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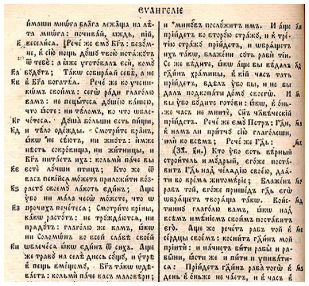

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There is no admission fee. The debate will take place at the Chapel of Our Lord/Werner Auditorium at Concordia University-Chicago in River Forest (see https://cuchicago.edu). Starting time for the debate will be 9:30 AM Central Daylight Savings Time; closing time will be 1:30 PM, or 2:00 PM at the latest. The audience will have an opportunity to ask questions of either or both lecturers for 45 minutes at the end of the debate period, which "Question and Answer" session will be moderated.

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More information about Dr. Kloha and his work can be found at: http://www.csl.edu/faculty/exegetical/kloha. More information about Dr. Montgomery and his work can be found at: www.jwm.christendom.co.uk and www.apologeticsacademy.eu.

The debate is being sponsored by the Lutheran Concerns Association (http://lutheranclarion.org), along with our co-sponsors: Balance-Concord, Inc., The Brothers of John the Steadfast (www.steadfastlutherans.org), The Association of Confessing Evangelical Lutheran Congregations (www.acelc.net), Minnesota North Confessional Lutherans, and Texas Confessional Lutherans.

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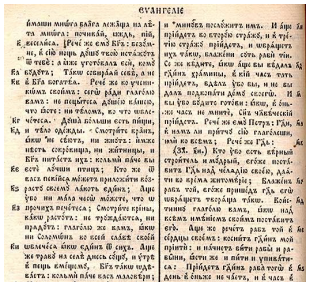

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