

## Apologetics

Defined – "reasoned arguments or writings in \_\_\_\_\_ of something, typically a theory or religious doctrine". Therefore, to apologize simply means to \_\_\_\_\_ your reasoning for coming to whatever conclusions are in question.

Originally, an apology had absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ to do with having done wrong or need to say that you are sorry. In fact, it is the opposite, since an apology is an \_\_\_\_\_ justifying why you believe what you believe.

Apologetics is an excellent tool to show how \_\_\_\_\_ it is to believe in God, that the Bible is his word, and that what the Bible tells us is \_\_\_\_\_. Apologetics must be valuable because the Holy Spirit sprinkled "apologies" throughout God's word. Here are a few examples (note – ff means "and following"):

**Psalm 19:1ff** – *"The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands."* David is telling the reader to \_\_\_\_\_ the heavens and to \_\_\_\_\_ the environment to learn lessons about our Creator that may not be taught with the written word.

**Psalm 139:14ff** – *"I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well."* The reader is being told to simply look at your \_\_\_\_\_ to be amazed at how intricately and expertly you have been formed. You can see, move, \_\_\_\_\_ & feel with your body and your emotions. You are the most complex creation in the universe, and God made you. There is nothing \_\_\_\_\_ about your design or your existence as evolution would have us to believe. You are here on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 1:18ff** – verse 20 – *"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse."* Atheism has no foundation in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, as the evidence against it abounds all around us. God's eternal power and divine nature are clearly expressed in all we \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 3:3-4** – *"For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God."* If every house is built by someone, then what of the \_\_\_\_\_? No one would claim a house to be an accident of nature. How then could the builder of the house be an accident? This writer points us to the logic & reason of \_\_\_\_\_. Causality simply put means that everything that exists must have a cause. The cause is necessarily \_\_\_\_\_ than what was caused to be.

Have you heard of the "Big Bang"?

In a brief video entitled "Does God Exist? 4 New Arguments", by Frank Pastore, the author asks, "Which Big Bang?"

Big Bang #1 – This is the "accepted" big bang which says the \_\_\_\_\_ universe, with matter, space & time, came into existence at one specific point (this is a cosmological belief some folks have – relating to the origin and development of the universe)

Note: there is no known physical mechanism by which this could have happened (that just means \_\_\_\_\_ can't tell us how this happened)

Big Bang #2 – Somehow \_\_\_\_\_ came into existence, and the claim is that it was all by accident (this would be a biological big bang – relating to living organisms)

Note: there is no known physical mechanism by which this could have happened

Big Bang #3 – This would be when \_\_\_\_\_ came into existence as they are distinguished from plants & animals (we would call this the anthropological big bang – relating to the study of humankind)

Note: there is no known physical mechanism by which this could have happened

Big Bang #4 – The human \_\_\_\_\_ came into existence. We are sentient, self-reflective beings, as opposed to animals (so 4th is the psychological big bang – related to the mental and emotional state of a person)

Note: there is no known physical mechanism by which this could have happened

God had already said that bro.....

In 1862, Herbert Spencer in a work entitled, "First Principles" identified time, force, action, space & matter as ultimate scientific ideas. He referred to these as the five manifestations of natural phenomena. Long before Mr. Spencer, God told Moses to write.....

"In the beginning (\_\_\_\_\_) God (\_\_\_\_\_) created (\_\_\_\_\_) the heavens (\_\_\_\_\_) and the earth (\_\_\_\_\_)", Genesis 1:1