What Are the Limitations and Proper Role of Theistic Arguments?

This talk asks what we should and should not expect from theistic arguments. The purpose of this talk is to identify the issues and/or questions our contemporary non-Christian fellow human travelers have and then examine how that should influence how we approach the non-Christian with the Christian message.

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Schaeffer: The purpose of apologetics is not just to win an argument or a discussion, but that the people with whom we are in contact may become Christians and then live under the Lordship of Christ in the whole spectrum of life (GWT 153)

I. The power of an argument rests in the nature of the objection

   a. The objections today

      i. What does it matter?

      ii. What is the question?

   b. The mindset today

      i. Do beliefs matter?

      ii. Choices are important

II. The role of theistic arguments

      a. Debate or sporting event?

            i. Truth or consequences

      b. How to talk about God when people don't care

            i. Conversation starters

           ii. Logical conclusions

Suggested Reading

John Frame. *Apologetics to the Glory of God*
Francis A. Schaeffer. *The God Who Is There*
Willaim L. Craig. *Reasonable Faith* (3rd Edition)
C. S. Lewis. *Mere Christianity*