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CHRISTIAN Apologetics has for its function to vindicate the divinity of the Christian religion. Christianity has its centre and foundation in Jesus Christ. It is a divine religion if He is a divine person. Jesus Christ is set forth as the culmination of a lengthened series of revelations from God. By divers portions and in divers manners, His word was spoken of old time, but when the fulness of the time came, the Word became flesh and dwelt among men. If Jesus Christ is a divine person, then the Old and New Testaments are the record of a divine revelation. Hence the vindication of Christianity is the vindication of the divine character of Jesus Christ, its foundation, and of the Scriptures which testify of Him. Moreover, the reality of the Christian religion presupposes the existence of God, a self-revealing being, and cannot be contradictory to any disclosures He may have made apart from Christianity, or the preparation for it in the Bible. Hence the vindication of Christianity either includes or presupposes the establishment of the discoveries God has made of Himself to man in the natural exercise of his faculties, and from natural objects and events. These constitute the sphere of natural theology. The