

End-Times Apologetics

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What is Christian apologetics?

The English word “apology” comes from a Greek word which basically means “to give a defense.”

- Christian apologetics, then, is the science of giving a defense of the Christian faith.

Why do we need Christian Apologetics?

There are many skeptics who doubt the existence of God and/or attack belief in the God of the Bible.

- There are many critics who attack the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible.
- There are many false teachers promoting doctrines that deny the key truths of the Christianity.

Christian apologetics combats these movements and instead promotes biblical truth.

Who should be engaged in Christian apologetics?

All followers of Christ... it is a command:

1 Peter 3:15 – *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...*

There is no excuse for a Christian to be unable to defend their faith.

- Every Christian should be able to give a reasonable presentation of what they believe and why they believe it.

Why is it important to defend the Christian faith *with gentleness and respect*?

Defending the Christian faith with apologetics should never involve being rude, angry, or disrespectful.

- While practicing Christian apologetics, we should strive to be strong in our defense and at the same time Christlike in our presentation.
- If we win a debate but turn a person even further away from Christ by our attitude, we have lost the true purpose of Christian apologetics.

What types of apologetics are there?

- **Classical Apologetics** – sharing proofs and evidences that the Christian message is true.
- **Presuppositional Apologetics** – confronting the presuppositions (preconceived ideas, assumptions) behind anti-Christian positions.
- **Evidential Apologetics** – emphasizes evidences in favor of the truth of Christianity with arguments from areas such as archeology, fulfilled messianic prophecy, and especially from miracles.

Which of these apologetic types is the most effective?

It really depends on the person and situation. Often, a combination of these types may be the most effective.

What would be the most important miracle to point out when using evidential apologetics?

The resurrection of Christ. As Jesus told the religious leaders of His day, this was premiere sign they would have that He was indeed the Messiah.

- There is plenty of evidence that the resurrection of Christ really happened... it is the best documented event in antiquity.
- Evidential apologetics defense of the historicity of Jesus’ resurrection often involves refuting naturalistic theories that attempt to explain it away.

Why do people reject the miracle of the resurrection of Christ?

It is just too incredible to be believed... but all people should want to believe it because there isn’t any real hope in thinking this mortal life is all there is.

Is our trust in Christ blind faith?

No, it is based on the revelation of God which we grow in confidence about as we get to know it. And God has given us an ability to think critically that, upon exercising it, makes our faith reasonable:

Isaiah 1:18 – *“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”*

What should we do with our reasoning ability?

God has given His image-bearers the ability to reason. We should use that ability to grow our initial mustard seed of faith into a confidence that cannot be shaken.

- It is by reasoning that humans are distinguished from “brute beasts” (Jude 1:10)
- God calls upon His people to use reason to discern truth from error.
1 John 4:6 – *We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.*

How should we use our reasoning ability in apologetics?

Apologetics is the discipline that deals with a rational defense of the Christian faith... it should be logical.

- people need to know the reasonable hope we have in Christ.

Why do we need to “always be ready” to intelligently and proactively engage with others ‘why’ we believe?

Apologetics is not just a matter of having the right information available; it is also an attitude of readiness and love to share the truth of our Christian faith.

What does Jude 1:3 have to say about apologetics?

Jude 1:3 – *I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.*

Contending *earnestly for the faith* is what apologetics is all about. It is important so all Christians should be ready to articulate what they believe and why they believe it.

What does Titus 1:9 have to say about apologetics?

Titus 1:9 – *Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict*

As Christians mature, they will be well grounded in sound doctrine and better able to confront those who contradict sound doctrine.

- Error needs to be confronted (see also 2 Cor 10:5; Philippians 1:7; 2 Timothy 2:24-25).

What is the value of apologetics in a postmodern world?

Because postmodernism promotes the idea that truth is unknowable or relative, this challenges the absolute truth claims of Christianity.

- This makes a rational defense of the faith even more imperative.
- Logic resonates with people even if they have embraced the postmodernism of the culture.

Is apologetics alone sufficient to bring someone to faith in Christ?

No... while it can remove doubts and provide intellectual reasons to consider Christianity, the ultimate work of salvation is by the Spirit of God, who convicts hearts and enables people to believe.

- Apologetics prepares the ground by addressing objections and demonstrating the reasonableness of the Christian faith, but faith itself is a matter of the heart and the Spirit’s work.
- apologetics done with gentleness and respect reflects Christ’s love and can open doors for meaningful conversations about the gospel.

How is apologetics important among believers in this postmodern world?

In a postmodern culture that ridicules certainty and absolute truth, apologetics helps believers maintain confidence in the authority and reliability of Scripture.

- It encourages Christians to stand firm in the truth of God’s Word, even when the culture pressures them to be uncertain or to think truth is relative to a person’s perspective.

Why is our faith in God reasonable?

If there is a creation, there had to be a Creator.

Romans 1:20 – *since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse*

God has revealed enough about Himself in His creation that people are without excuse for believing that He exists.

How does the Second Law of Thermodynamics reveal there had to be a Creator?

The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics tells us that the natural trend in the universe is for disorder to increase. Since we see order in the universe, there had to be some outside force that caused it...

Psalm 19:1 – *The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.*

How does irreducible complexity reveal there had to be a Creator?

Life is complex... the idea that the complex DNA molecules necessary for life could just spontaneously form as a result of natural process is incredulous.

- If mutations gave different species their unique characteristics, you’d have an abundance of worthless features.
- Over 99% of mutations are not beneficial.

How do fossils reveal there had to be a Creator?

The very fact that we have fossils supports the biblical account of a worldwide flood... fossils do not naturally occur; a catastrophic event is necessary for them to form.

- The fossil record reveals no cross-species transitional creatures. Evolutionists have tried to explain this by invoking “punctuated equilibrium” ...the idea that evolutionary changes occur suddenly.
- But the theory of “punctuated equilibrium” contradicts the uniformitarian view that conditions that we see on earth today have always been the case... *“all things continue as they have from the beginning of creation”* (2 Peter 3:4).

How does the Bible reveal it is from God?

- It has no contradictions despite having been written by over 40 different human authors in 3 different languages over a span of ~1,600 years.
- It is scientifically accurate if you disregard the theory of evolution which is considered “settled science” in our day.
- It is historically accurate – archeology always reinforces the biblical account and the Bible has been used to make new archeological discoveries.
- Experience reveals that biblical wisdom works.
- Bible prophecy has been fulfilled in history with 100% accuracy
- We can see the stage being set for fulfillment of Bible prophecies related to the Lord’s return that have yet to be fulfilled.

What extrabiblical experiences reveal God?

- Miraculous answers to prayer.
- Testimonies from those who have been transformed by Jesus.

How is apologetics especially important in our day at the end of the Age?

Bible prophecy explains the craziness of events in our world.

What are some examples of how Bible prophecy puts into perspective developments of our day?

- Chaos – makes increased demand for totalitarianism to control the masses
- AI – this is critical infrastructure for the Antichrist to appear to be omniscient and control humanity
- WMDs – these beg for God’s intervention to save humanity from itself
- Worldwide hatred of Israel – this is one of the conditions for God’s intervention to deliver Israel.
- Wars, pandemics, economic crashes – These are birth pangs of the Tribulation

What applications do we see for engaging in apologetics in a postmodern world?

- Apologetics defends the faith against relativism and skepticism.
- It provides believers with tools to answer objections and give a reason for their hope.
- It helps maintain confidence in the authority of Scripture.
- It prepares hearts intellectually, while recognizing that salvation is by the Spirit through faith alone.

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