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Question Mark? -> Conversation Cafe? -> Ask Brian?

Purdue University

“Conversation Café” (CC), a new form of “Question Mark?” was introduced at Purdue University. Mark and Brian Aust (another IV staff) fielded questions at this university, strong in engineering and science, where it is no surprise that the most common questions were some form of **“Do faith and science conflict?”**

The “Conversation Cafés” held in four separate dorms helped build a foundation for an upcoming outreach in late February in which a retired Christian physics professor will speak to the question: “Are faith and science compatible?”

What makes Christianity more valid than other religions?

What are your thoughts on the “new earth” theory?

My friend believes in a higher power; but is not sure what to believe. How do you reply to something like this?

I’m not really into religion, but...

Though not really “into religion”, Ana (right) attended two CCs and spent 45 minutes talking to Mark about her specific questions.

Do faith and science conflict?



I grew up in the church ... they didn't like me asking questions like these.



A member of the Non-Theists Club (atheists, agnostics, etc.) asked **“Do you still apply the Old Testament Law today?”** For example, Leviticus says that if a man marries a woman and discovers that she is not a virgin he can stone her. What do you think?” He later told Mark that he was reading through the entire Bible and was already in Jeremiah. {Pray that God’s Word will speak into this young man’s life.}

Brian Aust (above right) was an IVCF student leader at Purdue in the mid-1990s. He is now on IV staff at Purdue and part of the “Community of Evangelists” which Mark co-leads to grow other IV staff in using their evangelistic gifts. After their collaborative **“Question Mark”** entitled **“Conversation Café”** Brian said, “This was one of the best things I’ve done in my 5 years on IV staff!” Next step, **“Ask Brian”** events at Purdue!

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March 2010 Prayer Requests

Praise God as He continues to open doors for ministry:

Feb. 28th - March 6th
Mark will speak at the Campus Mission Outreach, which will include several "Question Mark" events, at University of Wisconsin, River Falls (WI).

March 12 - 18th
Mark will serve as Missions Conference Keynote Speaker at a church in The Villages, Florida.

The mentoring and training of IVCF staff on evangelism and integrating spiritual formation continue to be a priority for Mark.

WANTED: New Supporters
Pray for Mark's continued effort toward adding new ministry partners for an additional \$1000/monthly support.



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