

# Anthropology as a Gateway to Apologetic Engagement

Three reasons why anthropology must  
be at the forefront of our apologetic  
focus:

**1. Anthropology is our wide-open door for engaging the minds and hearts of sceptics**

Our age is anthropocentric -  
not theocentric

What matters most are the issues  
that spiral around being human

*Who is it who can tell me  
who I am?  
(King Lear)*

**2. Anthropology opens the door to all the other big questions**

- Human consciousness
- The soul
- Intentionality and choice
- Epistemology (human knowing)
- The nature of human desire
- Good and evil
- Death
- Time and eternity

Anthropology is always coupled to  
a Theology

*“Show me your man and I’ll show  
you your God”*

Theofilus of Antioch

*“Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves.”*

John Calvin

**3. As the West moves towards  
*abolishing humanity* the  
Christian 'anthro-apologetic' is  
crucial**

The Biblical anthropology is the  
only account that is true to who  
we are

*“The Bible is primarily not man’s vision of God but God’s vision of man. The Bible is not man’s theology but God’s anthropology.”*

Abraham Heschel

When the Bible's anthropology is abandoned it always leads to the  
'abolition of man'

# Examples:

- slavery
- abortion
- end of life
- transhumanism
- current gender and race theories