



# Christian Apologetics

## Session 2: Introduction to Apologetics

How Do I Reason About the World Around Me?

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## Worldviews (Overview)

	<b>TRADITIONAL</b> <1700 AD	<b>MODERNIST</b> 1700-1970 AD	<b>POSTMODERNIST</b> >1970 AD
<b>CENTRICITY</b>	God-Centric	Science-Centric	Man-Centric
<b>TRUTH</b>	Absolute Transcendent	Relative Material	Unattainable Non-Existent
<b>SYSTEMS of THOUGHT</b>	Fundamentalism Dogmatism	Nihilism Materialism Relativism	Deconstructionism Individualism Hedonism



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## Worldviews (Summary)

The aim of all secular worldviews is to **free man** from **all constraints** that would **limit his ability** to fully express himself and achieve freedom of thinking.



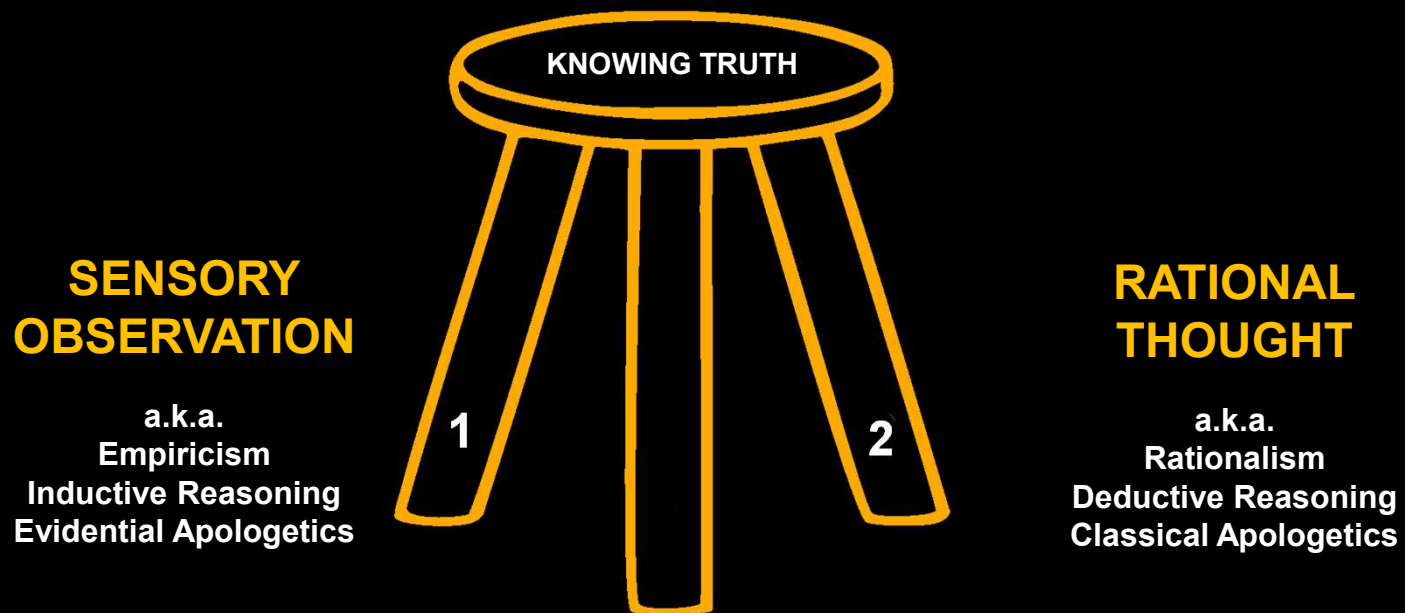
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## Big Idea

God designed us with the faculties to **ascertain**  
His Truth through the use of  
**empirical observation** and **rational thought**.



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## Empirical Observation

(Key Verse)

“They know the truth about God because he has made it **obvious** to them. For ever since the world was created, people have **seen** the earth and the sky. Through everything God made, they can **clearly see** his invisible qualities—his **eternal power** and **divine nature**. So they have **no excuse** for not knowing God.”

Romans 1:19-20 (NLT)



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## Rational Thought

The theory of rationalism is based on the deductive **laws of logic**.

**A priori knowledge** enables us to know something is true **prior to experience** because of the laws of logic, and the validity and strength of the argument.

Romans 1:19-20 (NLT)





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## It's A Dog's World

PREMISE                      +                      FACT                      =                      CONCLUSION  
All Dogs Have Four Legs                      Lucy is a Dog                      Lucy has Four Legs!





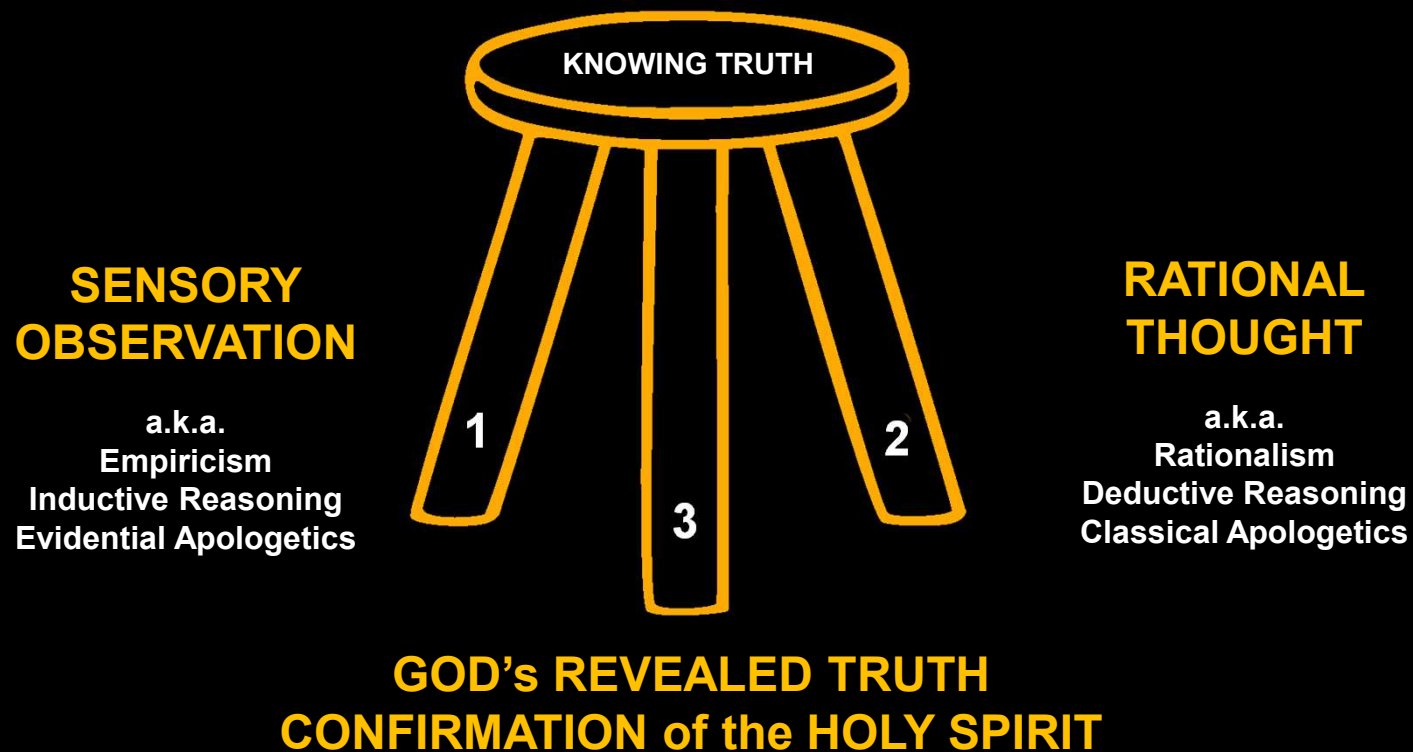
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## Basic Principle

We haven't been given **all** information,  
we've been given **enough** information  
to draw sound conclusions and convince us that  
God's claims are **true**.



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## Harmony of Scripture & Science

“The epitome of **rationality**, argued Aquinas, is recognizing that science **drives us** conclusively and compellingly toward the existence of God.”

R.C. Sproul, Defending the Truth



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## Confirmation of Holy Spirit

<sup>6</sup> Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son ... And the Spirit, who is **truth**, **confirms** it with his testimony.

1 John 5:6

<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will **guide** you into all **truth**. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard.

John 16:13



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## Faith is Essential

<sup>1</sup> “Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.”

<sup>6</sup> “And it is impossible to please God without faith. ”

Hebrews 11:1,6 (NLT)



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## Summary

We are designed with faculties to ascertain truth using **Empirical Observation** and **Rational Thought**

Scientific evidence **exposes** and **corroborates** God's truth

Laws of logic, mathematics and empirical methods are **precise** and **objection**



# Reflection

Q1: How are you impacted by the **Modern** and **Postmodern** worldviews?

Q2: How does this framework for reasoning **challenge** your current way of thinking regarding Christian truths? Secular worldviews?

Q3: What was your biggest **takeaway** from this teaching?

