

# How to theologize about anything

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## 1) Introduction

### a) When we have to go 'beyond the Bible'

Theologizing = seeking to say, on the basis of the Bible's revelation of God , something true about reality that accordingly directs our thinking and action.

### b) The pain and opportunity of current debates

## 2) Why we're confused

### a) The enlightenment and its consequences

### b) Consequences for theology and ethics

### 3) Understanding the confusion

#### a) The biblical A>B

B = the circumstance and the resolution that is arrived at within it

A = a theological account of reality

#### b) Focusing on B

#### c) Focusing on A

### 4) Foundations for theologizing

#### a) We live in an ordered moral creation

b) God's revelation in Christ

c) That we can't avoid an  $X > Y$

d) Apprentices to the biblical  $A > B$

## 5) Implications