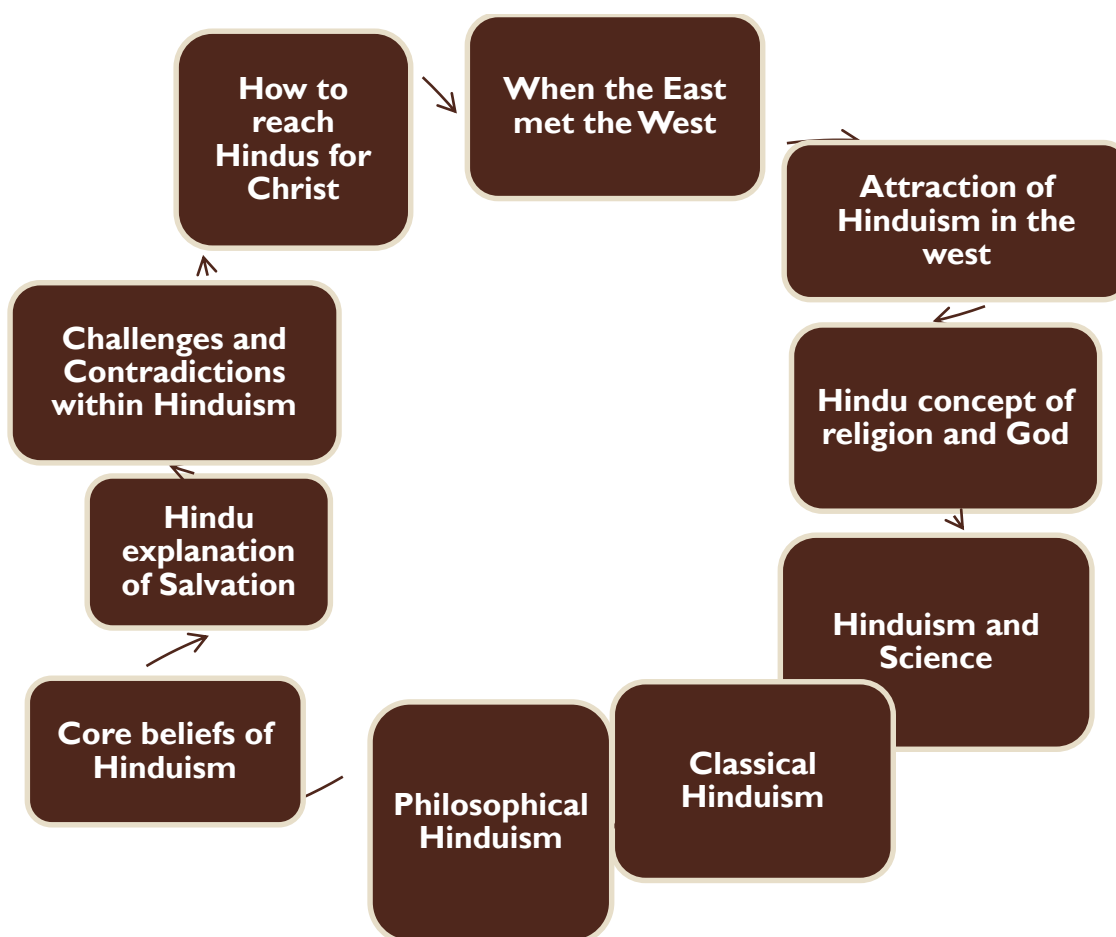
Jesus among Hindu Gods



Class Description:

As the world is increasingly flattened by the rise of globalization, the religions of the world have immigrated to the Christian west. It is not uncommon to hear the eastern religious words, mantra, karma, yoga, pundit, guru mixed in American glossary. Do you use these words? Do you know what they mean? Do you realize that Hinduism has carved its niche in American society?

In this 10-part series on Jesus among Hindu gods, you will explore Hinduism and the mystery of Jesus uncovered by an Indian convert to the Christian faith from a Hindu background. Come and discover why Jesus rises above all gods.



Bumper Sticker Philosophy and Christianity

Description: An in-depth look into understanding the fallacies of postmodern philosophies and the uniqueness of Christian faith. In this probing study you will discover how you can sift the errors of bad philosophy and share the truth of good Christian philosophy.



CULTURAL RELATIVISM: *When in Rome do as the Romans do*

Description: Cultural relativism is the principle that an individual human's beliefs and activities should be interpreted in terms of his or her own culture. Cultural Relativism believes that when it comes to matters of right and wrong, and other values of a moral nature there are no absolutes, or any fixed truth, but rather that all is relative. In this lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David will analyze and explain the Christian response to the crisis of cultural relativism.



SITUATION ETHICS: *All You Need Is Love*

Description: Have you come across people who feel that when in love morals don't matter. Situational philosophy is concerned with the outcome or consequences of an action; the end, as opposed to an action being intrinsically wrong. In this case the ends can justify the means. Other moral principles can be cast aside in certain situations if love is best served. In this lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David will define why situational philosophy is confusing and Biblically incoherent



UTILITARIANISM: *The Greatest Happiness*

Description: There are people who have made pleasure their goal of life. They would do anything to pursue pleasure at the cost of breaking moral codes. Utilitarianism says that acts are morally right when they bring about desired results and the desired results should be happiness, because it alone is intrinsically good. In this lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David will define why holiness, not happiness must be the pursuit of Christians.



BEHAVIORISM: *I Couldn't Help Myself*

Description: Is a philosophy based on the proposition that all things which organisms do — including acting, thinking and feeling—can and should be regarded as behavior. It's a belief that moral values are rooted in biology. Behaviorism is naturalistic. This means that the material world is the ultimate reality, and everything can be explained in terms of natural laws. Man has no soul and no mind, only a brain that responds to external stimuli. In this lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David will unpack the lies of behaviorism and outline the Christian alternative



VIRTUE ETHICS: *Be Good*

Description: There are a lot of good people in the world. Does that mean they all go to heaven? Can we be good without God? Virtue philosophy emerged from dissatisfaction with the notions of duty and obligation and their central roles in understanding morality. It also grew out of an objection to the use of rigid moral rules and principles and their application to diverse and different moral situations.

In this lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David will explain why we cannot be good without God

TRIALS OF TRUTH SERIES



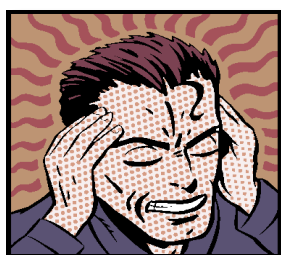
IS THERE SUCH A THING AS ABSOLUTE TRUTH?

"All is relative" has become one of the slogans of our generation. In the Western World, multitudes have rejected the possibility that such a thing as absolute truth could exist. We often hear phrases like "that may be true for you, but it's not true for me". Truth is seen as a personal preference or perception that cannot extend beyond a person's personal boundaries. In this lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David will explain why we cannot be good without God. *The lecture will be followed by a Q/A*



DO ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE SAME GOD?

Are all religions worshiping the same God? Hindus acknowledge multitudes of gods and goddesses. Buddhists say there is no deity. New Age followers believe they are God. Muslims believe in a powerful but unknowable God. Christians believe in a God who is loving and approachable. In this lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David will explain why all roads don't lead to the same God. *The lecture will be followed by a Q/A*



ARE CHRISTIANS NARROW MINDED?

Most conservative, orthodox Christians are charged with being 'narrow minded'. In fact, it's so common that it's almost to be expected that if we identify ourselves as Christians we will at some time or another be called 'narrow minded'. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life". How should we respond to the critics who criticize Christians as narrow minded bigots? Find out in this lecture by Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David. *The lecture will be followed by a Q/A*



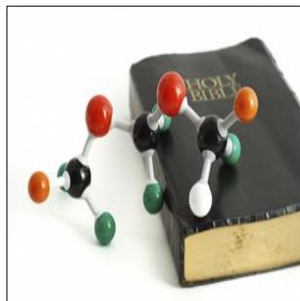
WHY SHOULD WORLDVIEWS AND RELIGIONS MATTER ?

In the good old days America was seen as a melting pot of all cultures and religions. Every religion and culture came into America and melted in the great American way of life. Today, America is seen as a salad bowl, where all religions and cultures are vying for recognition and individual space. How should we understand these religions? Are they peaceful or violent? In this insightful lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David will share why understanding global religions matters to our Christian witness.

The lecture will be followed by a Q/A

IS THE BIBLE TRUE AMONG OTHER RELIGIOUS SCRIPTURES?

There are several religions books in the world that proclaim truth about life and spiritual matters. How does the Bible fit in the realm of various religious books in the world? How can you defend Bible as authoritative and unique among other religious scriptures? Is the Bible unique? Is it historically accurate? Is the Bible still relevant in today's DNA age? In this lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David will explain Biblical authority in a world of competing religions. *The lecture will be followed by a Q/A*



IS CHRISTIANITY COMPATIBLE WITH SCIENCE?

There's often a criticism that Christianity is a faith-based religion and not compatible with science. How does science and faith integrate? Does Christianity complement science or contradict science. Most atheists debunk Christianity as scientifically inaccurate and regard it as a religion of blind faith. Is that true? Can we defend Christianity and Bible on the basis of science and reason? In this lecture Indian-born Christian apologist Reuben David will offer a reasonable answer on why Christianity and science do not contradict each other. *The lecture will be followed by a Q/A*

OTHER SPEAKING TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Global Gospel and Missions
- Jesus among other gods
- What is so great about Christianity?
- The Cross, The Crisis, The Culture
- A Post-Christian America
- Contending for Truth in an Age of Relativism
- The Decline of Religious Freedom
- Transcendence and Social Media
- Biblical Authority in a Changing Culture
- Crisis of Human Identity
- Global Shifts in Christianity
- Christianity and Multiculturalism
- Seduction of Hinduism In America
- The Influence of Eastern Religions
- Answering the 21st Century Athiest
- Science and Christianity
- Christianity and the Arts
- Revival in America
- Faith and Technology
- Israel and the Middle East
- Understanding the Signs of the Times

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Born and raised in India, educated in India and the United States, a former journalist and visiting scholar with Wilberforce Forum, currently an academician with global multicultural experience, Professor Reuben David is a Christian apologist who brings fascinating insights into the questions of God, science, faith, ethics, religion and peace. His vision is to bring a fresh approach to the truth claims of Christianity among a sea of religions, beliefs and faiths and also spread a renewed passion for Christ worldwide.

