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Am I wrong when I say that here you are not as a Christian pleading with your non-Christian friend to admit that on his assumption of human autonomy he has no starting point or standard for asking any legitimate question, let alone finding any answer about any ~~fact~~ fact of the universe? Am I wrong when I say that here you are, not merely for the sake of argument, but in reality ~~indeed~~ identifying yourself with the unbeliever so that together you may discover whether the Christian answer is really a proper answer to your common problem? You do not show your friend that on his assumption of pure contingency no fact can be distinguished from any other fact. You do not show your friend that on on his assumption the law of contradiction would have no intelligible connection with factuality.. . .In short you are not speaking to your ~~friend~~ friend of the God who is there, by asking him to return to the Father's house. You rather seem to be joining your prodigal friend at the swinetrough, as together you ask whether there is a Father.

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Yet at the critical moment Schaeffer seeks to show the unbeliever that Christianity is true because it is in accord with fact, and in accord with logic as the non-Christian understands fact and logic. At no time does Schaeffer/~~kppl~~ point out the fact that on the presupposition of the unbeliever the words "fact" and "logic" have no meaning. In particular, Schaeffer, over and over again appeals to "reason" as though it were something on the nature of which ~~the~~ Christians and non-Christians agree. In short ~~Schaeffer's~~ Schaeffer's approach in apologetics is not basically different from that of the late Edward Carnell. Carnell's ~~appppppp~~ /Rational man, acting as the supreme judge, "flunked" every other form of religion and philosophy and "passed" the Christian position magna cum laude. Christianity was the only position that was in accord with fact and in accord with logic- But Christ does not want to pass, ~~even~~ even magna cum laude, by sinful man. Christ is the judge, not the judged.