

# Apologetics: Approaches Apologists take defending the Faith

Reason	Fact	Revelation	Faith	Integration
Proof	Defense	Offense	Persuasion	Integration
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<b>Classical Apologetics:</b> Reasonable Faith	<b>Evidential Apologetics:</b> Faith Founded on Facts	<b>Reformed Apologetics:</b> Christianity in Conflict	<b>Fideist Apologetics:</b> Reasons of the Heart	Contending for the Faith
Rational tests for determining truth	Methods for discovering truth	Biblical standard for defining truth	Divine call to obey the truth	Perspectival approaches to defending truth
Foundation of Theology	Defending Theology	Vindication of Theology	Making Theology Personal	Apologetics and Theology
Constructive use of Philosophy	Critical use of Philosophy	Toward a Christian Philosophy	Critiquing the God of the Philosophers	Apologetics and Philosophy
Christianity consistent with science	Christianity vindicated by science	Christianity against false science	Christianity and the reality beyond science	Christianity and science
Revelation confirmed by History	History as the Medium of Revelation	Revelation Interpreting History	Revelation transcending History	Revelation and History
Proof from Experience	Experience founded on evidence	Problem with experience	Faith is experience	Apologetics and Experience
Proving the Christian Worldview	Presenting evidence that demands a verdict	Taking every thought captive	Calling people to encounter God	Reasons for Hope
Scripture as conclusion	Scripture as source	Scripture as foundation	Scripture as Witness	Scripture as Truth
Disproving other worldviews	Uniqueness of Christianity	Antithesis between Christian/non-Christian Religion	Christian Faith: Not another Religion	Myth, Truth and Religion
Proving God's existence	The case for God	Belief in God as basic	To know God is to know God exists	God who makes Himself known
Deductive problem of evil	Inductive problem of evil	Theological problem of evil	Personal problem of evil	Solutions to the problem of evil
Miracles as the credentials of Revelation	Miracles as evidence for God	Miracles as revealed by God	Miracles as God Revealing Himself	Miracles as signs
Jesus: Alternatives	Jesus: Evidence	Jesus: Self-attesting	Jesus: Christ of Faith	Jesus: the answer
Denominational Representatives: Roman Catholicism	Denominational Representatives: Bible Churches, Dispensational churches, some Baptist	Denominational Representatives: Conservative Presbyterian and Reformed churches	Denominational Representatives: Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches, some liberal Presbyterian	Denominational Representatives: Uncertain.

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