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General

Beckwith, Francis J., William Lane Craig, and J. P. Moreland, eds. *To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian Worldview*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004. A collection of articles in honor of Norman L. Geisler addressing the latest aspects of the debate. Deals with faith and reason, God's existence, the case for Jesus, the problem of evil, postmodernism, religious pluralism and Christian exclusivism, and more. (396 pp., bio on Geisler with a bibliography of his works, footnotes, name, subject and scripture indices.)


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Christian apologetics is a branch of Christian theology that defends Christianity against objections. Christian apologetics has taken many forms over the centuries, starting with Paul the Apostle in the early church and Patristic writers such as Origen, Augustine of Hippo, Justin Martyr and Tertullian, then continuing with writers such as Thomas Aquinas, Duns Scotus, William of Ockham and Anselm of Canterbury during Scholasticism.