

What Is The Cutting Edge of Apologetics in 21st Century Apologetics? – Anthropology

This talk considers the Christian truth that man is made in the image of God and in what ways that should inform sharing of the Gospel. The session is framed by the idea expressed by Francis Schaeffer who said when witnessing to a person, Christians should first be struck by the fact humanity is a special creation of God. The purpose of this talk is to suggest a broader understanding of what it means to be a human being and the impact that should have on Christian witnessing. In particular, it considers what it means to be respectful of the unbeliever.

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Schaeffer: "I do not believe that there is any one system of apologetics that meets the need of all people, any more than I think there is any one form of evangelism that meets the need of all people. It is to be shaped on the basis of love for the person as a person."

- I. What is man?
 - a. What does it mean to be in the image of God (Gen 1:26)?
 - i. He is the glory of God
 - ii. He is fallen
 - b. What do we share with the unbeliever?
 - i. Our humanity
 - ii. Our rationality
- II. What does it mean in witnessing?

a. Be respectful

i. He has a mind, listen carefully

ii. Respect ideas even when you disagree

b. Be honest

i. Listen to learn the others ideas

ii. Confidence not dogmatism