

## **5.1 Evidence that Demands a Verdict** (see the book by Josh McDowell)



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### **Philippians 2: 3-8**

**“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage.**

**Rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross!”**

## **Apologetics**

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The word “apologetics” refers to the “defense of the faith.” Of course, the Christian faith is centered on “believing in Jesus” and based upon teachings from the Bible. When I was a child, I was taught to believe the Bible, and I accepted Jesus as my Saviour and the Lord of my life when I was about 11 years of age. However, as I became older, I wondered, “How do I KNOW the Bible is true?” The late Dr. Bill Bright, of Campus Crusade for Christ, raised a similar question, “Is Christianity credible?” I wondered and I longed for some historical evidence or intellectual basis for faith in Jesus Christ! The Bible tells a wonderful story, but is there logical and historical reason to believe it is really true?

The book *Evidence that Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell, originally published in 1972 by Campus Crusade boldly proclaims that there IS such evidence, and this book provides an excellent summary of that evidence. I remember proclaiming of this book when I first heard about it in the early 1970s, “I really needed this book when I was in college! I would have given \$500 to have had it a few years ago!” Well, I’m happy to say that you can probably get an updated version of this book today for a very nominal fee, especially since, as I understand, McDowell accepts no royalty on his book sales. Instead, he donates all proceeds to the Campus Crusade for Christ! Josh McDowell is definitely my favorite apologetics author! If you don't have a copy of this book, you REALLY need to get one!!

Other well-known apologists include Aristides and Justin Martyr from the second century, G.K. Chesterton (1874-1922), C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), and R.C. Sproul

**(1939-2017). According to these apologists and many, many more, there IS logical and historical evidence for the Christian faith, which is continually being confirmed by archaeology today. They say that every time an archaeologist turns a shovel of dirt, he/she confirms the truth of the Bible and disproves the fallacious theories of atheism!**

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