

presentation of all truth drawn from all sources of rev. What it does is combine into an integrated whole the gen. & both gen. & spec. rev. But it must discriminate between them, so there will be in S.T. perfect coordination & synthesis of the elements of both sources of each realm to wh. each testify.

D. Theistic Proof.

1. Propriety.

When properly conceived & conducted, theistic argument consists in a reasoned presentation of those manifestations of God's being & perfection wh. are given in our own selves & the universe around us. God has inscribed in unmistakable characters the imprint of his glory. All men are constantly confronted with the evidence of God's being & affection. Theistic argument is simply reasoning on the basis of that evidence in an attempt to make cogently apparent what is implicit in the consciousness & observation of men. We must confine the arguments with the evidence. The argument is simply the marshalling & classifying of the evidence. To say that this isn't proper is simply theological myopia. It is but the proclamation of His glory wh. wh. we are confronted. The more cogently presented. The resources of reasoning could not be more fruitfully employed than in studying the evidence wh. wh. God confronts all men that he is & what he is.

2. Validity

Does this argumentation prove the being & perfection of God? We must distinguish between proofs.

a. Mathematical proof, by wh. certain results are shown always to take place.

b. Experimental proof, by wh. certain results are shown always to take place. We are not using the term in this sense. We mean by proof the evidence available to us establishes the reality or truth of something. In that sense the ~~the~~ theistic arguments are proofs, because the evidence wh. wh. these arguments concerned are concerned are sufficient to ground that