

a. Apologetics is WARRANTED by Scripture

e.g., 1 Pet 3:15: "But sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord, being prepared on every occasion for a defense to every man who asks of you a reason for the hope that is in you."

From this one Scripture, we derive the following:

- (1) Every believer (EB) has a hope in him.
- (2) EB should have a reason for his hope.
- (3) EB should expect on occasion to be asked the reason for his hope.
- (4) EB should make the best, most capable defense of which he/she is capable.
- (5) EB should be as fully prepared as possible to make such a defense.
- (6) EB should prepare himself so as to be able to make this defense.

b. Apologetics is NEEDED for the task of the church

e.g., Matt 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Warren C. Young, A Xn Approach to Philosophy (Baker, 1962), 224, 28, 29:

There seems to be no good reason why Xns should not be concerned with a presentation and evaluation of worldviews, any more than idealists and naturalists. Yet in our day, it seems that the world of philosophy has been handed over to the secular interpreters. . . . Xn scholarship begins with an understanding of non-Xn interpretations of many areas of experience. If non-Xn affirmations are to be evaluated from the Xn perspective, then certainly the minimum requirement is that they be understood. . . . Understanding makes the difference between dogmatic opposition and scholarly evaluation. . . . It is the task of the Xn leader to understand the ideologies of his day so that he may be able to meet their challenge. The task is a never-ending one, for, although the Xn's worldview does not change, the world about him does.

c. Apologetics is URGENT in view of the spiritual warfare all around us.