

Atheist Apologetics (Proverbs 26:4-5)

Introduction

1 Peter 3:15, we must “Always be ready to give *a defense* to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you.”

Christians and non-Christians can generally agree about all kinds of things and share what’s called “common ground.” But should we let that go unchallenged?

There are still plenty of Christians holding onto classical apologetics. But more recently, Christians have started to argue against atheists through “*presuppositional apologetics*.”

Exposition: *A Primer on Presuppositional Apologetics*

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Prov 1:7). All fools refuse to live in the fear of the Lord.

1. Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him (v. 4).

Don’t get down on the fool’s level and play his game. Compare Matt 21:23-27.

If you assume for the sake of argument that God doesn’t exist, and then try to use the fool’s worldview to prove God, you have become like the fool.

2. Answer a fool *according* to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes (v. 5)

As soon as somebody insists that “Christians argue illogically.” You need to answer a fool according to his folly and say, “Do you really believe that there are transcendental, universal laws of thought by which people and arguments can be judged?”

As soon as somebody insists that “Christians have a skewed morality which proves the Bible is wrong.” You need to answer a fool according to his folly and say, “Do you mean that there are abstract universal moral

laws in the universe by which you presume to judge me and the Bible?”
What is the basis for your belief? I have a basis for my belief. What is your basis?

Conclusion

Prov 29:9, “If a wise man contends with a foolish man, Whether the fool rages or laughs, there is no peace.” The one thing you can’t expect from a fool is a calm, peaceful, objective approach for the problem. There will be no peace. Some will be angry, some will rage, some will laugh. But you will not get peace.