

six enemies of apologetics

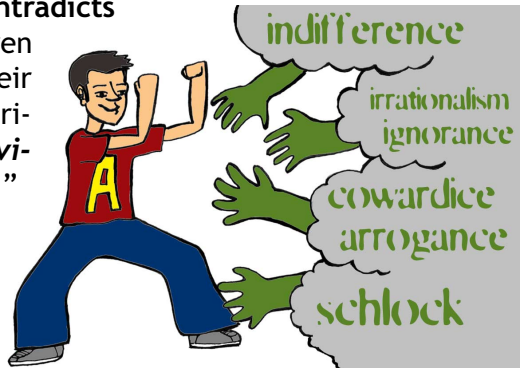
Have you joined forces with any of these bad boys?

1. indifference

Our culture labels us as *outdated, irrational, and narrow-minded*. Unfortunately, that's often true. Worse, our answer to that is often: "Yeah, whatever!" But we CAN'T be indifferent about all this! We can - nay, MUST! - help change that perception by doing what we were told to do: *to give an answer to all men in any situation with gentleness and respect*. We SHOULD care, it's so... like JESUS! (Sorry, I got a little excited there.)

2. irrationalism

When we follow Christ we are supposed to bring our brains along for the trip. But too many of us hold on to beliefs which are just plain irrational or which have no evidence to back them up, or worse, have evidence that actually **contradicts** them! Then, to make things even more bizarre, some look at their irrationality as being more spiritual! "*I believe despite the evidence.*" OY! If we "just believe," despite the evidence, we become no better than cult members who believe because they were **told** what to believe and to just accept it.



3. ignorance

An important tool missing from many a Christian's toolbox is any KNOWLEDGE to defend the faith. Few churches push apologetics. And all you have to do is just look at your local Christian bookstore's shelves to get an idea of where our values are. Christian "bestsellers" *indulge in groundless apocalyptic speculations, exalt Christian celebrities (whose characters often do not fit their notoriety), and revel in how-to books*. Yikes!