A photograph of a stone staircase in a forest. The stairs are made of large, rough-hewn grey stones and lead upwards through dense green foliage. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating dappled light on the steps. The text 'PROOF CHRISTIANITY IS TRUE' is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif font at the top of the image.

# PROOF CHRISTIANITY IS TRUE

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# 1. Truth about reality is knowable.

Truth



## Correspondence view of truth.

- The correspondence view is the correct view.
- This view states that **truth is that which corresponds to its referent.**
- One must use the correspondent view to deny it, which is proof it is true.

## Truth is absolute.

- $7+3=10$  is **true for all people, everywhere for all time.**
- People who say there is no absolute truth assert absolute truth.

~~Lies~~

## Agnosticism.

- Strong agnosticism says **we cannot know anything for sure.**
- Cannot be true because it's a claim that the only thing we know for sure is that we cannot know anything for sure.
- Weak agnostic refrains from drawing conclusion.

## Relativism

- Self refuting. **All truth is relative** is an absolute statement. Assumes opposite is not true.

## Skepticism.

- Says we should **doubt all truth.** Cannot be true because would require us to doubt whether it itself.

# 2. Opposites cannot both be true.

We can prove God exists many ways. First, by logic.

## Deductive Philosophical Argument

1. Something exists (e.g., I do).
2. But nothing cannot cause something.
3. Therefore, an eternal and necessary Being exists (God).

## What Can Be Understood

God must be immutable (no potential for change), eternal, immaterial, infinite, not divisible (simple), omniscient, omnipotent, morally perfect and personal.

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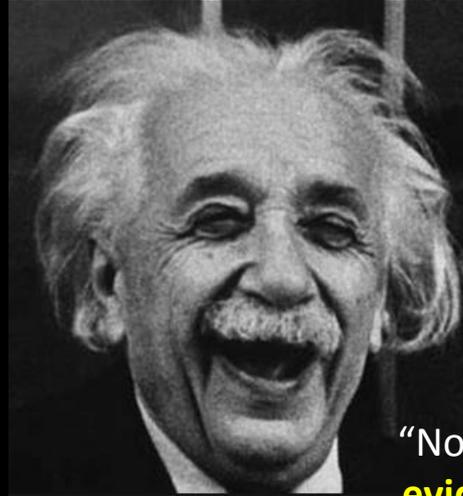


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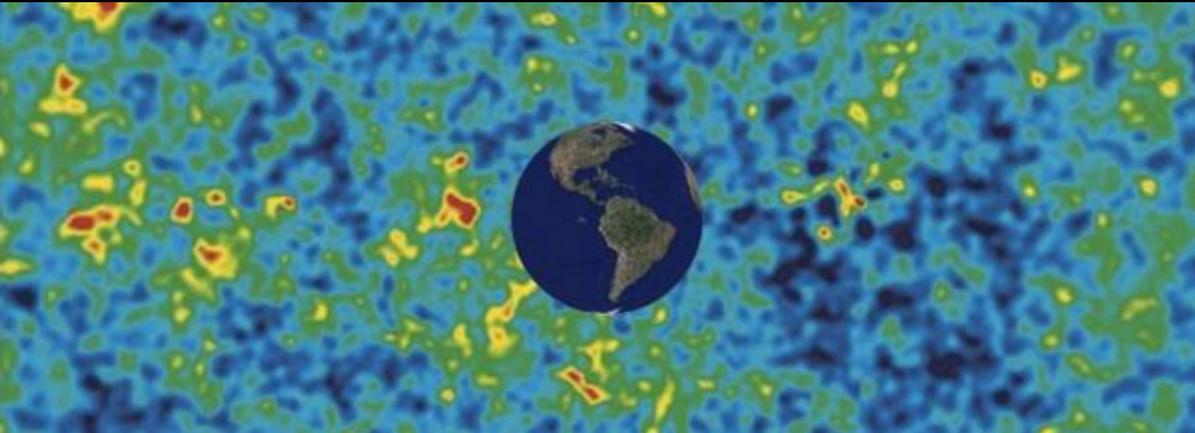
## Inductive Arguments

### The universe had a beginning (Beginner)

- **S**econd law of thermodynamics
- **U**niverse is expanding
- **R**adiation from "Big Bang"
- **G**alaxy seeds / ripples
- **E**instein's theory of General Relativity



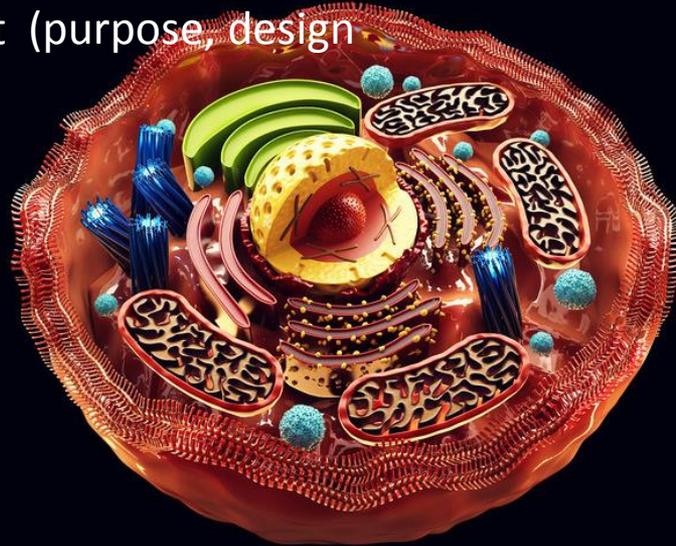
"Now we see how **the astronomical evidence leads to a biblical view of the origin of the world**... the chain of events leading to man commence suddenly and sharply at a definite moment in time, in a flash of light and energy" (Robert Jastrow , God and the Astronomers, 14).



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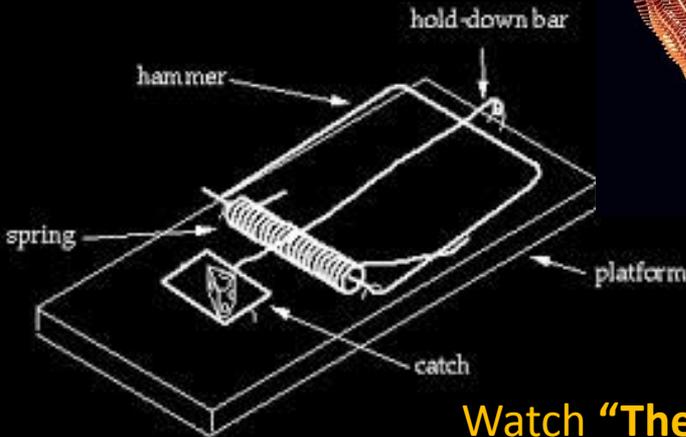
## Other Inductive Arguments

- Anthropic principle (fine tuned for life)
- The Teleological Argument (purpose, design)
- Irreducible Complexity



## 10 Coincidences? Not!

1. 21 % of **oxygen** in air is just right for human life.
2. Gravitational force is perfect for life to exist.
3. Distance from the sun provides the right heat for life.
4. Expansion rate of universe is just right for life.
5. Thickness of earth's crust is the correct amount for life.
6. Tilt of the earth offers the best condition for life.
7. The speed of light is proper amount for life.
8. The strong nuclear force holds the atoms together.
9. The distance between stars is necessary for life.
10. The position of Jupiter protects life on earth.



Watch **"The Privileged Planet" (2004)** on Youtube

# TWO TYPES OF CAUSES

## NATURAL



# TWO TYPES OF CAUSES

## INTELLIGENT



# TWO TYPES OF CAUSES

## BEACH SAND



# TWO TYPES OF CAUSES SANDCASTLES



# TWO TYPES OF CAUSES

**INTELLIGENT**



**INTELLIGENT!!**



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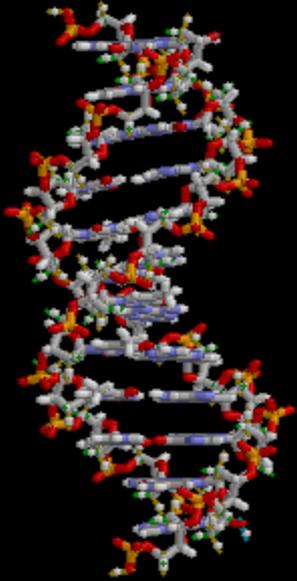
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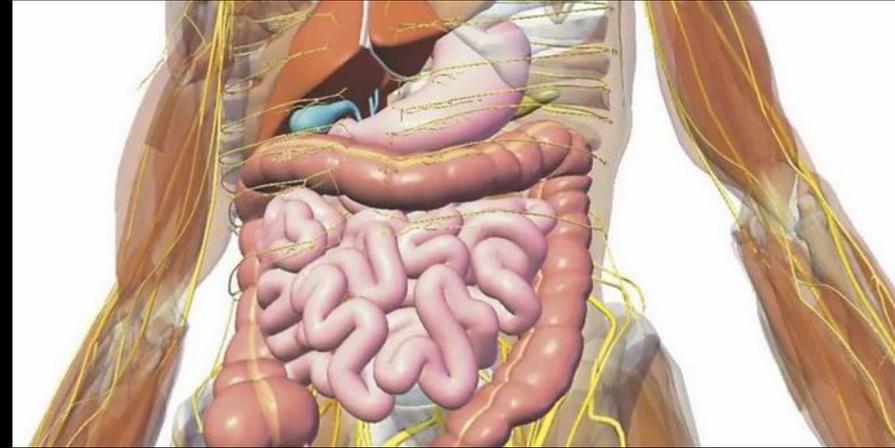
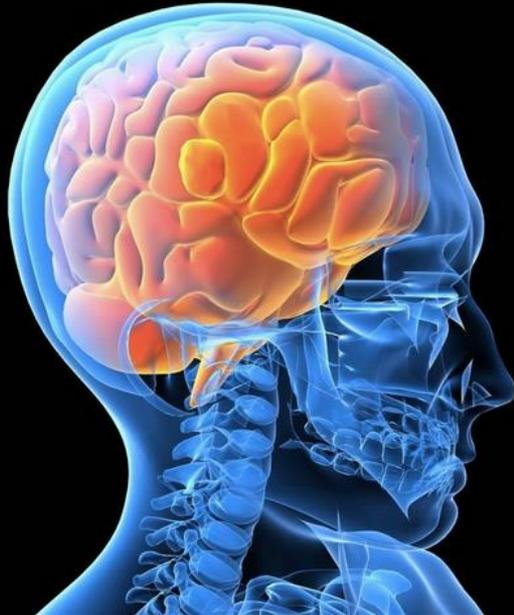


# WHO DESIGNED...

**DNA CODE**



**HUMAN BRAIN**



**SYSTEMS OF THE BODY**

**...AN INTELLIGENT BEING!**

# 4. Miracles are possible.

## Definition of Miracle

- Natural law is regular occurrence
- A miracle is a violation of natural law

## What Miracles are Not

- Miracles are not providential acts of God
- Rare or unusual events
- Psychosomatic phenomena
- Illusions/deception/trickery

## Because the Theistic God Exists...

- Miracles are possible
- And the **Bible is the historical proof** that miracles have happened



# 5. Miracles performed in connection with a truth claim are acts of God given to confirm the Word of God through a messenger from God.

## OT miracles confirmed truth claims

**Moses** asked God, “What if they do not believe me?” (Exodus 4:1). **God gave Moses a series of miracles:**

- The leprous hand miracle
- His staff turning into a snake
- Pouring water on the ground and it turning into blood

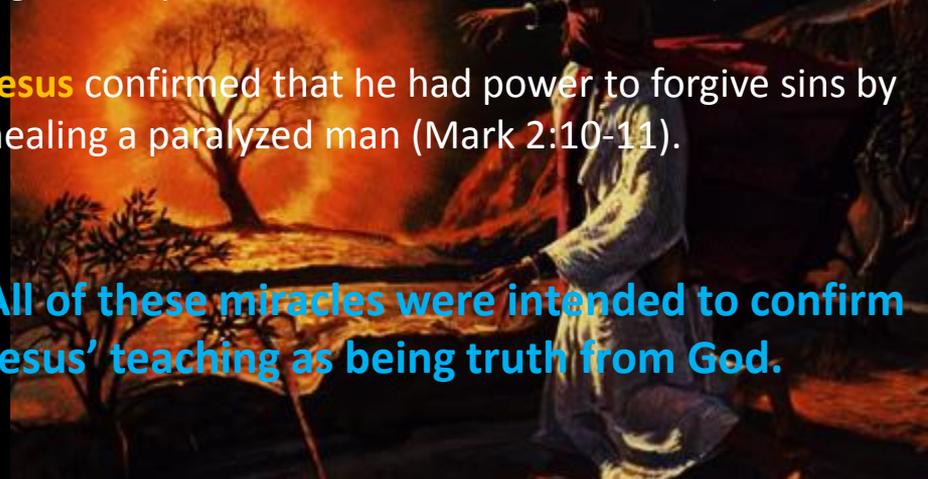
These miracles were **intended to be the proof** to the people that he was a prophet of God, that he had spoken to God, and that his message could be trusted as being true.

## NT miracles confirmed truth claims

**Nicodemus** said to Jesus, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher come from God for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him” (John 3:2).

**Jesus** confirmed that he had power to forgive sins by healing a paralyzed man (Mark 2:10-11).

**All of these miracles were intended to confirm Jesus’ teaching as being truth from God.**



# Let's take break here

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# 6. The New Testament documents are reliable.

More manuscripts than any other ancient works

- We have **5,800 partial and complete copies** of the original Greek New Testament manuscripts dating as far back as the first and second centuries.
- **19,000 copies** translated early into Syriac, Coptic, Arabic, Latin and other languages.
- **36,289 quotations** by the early church fathers that we can use to reconstruct NT (every book and nearly every chapter).

John Ryland Fragment (P52)  
Earliest NT Ms. (A.D. 117-138)



John 18:31-33, 37-38



## Bodmer Papyri

**Dated:** c. 200 A.D.

**Housed:** Geneva

**Contents:** Luke, John (P, P, 1 & 2 Peter & Jude P)

**Value:** Earliest copy of an Epistle and a Gospel (only 100+ years from the original Gospel).

# Chester Beatty Papyri



**Dated:** c. A. D. 250

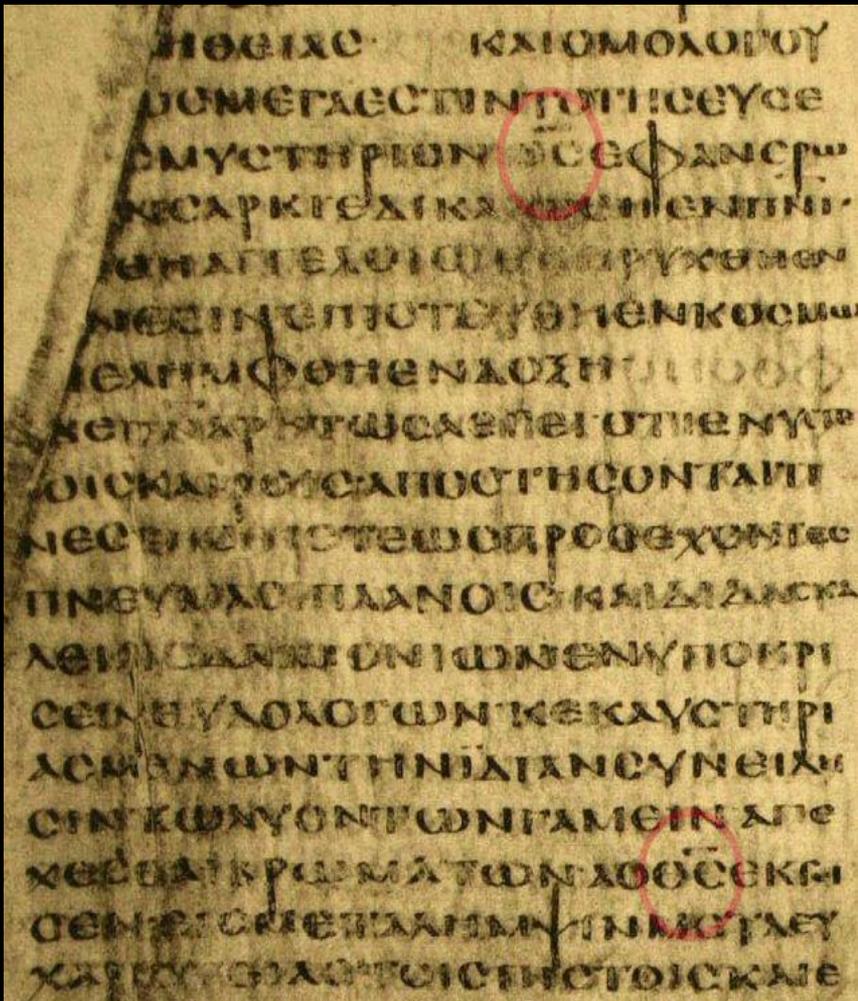
**Housed:** Dublin

**Contents:** Most of NT

**Value:** Earliest copy of most of the NT

**Symbols:** P, P, P





## Codex Sinaiticus

**Date:** A. D. 340

**Contents:** Half of OT and almost all of NT

**Value:** One of the oldest and most accurate ms.

**Housed:** Leipzig, Germany

**Symbol:** Α (Aleph)

## 9 Authors Documenting Eyewitness Testimony

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, James, Jude, and the writer of Hebrews

- **John said he was an eyewitness** of the life, crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus from the dead (John 19:35; 21:24; 1 John 1:1).
- **Peter** said was teaching what they had seen (Acts 2:32; 4:19-20; 10:39-40; 2 Peter 1:16).
- **Paul** challenged skeptics to talk to the 500 witnesses (1 Cor. 15:3-8).
- **Luke** based his accounts (Luke/Acts) on eyewitness testimony (Lk 1:1-4)

## Legal Experts Confirm the Testimony As Credible

**Simon Greenleaf (1783-1853)**

“The evangelists... If they had thus testified on oath, in a court of justice, **they would be entitled to credit**... every honest and impartial man will... **receiv[e] their testimony.**”

**Roman Historian Colin Hemer**

Minute geographical details, routes, places, officials, peoples, events, idioms and culture

**Conclusion:**  
**Luke/Acts is first rate testimony / history**

# 7. As witnessed in the New Testament, Jesus claimed to be God.

## Jesus Claimed to be Messiah who Was to be God

- **Messiah** would be **the Lord** (Psa. 110:1; Isa. 51:11), King (Zep. 3:14-15) and God (Isa. 9:6; Psa. 45:6; Isa. 42:10; Zep. 3:17).
- Promise was **Yahweh, the LORD, was coming** to dwell among people (Zech. 2:10; 9:9; Eze. 37:27; Lev. 26:12; Psa. 68:18).
- **Yahweh Himself** who would be **crucified** (Zech. 12:10).
- **Jesus claimed to be this Messiah** and in so doing claimed to be God (Jn. 4:25-26; Mt. 14:61-62).

## His Disciples Claimed he was God

- “The Word was **God**” (John 1:1)
- “In Christ all the **fullness of deity** dwells in bodily form” (Col. 2:9)
- “He is the **image of the invisible God**” (Col. 1:15)
- Jesus “did not consider **equality with God** something to be grasped” (Phil. 2:6)
- Jesus is the “brightness of His (God’s) glory, and the **express image of His person**” (Heb. 1:3)
- Jesus is the **LORD Yahweh** of the OT (compare Heb. 1:8-9 with Psa. 45:6-7 and Heb. 1:10-12 with Psalm 102:25–27)

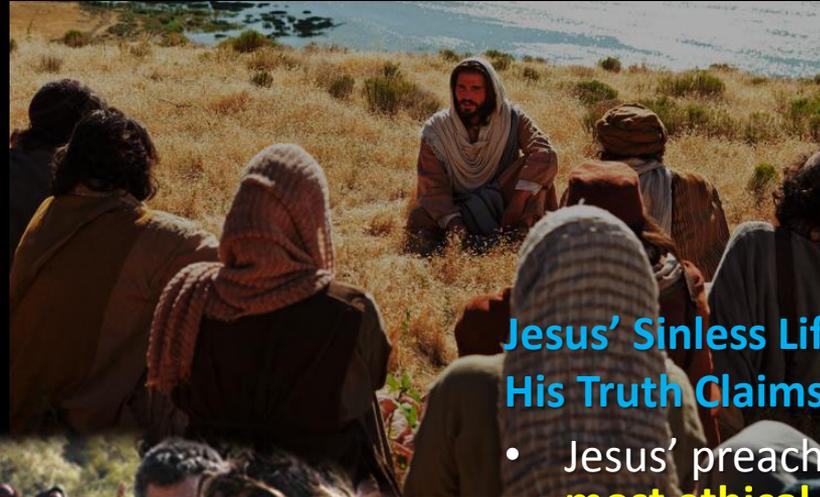
## Jesus Claimed he was God



# 8. Jesus' claim to be God was miraculously confirmed by (b) his sinless and miraculous life.

## Jesus' Miracles Confirm His Truth Claims

- Jesus performed over **60 miracles** (with many more implied)
- Incurable **diseases**, people born with **birth defects** and **handicaps** (e.g., blind and lame), and even **raising from the dead**.
- The miracles were always accompanied by a **truth claim**.



## Jesus' Sinless Life Confirm His Truth Claims

- Jesus' preached the **most ethical sermon** ever given to mankind, the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7) and **then lived it out**.
- His opponents could not find **one fault**



# 8. Jesus' claim to be God was miraculously confirmed by (c) both his prediction and accomplishment of His resurrection.

**Jesus predicted** his death, burial and resurrection

(Mk. 8:31; Jn. 2:19-21; 10:10-11; Mt. 12:39-40; 16:4; 17:22-23; 21:42).

- There is **proof he died**
- There is **proof he resurrected**





# 10. Whatever Jesus (who is God) affirmed as true *is true*.

## God Cannot Err

- God cannot err **unintentionally** because He is all-knowing (omniscient)
- God cannot err **intentionally** because He is morally perfect.
- Therefore, the logical conclusion if Jesus is God is that **whatever Jesus affirmed is true is really true**.



# 11. Jesus affirmed that the Bible is the Word of God.

## Affirmed OT is the Word of God

Jesus said Old Testament was...

- Divinely **authoritative** (Mt. 4:4,7,10)
- **Imperishable** (Mt. 5:17-18)
- **Infallible** (Jn. 10:35)
- **Inerrant** (without error) (Mt. 22:29)
- **Historically** reliable (Mt. 12:40; Mt. 24:37-38)
- **Scientifically** accurate (Mt. 19:4-5)
- Has **ultimate supremacy** (Mt. 15:3,6)

## Jesus Affirmed Beforehand that NT Would Be the Word of God

- Jesus taught **Holy Spirit** coming after him would **guide apostles in all truth** (Jn. 14:26; 16:13; Eph. 2:20).
- **Only eyewitnesses** of the resurrection **were apostles** (1 Cor. 9:1; Acts 1:22).
- The New Testament writings are the **only record** we have from these apostles.
- **Therefore, the New Testament is the "all truth" Jesus promised.**

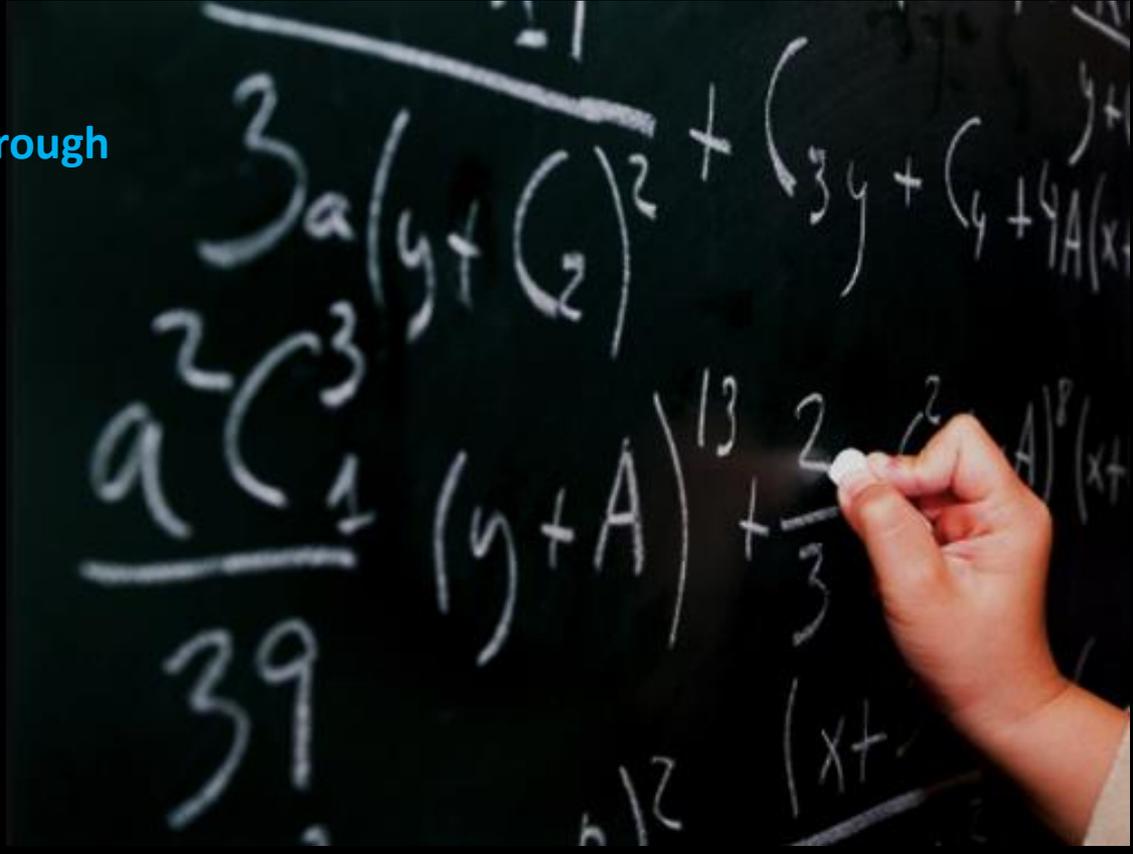


# 12. Therefore the Bible *is* the Word of God any anything opposed to biblical truth is false.

Not Saying Truth is only found through the Bible

- There can be **moral truth** apart from the Bible
- There can be **theological truth** in other religions

Saying whatever is opposed to the Word of God is false



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# The Logical Conclusion?

**Receive Jesus as Lord and Savior!**

**“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)**

**“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)**



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