

Why Apologetics?



Apologetics Defined

- *A reasoned argument or writing in justification of something, typically a religious doctrine.*

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

- “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.**”

We Are in A War -- A Culture War





- *“When one person suffers from a delusion, it is called insanity. When many people suffer from a delusion it is called Religion.”*

We Must Be Salt and Light

- **1 Peter 3:15-16**
- *“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”*
- *We must be relevant without watering down the Word.*

The Church Must Lead

- *If we don't lead as the church, the world and Satan will fill that vacuum -- and they have.*
- *Since the end of WW II, apathy, humanism and materialism have taken over America.*

All Vacuum's Will Be Filled

-Kinsey Report (1948) followed by Hugh Hefner in December of 1953

-Catholic and Protestant Churches left the movie industry in the mid-1960's

-Explosion of immorality and hedonism in the 1960's -- where was the church?

Proverbs 29:18

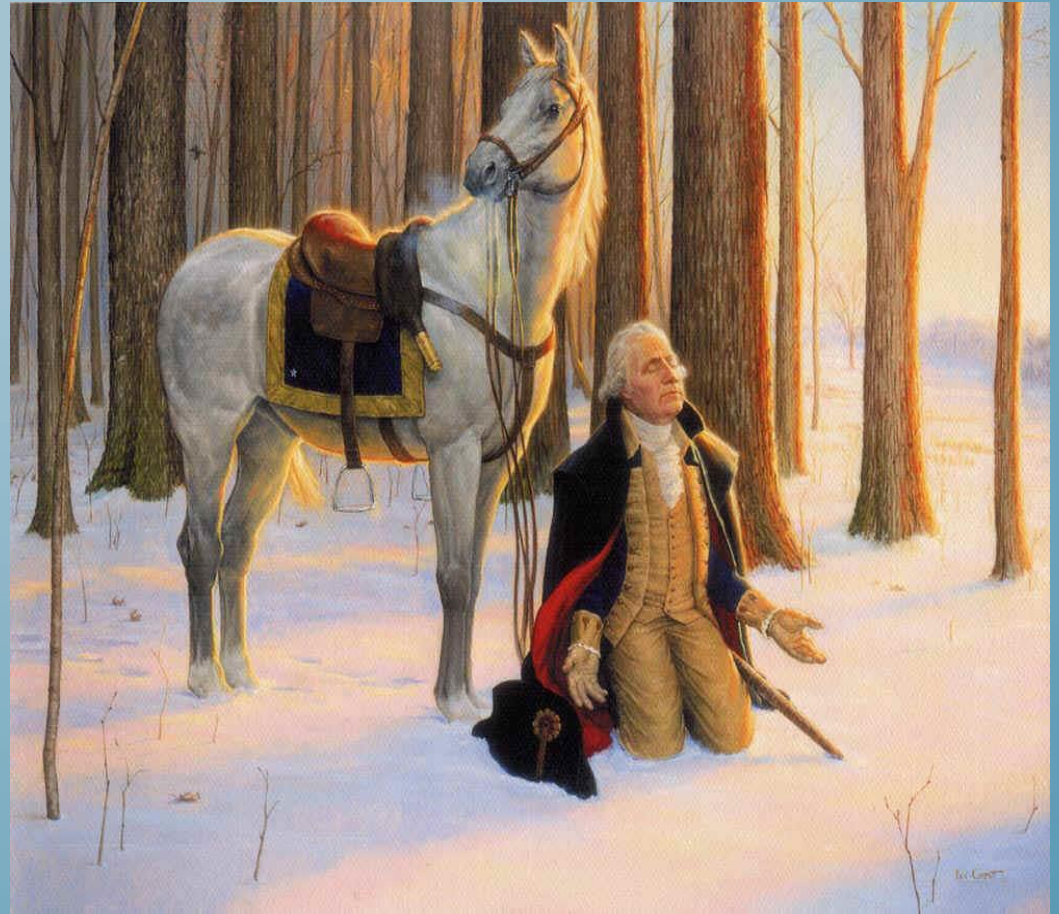
- “Where there is no vision, the people are **unrestrained...**” (NASB)
- “Where there is no revelation, the people **cast off restraint...**” (NKJV)
- “Where there is ignorance of God, **crime runs wild...**” (TLB)

No Vision, No Direction

- 75% of those raised in the church leave the faith when they go to college – they cast off restraint and they run wild.
- Immorality, pornography, drugs, the occult, new age religion, violence, destruction of the family, etc...

When The Church Stepped Up

- *American Revolution*
- *End of Slavery*
- *End of Segregation*



A Highly Skeptical Generation

- This generation is highly skeptical and cynical.
- They are also empty and looking for something real.
- Keep it real.



Americans Want Something Real



Acts 17: Paul in Athens

- *Greece was a relativistic culture; just like America today*
- *Paul found the grain of truth in their worldview and used it*
- *He rebuilt the foundation*

Acts 17:22-31

So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, ‘TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.’ Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.

Frank Turek: The New Testament is Too Embarrassing To Be False

