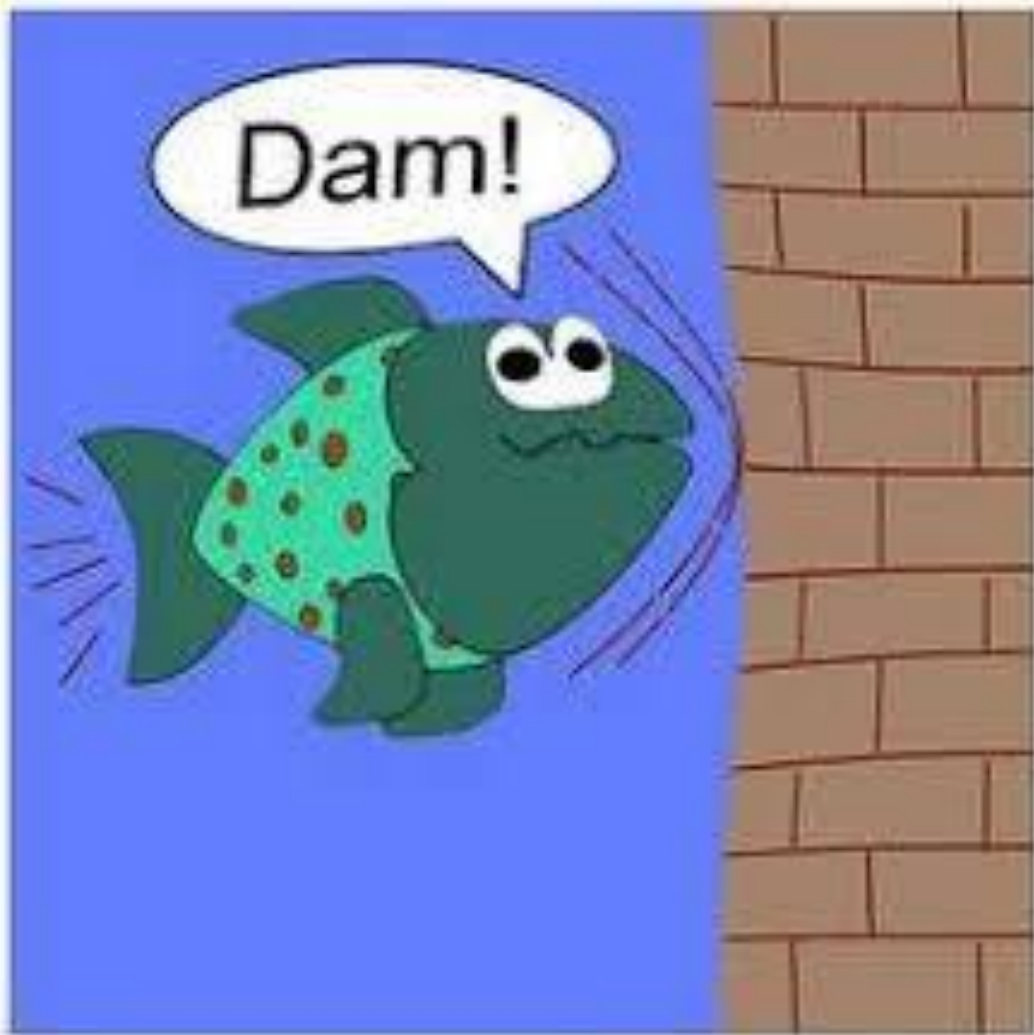


An aerial photograph of Central Park in New York City, showing the dense green trees of the park and the surrounding high-rise buildings of Manhattan. The text "Cultural Apologetics 101" is overlaid in the center of the image.

# Cultural Apologetics 101

# The Keller Center

*for* **CULTURAL APOLOGETICS**



# 1. Why Apologetics? -

Commending and Defending the faith. Called to be ready to give an answer. Need to know when we are living, to give the right answer.



# The Western Church's Shifting Context

Pre-Christian



Christendom



Post-Christian

F.I.S.H. → Apathy = INSPIRE

## Cultural Apologetics....A Working Definition:

**“Cultural Apologetics, then, helps unbelievers want the gospel to be true even before they understand the good news. We offer the beauty of the lordship of Christ as opposed to the ugliness of the lordship of the principalities and powers (Eph. 6:12)”**

**Collin Hansen**

## **Cultural Apologetics....A Working Definition:**

“The work of establishing the Christian voice, conscience, and imagination within a culture so that Christianity is seen as true and satisfying.”

Paul Gould



## **Biblical Examples:**

Acts 17

Genesis 1-3

Proverbs

Sermon on the Mount

## Historical Examples:

Augustine

Blaise Pascal

CS Lewis

# Goal of Cultural Apologetics: Renewal

Mind

Belief

Worship

What are the Stories being Told?  
Questions being  
asked/Assumed?

# The Romance Story







# The Achievement Story

Is it beautiful? Is it  
true? Use vivid  
imagery - most vivid is  
your story



4 Typical Areas we  
should be prepared to  
“Argue”

Why is the World  
Here?



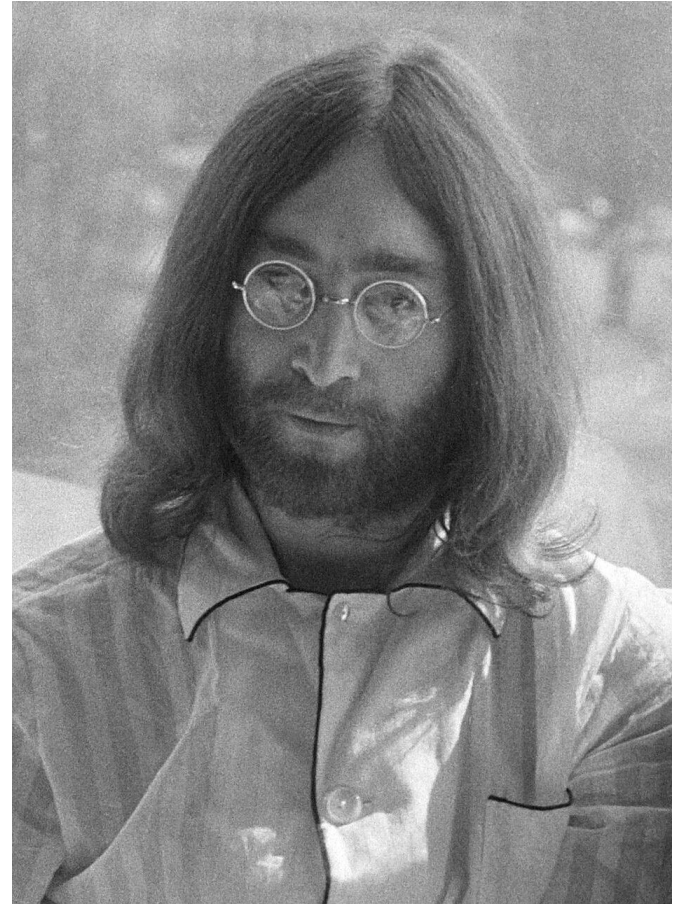
Did it all happen by  
Accident?

What do good and evil  
meant?

Who was Jesus?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23UNLLbOS3w>

1. Imagine no religion...





Hasn't Science  
disproved Christianity?  
Or maybe Science  
rescued us from  
Christianity

