

He argues that, at best, all these men have done is argued for the *probability* of Christianity rather than the *certainty* of it (and even in that they have not done a thorough job). Bahnsen challenged them: because no one knows when a worldview that will better fit their criteria will come along and how many of those worldviews exist, who can say that Christianity really is the "best" worldview?

Throughout the book and in his conclusion Bahnsen maintained that true biblical, presuppositional apologetics humbly and obediently submits to the Scriptures at the outset, rather than establishing a criterion for evaluation and giving the Scriptures a passing grade. Furthermore, presuppositionalism always argues for the *certainty* of Christianity and the fact that it is the only viable worldview, not merely the most probable. The three appendices following the book are somewhat helpful, but did not really add a whole lot to what Bahnsen already addressed.

The book has a hint of theonomy, as Bahnsen was a postmillennial reconstructionist. However, this book is a colossal reminder that the Scriptures must be the authority for all of life and thought. The reminder is key not only to presuppositional apologetics, but also to the principle of consistent, normal, grammatical-historical hermeneutics. For someone seeking simply to understand the basics of presuppositional apologetics and practical examples of how it works, this reviewer would more readily refer them to Bahnsen's *Always Ready*. However, this reviewer highly recommends this book to all who would teach presuppositional apologetics or to those who have a great desire to learn it more adequately on the intellectual side. A good working knowledge of logic and philosophy is helpful to the reader but is not necessary. Bahnsen's work is an invaluable resource in presuppositional apologetics and a critical help in maintaining a solidly biblical approach to the practice of defending the faith.

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***Guide to Nouns in the Greek New Testament, Guide to Adjectives in the Greek New Testament, Guide to Pronouns in the Greek New Testament, and Guide to Prepositions in the Greek New Testament*** by Laurence M. Vance. Pensacola, FL: Vance Publications, 2007-08. Approx. 30 pp. each, paper, \$5.95 each/\$20.00 set.

In these four booklets, the author has provided the Greek student with some very helpful tools. There are many Greek grammar books, such as the classic *Essentials of New Testament Greek* (Summers) and *New Testament Greek for Beginners* (Machen). Modern, and easier, texts include: *Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar* (Mounce) and *Teach Yourself New Testament Greek* (Macnair). While such a grammar book is essential for learning New

Testament Greek, Vance's little booklets are an excellent supplement. Their strength is that each targets one aspect of the language in an overall manner, while most grammar books (of necessity) change from one topic to another. They are also very helpful for those who need to refresh their Greek, not to mention those who might need an aid in preparing for a seminary Greek qualifying exam.

The reader should start with the "Noun" booklet, as the author suggests on the backcover of the other three. It first covers the foundational concept of "declensions" (a far more helpful term, as Macnair offered, is "families"), does a good job on the article, and does especially well on covering the cases. While in this reviewer's analysis, it is not "truly comprehensive," as the author claimed, it is close.

From there, the student can move to any of the other booklets. Like the noun booklet, each covers the essentials of that part of speech. The word "comprehensive" does better fit these three, as every preposition, adjective, and pronoun is addressed. Highly commendable is that every example in all four booklets is taken directly from the New Testament with chapter and verse. A very minor criticism is that while they are only about 30 pages each, a table of contents to major sections would be a nice addition (perhaps on the back of the booklet). In short, if a supplement is needed for seminary Greek study, a refresher, or just a quick reference, Laurence Vance's "Greek Guide Booklets" are the answer. The booklets are highly recommend, and as a set they are a bargain.

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***The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics: Surveying the Evidence for the Truth of Christianity***, eds. Ed Hindson and Ergun Caner. Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 2008. 502 pp., cloth, \$24.99.

First Peter 3:15 says, "But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you." In *The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics*, Ed Hindson and Ergun Caner sought to provide readers with an up-to-date resource for applying this verse to their lives. With 180 articles and 60 different authors, the encyclopedia is a wealth of information regarding cults, philosophical movements, theological controversies, biographies of famous apologists from the past and the present, and controversial issues that believers interact with today.

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