

Apologetics | Week 3

The Truth and Trustworthiness of the Bible

- I. The Evidentiary Approach: “I don’t believe in the Bible.”
 - a. The Bible Conflicts with Science
 - i. Miracles
 - 1. General Cosmogony
 - 2. Specific Acts of Divine Intervention
 - ii. Myths
 - b. The Bible is Historically Unreliable
 - i. Wrong in Details
 - ii. Late in Production
 - iii. Sinister in its Development
 - c. The Bible is Morally Regressive
 - i. The “Problem” of the OT
 - ii. Misogyny and Slavery in NT
 - iii. Fueled Historical Horrors
- II. The Presuppositional Approach: “I don’t believe the Bible.”
 - a. “After a good faith reading of the entirety of one of the oldest and most important sacred texts in history, attempting to understand its message and meaning on its terms (which requires some background in hermeneutics and theology), I have concluded that the message of the Bible and its warrants are wrong.”
 - i. What is the Bible?
 - ii. What is the message of the Bible?
 - iii. What are the external standards by which the Bible has been evaluated?
 - b. What then are your foundational beliefs/on what are they founded?
 - c. Our presupposition: the Bible is Truest.
 - i. Compared to other foundational texts/ideas, it is superior
 - ii. Compared to other foundational texts/ideas, it is deeper
 - 1. Older
 - 2. Basis on which the Western tradition rests.
- III. Conclusion