

Main point: Have confidence that you will be blessed when you suffer for honoring Christ

Point 1: Honor Christ as holy

Point 2: Do not fear man

Point 3: Defend your hope

“Culture’s lies are like weeds that want to take over the garden of our children’s minds. The lies need to be stopped, and they stop with you, Mama Bear! Afraid that apologetics isn’t your cup of tea? That’s totally fine. Don’t read this book for yourself. Read it for no other reason than you need to know what the world is telling your kids the eight-plus hours a day that they are away from you. Read it so that you can recognize the lies and help your little bears to recognize them too.”

Hillary Morgan Ferrer (editor)
Mama Bear Apologetics: Empowering Your Kids to Challenge Cultural Lies

“On the far side of reality so to speak, there was a 50:50 possibility that original reality was a person rather than a gas. Just think of it. Since whatever originally was has always existed, there are absolutely no causes that could have disposed that original reality to be a gas rather than a person. Every reasonable person must admit that, from the far side of past eternity, it was, you might say, a toss-up. Maybe some undefined stuff would exist – or maybe a person! Admitting the reasonable possibility that ultimate reality could be personal has a way of freeing you to consider subsequent evidence more openly. My own inescapable inference from the order of the universe and the existence of human personhood and the universal sense of conscience...my own inference from all this is that Ultimate Reality is not impersonal, but is indeed a person. I simply find it impossible to believe that the human drama of the centuries, with its quest for meaning and beauty and truth has no deeper root than molecular mutations.”

John Piper
Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist

Bill Kittrell
1 Peter 3:13-17
Title: Defend Your Hope

Sermon Quotes
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“Apologetics is as practical as anything in the Christian life. Every believer is required and expected to be an apologist (1 Peter 3:15). As such, every believer is required and expected to think and prepare like an apologist. Of course, if apologetics is the highly philosophical, formal process we have come to expect, this sounds like an impossible task for most Christians. However, if apologetics is as simple as knowing what we believe and why we believe it, and being able to communicate that to others in a humble, winsome, biblical manner, that’s a horse of a different color!”

Voddie Baucham Jr.
Expository Apologetics: Answering Objections with the Power of the Word

“It shouldn’t surprise you that you have a conscience. You’re made in the image of God, and God is a moral God, so you must be a moral creature who makes moral judgements. And what is conscience if not shining the spotlight of your moral judgement back on yourself, your thoughts, and your actions. A moral being would expect to make moral self-judgments.”

Andrew Naselli and J.D. Crowley
Conscience: What it is, how to train it, and loving those who differ