## Understanding and Defending the Reasons of our Faith in a World Gone Mad

1. Owning our shared teapots and train tracks.

When we deny control of our feelings and justify our outbursts or meltdowns, we are drinking from the same teapot as Obergefell.

When we assign value or assess quality or determine meaning or define reality based on our feelings or inner senses, we are on the same tracks as the transman--she's just further down the line.

- 2. The inherent bleakness of the cosmic divorce.
  - a. The world is a divorce court.

"This world is all one wild divorce court." (G.K. Chesterton)

We have sundered God from the cosmos, the soul from the body, happiness from the good, the man from the woman, masculinity from the male, femininity from the female, and everything has become monotonous.

b. Naturalism is a bandit.

Love has been robbed of its mysterious nobility and has been reduced to mechanical instinct.

c. Scientism is a killjoy.

Beauty loses its wonder under a microscope, and relationships are sterilized by scientific research.

3. Delight is discovered and experienced in the LORD.

"Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 37:4)

- 4. The necessity of a new apologetic that isn't new.
  - a. Salt that is salty (Matthew 5:13; 1 Peter 2:11).
  - b. Purity that is pure (1 Corinthians 5:6-13; Acts 5:11, 13)
  - c. Light that is bright (Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 5:6-14).
  - d. Joy that is joyful (Acts 2:46; Philippians 4:4; 1 Peter 3:15).
    Your smile may well become a confusing yet compelling declaration of the gospel to a world gone mad.