

A Preliminary Map of Apologetics

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| | General Apologetics | Biblical Apologetics |
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| Positive Apologetics | <p>Arguments from nature</p> <p>1. Cosmological Arguments</p> <p> 1.1. From contingency</p> <p> 1.1.1. Thomistic</p> <p> 1.1.2. Leibnizian</p> <p> 1.2. From the impossibility of an infinite past (Kalam)</p> <p>2. Teleological Arguments</p> <p> 2.1. Cosmological fine tuning</p> <p> 2.2. Origin of life</p> <p> 2.3. Intelligent Design</p> <p>Arguments from the phenomena of our inner mental life</p> <p>1. Argument from Consciousness</p> <p>2. Argument from Reason</p> <p>3. Moral Argument</p> | <p>Arguments <i>for</i> scripture</p> <p>1. The <i>contents</i> of scripture</p> <p> 1.1. Canon</p> <p> 1.2. Text</p> <p> 1.3. Interpretation</p> <p>2. The <i>general veracity</i> of scripture</p> <p> 2.1. Internal evidence</p> <p> 2.2. External evidence</p> <p> 2.2.1. Scientific</p> <p> 2.2.2. Historical</p> <p>Arguments <i>from</i> scripture</p> <p>1. For the resurrection</p> <p> 1.1. A minimal facts argument, or</p> <p> 1.2. The eyewitness testimony argument</p> <p>2. For other central Christian doctrines</p> |
| Defensive Apologetics | <p>1. Naturalism (God is out of a job)</p> <p> 1.1. Origin of the universe</p> <p> 1.2. Origin of life</p> <p> 1.3. Structure of living things</p> <p>2. The Problem of Evil and Suffering</p> <p> 2.1. Logical version</p> <p> 2.2. Evidential version</p> <p>3. Objections to Miracles</p> <p> 3.1. The “people lie” objection</p> <p> 3.2. Spinoza’s objection</p> <p> 3.3. Hume’s objection</p> | <p>1. Challenges to the <i>canon</i> of scripture</p> <p>2. Challenges to the <i>text</i> of scripture</p> <p>3. Challenges to the <i>truth</i> of scripture</p> <p> 3.1. Scientific objections</p> <p> 3.2. Historical objections</p> <p> 3.3. Philosophical objections</p> <p> 3.4. Moral objections</p> <p> 3.5. Internal objections</p> |