

## PART TWO: CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES

Will discuss Xn evidences under three major subdivisions, relating to source of evidence:

- (1) General Revelation
- (2) Special Revelation
- (3) Redemption

### I. EVIDENCE FROM GENERAL REVELATION

Suggest two further subdivisions here:

- (1) Created Universe;
- (2) Created Life

#### A. CREATED UNIVERSE

##### 1. Scriptural Warrant for Such Evidence

Is there Scriptural warrant to believe that the universe itself is evidence for the truth of Christianity? Yes, consider:

Psalm 19:1-4

Romans 1:20

Acts 14:15-18

##### 2. Some possible lines of argumentation:

**The existence of the universe itself:** Since it does not seem to be eternal, something else must be. An inductive form of the cosmological argument; recall Buswell's argument, above, pp 79-80; we will go into detail on this below.

**The existence of design in the inanimate universe:** An inductive form of the teleological argument. This has been strongly resisted as evidence has accumulated in this area. We will give some detail on this also.

**The existence of design in the animate universe:** Since Darwin, generally thought this argument nullified, with apparent evidence of design replaced by random changes naturally selected for survival. However, any serious problems with evolution tend to re-establish the validity of this (also teleological) argument. Some problems for evolution:

- (a) The problem of the existence of life;