

BIBLICAL APOLOGETICS

Intro. Meaning of apologia is verbal defense. How relate to elem. child. Best way is thru teacher. Don't deplore lack of books for kids as much as lack of teachers who can teach without being spoon-fed selves. Therefore, part of prob of relating to elem child is what does the teacher know.

I. Revelation. First problem. Bible assumes existence of God and fact that He revealed self. Can we reason to that? Only partially. From phil. evidence.

A. Cosmological arg. World means first cause. If grant order must grant cause and effect. Must eventually get to infinite first cause. Arg affirms that self-subsistent infinite being alone can explain existence of world. Doesn't tell what He is like. For child use facts of nature. 1 star/

B. Teleological. /sec. without sleep all in 6342 yrs. Purpose and design. Order is work of ultimate intelligence. Coupled with cos proves a creator. Doesn't nec prove one designer in itself. For child use monkeys and ency or parts of a watch.

C. Anthropological. Moral nature and conscience. Religious instinct put there by higher being.

Recognize limitations. Bible treats these phil evidences as secondary. What phil knows nothing of, Bible places 1st. Therefore: must ultimately be a matter of faith. Can only go so far in reasoning to rev. Once accept existence of God and a rev of Self, then have consistent phil and world view. Can disprove all others (but not to elem child) but still need faith. Even atheism is matter of faith, Psa 14:1--in his heart. Theism is in heart too. Therefore, lead child to X, first. Don't avoid prob but then he has something to guide him, God's supreme rev in the Word.

II. Inspiration.

Defin. Has to do with how message recorded, now what it is. Not truth of Satan's words but accurately recorded. Do not mean dictation, partial (only things unknowable), concept, degree or gracious (men inspired), but verbal plenary. (All words not of equal importance but equally ins. External evidence.

1. Wonder of formation, 1500 yrs. No contradictions. 44men
2. Wonder of age. Few books today 1000yrs old read. Few read by foreigners and dead language.
3. Wonder of sale. 12mill copies.
4. Wonder of language. All ages and interests read.
5. Wonder of preservation.
6. Wonder of subject matter. Sin, remedy, ethics, God.

