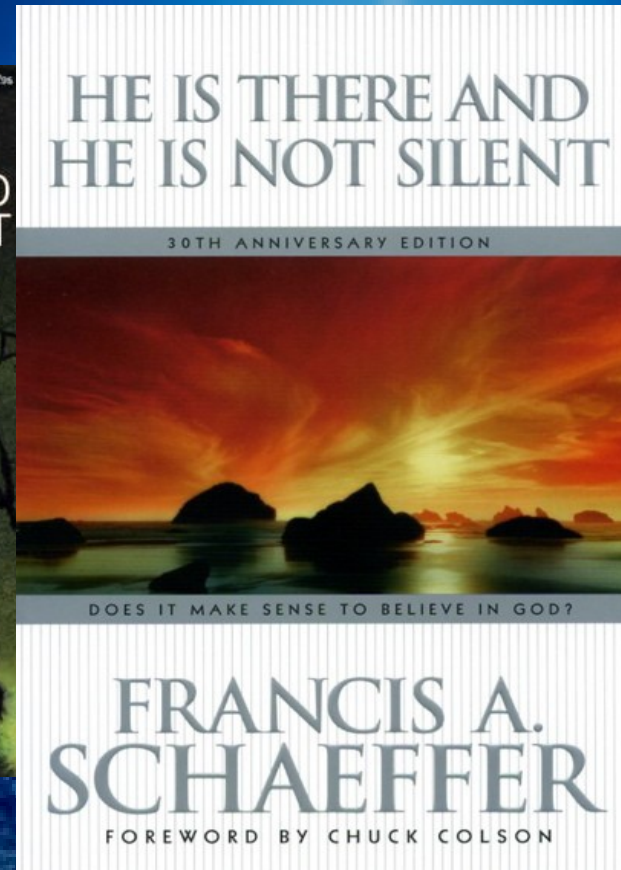
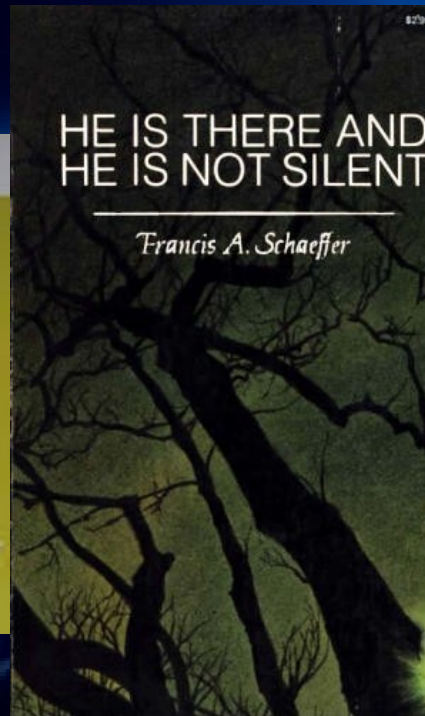
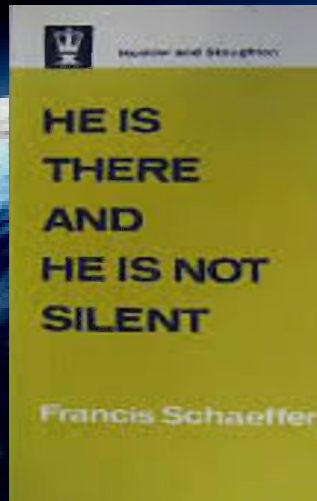


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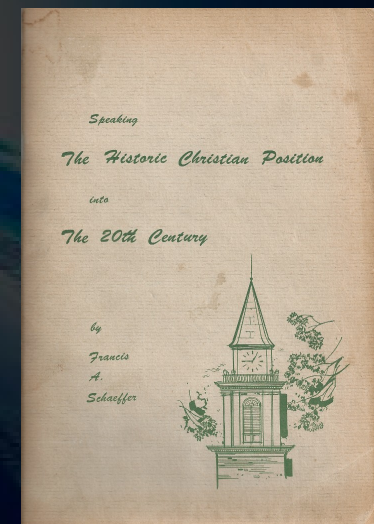
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# History

- Based on Dr. Schaeffer's Lectures:
  - Lectures: “[Possible Answers to the] Basic Philosophical Questions”
    - Audio Available from [www.labri-ideas-library.org](http://www.labri-ideas-library.org)
  - Segments are also found in the 1965 Wheaton Lectures
    - During the lectures Dr. Schaeffer starts by calling the talk, “Spiritual Emphasis in the Framework of Truth”
    - Official name is “Speaking the Historic Christian Position into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.” This title was later added as a sub-title to *The God Who is There*
- Prior to the Book Release in 1972 - On March 15, 1971, Schaeffer delivered four lectures entitled “*He is There and He is Not Silent*” at Covenant College at Lookout Mountain, Georgia. We have cassette recordings by Dr. Donald Williams, that we have digitized and will be releasing during this class.



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# History

- Published in 1972
- Is part of Dr. Schaeffer's *Trilogy*
  - Label given by Dr. Schaeffer, Published the following works together posthumously in 1990:
    - *The God Who Is There*
    - *Escape from Reason*
    - *He is There and He is Not Silent*
- Is part of *The Complete Works of Francis Schaeffer*

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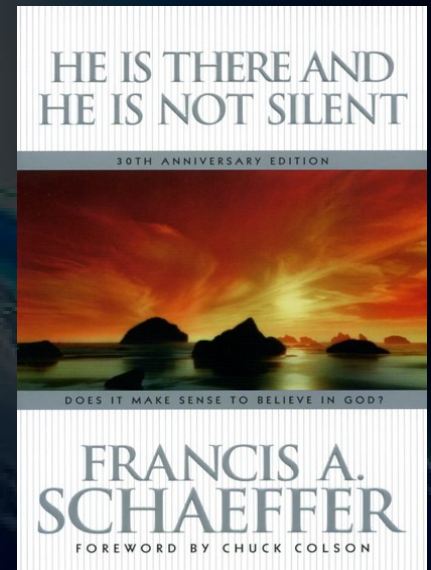
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# Significant Resources

- “[Possible Answers to the] Basic Philosophical Questions”
  - Audio Available from [www.labri-ideas-library.org](http://www.labri-ideas-library.org)
- *He is There and He is Not Silent, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition*
  - Forward by Chuck Colson
  - Introduction by Jerram Barrs
- Introduction to Francis Schaeffer, Study Guide to a Trilogy (Amazon, Ebay)
- The Trilogy, by Francis Schaeffer (CBD, Amazon, Ebay)



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# Questions? For Who?

- “Not everybody is called to answer the questions of the intellectual, but when you go down to the shipyard worker you have a similar task. My second pastorate was with shipyard workers, and **I tell you they have the same questions as the university man**. They just do not articulate them the same way.” ~ Francis Schaeffer, *He is There and He is Not Silent*
- “I have worked with shipyard workers, mill workers, all kinds of people (as well as, when I was younger, personally working on farms, a huckster wagon, in factories, and so on), and **I am convinced that these people often have the same questions as the intellectual; the only thing is that they do not articulate them, or if they do articulate them it is not in the same terminology. I know these people, and I am convinced that the things we are talking about can be talked about to almost anyone—all one has to do is to shift gears in language. Incidentally, that too is love.**” ~ Francis Schaeffer, *The Question of Apologetics, Appendix A to The God Who Is There*
- “The issues addressed in *He is There and He is Not Silent* are **the questions of real people**.” ~ Jerram Barrs, Introduction to *He is There and He is Not Silent, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition*



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# Begin at the Beginning

- “Schaeffer recognized that there were fewer and fewer people who hold to a truly Biblical worldview. Consequently, he saw that it is absolutely essential with the majority of the people we meet to **begin at the beginning**. The beginning for modern and post-modern people is the existence of God and the existence of truth. While these may seem like abstract issues, they are in fact not abstract, Rather, they are practical.” ~ Jerram Barrs, Introduction to *He is There and He is Not Silent*, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

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# “Don't Ask Questions, Just Believe!”

- What system has this form of thinking? Mysticism
- “Don't be so open minded that your brain falls out.” ~ Steve Taylor
- Ellis Potter, a former Buddhist monk, who came to faith after discussions with Francis Schaeffer at L'Abri, recounts that when he was growing up, Christians told him to not ask questions, but to just believe, and have a childlike faith. He found that very absurd, since **all children do is ask questions**.
- Courage at a Funeral (Dan shares about the confidence to deal with the basic human questions, when he was asked to perform his first funeral).
- “It is dark out there. I think one reason I am able to talk to this kind of twentieth-century person is because I understand something of just how dark it can be. Men must know that with integrity we have faced the reality of the dark path they are treading.” ~ Francis Schaeffer, *The God Who is There*

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# Philosophers?

- “Philosophical Questions” for Philosophers
  - Academic vs. General
  - “all people are philosophers, for all people have a world-view.” ~ Francis Schaeffer, *He is There and He is Not Silent*
  - I've been told that Schaeffer once said, “there are two kinds of philosophers, those who know they are, and those who do not.”
  - “...philosophy and religion are indeed dealing with the same questions” ~ Francis Schaeffer , *He is There and He is Not Silent*

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# We Do Not Know The Questions

- “Christians have tended to despise the concept of philosophy. This has been one of the weaknesses of evangelical, orthodox Christianity—we have been proud in despising philosophy, and we have been exceedingly proud in despising the intellect. Our theological seminaries hardly ever relate their theology to philosophy, and specifically to the current philosophy. Thus, students go out from the theological seminaries not knowing how to relate Christianity to the surrounding world-view. **It is not that they do not know the answers. My observation is that most students graduating from our theological seminaries do not know the questions.**” ~ Francis Schaeffer , *He is There and He is Not Silent*

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# The Whole Man

- “God made the **whole man** and is interested in the whole man, and the result is a unity.” ~ Schaeffer, *The God Who Is There*
- “...when a man comes under the blood of Christ, **his whole capacity as man is refashioned**. His soul is saved, yes, but so are his **mind** and body. True spirituality includes the Lordship of Christ over the **total man**.” ~ Schaeffer, *Art and the Bible*
- “We must stress that the basis for our faith is neither experience nor emotion, but the truth as God has given it: verbalized, propositional form in the Scripture and which **we first of all apprehend with our minds**—though, of course, the whole man must act upon it.” ~ Schaeffer, *The New Super-Spirituality*

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# The Mind

- "Take my yoke upon you, and **learn from me**, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." - Matthew 11:29
- 1 Kings 8:48 "if they repent **with all their mind** and with all their heart..."
- "Casting down **imaginings**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every **thought** to the obedience of Christ;" ~ 2 Cor. 10:5, KJV
- "We destroy arguments and every lofty **opinion** raised against the **knowledge** of God, and take every **thought** captive to obey Christ" ~ 2 Cor. 10:5, ESV
- "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and **with all your mind**." - Matthew 22:37
- "You keep him in perfect peace whose **mind** is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. " - Isaiah 26:3

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# Truth Applies To Everyone!

- “...most people do not analyze their concept of truth. Nevertheless, all people, whether they know it or not, are functioning in the framework of some concept of truth.” ~ Francis Schaeffer, *Wheaton Lectures*

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# Class Goal: Simple, Practical, Complexity

- “Everything Should Be Made as Simple as Possible, But Not Simpler” ~Albert Einstein
- “If you can't explain it simply, you don't know it well enough.” ~Albert Einstein
- “Any fool can make things more complex, it takes a touch of genius to move in the opposite direction.” ~ Albert Einstein
- “Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.” ~ Leonardo Da Vinci
- “Consider the ministry of our Lord Jesus Himself. What was His ministry like? He was constantly answering questions. Of course they were different kinds of questions from those which arose in the Greek and Roman world, and therefore His discussion was different. But as far as His practice was concerned, He was a man who answered questions, this Jesus Christ, this Son of God, this second person of the Trinity, our Savior and our Lord. But someone will say, “Didn't He say that to be saved you have to be as a little child?” Of course He did. **But did you ever see a little child who didn't ask questions? People who use this argument must never have listened to a little child or been one!** My four children gave me a harder time with their endless flow of questions than university people ever have. Jesus did not mean that coming as a little child simply meant making an upper-story leap. **What Jesus was talking about is that the little child, when he has an adequate answer, accepts the answer. He has the simplicity of not having a built-in grid whereby, regardless of the validity of the answer, he rejects it. And that is what rationalistic man, humanistic man, does.**

Christianity demands that we have enough compassion to learn the questions of our generation. The trouble with too many of us is that we want to be able to answer these questions instantly, as though we could take a funnel, put it in one ear and pour in the facts, and then go out and regurgitate them and win all the discussions. It cannot be. Answering questions is hard work. Can you answer all the questions? No, but you must try. Begin to listen with compassion. Ask what this man's questions really are and try to answer. And if you don't know the answer, try to go someplace or read and study to find the answer. “ ~ Francis Schaeffer, *Two Contents, Two Realities*

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# Discussion

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