

Christian Apologetics (Part 64)

IV. The Arguments of the Christian Apologist

A. Theism: Arguments for the Existence of God

B. Scripture as Revelation: The Divine Authority of the Bible

C. Origins (Cosmogony)

1. Terms (Cosmogony; Cosmology)

2. Fundamental Observation: →Scientific method unable to prove the origin of the universe.

3. Presuppositional Argument For the Origin of the Universe

4. The Christian View of Origins: The Biblical Doctrine of Creation

a. The Mode of Creation: creation *ex nihilo* by means of God's spoken word

b. The Time Frame of Creation: six literal 24-hour periods

c. The Crown of Creation: man

5. Classical Argument For the Origin of the Universe: Either the universe is self-existent and eternal, or it was created by a being that is.

6. Concluding Concerns

a. The Theory of Evolution:

-Must be carefully defined

-Doesn't really explain the origin of the universe

-Doesn't necessarily account for the behavior of the universe

-Is much more difficult to believe than creationism

b. The Big Bang Theory

c. Intelligent Design

d. Theistic Evolution

1) Has God stopped the evolutionary process, or does it continue?

2) Does any life exist now as it did when God first created it?

3) Is the biblical account of man only a tiny snapshot of his total existence?

4) Was there suffering and death before the fall? Romans 5:12; 8:20, 22