

1 Peter Series

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GIVING AN ANSWER – PART 11

GOD'S NOT DEAD:

THINKING THROUGH THE HOW

1 PETER 3:15



1ST PETER

LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY

- 1. The people have a religious system demonstrating the truth of Rom. 1:18–23, but they are truth suppressors.**
- 2. They are not spiritually neutral.**
- 3. The purpose of the confrontation is to change their mind about God.**
- 4. Questions expose their unbelief and challenge them to obey.**
- 5. People are able to evaluate the evidence despite a prior commitment to suppress truth. (They might re-interpret it.)**
- 6. The evidence was not treated as neutral.**
- 7. God used historic facts and evidence to expose their sin and rebellion.**
- 8. The reaction may be quite hostile.**

- 1. Begin with questions.**
- 2. Assume the Creator God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob exists.**
- 3. Sometimes, point out the inadequacies of other's worldview.**
- 4. All men know God exists, and are suppressing that in various ways, but they know, God the Holy Spirit is working, and our job is to clearly present the truth and answer questions.**

The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems of Perception	RATIONALISM Classic Apologetics- Logic and reason	Innate ideas Faith in human ability.	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM Evidentialism- Facts, history, science	Sense perceptions External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM Fideism-just believe, apart from reason or evidence	Inner, private experience; intuition Faith in human ability	Independent, nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION Presuppositionalism- Presupposes the truth of Scripture	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic & reason

Application

Political/National or Individual Decisions

This is where we talk and argue.

Ethics: What is right? What is wrong? What is good or bad? [often gets emotional]

Epistemology: How do we know truth? Right from wrong? Just or unjust?

Metaphysics: Ultimate reality, i.e., God, matter, energy, nothing

Foundation of *all* thought

Logical Sequence

These are the real issues, usually ignored.