

QUESTIONS ON THE INTRODUCTION

1. Look at the definition of Christian apologetics (xi). What is the significance of the three elements of this definition, that Apologetics
 - (1) is a “branch of Christian theology”
 - (2) seeks to provide “a rational justification,” and
 - (3) focuses on Christianity’s “truth claims”?
2. What four purposes does Apologetics serve? (xi)
3. What three vital roles does Apologetics play? (xi-xv)
4. Why is it shortsighted to depreciate the value of apologetics because “no one comes to Christ through arguments”? (xii-xv).
5. Why is the idea that we live in a post-modern culture a myth? Why is this misdiagnosis of our current cultural situation potentially so disastrous?
6. Self-examination question: To what degree have I been intellectually engaged with my faith?
7. In what two respects can Apologetics strengthen believers?
8. Share some way in which you as a believer have been strengthened through the study of Apologetics. Be specific.
9. What biblical grounds are there for the use of Apologetics in evangelizing unbelievers?
10. Why should we not be discouraged if many unbelievers remain unconvinced by our apologetic arguments?
11. Why should we be concerned about that minority of persons who will respond positively to apologetic arguments?
12. List the broad divisions and sub-divisions of Apologetics (xv).
13. What are the two reasons *Reasonable Faith* focuses on offensive Apologetics? (xvi)