

Christian Apologetics (Part 56)

IV. The Arguments of the Christian Apologist

A. Theism: Arguments for the Existence of God

B. Scripture as Revelation: Making the Case for the Divine Authority of the Bible

→A personal God cannot be known unless He makes Himself known (1 Corinthians 2:11).

1. Doctrine of Scripture (Divine Authority; Attestation; Transmission; Canon)

2. The Excellencies of Scripture (see LCF 1:5)

3. Jesus' View of Scripture

The Possibilities: If Jesus viewed Scripture as the Word of God, then: a. the biblical writers concocted this portrait of Jesus, or b. He was wrong, or c. He was a deceiver, or d. Scripture really is the Word of God.

The Argument: What does the Bible say about Jesus? What does Jesus say about the Bible? If the Bible is reliable, then we must receive what it says about Jesus. If Jesus is reliable, then we must receive what He says about the Bible.

I. Is the Bible reliable?

II. Is Jesus reliable?

-He is God (John 10:30).

-He was sinless (1 Peter 2:22).

-He was a prophet (Acts 3:22).

III. What did Jesus say about the Bible? (John 10:34-36; Matthew 4:4, 7, 10; 5:17, 18; 12:40, 41; 24:15, 37, 38; Luke 17:28-32; John 14:26)

-Modern scholarship confuses Jesus' humanity with His deity, thus making Him fallible in His humanity; an ignorant, mistaken teacher of error. In this way the attempt is made to believe in Jesus while denying the authority of Scripture.