

b. The Meaning and Content of Internal General Revelation

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

IGR discloses God's attributes of knowledge, personality, holiness, justice, and truth, as well as His works of providence and judgment.

c. The Effects of Sin Upon Internal General Revelation

Sin has not obliterated the law of God written in the heart, since it still witnesses to the Gentiles, and still expresses itself in human codes of conduct on the basis of which God will judge the Gentiles. And sin has not destroyed the conscience, which, as the moral judge of the soul, continually accuses or defends the thoughts and actions of the possessor. However, sin has distorted these witnesses.

d. The Relevance of IGR for Point of Contact

The fact that the natural man is always in contact with IGR, even though he is continually attempting to suppress and pervert these witnesses, gives us a sense of confidence in the fact that man has an awareness of his character as a moral being, responsible for his attitudes and actions to a standard which is both within himself and higher than himself, to which his attitudes and actions are continually failing to conform. Although the natural man seeks to suppress the condemnations of conscience, the feelings of guilt, and the terrors of judgment to come, these can all be used as a point of contact which, by God's grace, may become fruitful for the apologetic enterprise.

6. Locating a Point of Contact in Special Revelation

a. The Fact of Special Revelation

- 2 Tim 3:15-17 -- All scripture is God-breathed; able to give the wisdom that leads to salvation
- Acts 8:26-39 -- Ethiopian eunuch saved through reading of Isa 53, with help from Philip
- Acts 9:1-9 -- Paul saved by special vision from God, with help from Ananias

b. The Meaning of Special Revelation

Special Revelation is divine self-disclosure in immediate, supernatural mode. It includes both direct reve-