CAC 13 Week Apologetics

Bible 201: Everyday Biblical Apologetics: Thinking Like Jesus

A Beginners Guide to The Ultimate Proof

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A very rough outline

- Dec 01 Introduction, Glory of God, The Mind of Christ: A Way of Thinking Culture Shift, Act 2, 17, Tell me a (an Origin) story
- Dec 08 Definitions, Methodologies, Answer/Don't Answer (Prov 26:4-5) Big Picture, Pre-Modern, Modern, Post-Modern, Defeaters, Science
- Dec 15 Which God, Reality Check, World Views, By What Standard Antithesis & Enmity, Why so many religions? Origin, Destiny, Meaning, Morality
- Dec 22 Rules of Engagement, Neutrality, Begging the Question Proof vs Persuasion
- Dec 29 Transcendental Apologetics The Nuclear Option Ultimate Authority, World View Analysis, Transcendentals, AIIUs, Preconditions Of Intelligibility - Resources For Meaning
- Jan 05 Transcendental Apologetics Internal Critique, Impossibility of the Contrary
- Jan 12 Transcendental Apologetics Max,
- Jan 19 Classical Apologetics Shotgun
 Basic rules of thought RC Sproul, Cosmological, Teleological, Ontological
- Jan 26 Classical Apologetics Creation
- Feb 02 Evidential Apologetics Repeater Creation, 14 Evidences, ID
- Feb 09 Evidential Apologetics Dino Soft Tissue, Cell
- Feb 16 Application, Q & A
- Feb 23 Application, Q & A

A Three-Fold Cord – How Good Theology, Philosophy & Science Reinforce One Another

Part 1. Introduction Truth Is One – All truth is God's truth Opening Comments

In 1881 Friedrich Nietzsche asserted, in his book "Daybreak" that "God is dead". This became the rallying cry for the generations of atheists that followed. The big question is what did this industrial strength atheist mean by God is dead? He meant that the era of God as a cultural influence was over. God was no longer relevant. He thought an entirely new culture was in order completely devoid of any Christian influence, a complete revision of Western Culture. He also thought whatever human lives need to be sacrificed to further the evolutionary advancement of the human race was a good thing. "Life is war" he said. The last 150 years have been the bloodiest in human history. Nietzsche's ideas have been very successful, and he is considered one of the top three most influential philosophers in the last 150 years, influencing the Nazi's and the current malignant stage of post-modernism exhibited most visibly in the political conflicts and public restrooms, where truth itself is no longer relevant.

We are witnessing a war of worldviews; Irreconcilable, mutually exclusive views of reality. The division that so many speak of cannot be clearer. One side says, "In the beginning God... and because of that fundamental truth there is structure, order and purpose for man, and the world to discover." This is the root idea in America's Declaration of Independence that says "...all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights...", as well the foundation of science.

The other "In the beginning nothing... and because of that it is up to man to create his own structure, order and purpose out of the chaos. It is up to us to create our own reality, even who and what we are." Of course, there is a whole spectrum of inconsistent shades in between.

Either man is made in the image of God with purpose, or we are just animals, the current result of a long chain of random, meaningless, purposeless accidents.

The hope of this book is to begin to reverse this trend.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your ...mind."

In the Gospels we find the greatest commandment: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment" Matthew 22:36-38, Mark 12:28, Luke 10:27

True Christianity is a whole life view or worldview. It is not just a human 'perspective', but involves the entirety of reality as viewed from the perspective and purpose of the Creator Himself. It is absolute Truth itself. Abram Kyper said, "There is not one square inch of the world over which Jesus does not say 'Mine!'. I would add not one cubic inch of the universe acts independently of Christ's lordship.

Ps 24:1	"The earth is the Lord's and fullness thereof."

Is 6:3 "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His	giorv.
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Ps 119:64 "The earth is full of Your lovingkindness, oh Lord"

Ps 19:1 "The Heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork."

Ps 97:6 "The Heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His Glory."