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Resource Suggestions

CULTURAL APOLOGETICS

Christianity is not a series of truths in the plural, but rather truth spelled with a capital "T." Truth about total reality, not just about religious things.

Biblical Christianity is Truth concerning total reality – and the intellectual holding of that total Truth and then living in the light of that Truth.

— Francis Schaeffer, *Address at the University of Notre Dame, April 1981*

The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.

— G.K. Chesterton

As Christians, we are called to represent God in the marketplace of ideas, literally to tear down those false arguments and pretensions that set themselves up against the knowledge of God (2 Corinthians 10:5). We should not back down from controversial or difficult discussions and issues of the day; rather we should speak the truth in love bringing to bear God's Truth revealed in Scripture and written on the hearts of man (Romans 2:15). The love of God should be seen as relevant to the perceived problems of the world – hunger, disease, poverty, crime, etc. – just as Christ called His disciples to feed the hungry and cloth the naked. We must not allow the world or the church to mistakenly spread the "sacred/secular" myth that religion should be separate from reason or that faith is incompatible with facts. We must be wise in dealing with outsiders knowing how to answer everyone (Colossians 4:6). As citizens of two kingdoms, it is our citizenship in the heavenly kingdom that compels us to serve as agents of God's common grace for our temporal kingdom here on earth.



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Awakening		
TITLE	AUTHOR	AGE LEVEL
"Serious Times: Making Your Life Matter in an Urgent Day"	James Emery White	US students and all age adults
"The Great Experiment: Faith and Freedom in America"	Os Guinness	US students and all age adults
"The Abolition of Man"	C.S. Lewis	US students and all age adults
"Do Fish Know They're Wet: Living in Your World—Without Getting Hooked"	Tom Neven	MS – US students and all age adults
"Amusing Ourselves to Death"	Neil Postman	MS – US students and all age adults (not a Christian book)
"The God Who Is There"	Francis Schaeffer	US students and all age adults
"How to Be Your Own Selfish Pig: And Other Ways You've Been Brainwashed"	Susan Schaeffer Macaulay	MS – US students and all age adults
"The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview Catalog"	James Sire	US students and all age adults

Awareness		
TITLE	AUTHOR	AGE LEVEL
"Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity"	Nancy Pearcey	US students and all age adults
"How Now Shall We Live? "	Chuck Colson and Nancy Pearcey	US students and all age adults
"Worldproofing Your Kids: Helping Moms Prepare Their Kids to Navigate Today's Turbulent Times"	Leal F. Arrington	All age adults
"Did Man Just Happen? A Pointed Answer for Evolutionists"	Dr. W.A. Criswell	US students and all age adults
"Fit Bodies, Fat Minds: Why Evangelicals Don't Think and What To Do About It"	Os Guinness	US students and all age adults
"Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-Air"	Francis J. Beckwith & Gregory Koukl	US students and all age adults
"Think Biblically! Recovering a Biblical Worldview"	John MacArthur with The Master's College Faculty	US students and all age adults
"The Opening of the Christian Mind: Taking Every Thought Captive to Christ"	David W. Gill	US students and all age adults

Action	AUTHOR	AGE LEVEL
TITLE		
"A Christian Manifesto"	Francis Schaeffer	US students and all adults
"Kingdom Education: God's Plan for Educating Future Generations"	Dr. Glen Schultz	US students and all adults
"Practical View of Christianity"	William Wilberforce	US students and all adults
"Has Democracy Had Its Day? "	Carl F.H. Henry	US students and all age adults

Leadership	AUTHOR	AGE LEVEL
TITLE		
"Transforming Leadership: Jesus' Way of Creating Vision, Shaping Values and Empowering Change"	Leighton Ford	US students and all adults
"Spiritual Leadership: Principals of Excellence for Every Believer"	J. Oswald Sanders	US students and all adults
"Spiritual Leadership Moving People on to God's Agenda"	Henry and Richard Blackaby	US students and all adults