

4. Locating a Point of Contact in External General Revelation

a. The Fact of External General Revelation

Ps 19:1-4 (cp Rom 10:17-18)
Acts 14:8-18
Rom 1:18-21

b. The Meaning and Content of External General Revelation

External General Revelation is divine self-disclosure coming from outside man in mediate, natural mode.

External General Revelation discloses God's attributes of glory, wisdom, goodness, power, and deity; and His works of creation and general benevolence.

c. The Effect of Sin on External General Revelation

Sin has not substantially affected the external general revelation objectively, but it has definitely affected it subjectively, i.e., as it is accepted by mankind.

Rom 1:18-21 tells us that, although external general revelation comes to the natural man, yet he constantly suppresses it, distorts it, etc., into images of idols. Thus it does not (without God's gracious work) benefit him, but only leaves him without excuse.

d. The Relevance of EGR for Point of Contact

The fact that the natural man is always in contact with EGR, even though suppressing it, etc., gives us a sense of confidence that there are no true atheists in the sense of persons not in contact with evidence for the truth of God's existence and Creatorhood and their own creaturehood and sin. They are not necessarily consciously aware of this, but they can be made aware of it; and by God's grace be enlightened to acknowledge the truth.

5. Locating a Point of Contact in Internal General Revelation

a. The Fact of Internal General Revelation

Ps 94:3-10 -- God's attributes are mirrored in created human beings
Acts 17:16-34 -- God should be thought of as personal, not as impersonal images made by man
Rom 2:11-15 -- The law of God is written in the heart, and expressed in human codes and conscience