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### Confronting the Unbeliever

**A**pologetics is not something in which the average Christian is skilled, and yet it's the essence of the Christian faith. Apologetics has the primary meaning of "to defend the faith": "Sanctify Jesus Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense *apologian* to every one who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence" (1 Peter 3:15).

Instead of *defending* the faith, many Christians seem to be *apologizing* for their faith. "Well, yes, the Bible does teach that, but let's look at this issue logically. Let's reason this out. We don't need to consider religion when we address politics, economics, law, and education. Let's find out what we have in common and begin there." How many times have you heard this "defense" of the faith?

On the other end of the "reason alone" approach, there are Christians who glory in anti-intellectualism. It's amazing how many Christians attempt to defend the faith with absurd tactics. Of course, those hostile to the Christian faith latch on to this type of extremism and obscurantism and paint all of Christianity with it. Just recently there was a story of a minister who was going around telling his audiences that if they played the theme song to the old *Mr. Ed* television show backwards, they could hear a satanic message. Supposedly a generation of young people has been corrupted by this insidious and devilish tactic.

A picketer at an abortion mill maintained that the clinic ought to be shut down by the police because the people are the law: "We're the people. Since the people are the law of the land, the police are obligated to listen and to follow our demands. "What if a group

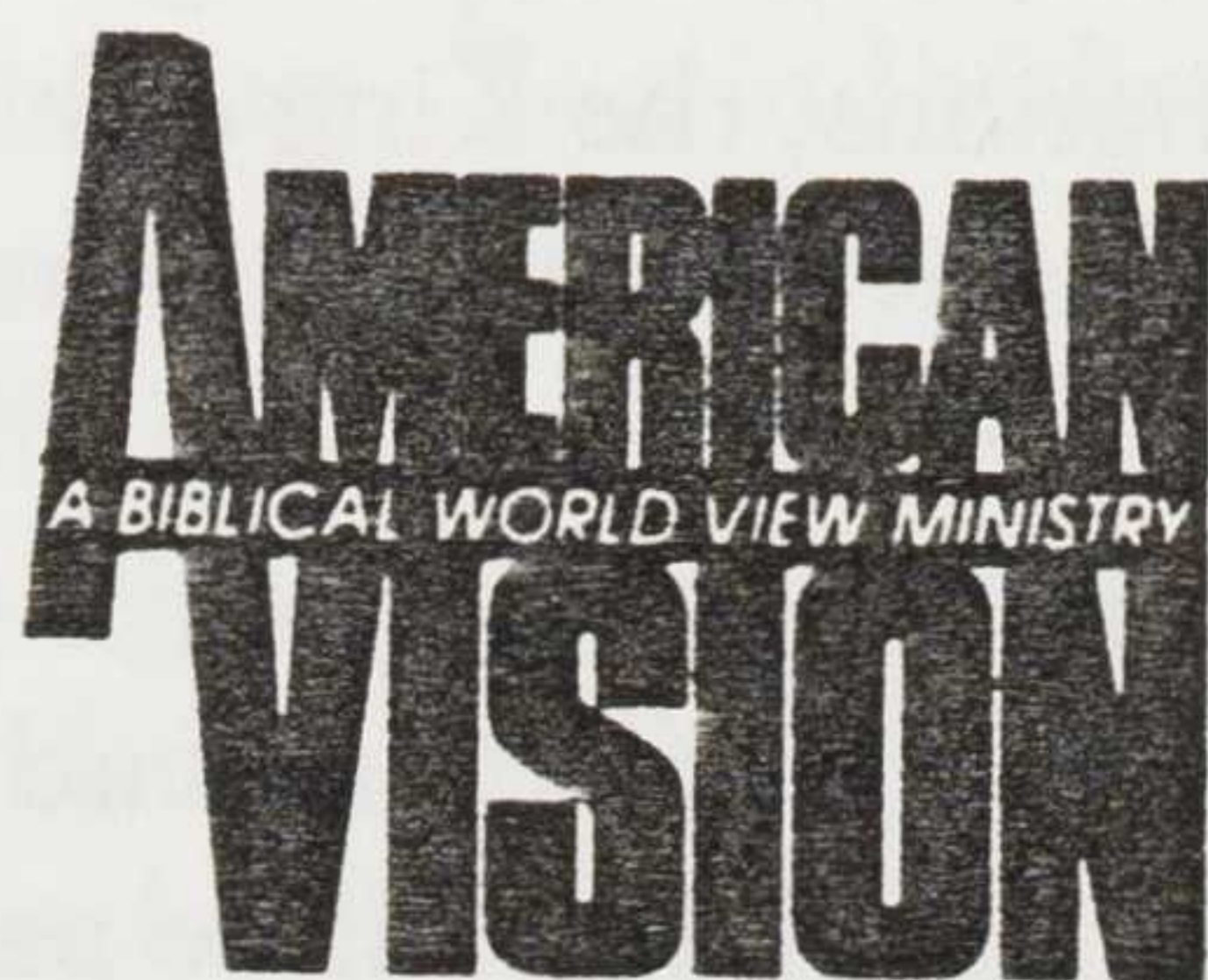
of pro-abortionists come to picket the next week and decide to follow the same line of argument?: "We're the people. Since the people are the law of the land, the police ought to arrest all those who are picketing." What should the police do? Should they listen to the abortionists or the pro-lifers?

Consider the abortion issue itself. Abortionists maintain that the fetus is nothing more than a glob of tissue. So why all the fuss? But what happens when you confront them with the medical evidence? Does this convince them? Not hardly. There are some abortionists who do believe that to kill a fetus is to kill a human being. Then why do they continue to support abortion? There are "high social reasons" that overrule the *potential* significance of what a baby might grow up to be. What about the facts? To them, the facts are irrelevant. Our defense of the faith must be biblical in content and method. We must confront the world with the demands of Jesus Christ. Nothing less will do.

### Creating Without God

What about those who hold to a creation model of origins and want that position taught alongside the evolution model in public (government) schools? Is this a proper approach? I don't believe so. Let's put aside the argument of whether public (government) schools are even an option biblically. What reason does the scientific creationist give for wanting both models taught? He maintains correctly that the evolutionary model invariably denies God. But doesn't the scientific creationist model do the same? All one has to do is to read a transcript of any creation/evolution trial to see that the Christian witnesses want to make it crystal clear that their position is based on "science and not religion."

There are two editions of the book *Scientific Creationism*. There is a "Public School Edition" that



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