

Debate: What is Truth: Atheism V. Christianity: Andrew Bushard V. Greg Kvaame (10/27/03) (Transcribed by Evernote)

Dave Stene: And welcome to tonight's Atheism and Christianity debate. My name is Dave Stene and I am the campus minister with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and I will be the moderator for tonight's debate. And realizing that there's some obvious bias that I have, I will be working hard to make sure that the debate does proceed and is fair and balanced in how it goes. All of you, when you came in, hopefully got this blue card. And on here is the format for the debate of what will be happening and how we will be progressing with the debate. And also on the bottom part is a response card that if you are interested in more information about the Federation Without Television InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, any of the boxes there, you can check that and put your name and phone number or email on that and there

will be some ice cream buckets out by the doors when you go that you can put those in. Technical difficulties. We got that fixed. So without any further ado, we'll get started with the debate. And to start off, each debater will get a chance to introduce himself and tell a little bit about the organization that he represents. And Andrew Bushard is going to start with that.

Andrew Bushard: Good evening, my name is Andrew Bushard. I... I'm involved in an organization called Federation Without Television. Tonight, I am not representing the organization because the organization isn't atheistic per se. The organization is one I'm involved in. This organization is sponsoring this event. We have general meetings, 8 p.m. On Sundays, in the library, third floor, bottom floor, ERC, by the study corrals.

Also we have public lectures on Monday nights 6pm, they are in 2:56 on a variety of topics. Everyone is welcome, especially single females.

My name is Greg Kwame and I'm with the InterVarsity Education Fellowship. That is the group that has sponsored me for the debate. I am a first

year grad student in electrical engineering. So this is a little out of my league. I've spent the last couple months preparing for this, but it's something I've really enjoyed preparing for. And I had my undergrad here in electrical engineering as well. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is an interdenominational campus ministry that strives to be like Christ in character and purpose. And we're going to have, we have a lot of other activities, but our big one this week is we're going to have a guy by the name of Rick Mattson come and speak on the outrageous idea of religious truth. And he has a whole lot more information and knowledge than I do. And so that's at 7 o'clock in 284 of the CSU. It's next to the reporter's office, and I encourage you all to check that out, and there will be a lot of Q&A time for that as well. So thank you. We'll now have opening statements.

Andrew Bushard: I was born fighting for life. I live fighting for life. And hopefully I will die fighting for life. Before I was even born, I was struggling for my very life. When I was in the womb, umbilical cord was wrapped around my neck, squeezing, choking.

Air from with, from me. It was real, real close to me not making it, but I survived.

Could this be why I love life so much? Could this be why I am so receptive to worldviews, ideologies? and philosophies which affirm life? Could this be why I believe fighting for life is of paramount importance? I certainly think it could. What is truth? Life is a cornerstone, a pillar of truth. If life is not your priority, there's something seriously flawed in your outlook. When we are fighting for life, we are essentially affirming justice. Justice is a beautiful force. In some worldviews, justice is tangential. Justice is a side issue, but I believe justice should be the central aim.

Robert G. Ingersoll, Colonel of the Civil War, lived 1833 to 1899, said, "Justice is the only worship." When there is injustice, my blood boils. When there is justice, I rejoice. I believe these are perfectly healthy and valid reactions. I am baffled by those who don't feel the same. Justice, just like life, is an essential pillar, essential cornerstone. It is the foundation of truth. These are what I fight for. Sometimes, probably lots of the times, when you fight for what's right, there will be struggles. There

will be difficulties. One Christian person even said, "You will be persecuted." He was proven right. One of the greatest threats to justice and life in our society are poisons, toxins, and pollutants. We call drugs. One of the greatest threats in our society is alcohol. I am thus determined to oppose the evil that these industries which sell alcohol are perpetuating on our society. I am thus determined to protest, to demonstrate against this foul, perverse occurrence. Sadly, One day while doing this, perfectly within my legal right, the police officers decided to arrest me. Then they put me on trial. Me on trial. I'm not a vicious criminal. I decided, no, I'm not going to lie down once you walk all over me. I must fight for what is right. I must fight for justice. Thus, I defended myself in court. I was thus consequently victorious. I was victorious because I had the good powers on my side. I had the Bill of Rights on my side. I had a noble cause on my side. A wise man named John Africa says, "When you are committed to doing what is right, the power of righteousness will never betray you." Some people tell me I'm nuts to say that. Alcohol, other drugs are dangerous. I'm not the one who's nuts. These truths, as they said in the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, are self-evident. It is self-evident to me that these poisons, toxins, and pollutants destroy life. Thus, they must be opposed. We want justice. We must

oppose poisons. There's a great saying by some wise person who says "you can judge a society based upon how it treats those in the dawn of life, those in the twilight of life, and those in the shadows of life."

What does this say about our society? How do we treat these groups? In regards to the dawn of life, We murder thousands upon thousands before they even allow to enter the world. In regards to those in the twilight of life, I'm not the first person who would tell you we throw our old people in homes because we don't want to deal with that. In regards to those in the shadows of life, we also fail miserably.

What is one of the most popular radio programs out there? Howard Stern. What does he do on that show? He makes fun of people who stutter. Isn't that sick that people consume this garbage? I'm not going to support Howard Stern. I hope you also follow this. The very pressing threat to life in our society is the death penalty. To me, it is very wrong.

Many times in our world, there's reason to be cynical. There's reason to boil your blood because of all the injustice. But sometimes, just sometimes, there's reason to rejoice. This happened in 2003, beginning of this year. When the governor of Illinois

said, "This system of the death penalty is broken." He said, "This system is classist, it's racist, executes the mentally handicapped, and it executes the innocent people." He says, "Illinois has a distinction of executing more people, of having to free more people than it's executed." He said, "This system does not have good odds."

Certainly some say the death penalty is against Christian values. I believe it's perfectly against Christian values. What I learned when I was in the church, I learned "don't pay evil for evil", "turn the other cheek", "forgive and forget 17 times 7."

I believe we must make pressing sacrifices for life, the truth that life is. We must not intellectually support life only, but instead integrate our love for life in our life. One of the most potent, powerful ways you can do this is by becoming a vegetarian, a better yet becoming a vegan. I can testify first hand to the benefits of these practices. I highly recommend everyone becoming a vegetarian and a vegan. It will revolutionize your existence.

It surprises me, it is shameful to me when I see people who at all costs want to defend the status quo. People who at all costs want to defend our

government. Our government which perpetuates lots of evil and injustice.

A prime example of this is the Ruby Ridge incident. The government went into Ruby Ridge to siege the city [I retell the Ruby Ridge story below in this paragraph largely from the book *Ruby Ridge: The Truth and Tragedy of the Randy Weaver Family* by Jess Walter.] A man who happened to sell two sawed-off shotguns. They found it necessary to send agents upon agents there to get one man who sold two sawed-off shotguns. Even Paul Harvey, the commentator on the radio who's as mainstream as you can get, had to condemn this. He said, "It makes our government look silly." He was right. This was a grave injustice. They ended up murdering A 14 year old by shooting him in the back who was yelling "Dad I'm coming home" they murdered a woman who was holding a baby in her arms. I'm not going to support that type of government.

We must also be aware of the threat to life that is abortion. There are police officers who defend abortion doctors. Why? Why? Why? This is a great threat to life. Justice. Life. Are the cornerstone. Are the pillars. Of truth. There is no truth. Without justice in life. Long live justice, long live truth, long live life.

Greg Kvamme: I do not claim that I will be able to convince anyone in this audience of my view of truth. I simply offer my view and reasons for them as a case that you can choose to believe or not. My goal is not to convince you I am right. My goal is to get you to think about your world views. Everyone looks at the world in their own way. Philosophers call this a world view.

I am by no means a philosopher or a theologian of any stature. I only started studying this material six months ago, but I have really enjoyed it. I've really enjoyed starting thinking about life and how I look at the world. You don't have to be a philosopher to study your own world view. You only need a willing spirit. In order to make great discoveries in your life. Your worldview covers the relationship between and the way you see God, humanity, knowledge, ethics, and several other topics, including truth.

Just as you may believe that there is one God or many gods, or there is no God, or that it's not possible to know if there is God, you may have those same views about truth. Is truth absolute or relative? Is it only experiential or experimental? Is it innate, something that we just know? Or is it instinctive, something that we're born with? Truth is an

absolute. It doesn't change just because you don't like what it stands for. Truth is a common denominator for communication as well as other things. We accept truth on trust, trust in evidence. Scientists are very committed to trusting evidence as a way of what's known as truth. Or you accept truth based on trust in your life experiences, or trust in God and the Bible, or trust in yourself, or trust in your friends.

Some argue that trust or faith in God is not rational, but I'll argue that trust and even faith in God as a source of truth is not only rational, but is also the best choice. The Bible is a source of truth. The Bible claims to be the Word of God. Despite the fact that it claims to be the Word of God, it is still a valid document. There are so many fulfilled prophecies that have to be reckoned with.

I'm going to read a little excerpt from Greg Boyd's book, *Letters from a Skeptic*, where he talks about the different prophecies that have been fulfilled. It's pretty remarkable. The Bible contains a good deal of fulfilled prophetic material, which is explainable only on the supposition that this book is God's word. For example, running throughout the Old Testament narrative are prophecies about the coming Christ, prophecies which were fulfilled in the New

Testament. Thus, to give but a few examples, the Old Testament foretells his place of birth as Bethlehem. His lineage from Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and David. His forerunner, John the Baptist. His vicarious suffering and death. Crucifixion before crucifixion was even a mode of execution. How is this to be explained? It goes miles beyond chance, would warrant.

What is more, there are many other fulfilled prophecies on other matters of Scripture. A noteworthy example is that the city of Tyre was a thriving seaport in the time of Ezekiel, around 580 BC. By inspiration, Ezekiel prophesies a number of things about the seaport that one couldn't have possibly surmised at the time by looking at it. He prophesies that Nebuchadnezzar II, a Babylonian king, would overthrow the city, which was, after a 13-year siege, eventually fulfilled. Ezekiel further prophesied that many nations would wage war against Tyre, something which was fulfilled throughout the next several centuries. He then states most remarkably that the city would finally be totally destroyed, made flat as a rock, that fishermen would spread their nets over where she used to reign, and that she would never again be rebuilt. Who could have guessed this? But... As it was in subsequent centuries precisely fulfilled. Alexander the Great laid

siege to the city. The inhabitants fled to an island just off the coast, which was part of their territory. Alexander couldn't invade it with an evil fleet, so he pushed the debris of the city into the sea to form a causeway so that he could take the city. That's the reason it got so flat. Today, where the ancient city used to be, there are simply some small fishing villages where fishermen, as predicted, hang their nets out to dry on the flat rocks. The city is somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea.

Prophecies are very convincing indeed. The historical accuracy of the Bible is second to none. To throw out the Bible based on it not being historically accurate, you would have to throw out other great works of antiquity, like Homer and Plato, and just about any other work written before the medieval times.

Jesus fulfilled more than 30 prophecies and predicted his own crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the light. No one comes to the Father except by me." Jesus claimed to be the truth and light. A few will argue that he didn't live it. His life is recorded right in history by more than just his followers in the New Testament. Non-Christian writers like Josephus, a Jewish historian, and the Roman historian Cornelius Tacitus confirm

that Jesus was actually a historical figure who lived, taught, and gained a following during the early part of the first century.

The inspired Word of God, the Bible, is a trustworthy document. Many religions have other interpretations, but I know of no other viable alternative for the explanation of who Jesus Christ was. Jesus was the Christ. He taught truth, and he was a living example of what truth was and is. Jesus claims have an important place in history and society. And if truth, especially absolute truth, is an important part of your worldview, then Jesus Christ should also be part of your worldview. Thank you.

Well... I guess since I get to cross the examine, I don't have many things to really question you about. I agree with you on abortion and a lot of things, like life and justice are very important things in the Christian life. So I can't really argue with you very much. One thing I'd like to ask you, just define veganism for everyone. I know what it is, but it's probably something that not everyone knows. Thank you.

I guess the only other thing is... Your view of government, and you seem to really harp on the bad

things, but do you have any appreciation for the protection that our government provides for us?

Andrew Bushard: I do. I do believe the Bill of Rights is a wonderful, wonderful document. I don't have anything else to say that I would hate to hear. In regards to protection, I have more fear of being hurt by Okay.

Greg Kvamme: That's really all I have for questions.

Andrew Bushard: Greg, should we as a society base our decisions upon what the majority of the people think is right? [Philosophers like Plato have argued that democracy, the idea that the popular is always right is not always the right way to govern society]. Then you would have to say democracy is not a good system because democracy... Is based on what the majority of people think is right. Do you believe it is okay to bomb a nation if we're doing it to ultimately preserve life? Do you believe abortion is wrong? Then, given those two premises you just agreed to, then you would logically have to say it's okay to bomb an abortion clinic.

Greg Kvamme: The difference I see there is that fines and allegations, well first of all, in Washington state, the clinic is legal right now. It's our nation, there's no law against it. They're not defying any law, but our government manages to regulate itself. There's usually very good reasons for doing that. Mainly the fact that they're violating the many things in law that people have raised against them.

Andrew Bushard: Are you suggesting if it's legal, it's right? [Like John Africa and MOVE Organization said, "Just because it's legal doesn't make it right."]

Greg Kvamme: No. But I am suggesting that that it's not right to break the law. Even if the law is immoral, as is the case of Roe v. Wade. I think I'm asking, I was just, breaking the law is a serious offense. I don't, I don't, I do not think that was the first, or the worst one, but I cannot say that,

Andrew Bushard: Do you believe we tend to value more what is scarce rather than what is plentiful? Do you believe a government which murders a 14 year old by shooting him in the back and murders a woman holding a baby in her arms just because someone sells two shot off shotguns, is the government worth defending?

Greg Kvamme: Define murder.

Andrew Bushard: Wrongful taking of life.

Greg Kvamme: It was a great day. Intentional, like, it was a great day. I mean, I don't think that the police, you know, walked up to me and said, "Shun, you're back." It wasn't anything signed up. It wasn't, I would have to say, it was an accident. If it wasn't an accident, I wouldn't have to say it. I can't say that. I guess I don't see it as a matter of murder.

Andrew Bushard: Do you believe a government that puts me on trial is a government worth defending? For daring to say what the liquor industry is. What is it? For pro- for legally protesting the liquor industry. They put me on trial. For disorderly conduct. Disorderly conduct?

Greg Kvamme: Um, I would have to, um...

Andrew Bushard: I was standing there not hurting anybody, just putting my message out there.

Greg Kvamme: Well, if they brought charges against you for this murder, it's kind of like they misguided you and brought this on you.

Andrew Bushard: Police officers are always right, aren't they? Do you believe politicians ever lie? Thus, could they be lying about the wars we fight? Do you think the death penalty is in contradiction with Christian principles? [Some anti-death penalty folks have argued the death penalty conflicts with Christianity]

Greg Kvamme: My personal opinion, before I answer this, I want to start by saying that I strive to study orthodox Christianity, the right interpretation of Christianity. And I'm a 23 year old, I'm not a bodybuilder, I'm not a spiritual leader. So I don't have to define, sorry, this is an area that a lot of Christians want to figure out. And that's okay, because you're not a spiritual leader, you're a spiritual leader. I, um, the question of, you know, I think the best time to, um, fall blind to Christianity, um, I see, when I read the Bible, every video I see, and I see judgment, I see the God of judgment, and, um, I see that, that there's,

Andrew Bushard: Even when it executes mentally retarded people? [A lot of people including some people who otherwise support the death penalty argue executing mentally disabled people is wrong]

Greg Kvamme: No.

Andrew Bushard: So the death penalty is not universal.

Greg Kvamme: I can't just say, you know, I do, I can't say that it is what it is. Okay.

Andrew Bushard: Do you believe the Christian churches who fought for prohibition back in the day were doing good?

Greg Kvamme: I'm glad about that. As far as alcohol, I'm not personally completely against alcohol. There's a lot of negative effects for abuse in the U.S. But when I was using moderation, I don't oppose that. Where it's within all legal, it's using moderation and within the law, the law is a human right. For the church to fight for prohibition, I don't think that would be a really important thing for you to do.

Andrew Bushard: Do you believe a pro-life police officer is an oxymoron? And you really don't know any full life in the sense of protecting innocent children that haven't been born, but full life in protecting all families?

Greg Kvamme: In regards to abortion. Sure, I'd like to put the two thoughts to believe that you could try to protect children with a child.

Andrew Bushard: Don't you think you would find out real quickly how pro-life any police officer would be if you tried to stop an abortion from happening?

Greg Kvamme: Police officers have a duty to defend and protect the services.

Andrew Bushard: Even if it's a segregationist system as we had 50 years ago in this country? even though it's a system that says racism is okay, as it was 50 years ago in this country?

Greg Kvamme: But I don't think, and I think a lot of people have been wrong with that, but I think I remember when the Indian-American did a lot to change some of the laws and things more than 100 years ago. So I don't know if they were successful. I don't know if a lot of that's what they were doing.

Andrew Bushard: They were Jim Crow laws. Remember those black people couldn't, eat at the same places as white people. Police would go into these establishments and fight for these establishments that were being racist.

Greg, do you believe that it is possible that any atheist has even a shred of morality, happiness, and meaning in their life? Thus it is possible to have at least some meaning, happiness, and morality without God.

Go ahead.

Greg Kvamme: I believe hell is the eternal resurrection of God and heaven is the full presence of the glory of God. And I believe that we receive the glory of God whether we are the presence of the glory of God, whether we accept it or not. So I would say that we experience and showing that you can be a part of it, part of it through a lot of your great morals that you have and also because I believe that you are in a better place now even though you don't accept it in the end.

Dave Stene: We're now going to take a five-minute intermission, and then we'll be setting up and have time for audience questions. So five minutes, and we'll be starting up again. And sometimes we're doing the writing and ask questions of our debaters. And you can ask questions. They will both respond to every question. But you can ask the questions specifically to one or the other, or they both know.

And so we do ask them to actually ask a question and not have the chance to do that.

[Note: the audio did not pick up all the audience questions and comments, so we can only print here what the debaters and moderators said when the audio did not pick up the audience questions and comments.]

Greg Kvamme: Well, part of the problem is that I think Andrew and I have a lot of things in common. So he has a lot of great morals and I can't really argue with that. My only argument that I can make is that I do believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and that he made claims. And the only thing I can do is try and present cases of how that fits your life. And this is my first debate, so I'll definitely get better at learning how to debate an atheist. I believe it's vital to think outside the box.

Audience Member?: Do you want this debate to be like every other debate?

Andrew Bushard: No, that would not be very exciting. I want to bring in the new. I want to bring in the revolutionary. We need to get out of these old

molds. We need to see it in a different way. For example, everyone always wants us to talk about evolution. There are other issues to talk about, other issues that are more pressing, other issues that are more essential. Don't be held to these rigid paradigms that say debates have to go one way or another. It's good to get out of the old mold.

Andrew Bushard: The question you're asking is assuming I'm trying to prove there is no God. This is very important to address the definition of what atheism is. George Smith addressed as perfectly good in his book, *Atheism, the Case Against God*. George Smith says "There's two types of atheism, strong and weak atheism. Strong atheism is the type that says there is no God. Weak atheism is a type that says I do not believe in God. He says the difference between these two... Is one overly confident because it makes a declarative statement there is no God, while the other one is just saying, the God that you have." I don't believe in that. If you show me a good God, I will believe in that. Atheism has thus been defined as a lack of belief in God.

Audience Member: Do you want to make a break?
[AI came up with this sentence, yet it doesn't make

sense given the context and I can't remember what he/she said]

Andrew Bushard: No. I would be a weak atheist according to George Smith's definition. Okay. Sure. Or Zeus or Allah. Any God that I've seen that conceptions this society has given us.

Not Sure the Speaker: Okay, so what do you want to do? You said, so if there are people in the restaurant, I'm going to ask them to do something like that. I know I want to do something myself. I'm going to ask them, you know, I'm going to ask them to do something. But I know there's someone who's watching over me. What do you want to do? Is watching over you or was there a cause of that I'm looking for and not telling you or not? I don't believe there necessarily was a cause. Certainly... Whenever a tragedy happens, Christians say, look, God saved me from this tragedy. But wouldn't God have prevented a tragedy in the first place from happening? That's what I wonder. There is a true devil, and there is people in this world. And he is the God of this world, and he is the true devil. And he has put people on this planet, and I believe that's just why he's so... That things happen. And there is a church that does. Do you not believe that there is a church that does? Out there, when you have any

religious children, they're not... They don't believe in the Christian God.

Andrew Bushard: I don't believe in the Christian God. I don't believe in the Christian God. I assume that's being asked to me. You're also assuming I hate America, which I don't. I think the Bill of Rights is an excellent document. I just refuse to accept mediocrity, evil, and injustice. If our government is doing that, I'm going to say so. You could have said that to Martin Luther King Jr. He was speaking out against the government all the time. Why did he live here? I don't hate America. I hate evil and injustice. I don't have that many complaints about America. I live here. I understand that since I live in America that, yeah, there's pros and cons to it. But I live here, and I make the best out of it.

Andrew Bushard: Yes, I do believe that truth is an absolute. The idea of relative truth to me doesn't make any sense because I see truth as being something that is common. It's something that you use to communicate with and it's something that if we didn't have any truth, if we didn't have an absolute truth, it would be hard for us to...

Greg Kvamme: To really have a meaningful conversation because we could each be flat out lying

and what's our conversation. I think that there is an absolute truth and there are many sources of it and one of them is the Bible claims to have the answers and it makes strong claims and it's backed up by more than just evidence but experience and several other things. So I do believe that there is absolute truth. And I do believe that a very important source of absolute truth is the Bible.

Andrew Bushard: I also believe in the phenomenon of absolute truth, but I don't believe it comes from the Bible. I believe a wise way to live is the way a man named Herbert M. Shelton said, “is to live in harmony with the laws of nature.”

Dave Stene: There are a lot of people with hands up, and I'm not going to be able to get out of these. Please just a hand up first. So, please start me any time you want. And I'll hear you at the front, and I'll hear you at the back.

All right, we've got a question for Greg. Greg, you are for the rights, right?

Greg Kvamme: Yes, and for the... I hope that there is no end to the hand-in-the-finger. And the way it was, and...

Audience Member: Sorry, I like you then. Alright. So, in the... So, you for the rights, right?

Andrew Bushard: Sure. You for the Constitution? I have issues with the other part of the Constitution. Okay, go on. Go on to the right side of the entire, correct? Sure. All right, then. If you may have said something over the face of the fourth amendment, or the second amendment, or the third amendment, Certainly. You know, you said the right house, you said the right, you mean the court, and I was going to use the, do you have that right? If I, you say it's enough. Okay. Legally, legally we do have that right. Legally we do have that right. So what things, or what can you do to help other people? Why do you feel that you should be taking this right? So not just to make them a better life, not just a pro-life, why not be a pro-better life? Instead of having kids whose moms had them when they were, you know, 14 or 15, 15 whatever, were raised, whatever that was, you know, you're welcome to stay at home, but if the kids have to do it, if that's the society that you're afraid of, So, can you explain that? You seem to be suggesting it's better to kill someone than to let them live a life

which may not be the best, but I believe that is wrong because life, life, life is paramount. It is key.

Audience Member: According to the dictionary, it's defined as someone who some organism or organism cell that lives in another organism or cell that doesn't do anything for it, it just eats off it. Now, I know I'm not a doctor here, but I'm pretty sure that when a child decides to eat, that all it does is hang around in there and eat off it. Now, therefore, we're trying to get rid of it, you know, we... I don't believe a child is killing a mother by being in her womb. That is abhorrent to suggest. I'd like to also make some comments on that. I would ask, first of all, when is human life defined as over or dead? Yeah. When is it over? So it's over when the heart stops beating and the brain is not functioning. Is it fair to say that life begins when we do have a heartbeat? I don't believe life begins until you're living. I know that if you look at a horse or a horse, I thought that was a guy. But I think that it's something that comes straight off you the way that it is. But that child, even when that child is born and is considered a human life within the first few days, it is still dearly dependent on its mother for food and care.

Greg Kvamme: I guess I'm going to just throw my opinion out here. I think the most important thing

about abortion comes before that in being responsible. That when you're old enough to be able to bear a child, to have sex, to be responsible about that. If you're going to have sex, then take the responsibility for what you do with that and don't just think that you can... Not care about other people and just fulfill your own desires. But obviously, rape is a tough call because It's out of the mother's realm of responsibility. But I do believe that adoption is a very viable option. And I know my cousin had a child when she was 15, and she had a second one with the same jerk when she was 18. And I am blown away because she is a wonderful mother, and she has two great little boys. And Just because they're 15, it doesn't have to ruin their life. In her life, it was one of the best things she ever did, even though it was a mistake.

Andrew Bushard: Thank you. A key reason is because I love justice. I believe ultimately the Bible in Protestant Christianity is affirming injustice because if you don't believe in God, you're going to burn in hell forever, no matter how good you are. I don't believe Mother Teresa was a Protestant Christian. Looks like she might burn in hell. I think that's unjust.

Announcement: May I have your attention please? Mohammed Kwesar, All American Toilet is waiting for you in 11A. I repeat, Mohammed Kwesar, All American Toilet is waiting for you in 11A. Thank you.

Audience Member: There are a lot of arguments made about cops in society and how you can put them in the criminal. Do you think that a cop should have opinions about a woman, if it was her way, and still defend the boys and things? Do you think that a cop can't stand against a law, but still uphold something that's higher than the law, the law of the land, and the law?

Andrew Bushard: I believe it's possible depending on how we're using these words. I can have any view I want, but I believe it's important to see how it's used in your life. Notice I'm not working for a slaughterhouse. Notice I'm not working for a tavern. These are views I don't have. I can say I'm against a tavern but work for one. That's why we must integrate it into our life. If a police officer is opposing abortion, yet they are arresting people who are heroes because they are willing to stand up to these abortion clinics, like Joe Schreidler, then the police officers are essentially saying through their actions they're not as pro-life as we think.

Greg Kvamme: Well, there are some things out there in the mid-law that I personally agree with, but I don't agree with the mid-law, because there are some things that are out there that are typically good for the federal schools of the people in the federal society.

Dave Stene: Um, due to the timing that we're gonna have for the debate, if we can kind of have the audience person continue on here and then Greg and Andrew will hear on afterwards so if you want to talk about that for the debate, we can go over it and then we can do that.

Audience Member: Okay, hello. First of all, I just want to thank you guys for coming out here and having an influential day, regardless of what people say here. And just to keep in mind, whatever steps anybody would use, it's not all in the past, so I don't want to be in the way. But with that in mind, and I don't want to bring this, you know, this shouldn't really be a pro-life, very pro-life sort of argument, but I was just wondering what you guys see as far as, say, conception and where you regard life and pro-life. And you say pro-life, but it's such a vague definition when you say life. And I was just

wondering when it comes to like, say in the case of, say Thomas and Phoenix, I think that was, he's the one who had said that lightning answered the state of the problem, that in the cell of the sperm and the egg knowing, therefore it's unremarkable. And it's what it called, that it was unremarkable. And it was essentially just, you know, versus what we know. I was wondering, technically you say that a sperm is a lie. And you say that in any life. And when the administration then has millions of students that never make it. And I was scoring the review list of what constitutes a good life.

Dave Stene: And, yeah. I'd like to thank, rebound and thank everyone else for coming tonight. Also, if anyone takes off before, like, I understand. But thank you all for coming.

Greg Kvamme: I would have to... Say that life would begin at conception, that to me seems like it's, you know, a sperm by itself is not going to produce a human life, and an egg by itself isn't going to produce a life. But once those two join, then there's a shot. And I would say, I'd have to say that life begins there. Maybe I should say ditto. But somebody who is Well, there was a lot of us, I guess, to be able to debate them.

Audience Member: But I was just wondering, you know, you've used that argument for a lot of these talks. I mean, in the case of what it means to be a vegan. But at what point, you know, it develops. And I was just wondering, would you say that there are other elements other than just the formula, you know, that would actually create a term?

Andrew Bushard: All right. All right. Thanks for the debate. Thank you. You mentioned that there should be a debate from people from the Women's Center. Funny you mentioned that, because I approached several people from the Women's Center, Women's Studies Department, National Abortion Rights, Action League. They were unwilling to debate, but Greg here was so great that he would debate. Last year, Chris Wagner also debated. That's really good. In regards to your question, could you repeat it?

Audience Member: Was there anything else that you needed besides just the sperm and egg?

Andrew Bushard: You certainly need more for it to flourish, for it to survive. If you have a sperm and egg out of nowhere, it's not going to do anything.

Greg Kvamme: Yeah, I ditto that one. Definitely needs to be in the mother's womb, I guess, but it's also possible to do it in a laboratory, I guess. But, yeah, it's more than just the two joining on the street and hooking up. I have a separate question to do with that. Andrew, if you don't believe that God is possible for life and for what's going on, do you believe that there is some sort of power at work that does keep us going and that does create a life force?

Andrew Bushard: I would say nature. And I don't know if there's necessarily... If there was actually something that created nature before nature came there. Of course, as any atheist will say, then there's "an infinite regress about God. They will say, who created God?"

Greg Kvamme: So you can respond to that. I actually do want to respond to that. So there are just another question. So you believe that it's more of a given thing, so if God created us, who created God? That's your atheist belief.

Audience Member: Okay, my question is for Greg. Outside of the Bible, which is not documented, proven, Well, I'm not a Bible scholar, so like Josephus and Aquinas, I pulled that from the books,

I pulled this from the books. But I guess Does something have to be... Is something guilty until proven innocent or innocent until proven guilty? I just want to get a little bit out of the way.

Greg Kvamme: When you're talking about the Messiah, I think millions of people who don't believe in Christ are looking for more than just... I'll still answer the question. Yeah. Well, I didn't follow you exactly, but I would argue that a lot of... That Jesus did perform... Like, you know, the Christians claim that Jesus performed a lot of miracles. And I would ask that if... If you're proposing that Jesus really didn't claim those, that those miracles really didn't happen, that they were made up, then I would ask, why would the disciples who wrote the New Testament, why would they make that up? Why would they die for their faith, die for these things, if they didn't really happen? All right. Certainly those bring up important issues.

Andrew Bushard: I do believe that it is It is difficult to say absolutely wrong in all circumstances. Thus, there's times in the real world where one action will violate one moral you hold while doing the other action will violate another moral you hold. Thus, you'll have to choose between the two. In regards to those situations, one scholar pointed out,

I believe it was a pro-life feminist who said, “when you abort a baby who is conceived because of rape, you are penalizing the baby who did nothing.” Same for incest, of course.

Greg Kvamme: It's a difficult question, and it's hard for me to... I'm not a woman, so I don't have a lot of right to say that. Women obviously have more say in that. I've Personally, my character and the character that I would hope other people would have is to put other people before themselves. And so in the case of rape, I would hope that the woman... Would be strong enough and would have enough support to carry the child to term and put it up for adoption. So that's the moral side of it. As far as a law, I don't know if you're looking for that question. You can go both ways because there's a claim that the backyard abortions were killing so many people and so when we legalized it, it made it better. But I don't buy that. I don't know if legalized abortion, I don't think it's any better than illegal abortion. So that's kind of where I stand. It's kind of iffy, but I swear to God.

Quote the Bible about abortion? Well, shall not murder. I believe that a child is human, that it's human from conception. And after 20 days, it has a heartbeat. So to kill the child because you don't want

to care for it. It's right in one of the Ten Commandments. Because of her crazy habits, they were too important to be with the child. Everything she looked, knowing that a terrible father is also a good father. I mean, she had a subject with these men for a long time. I mean, I deal with her a lot. I'm pretty proud of her. I deal with her a lot. I mean, she's got five now. She had nothing when she was 15 years old. So if you were that child that was born from rape, would you wish that you would have been aborted then? I want to keep that in mind. I mean, I have a lot of physical knowledge. I have mental problems. I have a lot of physical knowledge. I have a lot of physical knowledge. Do you believe that the child would agree with you there? Do you think the child wishes that they weren't born? I guess you don't have to answer that. Yeah. Well, and I don't know how relevant it is. But I do have the...

I still believe that adoption is a very viable option. And she's looking at me like, "I'm so nervous." And I'm like, "I'm nervous." And she's like, "I'm nervous." And I'm like, "I'm nervous." And she's like, "I'm nervous." And I'm like, "I'm nervous." And she's like, "I'm nervous." And she's like, "I'm nervous." And she's like, "I'm nervous." And she's

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that they should be open for those who do have such
problems like that and for their choice. I don't really
know how to hold work in place with them from the
whole perspective of our movies because working in
itself is a bit and sometimes I don't get to tell but I
know that I actually can get some work to do without
working in them. Sorry, I have a question. Is, okay,
favorite book you can really book and So, I was like,

no money, and got an abortion, and leave. Alright, so you guys came, like, both to get the abortion. So, okay, so nobody got an abortion. Okay, everybody had a kid, but they would have to own the other because they weren't able to afford it. Is it really fair that you got to both sides from you being able to do it? In fact, here you have to pay for it, and everybody else is going to pay for it.

Andrew Bushard: The matter definitely needs to be corrected before I respond to this very good question. I did not say an abortion clinic should be bombed. I was asking Greg if it was okay to bomb an abortion clinic. I was getting at the fact if someone thinks it's okay to bomb another nation, then logically they would have to say it's okay to bomb another nation. In abortion clinics, I believe both are usually wrong. In regards to your question, should taxpayers have to pay for mistakes people make? In one sense, we should not punish innocent people for mistakes of others, but I also believe the role of the state is to make it as... To make people not want to have abortions, to make people want to have life. If the mother doesn't want to care for it, then the state should step in. If we are serious about promoting life, then that's what the state must do. I don't believe it's right for someone to be punished for what someone else does, but the state should step in.

Greg Kvamme: I would also... - Well, first of all, as far as should the state, like if the laws change and if there was a, if abortion is illegal, then there might be other laws about changing about welfare. So I guess I can't speak much for the state, but I can throw in, as a Christian, what our attitude should be, since that's part of this debate. And someone asked me to say what the Bible has to say about this, and if I can find it. I think it's James that says that Oh, I may be wrong. That we should care for orphans and widows. True religion is that which cares for orphans and widows. I can get that quote for you if you guys want it. But as a Christian, I would say that we should care for those people. And a side note, I believe that if we as Christians would really follow this, then we could have that change in our society. So that's my answer. And it's been, you know, some people, a lot of people come from France, they think that's interesting, and they really take it to the best, and they think that's really great, and they make their own, and make their own value to the community, and that's really interesting. There's been more people coming to OV. I'm not saying that it's right or wrong. I'm just saying, is it, because they both have a very soft side to OV, and that's kind of the possibility. I'm just saying, both sides, I would say, it's a very tough side.

Audience Member: I have two questions, and then we'll do a question. - Yay! - Woo! - First of all, George, I can, excuse me, first of all, I'm using the doctor's paper.

Andrew Bushard: Absolutely. But if all the times of life involve the entire human being, where does that come from? An essential question asked to any atheist. My answer may differ from the answer of those other atheists. As many of you may not know, I am not your typical atheist. My answer to that question is, The laws of nature Many people misunderstand them. We need to listen to what Herbert M. Shelton said, "The laws of nature are what will lead to happiness" because if you eat 30 hamburgers a day, there's a law of nature against that. He has told us as a society when we betray the laws of nature, when we put death and pollution in us, as we so often do, we will thus die. Lead miserable lives: We'll get health problems we have in this country. It is because people are not following the laws of nature [according to Herbert M. Shelton in his books]. Can you rephrase the question then?

Audience Member: Where do the laws of nature come from? And then they're like, "Why? How can you use that green supply?" And then we go with the

names, and you see it, and you see it in the drugstore, and you see all that stuff. And they do things that you would say is not appropriate, as it means. So you're saying that green is the supply chain, or you're not saying that the only thing in the animal or the plant or whatever, that that's not the supply chain, or what is the supply chain?

Andrew Bushard: The law of nature for humans are these principles which lead to life being affirmed. For example, smoking pot is not good. I don't believe any of you should do that. Smoking pot is putting smoke in your lungs. "Our lungs are not made to have smoke in them" [Mumia Abu Jamal and others]. That is the law of nature against putting pollutants in. What about moral laws? Those come from nature because nature depends on what is life. I didn't say "survival of the fittest". I said life. "Survival of the fittest" is not necessarily life.

Audience Member: I would disagree. Okay, I will do that. Go on. Um, second thing. Do you have a response to this? No. Alright. Um, second thing. Do you... My guess is you do not believe in the Christian God because I mean, you know, you said you do not believe in the Christian God because you don't. Right. This is Andrew, right?

Andrew Bushard: I believe... Lots of what I have heard, read, does not lead me to believe the Christian God is just.

Audience Member: The whole Bible talks about believing in the life of a just God. There's a couple things about that. If we have a life of a just God, first of all, he's not going to lead us to life of a just God. How is it good to have a life of a God that leads you to life of a just God? Not necessarily.

Andrew Bushard: Can you ask a question? I haven't... My understanding is you have to believe in God, but a God that puts belief at everything is not the type of God I'm going to believe. One atheist debater said, "Maybe God rewards atheists over Christians because atheists have the courage to doubt God." [Dan Barker]

Greg Kvamme: There's a lot of stories that I know of being shy and stuff. I'll go about the work and why somebody, why you consider a leader to be a princess. But I'm not going to make one point right now. Anyway, my question is, when you're in a relationship, why do you believe, or do you not believe in any guy? What is your basis for not wanting to be a guy? I believe in the Christian God because I have not come across anything better. I've

been a Christian since I was four years old. It was a miracle that I could understand the decision I was making at that age, but I fully understood it. So I have a bias, but I also have done a lot of research. And I believe in God... Not because of the research. I couldn't read these books when I was four years old. I believe in God because it fits. My life makes sense. And it's a complete worldview. I believe in the Christian God because as mysterious as he is, he's not that mysterious that I can't believe him. And there's just, there's enough for me to believe. And It's been just a fantastic experience learning more about God and I haven't come across any problems that I couldn't tackle with God.

Andrew Bushard: The Christian God doesn't make any sense to me. People try to explain it, but it doesn't make any sense to me. These other gods, they don't make any sense to me. Some conceptions of God are certainly better than others. Certainly liberal Christians have a better view. I think in some ways Catholicism has a better view of God than Protestant Christianity. At least in Catholicism, good works get you to heaven, not just belief.

Audience Member: You didn't say why you don't believe that. You didn't say why you are a weak atheist.

Andrew Bushard: I did say because I don't... Because those gods were good. Yes, that's what atheism is. Atheists will tell you that atheism is not in itself an affirmation. It is a negation. Not to much extent.

Greg Kvamme: The reason I stated before that I have not come across any better example. And the biggest thing is the life of Jesus Christ. That there is no other religion out there that has a... I mean... I'm assuming that Jesus Christ was on this earth. And the fact that Jesus Christ was here, he was either a lunatic. Like that no one should even pay attention to, or he was the Christ. Because if he was not truly God, then he was a big liar. And the biggest, there's just a lot of things about Jesus Christ, and no other religion has a good explanation. They can't deny that Jesus was Christ. I haven't come across one.

You said you had a memory of a person who was probably a believer. Not to a great extent, but like Islam, they deny that Jesus was Christ. They say that there is no God but Allah. Mormons believe that Jesus Christ was not God. And all the, I mean, you don't have to research them to a great extent to see when they contradict, when, you know, one of their biggest things is a contradiction that Jesus Christ was God.

Andrew Bushard: Yes. I think I made that clear. I'm not wearing leather shoes. They are made out of synthetics [from what I researched]. No, they're not. I researched Adidas: Adidas running shoes, running shoes are made, they don't make them out of leather. "Leather is very heavy and sweat "[which is a reason some manufacturers say they don't use leather]. They use, they do not use leather.

Audience Member: So what are synthetic made of? What does synthetic come from?

Andrew Bushard: Oils. [Common Knowledge]

Audience Member: Where does oil come from?

Andrew Bushard: From the ground. It's the ground. That's it.

Greg Kvamme: It doesn't come from decomposing animals?

Andrew Bushard: Animals that live naturally.

Dave Stene: Alright, there's some people who can do it, but I think there's a lot of pointy ones.

Audience Member: But, um, you believe in your soul life, and you say you only live in darkness. So, would you go get a garden man to let him bomb or harm and put him in?

Andrew Bushard: No, I made it very clear I do not support bombing abortion clinics. I'm not a violent person. Consistently, in my worldview, is life. I would not believe in bombing an abortion clinic. I do believe there are heroes who are willing to stand up and prevent abortion from happening.

Not sure who said this: Thanks, Paul.

Andrew Bushard: No, I'm not. I'm not. I'm saying it's right. I'm saying the heroes are the people who non-violently protest abortion. Then they get in the clinics. They stop abortion.

Joe Schnieder. Certainly not. I would like to see evidence if there was. He did not. He's a good Catholic man. I was protesting a liquor shop. I was standing on the sidewalk, the public sidewalk. I was found not guilty, too. Go to trial. I said it myself. I

got the transcripts that should be coming, I should get them pretty soon. I got the transcripts pretty soon coming to me.

Not sure who said this: Andrew, you know I got the call, right?

Not sure who said this: That is very right.

Not sure who said this: Come on, you excited?

Andrew Bushard: I have. Are you suggesting if you haven't tried something, then you can't criticize it? I think that's a completely foolish belief to have. Alcohol leads to tremendous tears and sadness. It leads to riots. Right. Next time someone might die [I watched a courtcase of a guy with several DUIs and the judge said, "Next time someone might die.", so I repeated that here. Yes it does. Look at all these people who have to... No child deserves to live in an alcoholic home [Kindly see the book *Adult Children of Alcoholics* by Janet Wotitz for more information on this]. No child deserves that fate. There is no, very little good that comes from alcohol. Alcohol is evil, it's a poison.

Audience Member: How is it a poison if doctors didn't recommend you to have a small alcohol?

Andrew Bushard: If doctors say it, then it must be right [Many sages question the idea that experts are always right]. Well, it's no good.

Audience Member: You're a vegan, correct?

Andrew Bushard: I am.

Audience Member: You think if you just let a doctor say it, you gotta be ready for the fact that it's not good for us. How do you feel about the fact that you're not eating a lot of food, but you're eating a lot of something that you don't eat that much? It looks like I might need.

Andrew Bushard: I am a runner. I run frequently. I don't have any problems. I run marathons. What's this? I'm not eating that. I am Vegan.

Audience Member: I was trying to get an idea. I was trying to get an idea. Don't sweat that.

Andrew Bushard: You think I'm skinny?

Audience Member: No. Not that skinny.

Andrew Bushard: No. I haven't seen any. Show me the positive aspects. Where are they? If something is economically sound, it's right to do it. That was argued for slavery, wasn't it [history books tell that slave owners justified slavery for its economic benefits]? Slavery is wrong. Yes, we are. Analogy. Analogy. At the time I actually did like the taste, but then I saw the disaster that arises from alcohol. Later on. Disaster, my personal family, I live in an alcoholic home. There is endless tears and sadness. Happy, that's an illusion. Illusion. We need to be more concerned about the sublime rather than hedonistic. We need to be more concerned about making the most number of people happy. When there's alcohol in society, we are going downhill. We would be better off by far if it was gone. "Moderation in everything is a farce. I never saw one."

Dave Stene: Thank you for all your questions. And we're going to have a closing statement now. And Andrew begins with a closing statement.

Andrew Bushard: Truth, the pillar of existence, we must take some crucial steps. Steps that may

involve sacrifice, may involve discipline, but in the end, these will be better for you.

One move is to give up television when a device only serves... Bad ends instead of good. We must do without it. When a device disadvantages, far away the advantages. We must do without it. I will testify firsthand to the benefits of living television free. I have given up television seven, eight years ago. It has done magnificent in my life. It can happen in your life too.

It's also important to become straight edge and vegan. Straight edge is what is on my hat. Straight edge is no drinking or other drugs. It's also realizing that we should save sexual intercourse for a committed relationship. That is wise. Very, very wise.

We also need a revolution. We need a different type of revolution than we have seen before. Our founders had an awesome revolution, a beautiful revolution, a revolution to establish the Bill of Rights. That was a liberty revolution. As good as any revolution is, it cannot do everything. Revolutions usually work on one dynamic. It's hard enough to overcome one aspect of society. Thus we must fill in the gaps.

We need an anti-miasma revolution. The miasma are influences which tend to corrupt and pollute. We need to put purity, the sublime, over the hedonistic. We need to exalt the glorious. We need to exalt the noble. We need to make sacrifices because that is the better way.

It certainly involves doing without abortion. We need to get rid of that force.

To do this, we must seize control of the government from the people who have it and in turn establish a better way. A society of justice, love. We need a political party. Political party I am a part of can take control. We can make sure that justice reigns. We can make sure that purity reigns. We can make sure that the noble and the right occur everywhere.

I am a revolutionary because as a revolutionary I refuse to put up with injustice, mediocrity and evil. So many people are so determined to defend the status quo at all costs. I am not.

They will call you names [Like many have said]. They'll give ad hominem attacks. But you have to do what is right. You have to be willing to engage in revolution. Revolutionaries are special people. I encourage you all to become a revolutionary. There's

risk to be sure. Certainly bullets have been taken for revolutionaries. That's a risk we take for a better society, a society that's worth it. Beautiful, awesome, glorious society. A society founded on life. One group I really like is the MOVE organization because they believe in life. They believe in all types of life. Life is a cornerstone of them. There's not many out there who I agree with on everything, but the MOVE organization is one organization that comes true. Consequently, our government decided to bomb them.

We also need to use a certain type of eclecticism. With Christianity, you're putting all your eggs in one basket. In Christianity, you may be wrong. No one has a perfect mind, thus, if you put all your aches in one basket, you bet everything on Christianity, you lose everything. While if you're eclectic, you put your aches in different baskets. I don't have all my aches in one basket. I might be wrong on abortion, but I might be right on something else. Thus, if I happen to be wrong on abortion, I watch just that. I have all these other things.

Ways that I could be right. It is prudent, it is wise to be eclectic, to not put all your eggs in one basket.

We also need a secular worldview. We need to abandon... A worldview which is transcendental. I believe living life for its own sake is the highest virtue. Secularism is beautiful. Atheists are in the best position to value life because atheists see life as finite. Greg admitted we value the scarce over the plentiful. Therefore... Christians are not going to value life as much as atheists because they see life as infinite, while I and other atheists see life as finite.

The cartoon character Ziggy said, "You can either... be sad that the rose has thorns, or be happy that the thorn has roses." So many times people say to atheists, I can't believe you're not unbelievably depressed. That you're going to die. We can either dwell on the fact we're going to die or we can dwell on life. I say we should dwell on life. Life is beautiful, magnificent. I'm not promising life will always be fun, happy, joyful, or even just. But I will say life is beautiful.

I am glad that I wasn't aborted. I was glad that I made it here. Because I've had some awesome experiences. I don't believe every second of my life is joyful.

I get depressed too. That is natural. You should get depressed when there's injustice [Like the saying goes “If you aren’t outraged, you’re not paying attention.”] When there's a government that shoots 14-year-olds in the back. Government that shoots a woman holding a baby in her arms. A very strong woman.

In order for this to happen, we need a revolution. We must overturn the current society, the current status quo. I choose that, because I don't want to put up with mediocrity. I don't want to put up with evil or injustice, which happens too much time, too much these days. A revolution is beautiful. The saying is, “Revolution is the only solution.”

Think of the possibilities. Think outside the box. Think what can arise when revolution dominates our days. Revolution. Revolution. Let that be your mantra. I am willing to engage in this anti-miasma revolution. I encourage you all to hop on board. It will be magnificent. It will be beautiful. It will be fantastic.

Long live truth. Long live justice. Long live life.

Greg Kvamme: I have ten minutes, but I'm not going to be able to use that up. I don't have that much to say. I do want to comment, though, on...

The two things that Andrew mentioned about eclecticism, I don't put all my eggs in one basket. I don't believe you lose anything by committing your life to Christ. I believe you have everything to gain. It is true that you die to yourself, but it is so much greater to... To live for Christ and let Christ live in you. And I cherish my life just as much as Andrew. I am so grateful.

I've had miracles in my life. Like last year, I went on a rope swing across a ravine and the board broke. The board I was sitting on broke. And I flew through the ravine like 30 feet. Could have gotten impaled by a rock or a tree stump or something. No, all I did was I chipped my tooth. And... I mean, I'm just so thankful for life.

And I agree with Andrew on so many things about just making the world a better place. And life is very valuable, and you're not throwing it away by putting your faith in God.

As far as, yeah, the finite and infinite thing, it's nothing. So it doesn't... Just because I believe that I will live forever in heaven doesn't mean that I don't cherish my life that I have now.

The only other thing is I would just like to ask you guys to study the Bible. Don't just read it, but study it. Look into it. And if you have questions, ask those questions. Ask those good questions.

The thing I love about this book is that Greg Boyd is writing to his dad, and he's saying these are great questions. It's good to be a skeptic because you'll make a much better Christian than if you accept it blindly. So ask those questions.

We're going to have a discussion group. If you have questions about Christianity, fill out that blue card and leave your name. We'd love to... I have a lot of people that supported me so much in this.

The Bible, just give it a chance. Study it and let it transform your life because it is amazing.

Dave Stene: Thank you all for coming and sticking through it. And Greg and Andrew will be out here if you want to ask some more questions afterwards.