



In him we live and move and have our being.
~ Epimenides, Greek Philosopher, 6th Century BCE

In him we live and move and have our being.
~ The Apostle Paul

Part 4: *Making the Unknown God Known*

And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.
~ The Apostle Paul, Ephesians 3:6-7 (NLT)

Acts 17 is the premiere New Testament model of a Christian apologetic encounter with a pagan culture.
~ Brian Godawa
Storytelling as Subversive Apologetics

Paul followed a strategy establishing churches in areas where their influence would affect the surrounding regions. This led him to Athens.
~ Ray C. Stedman, *God's Unfinished Book*

Paul's speech before the Areopagus remains a model of sensitive but forthright confrontation of an intellectual audience with the claims of the gospel.
~ Ajith Fernando, *The NIV Application Commentary*

Paul's appropriation of pagan cultural images and thought forms by biblical writers reflects more than a mere quoting of popular sayings or shallow cultural reference. It illustrates a redemptive interaction with those thought forms, a certain amount of involvement in, and affirmation of, the prevailing culture, in service to the gospel.
~ Brian Godawa
Storytelling as Subversive Apologetics