

true, Truth is not to be measured by the ability or readiness of man to apprehend or evaluate it. The fact that a man must be regenerate does not interfere with the validity of the argument based on sufficient evidence. Its validity must not be prejudiced by the necessity of regeneration.

3. Method:

It is a mistake to think the Christian theologian may present this evidence in the form of reasoned argument in abstraction from the light of S. R.

a. It is impossible for one who has come into contact with the light of S. R. to abstract his thinking from the light of this rev. Even a non-Christian who has been in contact with S. R. can never abstract his thinking from the impact which this rev. has made.

b. It would be indefensible. The God wh. the Christian Theologian sees in nature is the same God he has come to know in S. R. It would be a gross travesty to present the evidence wh. is derived from the light of nature, creation & providence, as evidence of the reality & character of anything less than the living & true God, in His glory & majesty. The purified & enlightened understanding of the Christian can never be abrogated or suspended in the presentation of the truth of God in Nature.

This does not mean the evidence with wh. Th. proof is concerned is the evidence derived from spec. redemptive rev. Its evidence is the evidence derived from nature in the works of creation & providence and no further. Nature itself has no redemptive content. S. R. illumines the Christian mind as he deals with the light of nature. He is able to interpret the light of nature in the light of spec. Rev. But the Theistic proofs are concerned solely with gen. rev. Theistic proof as conducted by the Christian must be directed to the end of showing the imprints & footprints of the one living & true God to the extent to which His glory is made known in nature, in the works of creation & providence.