

Revelation in Nature and Scripture

1) Introduction

2) Doctrine: A knowledge of the existence of God, and a number of his perfections, is attainable by the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence.

WCF 1:1a: Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence, do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet they are not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of his will, which is necessary unto salvation...

WLC 2a: *How doth it appear that there is a God?* The very light of nature in man, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God...

3) Doctrine: The light of nature is insufficient to give fallen man that knowledge of God, and of his will, which is necessary unto salvation.

WLC 60: They who, having never heard the gospel, know not Jesus Christ, and believe not in him, cannot be saved, be they never so diligent to frame their lives according to the light of nature, or the laws of that religion which they profess; neither is there salvation in any other, but in Christ alone, who is the Savior only of his body the church.

4) Doctrine: God revealed Himself and His will to the Church, and committed the same wholly unto writing.

WCF 1:1b: ...therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his Church; and afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the Church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing...