

Lecture 12: A Review of a Review (Part 2)

Father we thank You for Your truth. We thank You that You have revealed Yourself to us in Your word and spoken to us. We thank You too for the way You reveal Yourself in creation, that You haven't left the human race without a witness, that everywhere there is testimony to Yourself. We pray Father that as we think about these things and how to speak to people that You will teach us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Review and Introduction: In the last lecture, Professor Barrs analyzed Dr. Schaeffer's article in *The Bible Today* entitled "A Review of a Review." In this, the second part of his analysis, Professor Barrs continues his second "comment," summarizing Dr. Schaeffer's apologetic approach. He has already covered his first four points, and in this lecture he proceeds to cover three final points.

A Review of a Review (Part 2)

I. Background of the Article

II. Schaeffer's First Comment: Areas of Agreement

III. Schaeffer's Second Comment: Developing an Apologetic (cont.)

A. All people have presuppositions

B. Non-believers are very rarely consistent to their world view

C. Their inconsistency is a result of "common grace"

D. The non-believer lives in tension (board illustration)

E. God is constantly confronting the unbeliever with his inconsistency (Romans 1:18; Acts 17:27 and 14:17) [board illustration]

F. If God uses these means, so may we

1. Whatever is appropriate for the person

2. The apostle Paul's example

3. A point of contact—where there is tension

4. Answer to a question regarding amorality and immorality—Bertrand Russell

G. We are not consistent either

1. Compassionate Presuppositionalism

2. The importance of humility

H. Points of tension

1. The example of his father

2. The changes in culture

3. The point of tension is that which is precious to the individual

4. We must know the person

5. Apologetics is not merely for the intellectual