

The Scripture's Van Til quotes about Apologetics

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Bibles texts basis and conclusion

The Bible texts to search for were determined by looking at the Scripture indexes of Greg Bahnsen's *Cornelius Van Til: Apologetics Readings and Analysis* (VTARA) and *Always Ready* (AR). This method will not pick up two of Van Til's uses of the Bible: (1) there are Biblical allusions scattered throughout Van Til's writings;¹ and (2) Van Til often uses the "Biblical Theology" of his beloved teacher Geerhardus Vos² with its "teachings of creation, fall, and redemption in Christ."³

The Bible texts are given in order of the number of hits found on the Van Til CD-ROM.

NB The King James Version was used, as this is the version Van Til usually quotes. Where "OR" has been used in the search *the number of articles* is the number of hits. There are allusions to Scripture that will not be included in the totals below. The respective Bible verse(s) may be included in separate editions of the same book or in other authors writings quoted by Van Til or in other author's writings in the Festschrift for Van Til *Jerusalem and Athens*.⁴ In other words Van Til's actual usage of the respective Bible verse will be less than is given below but this is still a guide to Van Til's use of Scripture.

Conclusion for most quoted Bible texts: If we just note the articles / hits above 50 then the Bible texts Van Til quotes and uses most are, in order of most quoted:-

Bible texts	Van Til Articles / hits
Romans 1:18–21	119
John 14:6	102
Romans 1:25	68
Ephesians 4:17–24	68
1 Corinthians 1:20	67
2 Corinthians 10:4, 5	67

¹ See VTARA xviii–xix note 4.

² See John M. Frame, *Cornelius Van Til: An Analysis of His Thought* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 1995), 20–21.

³ Cornelius Van Til, *Christian Theistic Ethics* (Nutley, NJ: P&R Publishing, 1970), 210.

⁴ E.R. Geehan, ed., *Jerusalem and Athens: Critical Discussions on the Theology and Apologetics of Cornelius Van Til* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 1971).

Table of the Scripture's Van Til quotes about (with where the Bible texts are found in Van Til & Bahnsen's works) *in articles / hits order*

The main Van Til and Bahnsen passages and Bible verses for the transcendental argument are highlighted in bold.

Bahnsen key Bible texts from VTARA and AR	Van Til Articles / hits	Van Til CD-ROM Search used
Romans 1:18–21	119	"Rom 1:18" OR "Romans 1:18" OR "Rom 1:19" OR "Romans 1:19" OR "Rom 1:20" OR "Romans 1:20" OR "Rom 1:21" OR "Romans 1:21" OR "truth in unrighteousness" OR "known of God is manifest" OR "invisible things" OR "glorified him not as God"
John 14:6	102	"John 14 :6" OR "the way, the truth"
Romans 1:25	68	"Rom 1:25" OR "Romans 1:25" OR "rather than the Creator" OR "more than the Creator"
Eph 4:17–24	68	"Eph 4" [and ignoring N/A hits] OR "the vanity of their mind" OR "understanding darkened" OR "righteousness and holiness"
1 Corinthians 1:20 (29 times with v21)	67	"1 Cor 1:20" OR "made foolish the wisdom"
2 Corinthians 10:4,5	67	"2 Cor 10:4" OR "2 Cor 10:5" OR "to the obedience of Christ"
Romans 5:12	49	"Rom 5:12" OR "Romans 5:12" OR "through one man sin entered"
Romans 2:14,15	33	"Rom 2:14" OR "Romans 2:14" OR "Rom 2:15" OR "Romans 2:15" OR "work of the law "
Acts 17:16–34	30	"Acts 17" [and ignoring N/A hits]
1 Corinthians 2:14	28	"1 Cor 2:14" OR "the natural man receiveth" OR "they are spiritually discerned"
Colossians 1:15–20	26	"Colossians 1" OR "Col 1" [and ignoring N/A hits] OR "by him all things consist" OR "have the preeminence"
Colossians 3:10	24	"Col 3:10" OR "renewed in knowledge"
Acts 14:8–20	21	"Acts 14" [and ignoring N/A hits]
Psalms 19:1 (1–6)	12	"Psalm 19" OR "Ps 19:1" OR "heavens declare the glory"
1 Peter 3:15	10	"1 Peter 3:15" OR "1 Pet 3:15" OR "give a reason" OR "to give an answer"
Romans 8:7	9	"Rom 8:7" OR " mind is enmity against God"
Ephesians 1:11	9	"Eph 1:11" OR "Ephesians 1:11" OR "after the counsel"
Psalms 36:9	8	"Ps 36:9" OR "see light"
Colossians 2:8	7	"Col 2:8" OR "rudiments of the world" OR "elements of the world"
Psalms 94:9,10	6	"Ps 94" OR ""planted the ear"
Matthew 12:30	6	"Mt 12:30" OR "not with me is against"
Romans 1:22	6	"Rom 1:22" OR "Romans 1:22" OR "they became fools"

Bahnsen key Bible texts from VTARA and AR	Van Til Articles / hits	Van Til CD-ROM Search used
Proverbs 1:7	4	"Pr 1:7" OR "the fear of the Lord"
1 Corinthians 2:4,5	4	"1 Cor 2:4" OR "1 Cor 2:5" OR "demonstration of the Spirit"
Matthew 7:24–27	2	"Mt 7" [and ignoring N/A hits] OR "house upon the sand"
Psalms 14:1–3	1	"Ps 14" OR "The fool saith"
Luke 16:31	1	"Lk 16:31" OR "hear not Moses and the prophets"
Deuteronomy 32:31	None	"Dt 32:31" OR "their rock is not"
Proverbs 26:4,5	None	"Pr 26" OR "not a fool" OR "Answer a fool"
Acts 26	None	"Acts 26" [and ignoring N/A hits]
1 Corinthians 3:18–20	None	"1 Cor 3" [and ignoring N/A hits] OR "Let no man deceive himself" OR "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." OR "the thoughts of the wise"
Colossians 2:3	None	"Col 2:3" OR "treasures of wisdom"
1 Timothy 6:20,21 [Bahnsen NASB]	None	"1 Tim 6" [and ignoring N/A hits] OR "vain babblings"
2 Timothy 2:23–26 [Bahnsen NASB]	None	"2 Tim 2" OR "repentance to the acknowledging of the truth"
1 Peter 3:16	None	"1 Peter 3:16" OR "1 Pet 3:16" OR "Having a good conscience" OR "speak evil of"