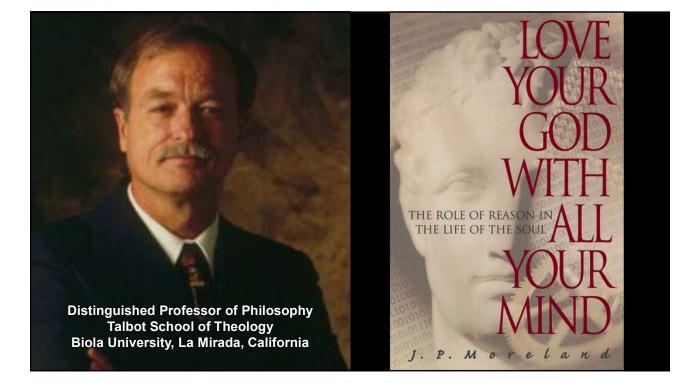
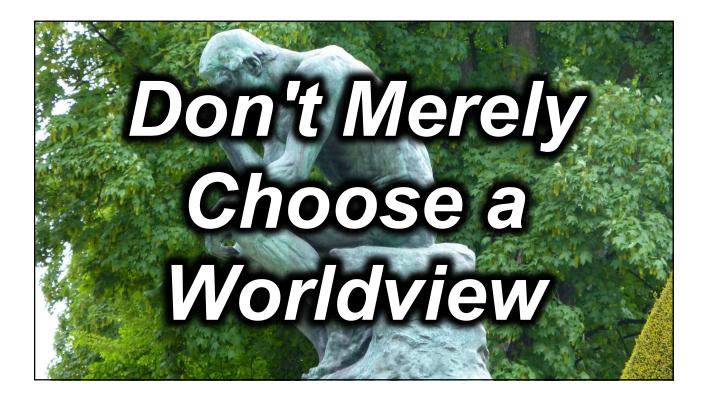


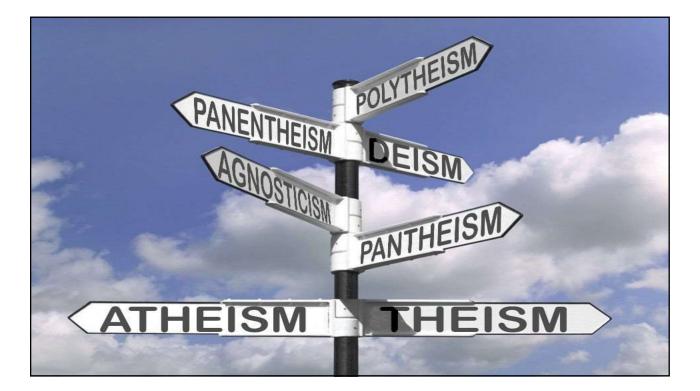
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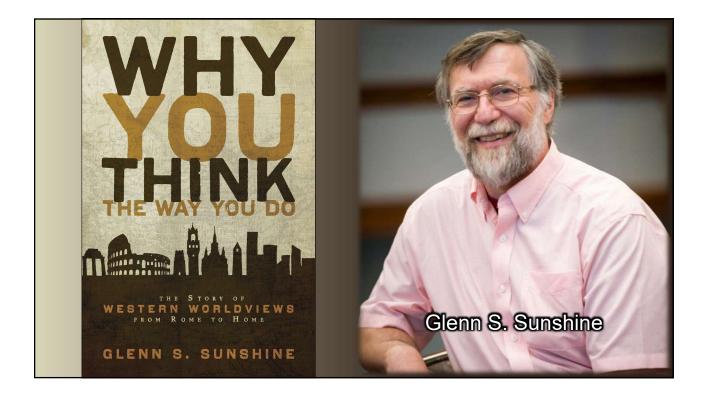












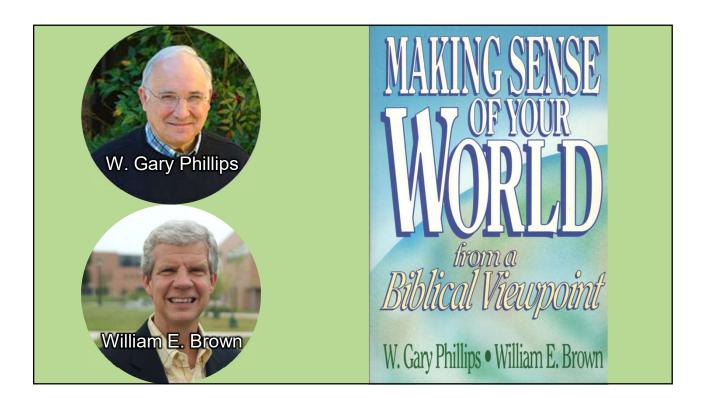
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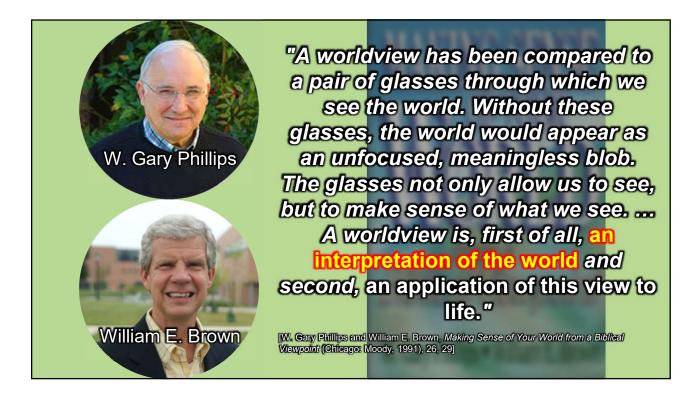
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"A person's worldview consists of the values, ideas or the fundamental belief system that determines his attitudes, beliefs and ultimately, actions."

[Tracy F. Munsil, Focus on the Family: http://www.focusonthefamily.com/faith/christianworldview/whats-a-christian-worldview/whats-your-worldview, accessed 06/24/21]

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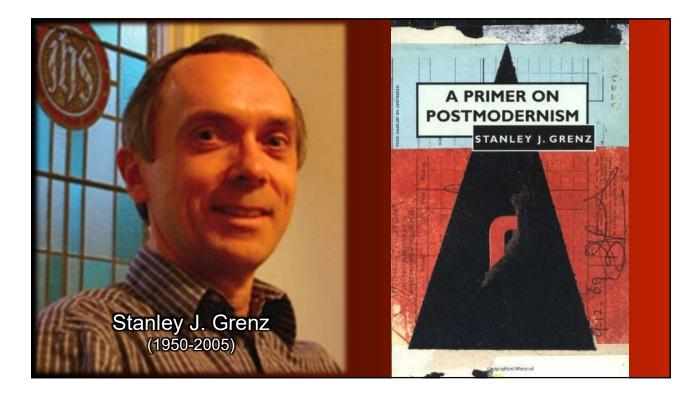


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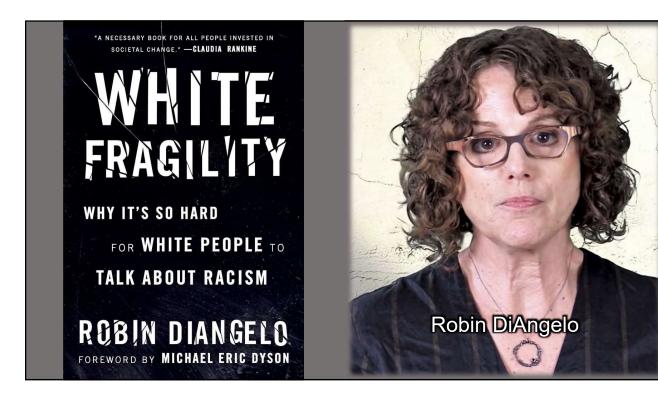
Stanley J. Grenz (1950-2005) "On the contrary, we are participants in our historical and cultural context, and all our intellectual endeavors are unavoidably conditioned by that participation."

[Stanley J. Grenz, *A Primer on Postmodernism* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1996), 166]



"Postmodernism stresses the distinction between objectivity of facts, versus objectivity of knowledge or people. It accepts the possible existence of facts outside human context, but argues that all knowledge is mediated by an individual and that the experiences, biases, beliefs, and identity of that individual necessarily influence how they mediate any knowledge."

[Dan McGee, "Truth and Postmodernism" downloaded from https://medium.com/@danmcgee/truth-and-postmodernism-816ea9b3007a, 09/05/20]



"We make sense of perceptions and experience through our particular cultural lens. This lens is neither universal nor objective, and without it, a person could not function in any human society.

[Robin DiAngelo, White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism (Boston: Beacon, 2018), 9]



PERSPECTIVISM

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Everyone has their own perspective about the world. Nobody's perspective is any more or less legitimate than anyone else's.

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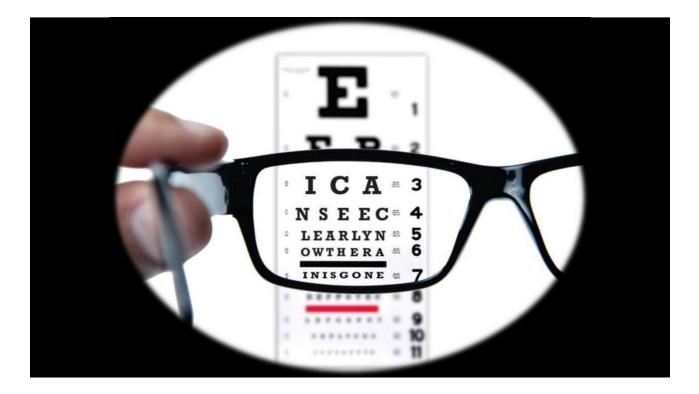
How can one choose a world view without being affected by his own world view while making the choice?

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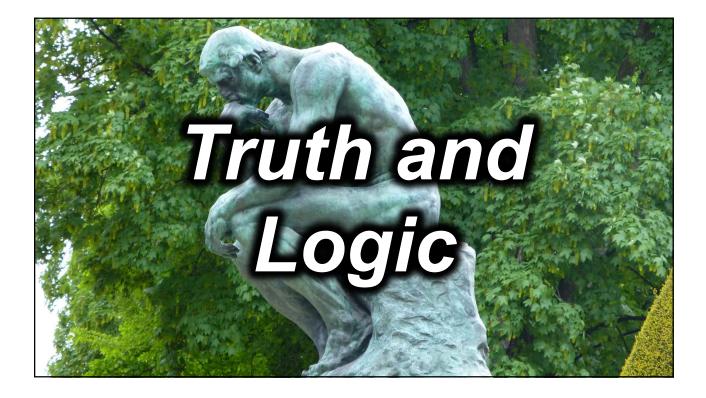
Don't we actually want something more from our world view than merely choosing our preferences?

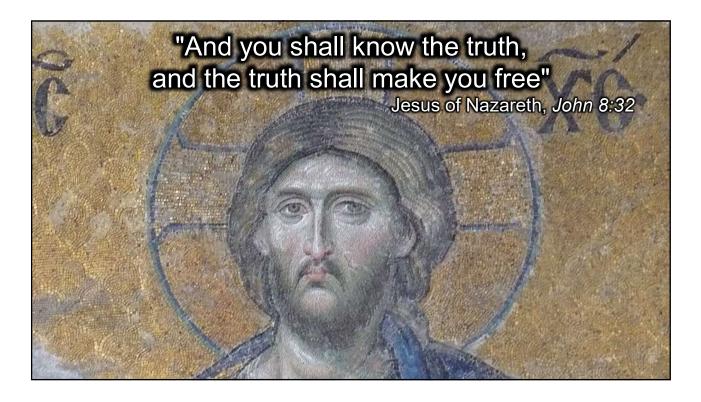






✓ the right view of truth and logic
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✓ the right view of Faith and Reason
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Distinguishing Theories of Truth and Tests for Truth

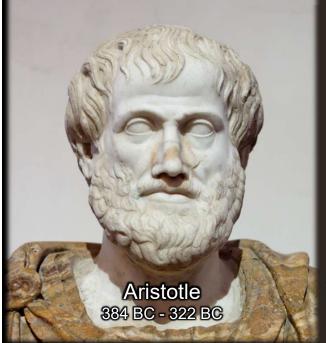
∞Theory of Truth*∞*

how one defines the terms 'true' and 'truth' when saying that a statement is true

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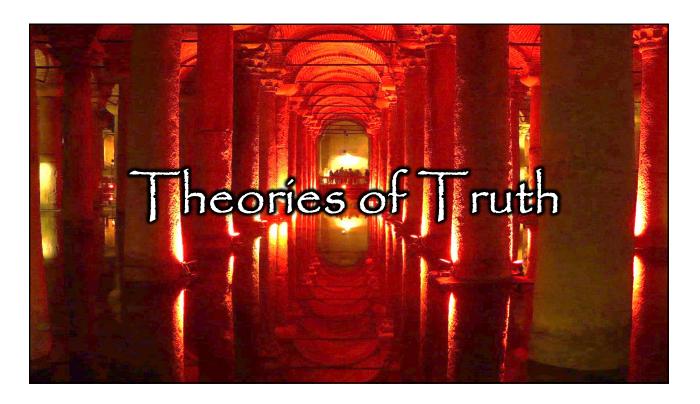
how one discovers whether a statement is true, regardless of one's theory of truth

The Correspondence Theory of Truth



"To say of what is, that it is not, or of what is not, that it is, is false, while to say of what is, that it is and of what is not, that it is not, is true."

Metaphysics, IV, 7, 1011^b26-29 Translation by W. D. Ross in Richard McKeon, The Basic Works of Aristotle (New York: Random House, 1941).



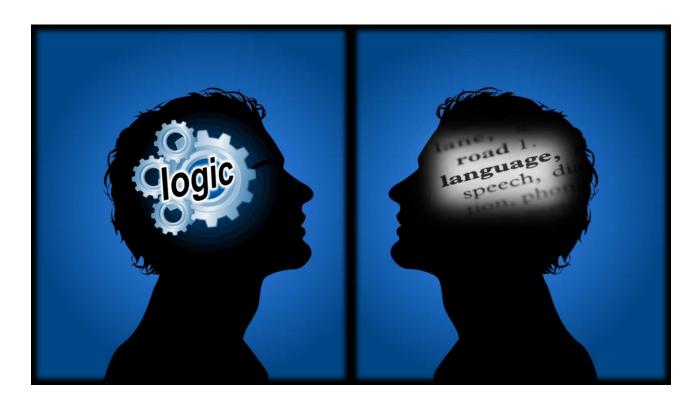


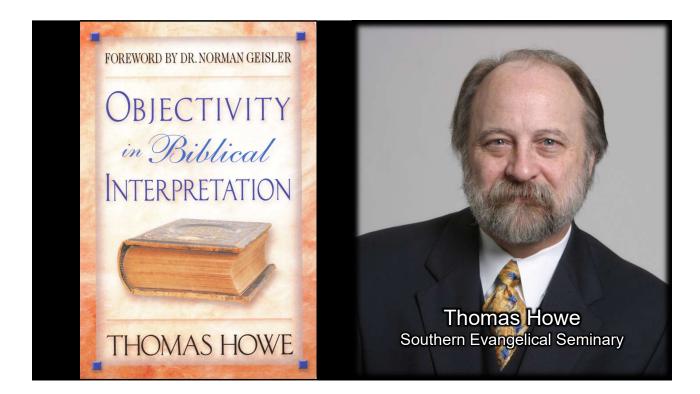






Two things (at least) are common to all tests for truth.



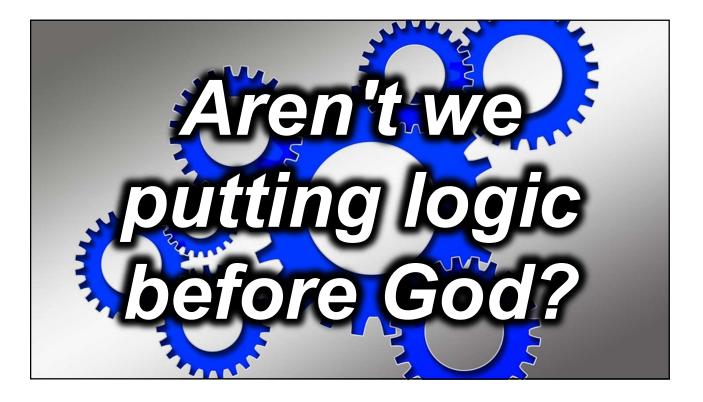




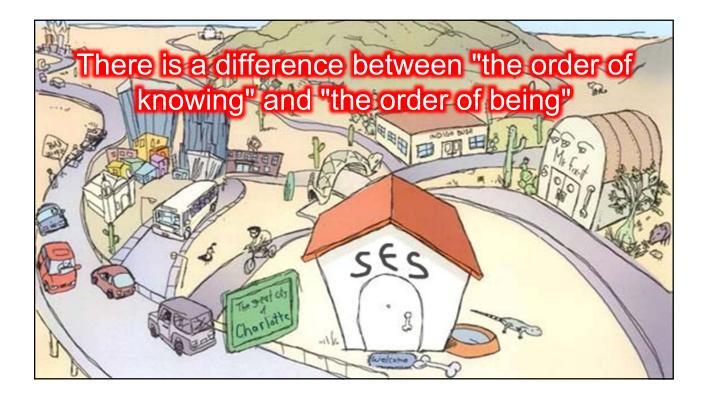




Isa 55:6-7 {6} Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near. {7} Let the wicked
forsake his way, And the unrighteous man
his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will
have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will
abundantly pardon. {8} "For My thoughts are not your
thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the
LORD. {9} "For as the heavens are higher than the
earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My
thoughts than your thoughts."







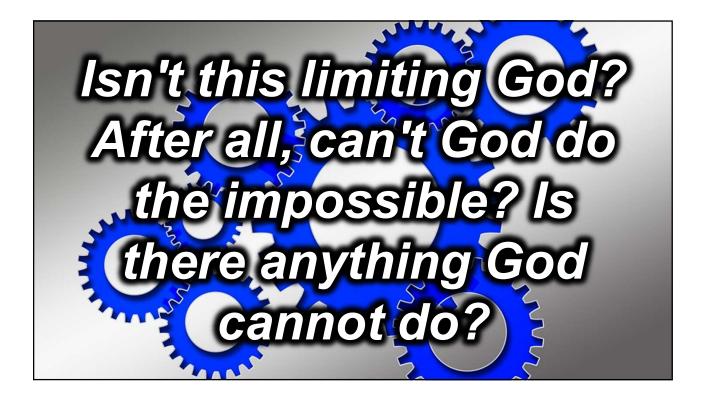
There is a difference between "the order of knowing" and "the order of being"The map is first in the order of knowing.SES is first in the order of being.



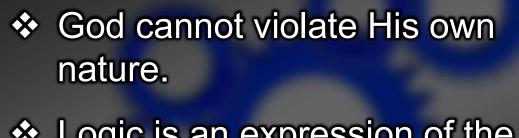


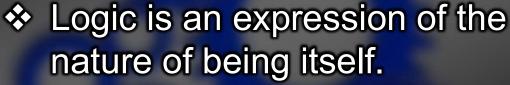
It is not "our" logic.



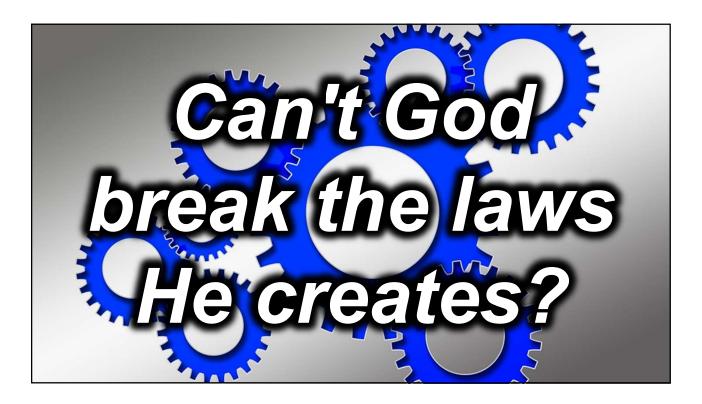




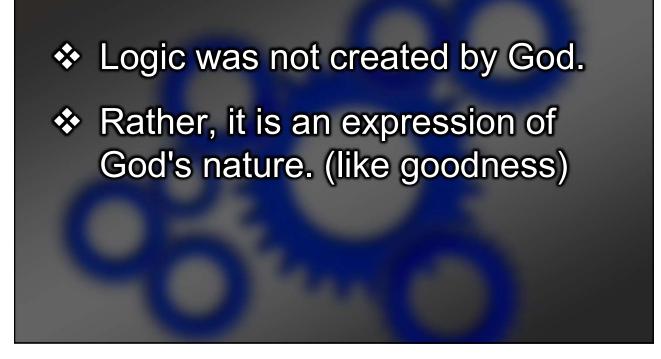


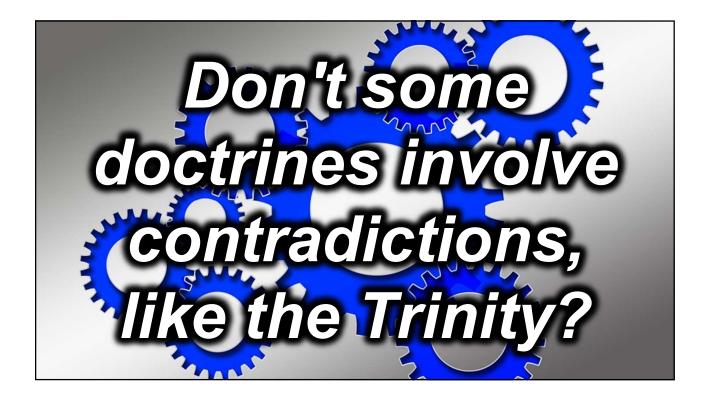








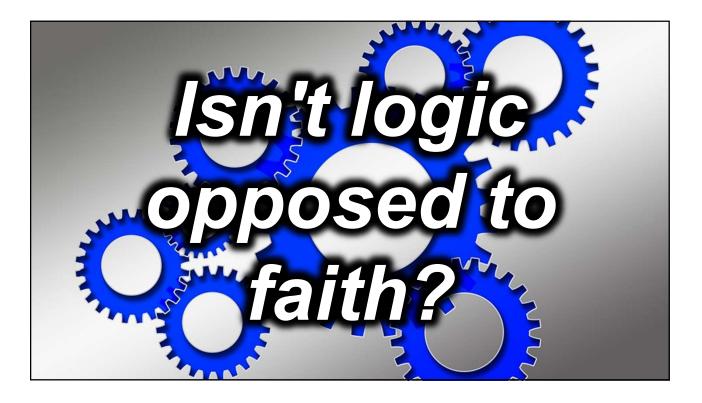




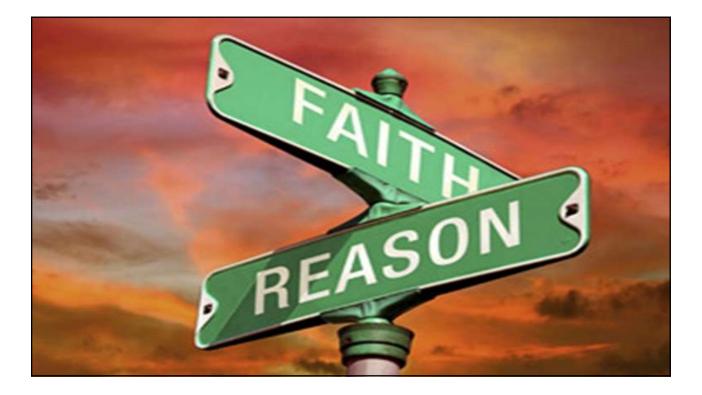


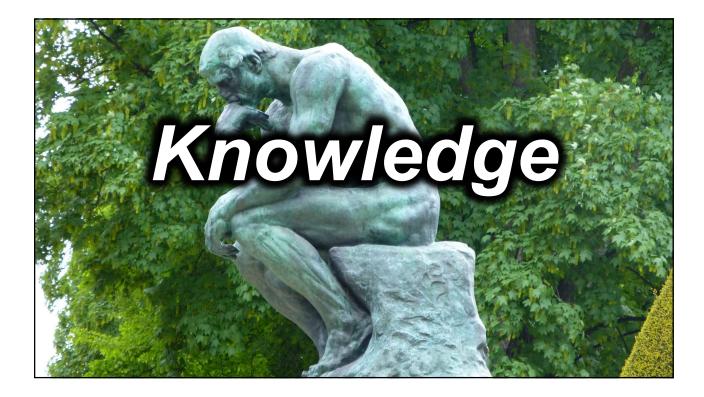
There is nothing in the doctrine of the Trinity (or any other biblical doctrine) that is illogical.

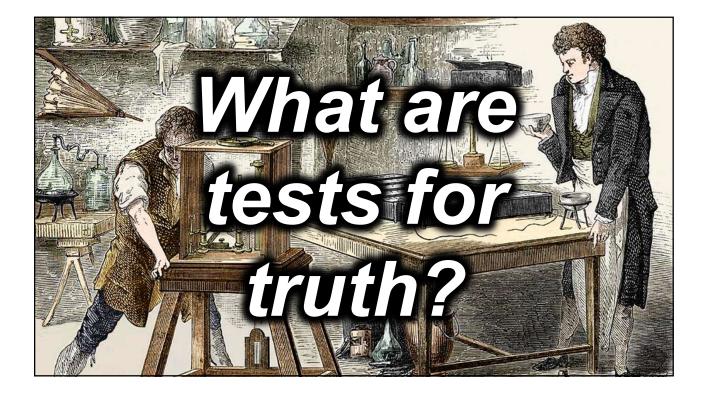
There is a difference between something being beyond reason and something being against reason.



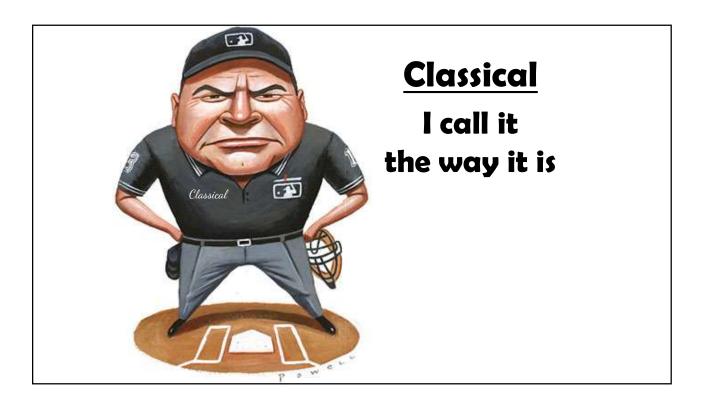


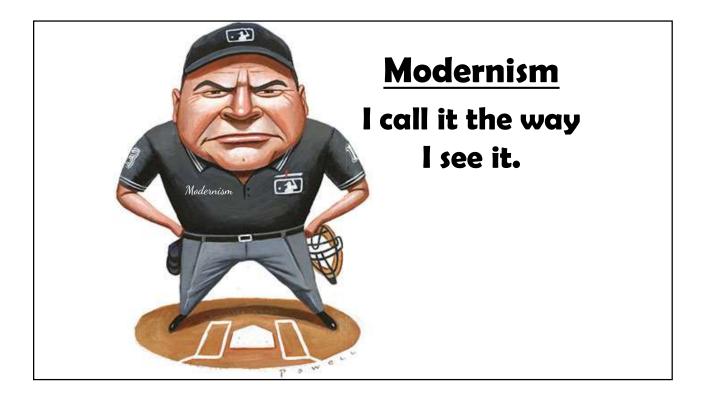


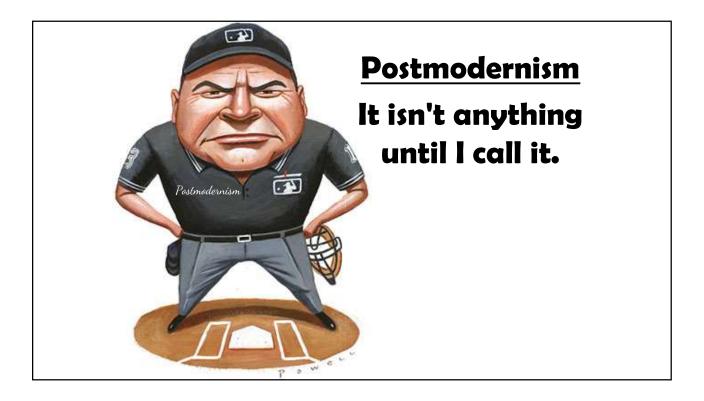




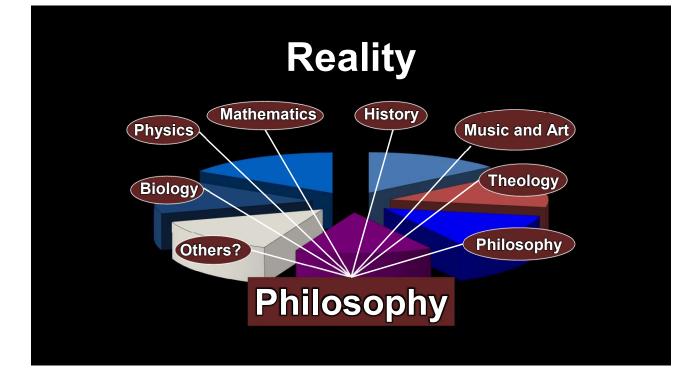
Not only is truth that which corresponds to reality, but we are able to know the truth about reality.



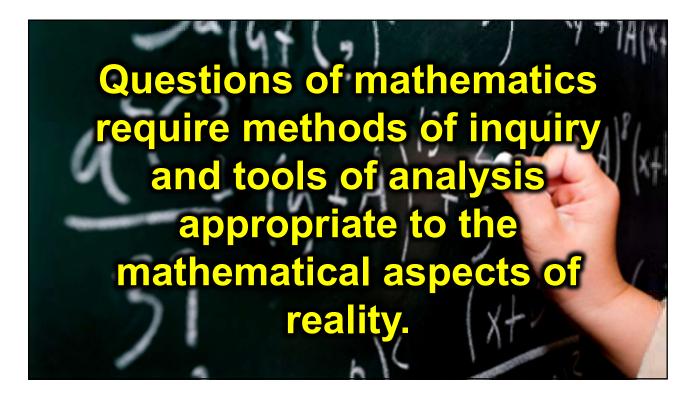


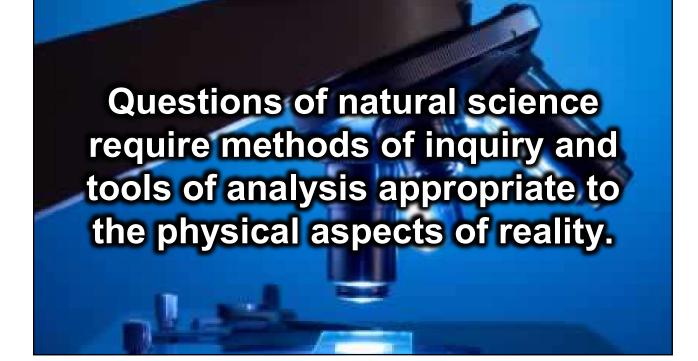


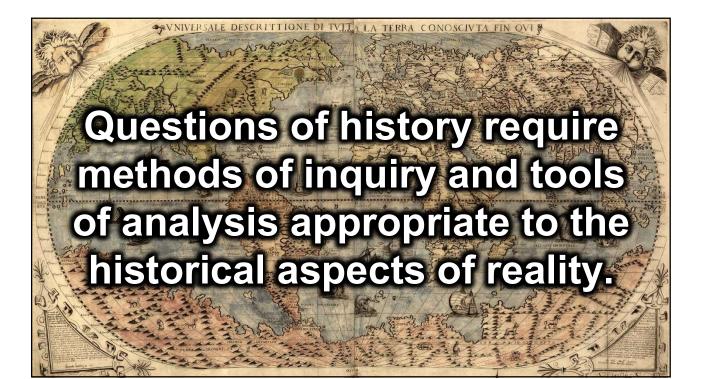
In many instances, the test for truth will differ according to the kind of thing about which the statement is made.



Different aspects of reality require different methods of inquiry and tools of analysis.









Facts and the Relationship of Science and Religion



- Paleontologist, evolutionary biologist, and historian of science
- Taught at Harvard and New York University
- Famous for his theory of punctuated equilibrium
- Was very interested in the relationship between science and religion



"We may, I think, adopt this word and concept to express the central point of this essay and the principled resolution of supposed 'conflict' or 'warfare' between science and religion.



"No such conflict should exist because each subject has a legitimate magisterium, or domain of teaching authority—



"and these magisteria do not overlap (the principle that I would like to designate as NOMA, or 'nonoverlapping magisteria')."

[Stephen Jay Gould, "Nonoverlapping Magisteria," downloaded from http://www.stephenjaygould.org/library/gould_noma.html, assessed Jan. 8, 2018]



"The net of science covers the empirical universe: what is it made of (fact) and why does it work this way (theory).



"The net of religion extends over questions of moral meaning and value.

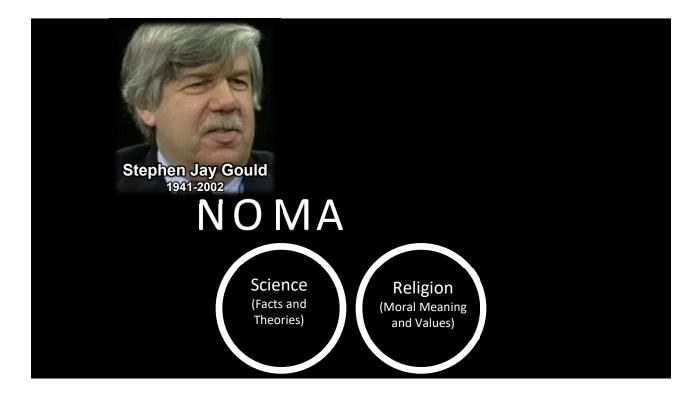


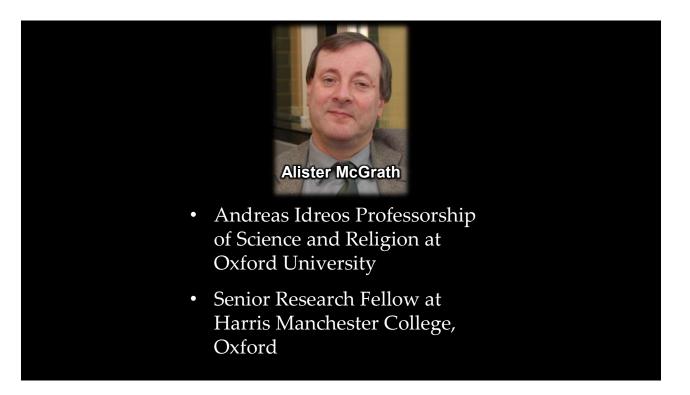
"These two magisteria do not overlap, nor do they encompass all inquiry (consider, for starters, the magisterium of art andthe meaning of beauty).



"To cite the arch cliches, we get the age of rocks, and religion retains the rock of ages; we study how the heavens go, and they determine how to go to heaven."









"There is, of course, a third option—that of 'partially overlapping magisteria' (a POMA, so to speak),

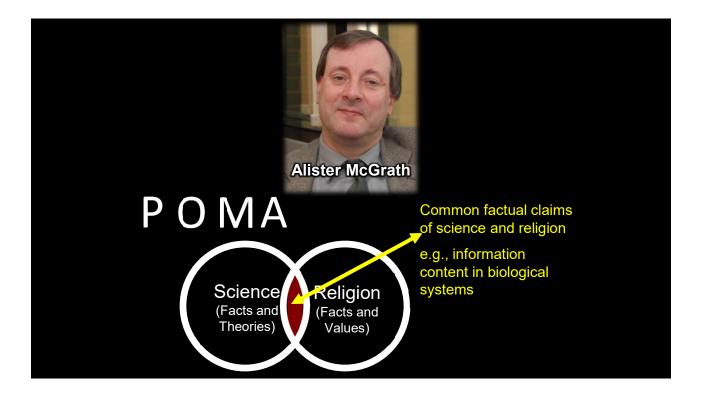


"reflecting a realization that science and religion offer possibilities of crossfertilization on account of the interpenetration of their subjects and methods."

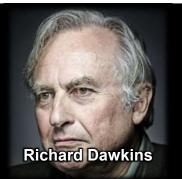
[Alister McGrath and Joanna Collicutt McGrath, *The Dawkins Delusion? Atheist Fundamentalism and the Denial of the Divine* (Downers Grove, IL: 2007), 41

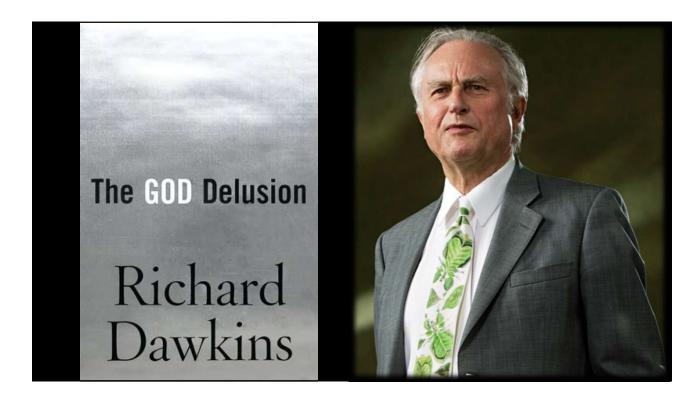


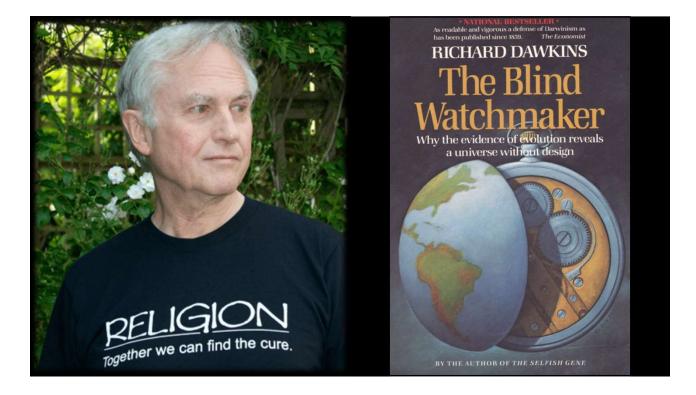
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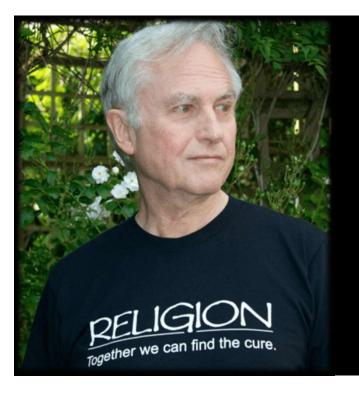


- Former Charles Simonyi Professor of Public Understanding of Science, Oxford University
- Author of *The Selfish Gene*; *The Blind Watchmaker*; *The God Delusion*, and more
- famous for his theory of memes
- outspoken atheist







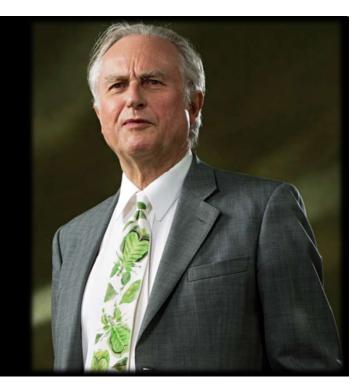


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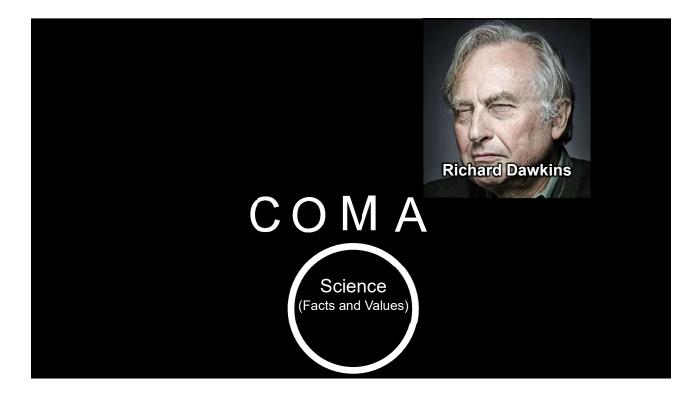


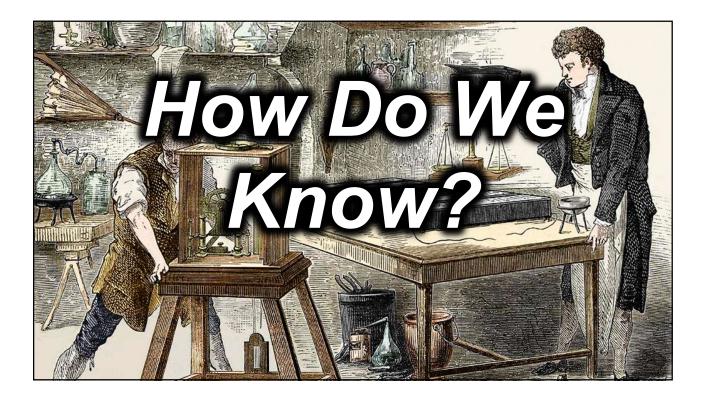
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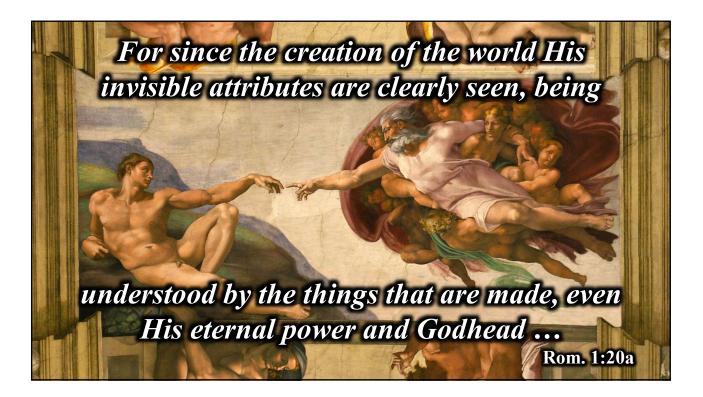


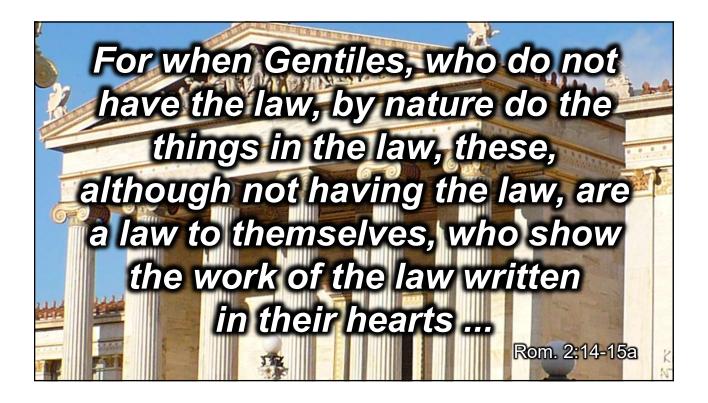
According to classical empiricism, all knowledge begins in experience and is completed in the intellect.

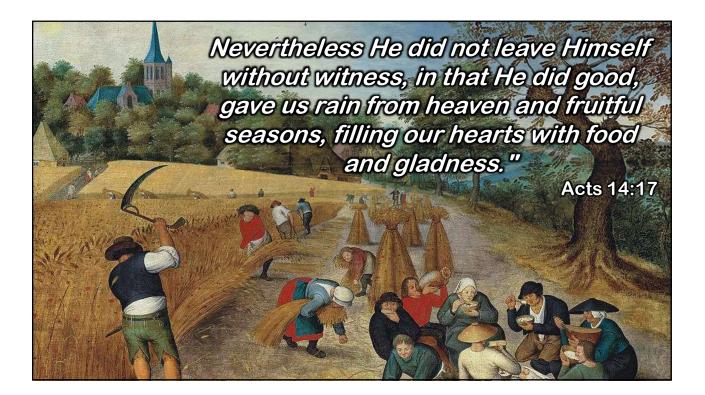
The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory.







Se Exodus 19:16 Se Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled."

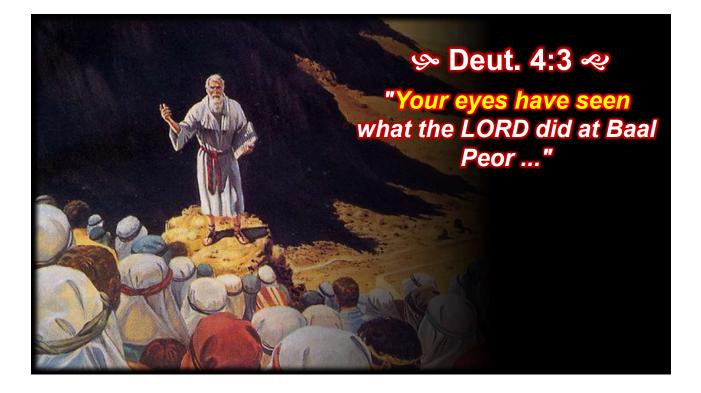
"Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off."

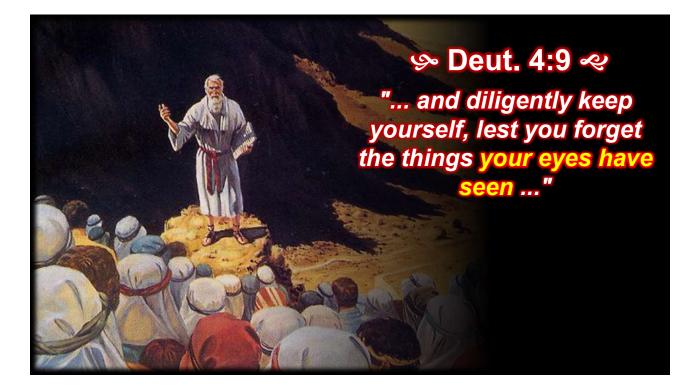
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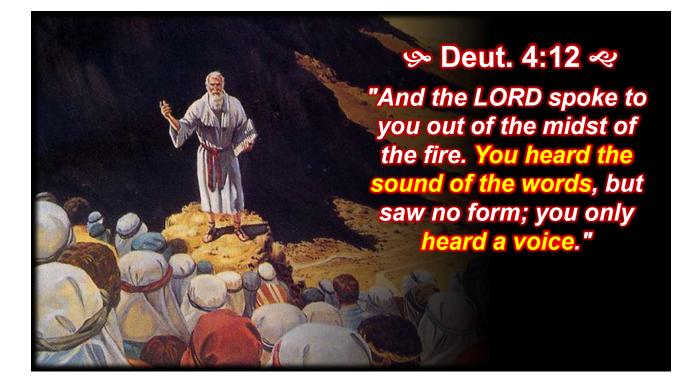
"The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.' Yet, for all that, you did not believe the LORD your God, who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.

∽ Deut. 3:21 ≪

"And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, **'Your eyes have** seen all that the LORD your God has done ...

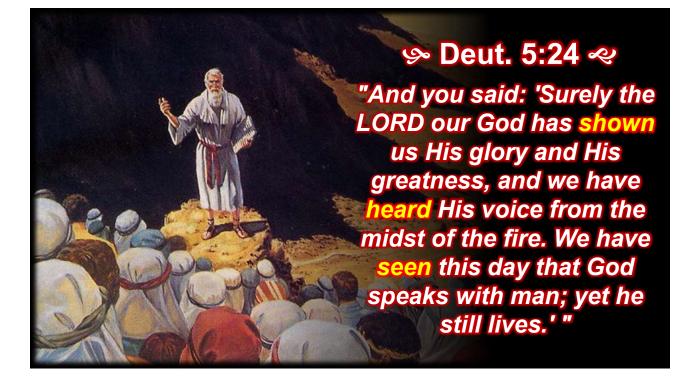






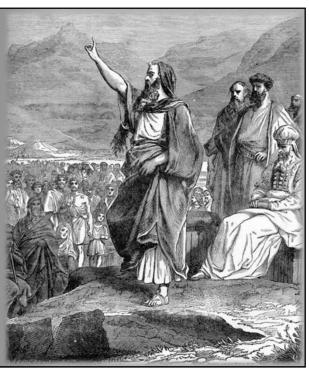


"Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire."



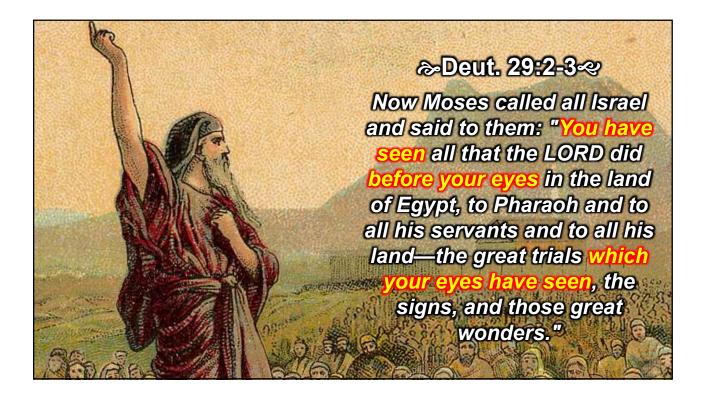
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"He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen."



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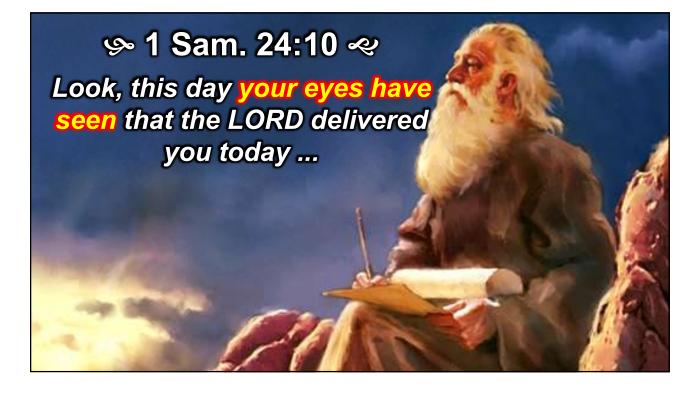






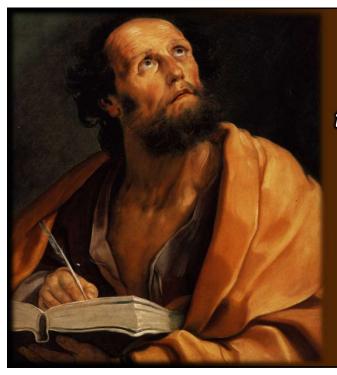
୬ 1 Sam. 19:5 *~*

... and the LORD brought about a great deliverance for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced.





Psalm 18:13 The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice ...



‰Luke 1:1-4≪

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us ...

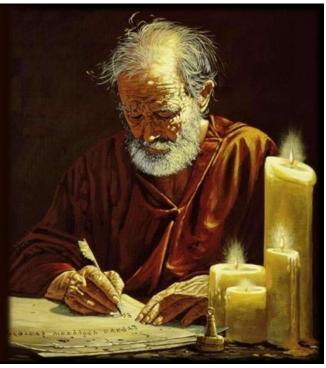
৯Acts 10:37-41≪

... that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And we are s of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. Him God raised up on the third day, and show *Him openly, not to all the people, but to* ses chosen before by God, even to witr us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.



രം1John 1:1-3ഷ

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.



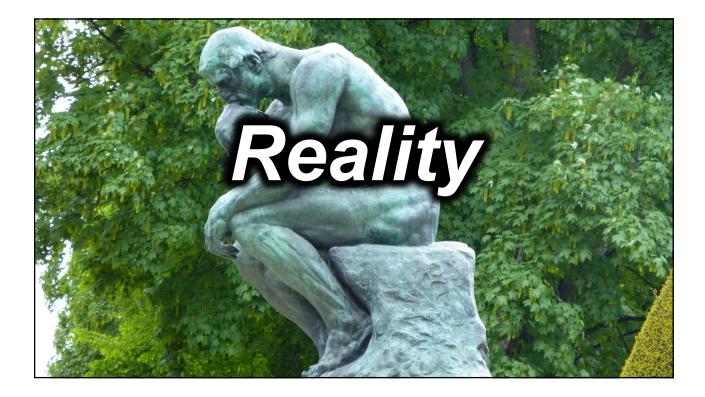


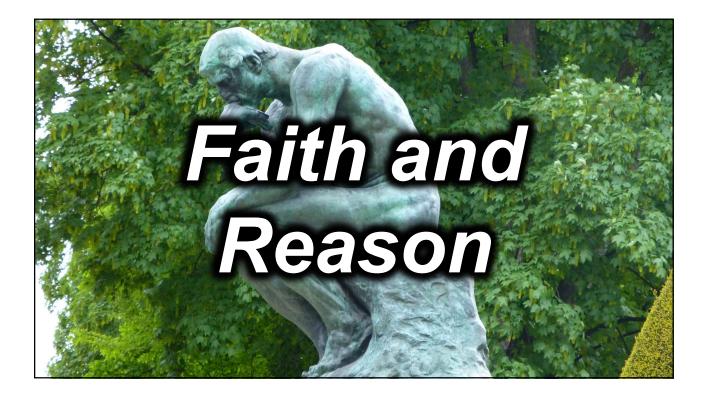
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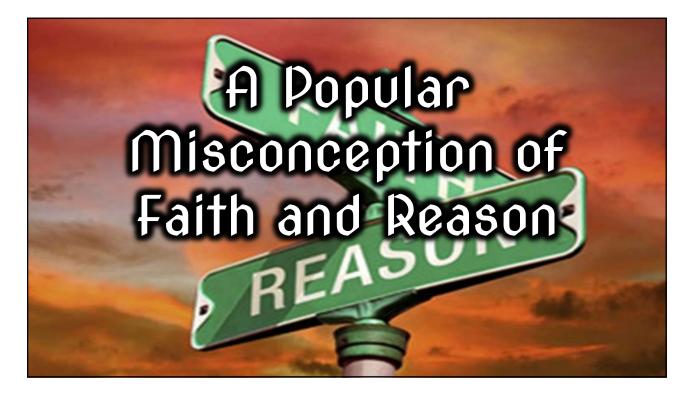
✓ Our sensory faculties are not infallible.

 Our sensory faculties are not unaffected by our Fall in Adam.

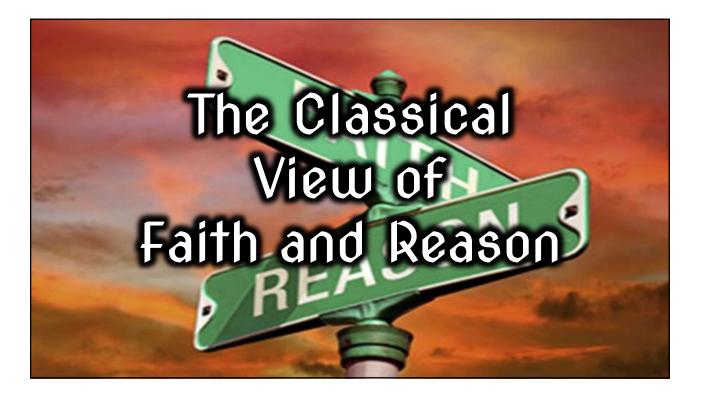








Faith	Reason
opinion	truth
values	facts
inner	outer
private	public
emotional	rational
feelings	thoughts
subjective	objective
religion	science
true for me	true for all

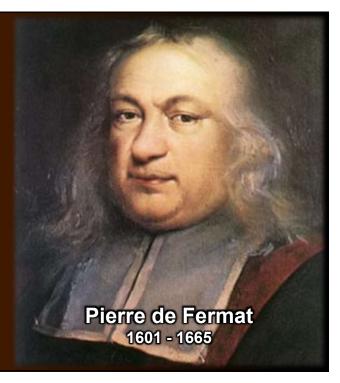


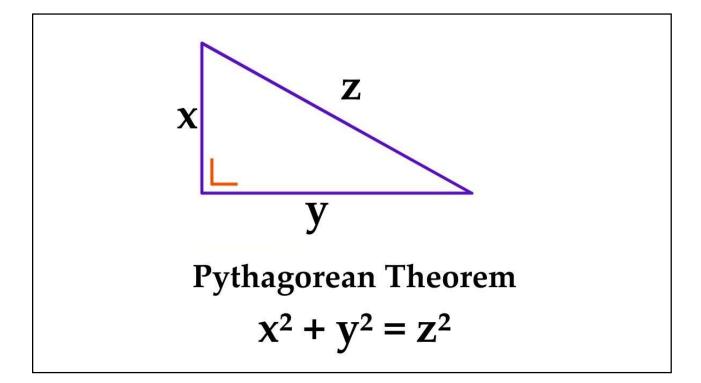
Reason

Believing something on the basis of demonstration. Believing something on the basis of authority.

Faith

Consider Fermat's Last Theorem.





Fermat's equation: $X^{n} + y^{n} = Z^{n}$ This equation has no solutions in integers for $n \ge 3$.



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Modular elliptic curves $\quad \text{and} \quad$ Fermat's Last Theorem

By ANDREW WILES*

For Nada, Clare, Kate and Olivia

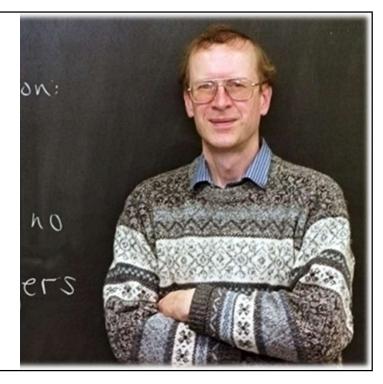
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Pierre de Fermat

Introduction

Introduction An elliptic curve over \mathbf{Q} is said to be modular if it has a finite covering by a modular curve of the form $X_0(N)$. Any such elliptic curve has the property that its Hasse-Weil zeta function has an analytic continuation and satisfies a functional equation of the standard type. If an elliptic curve over \mathbf{Q} with a given j-invariant is modular, but be used to all elliptic curves with the same j-invariant are modular (in which case we say that the j-invariant is modular). A well-known conjecture which greve out of the work of Shimura and Taniyama in the 1950's and 1960's asserts that every elliptic curve over \mathbf{Q} is modular. However, it only because widely known through hit ba publication in a paper of Weil in 1967 [We] (as an exercise for the interested reader!), in which, moreover, Weil gave conceptual evidence for the conjecture shuld imply Fermat's Last Theorem. The precise mechanism relating the two was formulated by Serre as the e-conjecture and this was then proved by Ribet in the summer of 1986. Ribet's result only requires one to prove the conjecture for semistable elliptic curves in order to deduce Fermat's Last Theorem.

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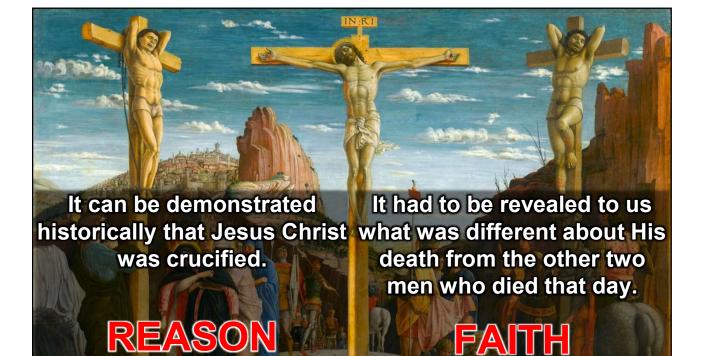


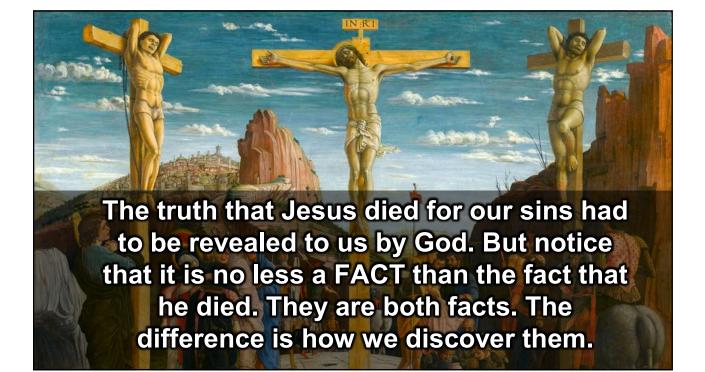
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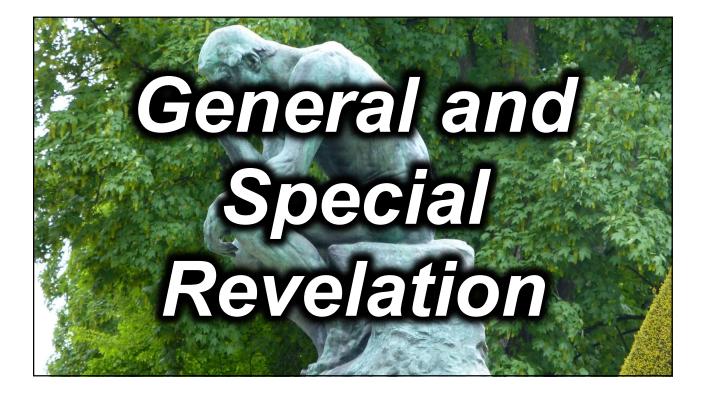
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Prevelation -

God making known to mankind His divine person and divine truths that would otherwise be unknown; to unveil



Revelation

God making known to mankind His divine Person and divine truths that would otherwise be unknown

Giving of the truth

Inspiration

God transferring to mankind His divine Person and divine truths through human agency into written language form for mankind to understand

Recording of the truth

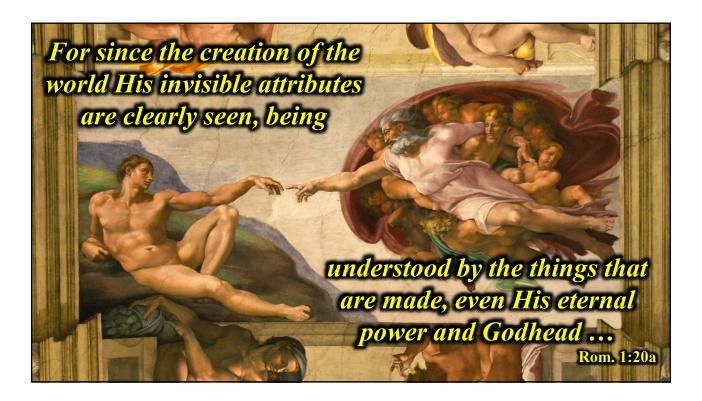


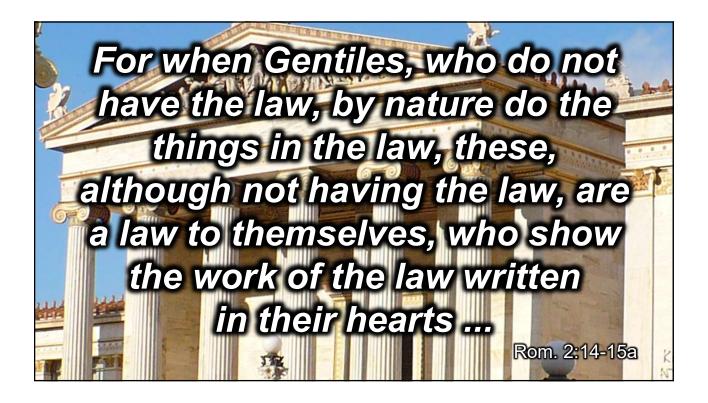
God making known to mankind through His creation His existence, attributes, and goodness

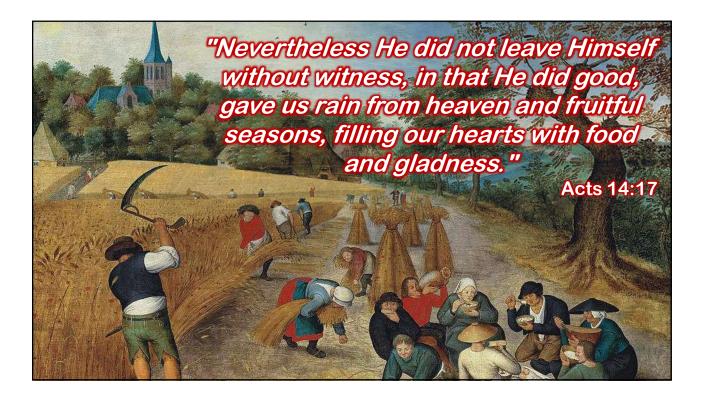
The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.









Special Revelation s

God making known to mankind through His prophets, apostles, and His Son His nature and will that could not necessarily be known through General Revelation



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"... knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:20-21 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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General Revelation

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God making known to mankind through His creation His existence, attributes, and goodness which enable us to distinguish in Scripture proper vs. figurative language of God

ဖာ Romans 1:20a 🛷

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

Book of Nature

Natural Theology

Special Revelation

God making known to mankind through His prophets, apostles, and His Son His nature and will that could not necessarily be known through General Revelation

🎐 2 Timothy 3:16-17 🛹

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Book of Scripture

Biblical Theology

Systematic Theology

General Revelation	Special Revelation
Given through creation (known through simple apprehension of the sensible world)	Given through Prophets and Apostles (read by their writings, a.k.a., the Scriptures)
Reveals God's existence and attributes	Reveals God's gospel and will
Given TO all people	Given FOR all people
All people have it	Not all people have it
Some accept, some reject	Some accept, some reject
Sufficient to condemn if rejected	Sufficient to save if accepted
Acceptance is necessary but not sufficient for eternal life	Acceptance is necessary and sufficient for eternal life