Apologetics

The early Protestants had to contend with attacks from Catholics on their theology and practice, while at the same time trying to spread their message. They were very successful at both. Protestant pastors were so well trained that they often knew Catholic theology better than their opponents, and through a combination of live debates and print, they succeeded in spreading Protestant thought across Europe. Only when the Catholics began doing the same were they able to slow and in some cases reverse the growth of Protestantism.

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