

Apologetics Part 6: Responding to Secularism
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Secularism Defined

1. The idea that state institutions and religious institutions should be separate.
2. The idea religion is ought to be a purely private matter (and therefore shouldn't influence society in any way) because it is useless or harmful.

Secularism Is Hypocrisy

The Secularist Takeover

Theological liberalism paved the way for secularism by promoting Christianity as a private religion.

“Christianity is not being brilliantly attacked, it is being incompetently defended.” – John Robbins

Incompetent Defenses

1. Theological liberalism
2. “Moral Majority”
3. “The Good Old Days”
4. Agreeing to keep the Bible out of political debates

A Competent Defense

1. Reduce unbelief to absurdity: Relativism is absurd
2. Proclaim truth of Christianity: Our Creator knows what's best for us

Discussion Questions

1. Is America a Christian nation?
2. To what extent should Christians be involved in politics?
3. Are Christians silent or too busy to respond to secularism?
4. What are your hopes for the political process alleviating America's moral woes?
5. Should Christians fear the increasing persecution?

Psalm 10:4

The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God;
God is in none of his thoughts.

Judges 21:25

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Matthew 5

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Ephesians 6:19-20

...and [pray] for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

1 Corinthians 9:16

For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!

Romans 13

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Psalm 118:8

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men.