

131 BASIL
Listen to the debate. Perhaps you
will hear my arguments and be
converted.

132 MAXIMUS
Are you ready, Basil?

133 BASIL
I'm ready.

CROWD EXCITED MURMURING, BUILDS.

134 ANNOUNCER
Ladies and Gentleman please welcome
to the debate stage for the first
time in Athens, Basil of
Cappadocia!

CROWD CHEERS, MUSIC BUILDS WITH CROWD WALLA.

13 I/E. DEBATE STAGE

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Quick cuts over sfx and music to "set the stage":

135 BASIL
Aristotle supplements Scripture!

136 DEBATER
Aristotle corrupts Scripture!

137 BASIL
Close-minded!

138 DEBATER
Heretic!

BIG WALLA AND MUSIC FADE DOWN TO THE DEBATE:

Mid-debate:

139 BASIL
If Plato makes the same argument as
the Apostle Paul does in Scripture,
is it not incumbent upon Christians
to heed that argument?

START >>> 140 **DEBATER**
By reading Pagan literature, it is
impossible for a Christian to
discern the truth from the error.
Christians will easily be led
astray!

141 BASIL

Did not the Apostle make exactly the opposite argument in his letter to the Romans? Paul teaches us that what can be known about God is plain to us, that his invisible nature can be clearly perceived in the things that have been made.

142 DEBATER

The natural order always points to the Divine Godhead! Not the errors of pagans who lead astray with subtleties.

143 BASIL

The Apostle Himself defied your words in this very city! For when he saw the pagan pantheon, he observed an altar to an unknown god, and in the midst of the error of the pagans he drew out the Truth of God, saying "what you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you."

144 DEBATER

Are you purporting that Christians should abandon the study of the Scriptures to scour pagan writings for glimmers of wisdom?

145 BASIL

Certainly not! We should be intimately acquainted with sacred writings, but we must also see the silhouette of virtue in the pagan authors! Those who know the Scripture but carefully gather useful things from other books will gain virtues. Every man ought to choose the life of virtue! Is it not shameful to squander what you have? Later you will call it to mind in anguish at your judgement, when no more time is given.

146 DEBATER

I-I- perhaps in sacred writings our Lord- the Apostle-

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HE BUMBLES AND STUMBLES OVER HIS WORDS.
MURMURING FROM THE CROWD - BASIL HAS WON.
(ADDENDUM 1-B).