

4 Skepticism & Scientism

Objective: to address the criticism of skeptics that Christian belief is arrogant, unjustified, and irrational, and to understand the view of scientism and its deleterious effects.

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Arrogant, Unjustified, & Irrational?

Justified – a belief is justified if after careful reflection and investigation of a matter, including objections and counter-arguments, it is still found to be strongly compelling.

Rational – a belief is rational if it is produced by cognitive faculties that are functioning properly and successfully aimed at discovering what is true.

Warrant – a belief is warranted if it is produced by cognitive faculties that are functioning properly in an appropriate framework of knowledge according to a design plan successfully aimed at discovering what is true.

Science & Scientism

Science – the investigation and study of the structure and behavior of the physical world through observation and experimentation.

Scientism – the belief that science alone has the intellectual authority to give us knowledge of reality.

Summary Statement: