

APOLOGETICS-on-FIRE CONFERENCE  
South Tulsa Baptist Church  
Session Three  
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**EVIDENCE FOR THE RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE (I)**

I. Common Misunderstanding About God and Spirituality

Number One: People are free to believe whatever they want about God.

The Issue of Tolerance

TRUE TOLERANCE is where we extend to each other the right to be wrong.

False Tolerance naively asserts that all ideas are created equal.

False Tolerance is false and unlivable.

Some people believe that true tolerance means believing in whatever God (or no god) they want.

People are entitled to their own beliefs, but not their own truth.

Number Two: All religions basically teach the same thing.

Number Three: God is a psychological crutch humans invented to feel better.

II. Three Key Issues About Christianity

Number One: Christianity deals with Truth-Claims which can be tested and verified.

Number Two: Biblical Faith is Not Blind Faith.

Number Three: Christians are commanded to Defend the Faith.

Objection One to the use of Apologetics: Apologetics is not practical and is for scholars and intellectuals.

Objection Two: You just preach the gospel and not worry about the intellectual stuff.

Objection Three: Too much knowledge leads to arrogance.

III. What is the relationship between Apologetics, Reason, and Faith?

IV. Challenges to the Bible

Challenge Number One: The Growing Secularization of American Culture

Our culture has moved from a THINKING culture to a FEELING culture.

Challenge Number Two: The Anti-Institutional Attitude among Those Under Thirty-five

Challenge Number Three: The Sophisticated Attacks on the Bible's Credibility and Reliability

V. Evidence for the Reliability of the Bible

Basic Considerations

Manuscript Evidence

VI. Practical Considerations

True Spirituality

Books for Introduction to Apologetics: More Than A Carpenter by Josh McDowell

Know Why You Believe by Paul Little

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel

Web Sites: The One-Minute Apologist

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