

Manawatu Christian Apologetics Society
DEFENDING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE MANAWATU

Logical Fallacies

**“Prepare your minds for
action”**

1 Peter 1:13

- Stephen Smith



Definition

- A study of right reasoning
- A way to think so we come to the right conclusions
- Avoid mistakes people commonly make in thinking

2 Corinthians 10:5

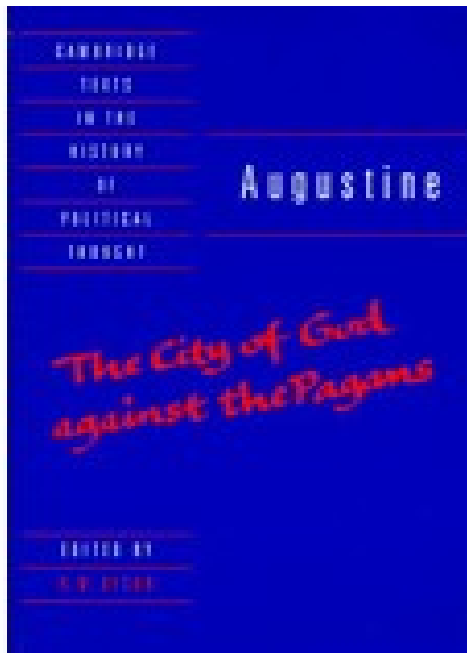
- **We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ**

Summary of the Biblical case

- Logical reasoning, governed by the Word and in the power of the Spirit, is a powerful tool we can use to defend the faith.

St Augustine

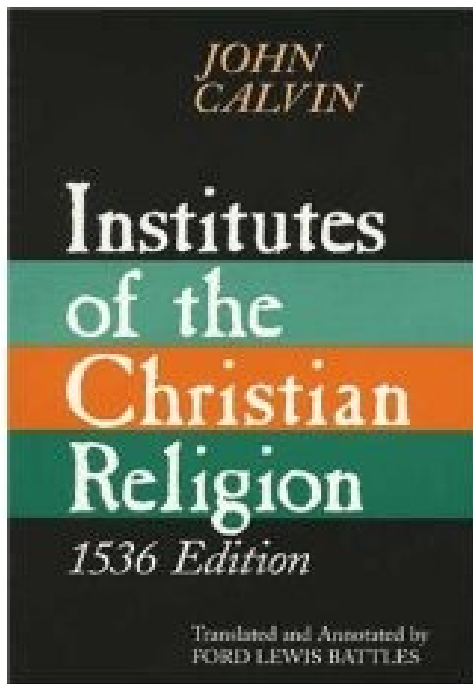
- City of God



- Augustine's book shows how a pagan argument can be shown to be self-refuting
- Gives a positive presentation of the Christian faith and the future hope that believers have in Christ.

John Calvin

- Institutes of Christian Religion



- A clear articulation of the Christian faith using biblically founded reasoning
- Also shows us that biblical truth must be linked to a genuine love for Christ

Law of Non-Contradiction

- A is not non $\neg A$
- No two contradictory statements can both be true at the same time and in the same sense