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General & Special Revelation

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I. The Question of Epistemology

A. The Term - From epistomai, "to know, understand"

B. The Question

C. The Christian Answer

1. General (Natural) revelation

2. Special revelation

II. General Revelation

A. What It Is

1. Scriptures

a. Psalms 19:1-2

b. Acts 14:17

c. Romans 1:19-20

2. The strength of the evidence

B. Its Limits

C. Its Relationship to Special Revelation (What about the heathen in Lapland who never heard the gospel?)

1. Negative response - no excuse (Romans 1:20)

2. Positive response - additional (special) revelation
 - a. Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8)
 - b. Cornelius (Acts 10)
 - c. Corinthians (Acts 18:10)

III. Special Revelation

A. Liberalism

B. Neo-Orthodoxy

C. Historic Christian Orthodoxy

1. The concept

2. The church fathers

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SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - Psalm 19:1 – “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork.”