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- Validate the Bible as plausible and believable, bringing:
 - The non-believer to a point it can be trusted for salvation through the Gospel. - John 5:46-47.
 - Build up faith and confidence in believers. - 2 Tim 3:16

Purpose:

Glorify God in obedience of the Great Commission:

- Proclaiming "come and see" the Gospel from Genesis onward.
- Enabling disciples to "go and tell" by faith enhancing instruction and revelation:
 - Breaking down barriers to belief by demonstrating the compatibility of science and the study of the Creation.
 - Confidence that God's Word conforms to observations in multiple scientific disciplines, recorded history, archeology, and textual evidence.

A Biblical Worldview – Heart & Mission

Authority - "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." 2 Tim 3:16-17 .

Gentleness - Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king. - 1 Peter 2:17

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Compassion - So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. - Colossians 3:12-13

Worship - Great are the works of the LORD; They are studied by all who delight in them. - Psalm 111:2

What is a Worldview & Why Is it Important?

“A person’s way of thinking about and understanding life, which depends on their beliefs and attitudes.”

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HelpfulProfessor.com breaks worldviews down sixty-five different ways:
 Black: Attitudinal
 Orange: Ideological
 Religious: Green
 Philosophical: Blue

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In Context of ultimate Origins & Destinies There Are Two

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All views outside Biblical origin are human derived, sometimes good, but only Christianity, a relationship says if we love God, we love His word and hold it above human worldviews because it is uniquely authoritative. We’ll discuss that basis for authority in a little while.

To Sum Up

Either

In the Beginning, God Created the Heavens and the Earth.
 - Genesis 1:1

Or

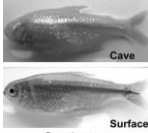
The Cosmos Is All That Is, or Ever Was, or Ever Will Be.
 - Carl Sagan

For our purposes we can define Scientism, the belief that as Carl Sagan stated: “The Cosmos is all that is, or ever was, or ever will be.” This ends with the personal confrontation of “Who are you going to believe?”

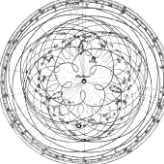
Discussion -

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Interpreting Nature – Two Examples



Continuous Environmental Tracking



Darwin’s Tree of Life was an outcome of his book, The Origin of Species. It was a way to show that nature “selected” mutations favorable for the progression of life from one species to another. Any problems with that idea? (two words that don’t go together here?) How does nature “improve” species and cause new species? By death. Any problems there? (Have read Gen 2:17, Romans 5:12. Discuss)

What does that understanding do for our understanding of the Bible? It brings **conflict & doubt** to our faith.

The Ptolemaic solar system existed about 150 AD. Ptolemy believed the irregularities in planet motion were caused by unseen spheres. He also had to introduce the concept of epicycles, essentially loopy loops to make it all work out to what everybody was seeing! They got crazy

complex trying to account for apparent motion of the sun, moon, and planets.

It was replaced with the Copernican system bolstered by Kepler laws governing planetary motion. A quote: “Kepler defended Nicolaus Copernicus’ theory of heliocentrism (sun-centered solar system) and sought to reconcile it with Scripture. His Protestant beliefs won him little favor with the Catholic church, and the Lutheran church shunned him for his Calvinist sympathies. He was forced to relocate more than once to avoid persecution, as well as to escape political dangers from ongoing wars.

But Kepler stayed true to his faith, and his scientific discoveries earned him acclaim, legitimized the discoveries of his contemporary Galileo, and influenced generations of scientists that followed him.

“...and thou my soul, praise the Lord thy Creator, as long as I shall be: for out of Him and through Him and in Him are all things....To Him be praise, honour, and glory, world without end. Amen.”—J. Kepler, Harmonies of the World, 137.” ICR [Johan Kepler](https://www.icr.org/fb/Kepler/) <https://www.icr.org/fb/Kepler/>

The Decision

- See & Believe?
- Believe & See!
- Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. . – Hebrews 11:1-2

The way conventional science views the world includes only the seen, measurable things. In effect, the summary statement of “the Philosophy of Science” may or may not have faith in God, but not in what He has seen. It brings revelation of the Almighty to the first verse of Psalm 19.

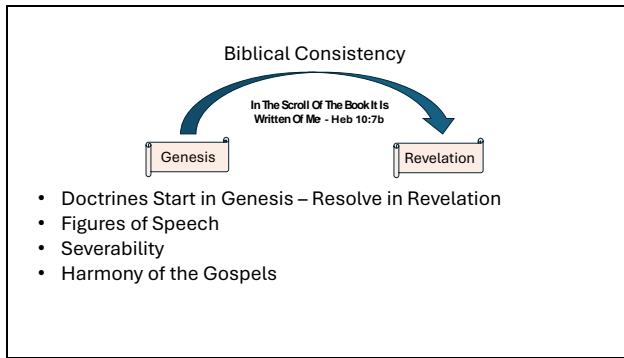
But the complete revelation (at least now) of God needs the additional step of... (wait or hint)

A Biblical Authority

Psalm 138:2 – God Magnifies his Word Above His Name
Mat 5:18 – Old Testament Details Fulfilled
Acts 1:16 – Scripture is Inspired and Fulfilled
Romans 5:14 – OT Written For NT Believers
1 Tim 5:18 – Both Old and New Testaments Are Scripture

1 Tim 5:18 – This is a mashup of two passages Deut 25:4, also cited at 1 Cor 9:9, and Jesus in Mat 10:10 citing the OT Lev 19:13

Many many more references!



Doctrines – Family, Marriage, God, Humans, (ask for more examples) and the most important is (Ask. Salvation) If we assume only parts are true, then we are the ultimate authority.

Another sign that the Bible is God-given and authoritative is consistency within itself

F.o.S. – Invite others to name some figures of speech, start with leaven. Stuck? Look in Revelation.

Severability – The main idea, salvation through Christ is present all throughout the Old and New Testaments

It also ties well with history, archaeology, and science!

To revisit

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Clip from Dr. Lawrence Krauss at ASU 2009 at an atheist conference.

The Stars Died So That You Could Be Here Today - Lawrence Krauss

"Forget Jesus, the stars died so that you could be here today."

If you can't trust the foundation, how will you believe in the rest.



Dr. Jake Hebert (PhD in Physics) of ICR conjectured on a podcast recently about how he believes part of the reason the universe so vast is that we would “have a big enough playground” and that we would probably be able to explore it. He was saddened by the fact that his non-believing colleagues would never have a chance to see the things they invested their lives in, to be able to examine them up close. May his passion for the truth in reaching the lost be infectious!

A proper worldview bolsters faith and confidence in sharing confidence includes the assurance that when the Bible speaks related to scientific, historic, or other areas, it is **true** and **authoritative**

A Proper Worldview bolsters faith & confidence in sharing the Gospel.