

PRACTICAL APPLICATION FOR CHAPTER FIVE

1. How can we avoid making unrealistic claims about the historical evidence for the Christian faith? What fundamental dilemma should we insist on? (191)

2. Sometimes historical scepticism among laymen is based on unsophisticated objections such as, “You can’t prove anything about what happened so long ago!” What confusion does this objection embody?

(Hint: Which is crucial to historical proof: the gap between the evidence about some event and today or the gap between the event and the evidence about that event? Does good evidence become poor evidence just due to the passage of time?)