

**I was Blind
but Now I
see:
Reasons
to Believe**

**Answering fools
with facts and Faith**



Biblical/literal
Creation!

Bibles Authority

Complex design

7 day week

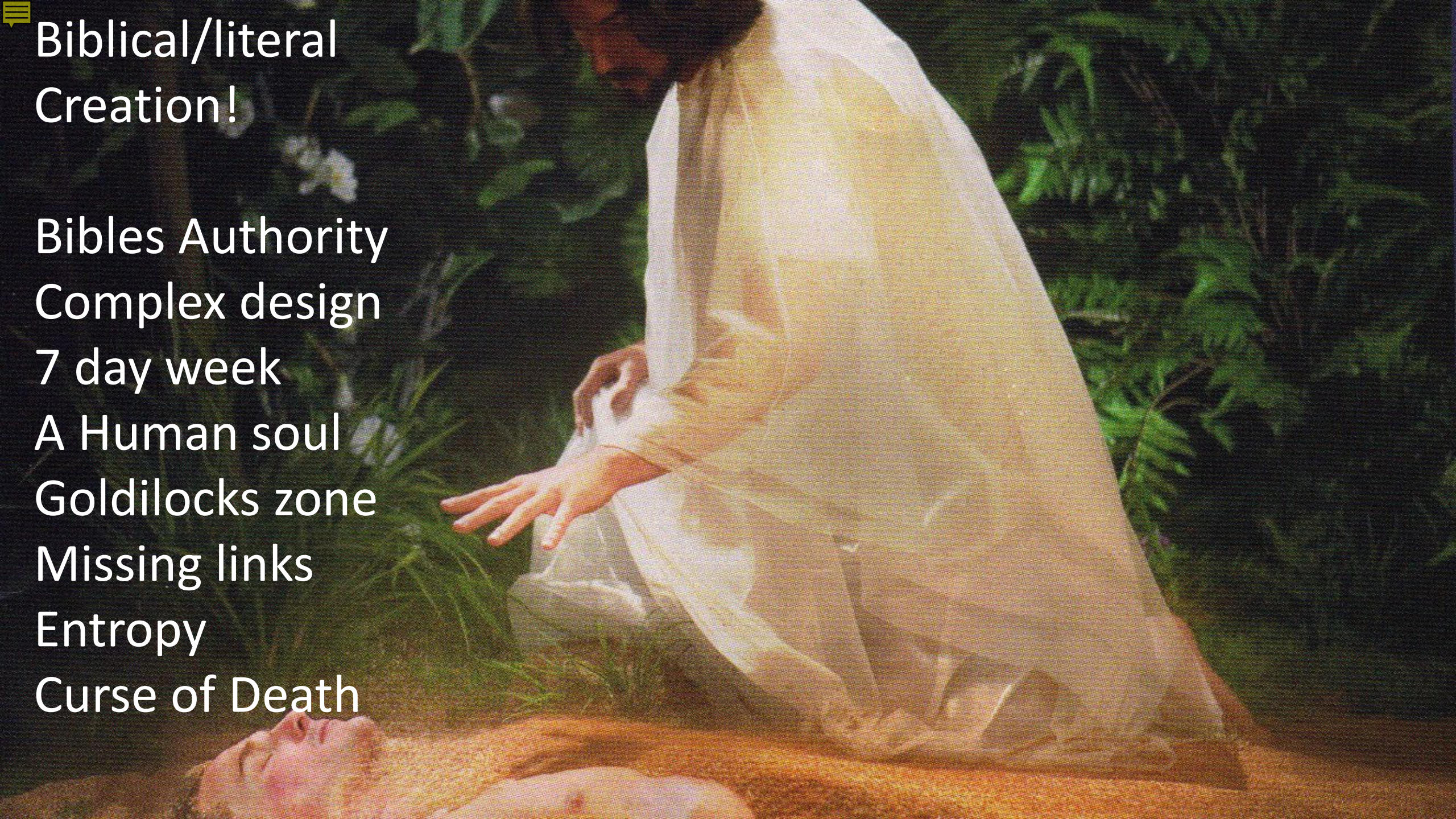
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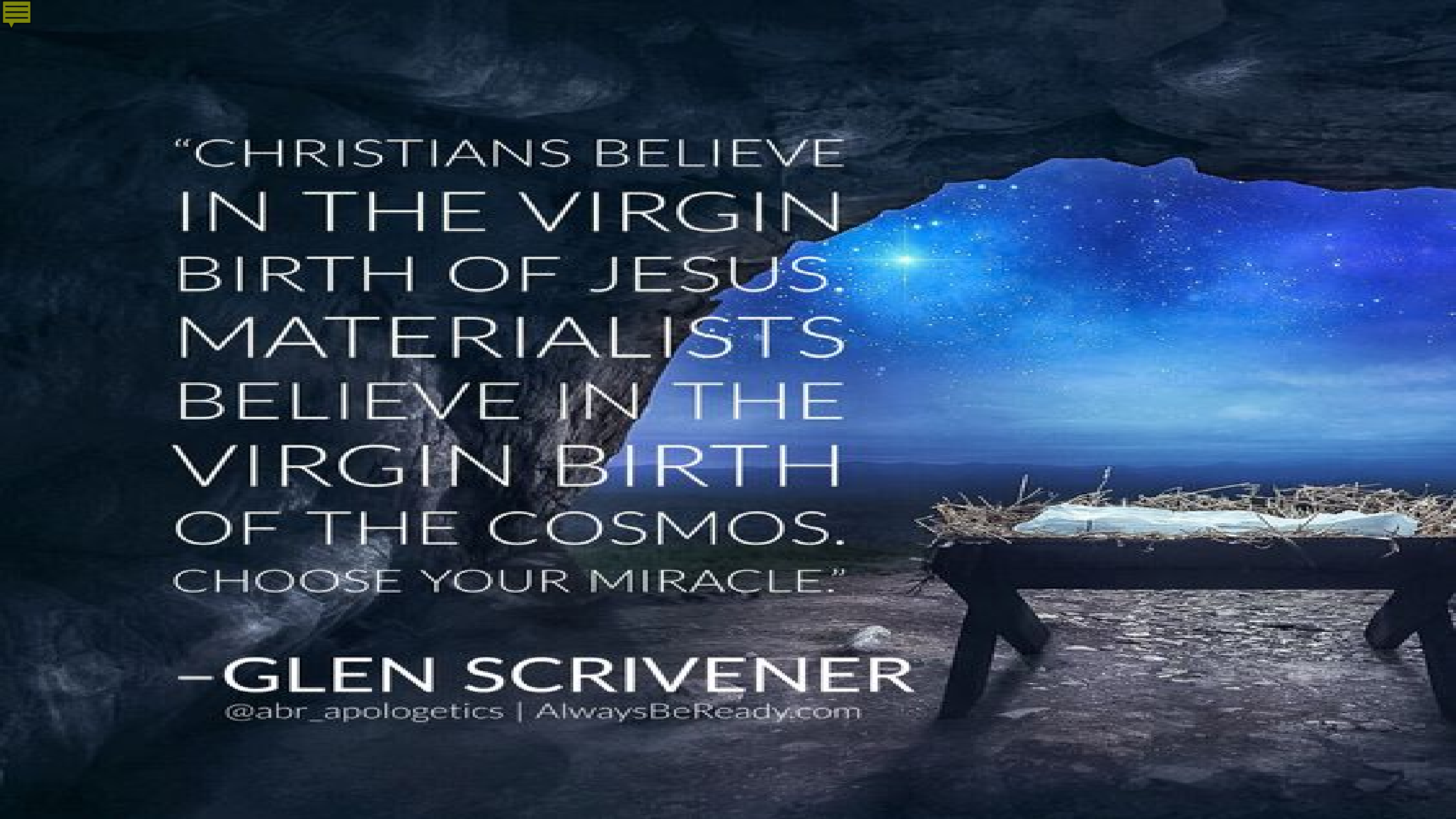
Goldilocks zone

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Entropy

Curse of Death





“CHRISTIANS BELIEVE
IN THE VIRGIN
BIRTH OF JESUS.
MATERIALISTS
BELIEVE IN THE
VIRGIN BIRTH
OF THE COSMOS.
CHOOSE YOUR MIRACLE.”

—GLEN SCRIVENER

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Flavius Josephus

Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man. For he was one who wrought surprising feats...

He was (the) Christ... he appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him.

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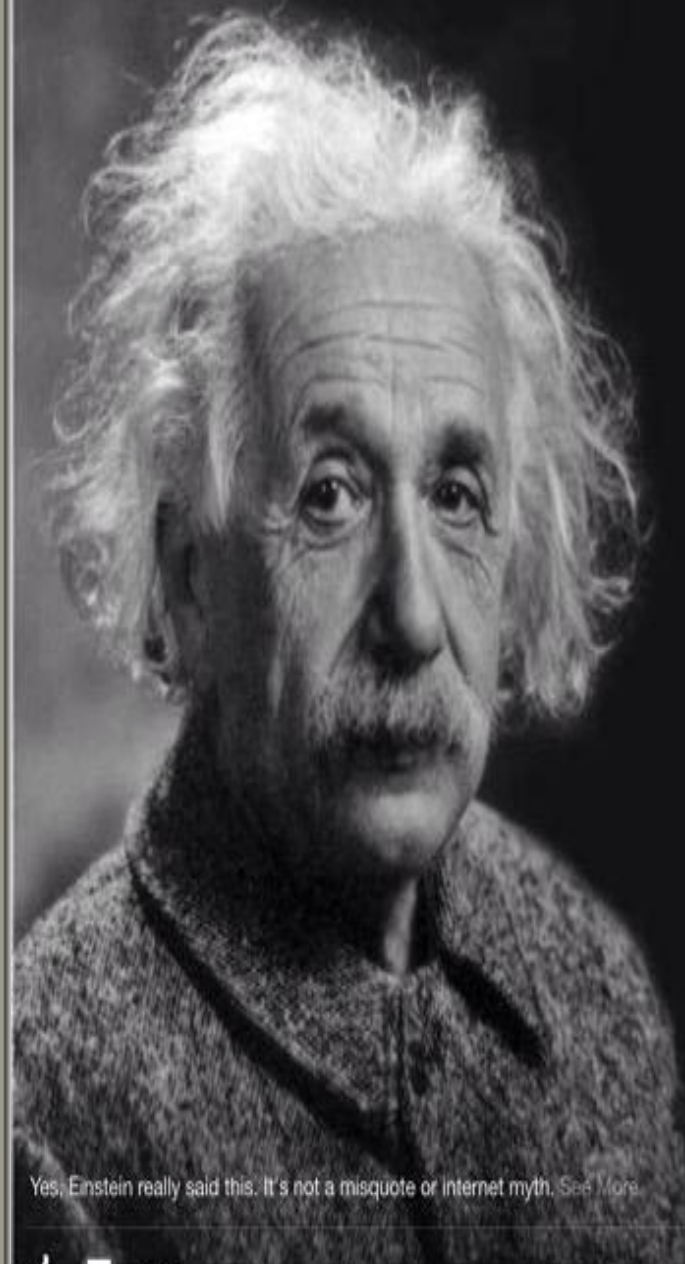
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I am an historian, I am **NOT** a *believer*, but I must confess as a historian that this penniless *preacher* from Nazareth is irrevocably the very **center** of *history*. JESUS Christ is *easily* the **MOST** dominant figure in all HISTORY.

H.G. WELLS



The Illogical Atheist



“As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene. No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life.”

Albert Einstein,
Saturday Evening Post, Oct 26, 1929

Yes, Einstein really said this. It's not a misquote or internet myth. See More



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**Answering
the Atheist
and
Agnostic...**

God IS!



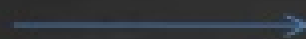


Context or contradiction?

- **Pro 26:4 Do not answer a fool according to his foolishness, Or you will also be like him.**
- **Pro 26:5 Answer a fool as his foolishness deserves, So that he will not be wise in his own eyes.**

Word Study

apologia



- Greek Meaning**
- ① **A speech of defense, reply**
 - ② **The act of making a defense**

Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., & Bauer, W. (2000). A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature.



“...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a **defense** to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence”

(1 Peter 3:15)

Interpretation & Application

- The Greek word “apologia” provides the textual foundation for what is called “Apologetics”.
- Describes the discipline of providing cogent arguments and reasons for why the Christian belief system should be considered true.
- Peter instructs his readers to “always” (literally “continually”) be at the ready to provide an oral defense for why they are a believer in Christ.



Diametrically opposed

- Psa 14:1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." 53:1
- 1Co 15:19 If we have hoped in Christ only in this life, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Diametrically opposed

- “worthless” vs. 17, still in your sins
- Worthy or worthless, Fools or faithful?
God is or is NOT!

If God Does Not Exist...

- 1. The Nazis were not wrong**
- 2. Love is no better than rape**
- 3. Blowing up innocent people watching a marathon is morally no different than feeding the poor**
- 4. Religious crusades are not wrong**
- 5. Tolerance is no better than intolerance**

A grayscale photograph of a man in a suit and tie, blindfolded with a white cloth. He is looking forward with a neutral expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

Why study Apologetics?

- Apologies are defenses
- The Bible teaches to ask forgiveness, not say you're sorry
- Apologetics is a defense of the Faith!

Why study Apologetics?

- 1Pe 3:15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect;





Reasons to Believe!

- There is an accuser and a Liar!
- Faith is NOT blind! Faith sees!
- Deepens our trust in God and truth
- Enables us to enlighten others!

Reasons to Believe!

- **Rom 1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,**

Atheism

The belief that there was nothing and nothing happened to nothing and then nothing magically exploded for no reason, creating everything and then a bunch of everything magically rearranged itself for no reason what so ever into self-replicating bits which then turned into dinosaurs.

Makes perfect sense.

CHRISTIANITY:

The belief that some cosmic Jewish Zombie can make you live forever if you symbolically eat his flesh and telepathically tell him that you accept him as your master, so he can remove an evil force from your soul that is present in humanity because a rib-woman was convinced by a talking snake to eat from a magical tree.

Makes perfect sense.

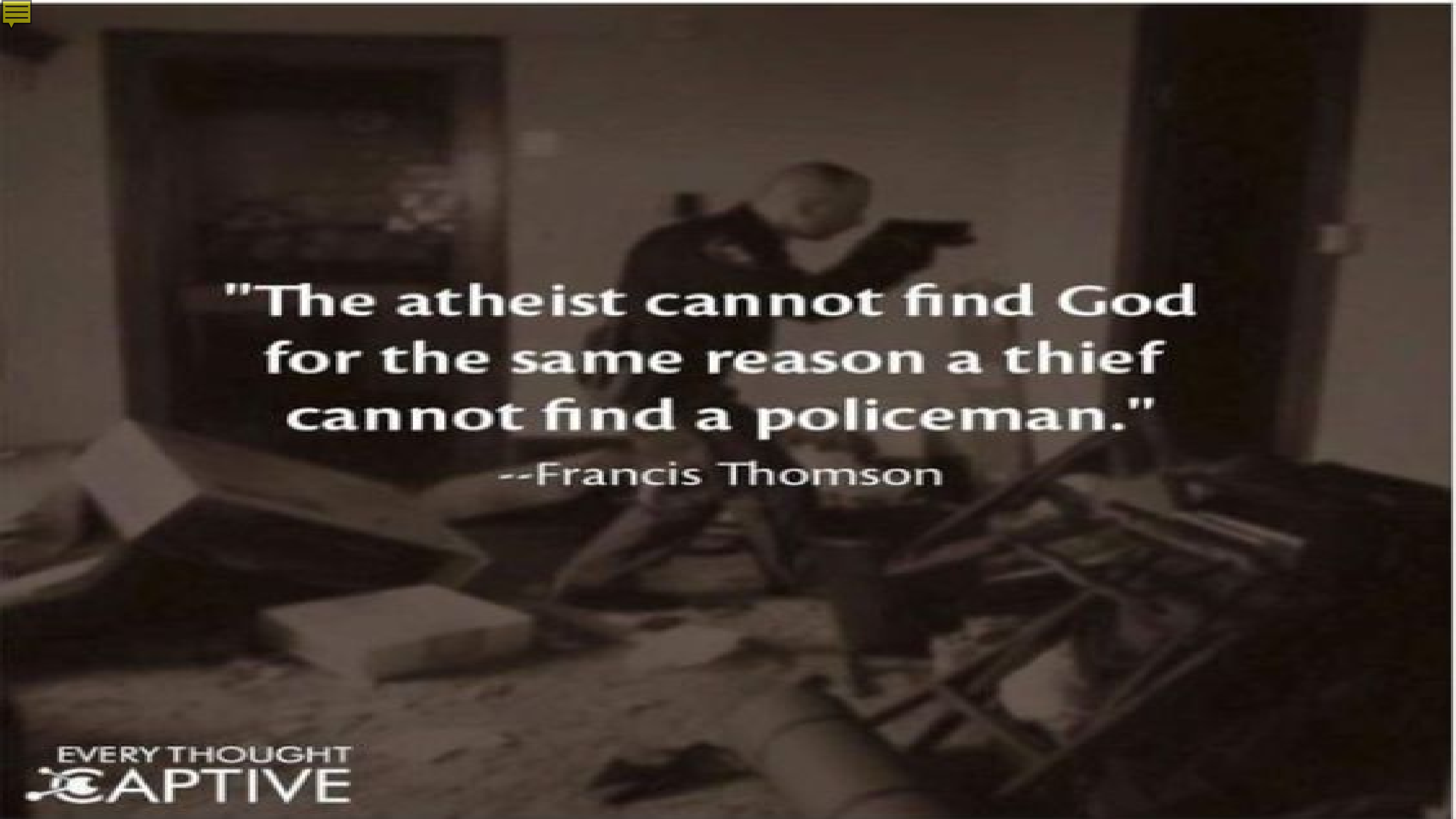
A grayscale photograph of a man in a suit and tie, blindfolded with a white cloth. He has a surprised or shocked expression on his face. His hands are raised, with fingers spread, as if feeling his way through something. The background is dark and indistinct.

Oh, My God!

- **The Divine Imprint, fingerprint**
- **He has also set eternity in their heart...**
Eccl.3:11
- **Intricate and purposeful design**

Oh, My God!

- The heavens tell of the glory of God
- The Moral Argument
- show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience testifying



**"The atheist cannot find God
for the same reason a thief
cannot find a policeman."**

--Francis Thomson



An “unknown” God

- The problem of Evil
- A 6th Sense! The Holy Spirit!
- Irrational hatred
- Universal recognition

An “unknown” God

- Inexplicable transformations
- Impeccable and enduring holy Writ
- Redeeming, Resurrected Son of God

“My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of **just and unjust?**

A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?”

C.S. Lewis

A grayscale photograph of a man in a suit and tie, blindfolded with a white cloth. He is gesturing with his right hand, pointing upwards. The image is dark and serves as a background for the text.

Why?

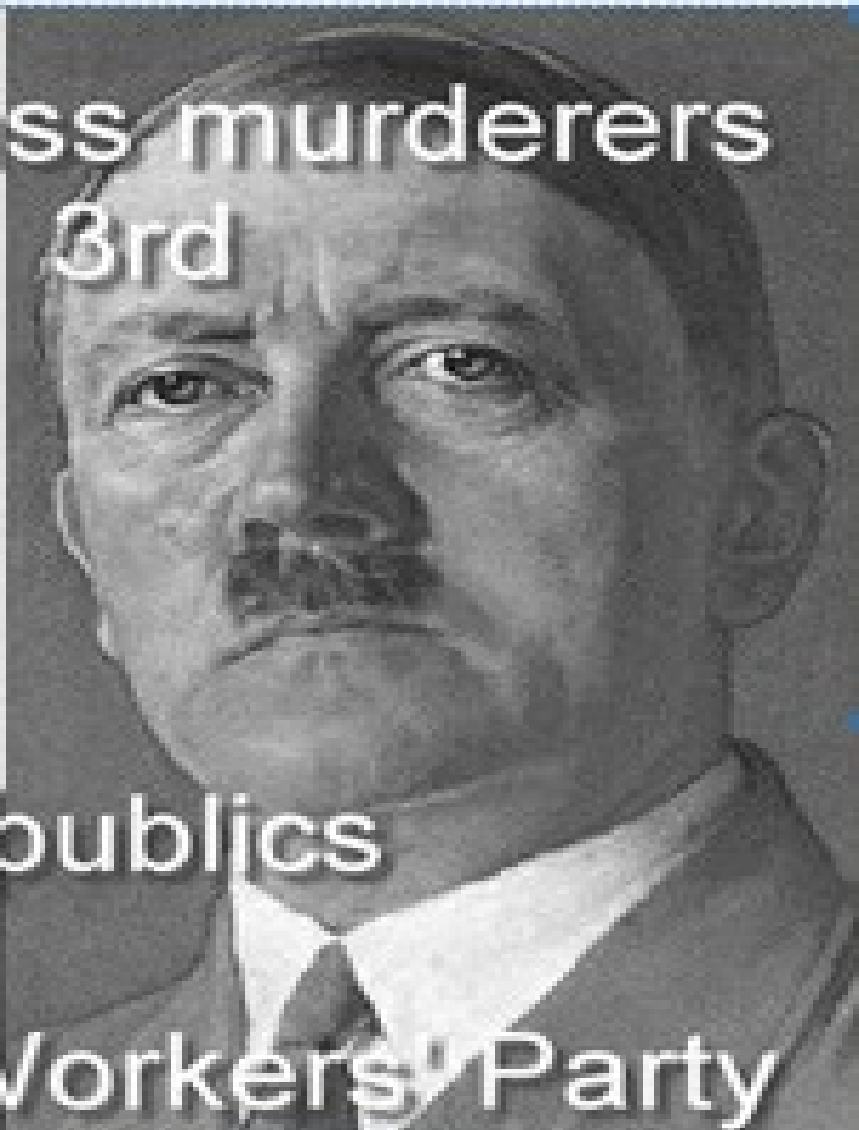
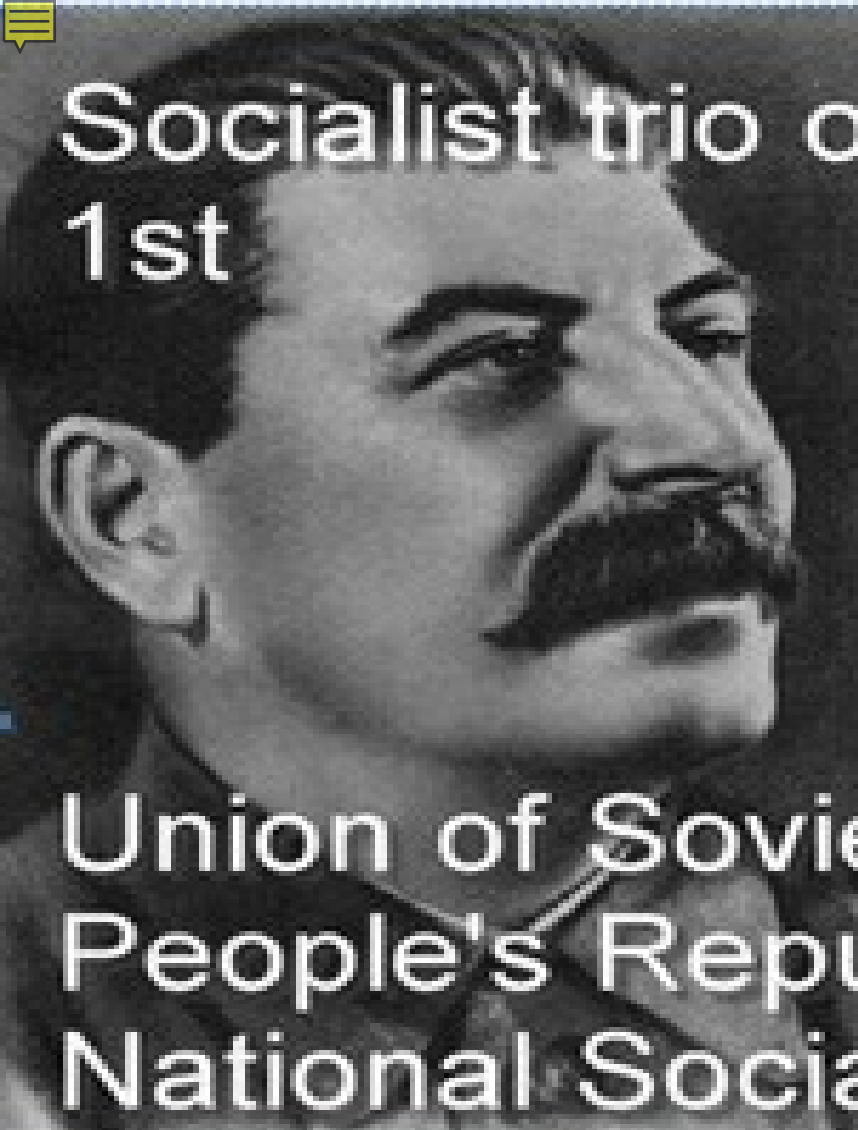
- **Why are the godless so pompous?**
- **Why should they do “good”? SOF**
- **Why are they such antagonists?**

Why?

- Why are they such ET enthusiasts?
- Why do they often kill/control?
- Why do they reassess, facing death?



Socialist trio of the worst mass murderers
 1st 2nd 3rd



Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
 People's Republic of China
 National Socialist German Workers' Party

60 MILLION?

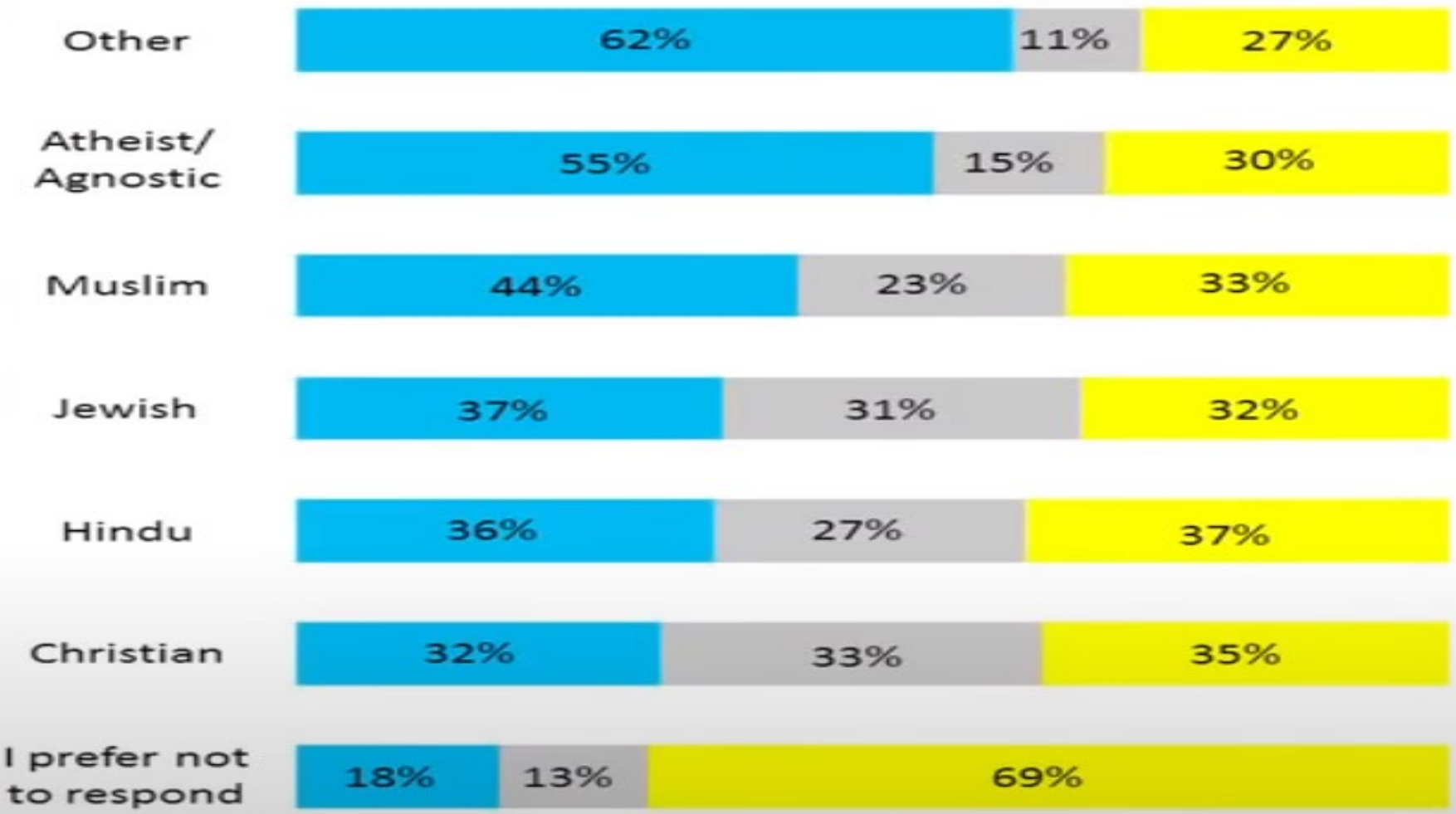
50 MILLION ?

20 MILLION?

Socialists are nuclear bombs. Socialism is nuclear war. copyright
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The socialist Wholecaust, of which the Holocaust was a part.

Belief in extraterrestrial life by religious affiliation

Percentage of respondents



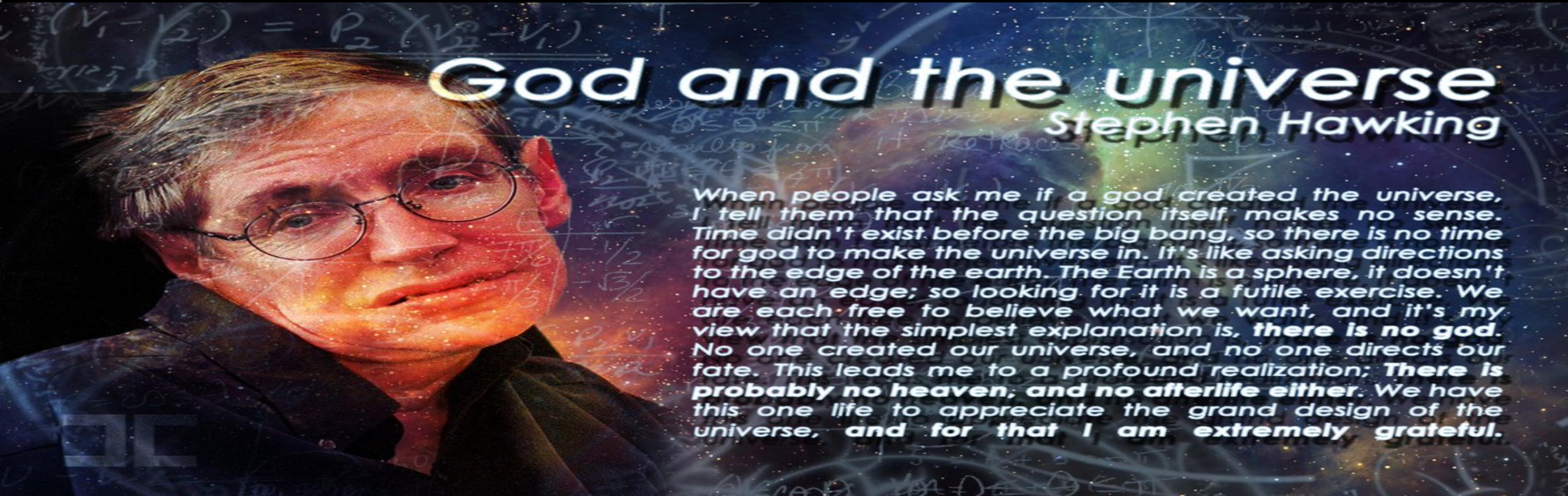
"Do you believe in the existence of extraterrestrial life?"

■ Yes
■ No
■ I'm not sure



"To my mathematical brain, the numbers alone make thinking about aliens perfectly rational.

The real challenge is to work out what aliens might actually be like..."



God and the universe

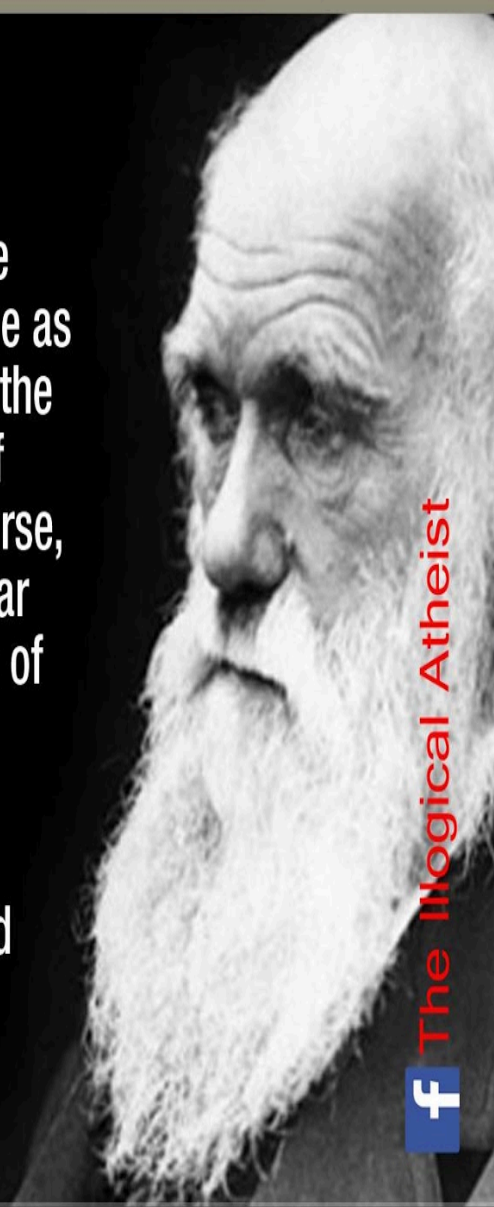
Stephen Hawking

When people ask me if a god created the universe, I tell them that the question itself makes no sense. Time didn't exist before the big bang, so there is no time for god to make the universe in. It's like asking directions to the edge of the earth. The Earth is a sphere, it doesn't have an edge; so looking for it is a futile exercise. We are each free to believe what we want, and it's my view that the simplest explanation is, **there is no god**. No one created our universe, and no one directs our fate. This leads me to a profound realization; **There is probably no heaven, and no afterlife either**. We have this one life to appreciate the grand design of the universe, and for that I am extremely grateful.

Stephen Hawking
said "religion is a
fairy story for
people afraid of the
dark." I said,
"Atheism is a fairy
story for people
afraid of the light."

Professor John Lennox,
Mathematician, Philosopher of
Science, Oxford University

“Another source of conviction in the existence of God, connected with the reason and not with the feelings, impresses me as having much more weight. This follows from the extreme difficulty or rather impossibility of conceiving this immense and wonderful universe, including man with his capacity of looking far backwards and far into futurity, as the result of blind chance or necessity. When thus reflecting, I feel compelled to look to a First Cause having an intelligent mind in some degree analogous to that of man; and I deserve to be called a Theist.”



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CHARLES DARWIN


The Life of Charles Darwin (1902). p 60

Charles Darwin 1872:

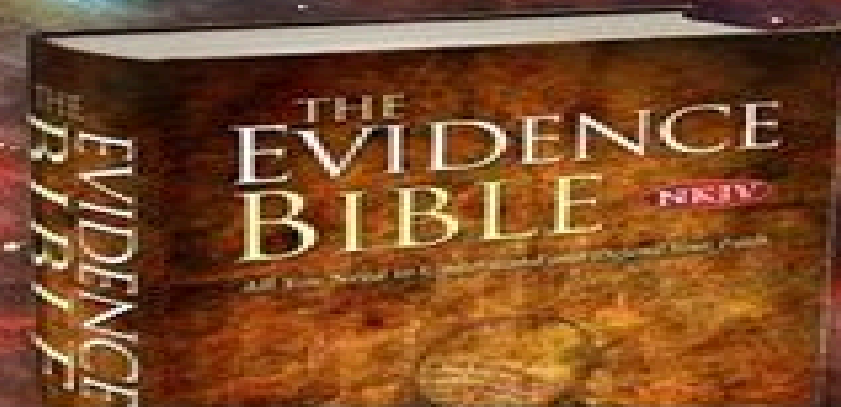
“To suppose that the eye... could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest possible degree.”

Don't hide your eyes from the Truth...
I freely confess that





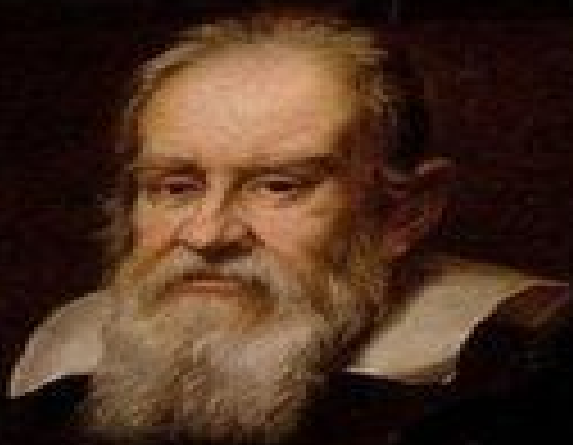
"Atheism is so senseless. When I look at the solar system, I see the earth at the right distance from the sun to receive the proper amounts of heat and light. This did not happen by chance."
~ Sir Isaac Newton



The Evidence Bible is full of great quotes.

always be prepared to give a reason

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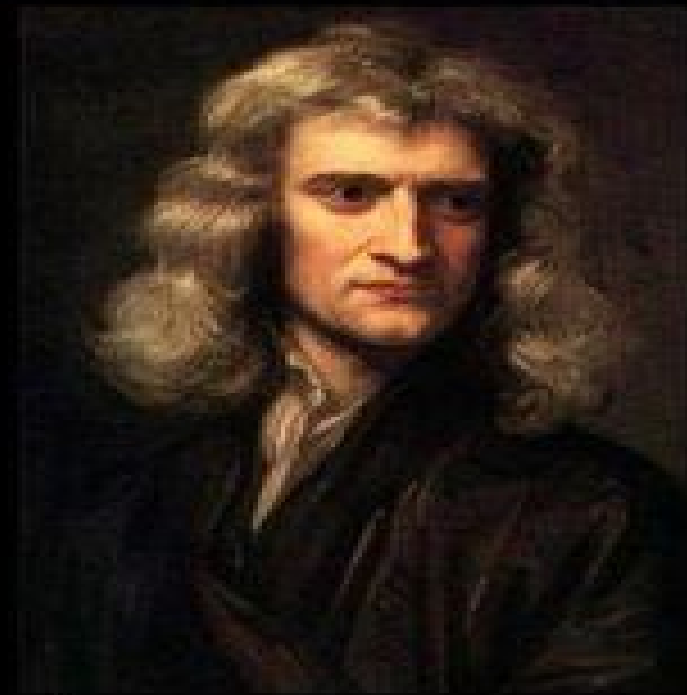
Galileo Galilei
Father of Modern
Observational
Astronomy

“Mathematics is the alphabet with which God has written the universe.”



Johannes Kepler
Father of
Describing
Planetary Motion

“I thank Thee my Creator and my Lord, that Thou has given me this joy in Thy Creation, this thrill in the works of Thy hand. I have made known Thy glory to men as far as my limited spirit can grasp Thine Infinitude.”



Sir Isaac Newton
Father of Modern
Physics

“Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who set the planets in motion. God governs all things and knows all that is or can be done.”



He IS and HE rewards!

- Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for the one who comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He proves to be One who rewards those who seek Him.

An Atheist's View on Life

I will live my life according to these beliefs
God does not exist
It is just foolish to think
that there is a God with a cosmic plan
That an all-powerful God brings redemption and healing to the world
is a comforting thought,
however it
is only wishful thinking
People can do as they please without eternal consequences
The idea that
I am deserving of Hell
Because of sin
Is a lie meant to have me enslaved to those in power
"The more you have, the happier you will be"
Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose
In a world with no God
there is freedom to live
Without God,
It is ridiculous to think
I am lost and in need of saving

A Christian's View on Life

(Read Bottom to Top)



Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened.

-- *Winston Churchill*





"There are not many options - essentially just two. Either human intelligence ultimately owes its origin to mindless matter, or there is a Creator. It is strange that some people claim that it is their intelligence that leads them to prefer the first to the second."

- John Lennox

CARM



A moderately bad man knows he is not very good: a thoroughly bad man thinks he is all right . . . Good people know about both good and evil: bad people do not know about either.
— Armand M. Nicholi Jr.,

The Question of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud Debate God, Love, Sex, and the Meaning of Life




“Imagine 1050 blind persons each with a scrambled Rubik’s cube, and try to conceive of the chance of them all simultaneously arriving at the solved form. You then have a chance of arriving by random shuffling, of just one of the many biopolymers on which life depends. The notion that not only the biopolymers but the operating program of a living cell could be arrived at by chance in a primordial organic soup here on the Earth is evidently nonsense of a high order.”

~ FRED HOYLE



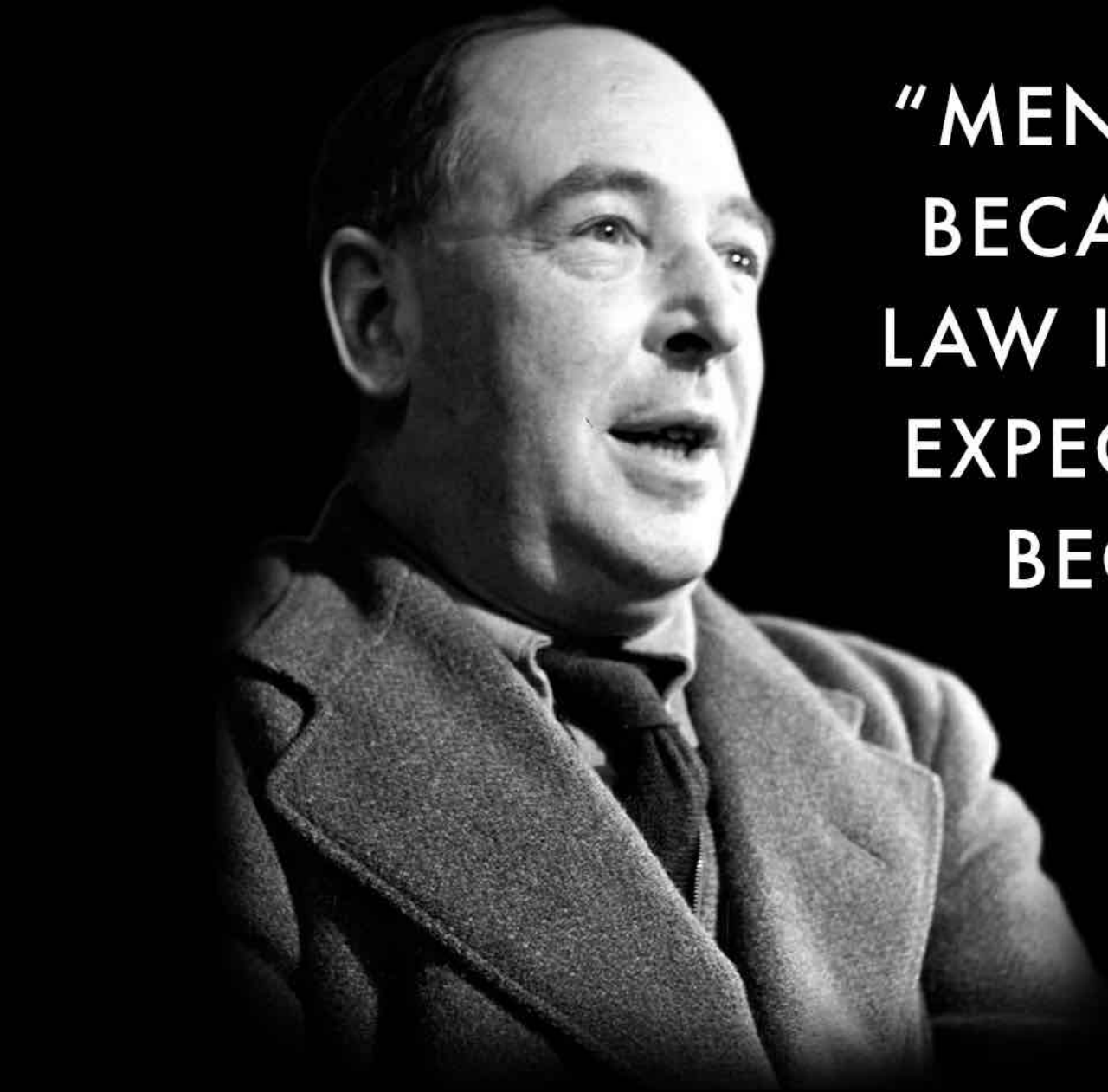
“Atheism is so senseless & odious to mankind that it never had many professors. Can it be by accident that all birds beasts & men have their right side & left side alike shaped (except in their bowels) & just two eyes & no more on either side the face & just two ears on either side the head & a nose with two holes & no more between the eyes & one mouth under the nose & either two fore legs or two wings or two arms on the shoulders & two legs on the hips one on either side & no more?”

~ ISAAC NEWTON

A man with a full brown beard and short dark hair is shown from the chest up. He is wearing a dark grey t-shirt with a white cartoon illustration of a man's face on the left side. The background is dark. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

If you claim to be the random byproduct of stardust, why would it matter if someone is oppressing you? You're just one bag of protoplasmic stardust fizzing chemical reactions at other bags of stardust. As a Christian, I have justification that satisfies the preconditions of intelligibility and uniformity in logic, science, nature and morality. Atheists argue they're oppressed, then contradict themselves by stealing from the Christian worldview of non-contradiction.

~ Jeff Durbin



**“MEN BECAME SCIENTIFIC
BECAUSE THEY EXPECTED
LAW IN NATURE, AND THEY
EXPECTED LAW IN NATURE
BECAUSE OF A BELIEF
IN A LAWGIVER.**

C.S. LEWIS

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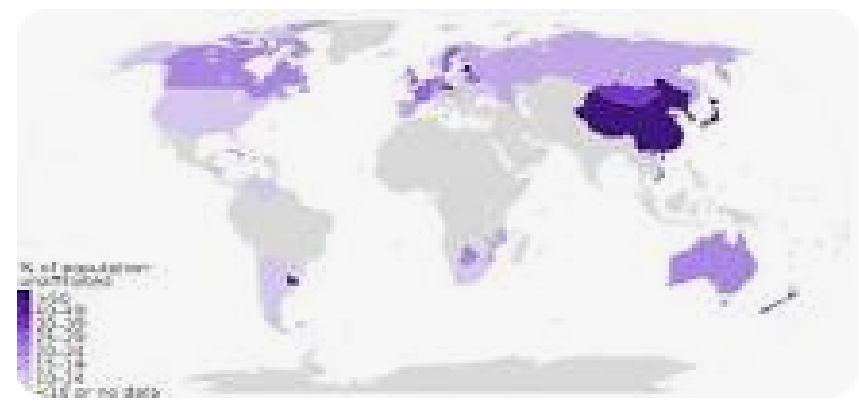
Supposing there was no intelligence behind the universe, no creative mind. In that case, nobody designed my brain for the purpose of thinking. It is merely that when the atoms inside my skull happen, for physical or chemical reasons, to arrange themselves in a certain way, this gives me, as a by-product, the sensation I call thought. But, if so, how can I trust my own thinking to be true? It's like upsetting a milk jug and hoping that the way it splashes itself will give you a map of London. But if I can't trust my own thinking, of course I can't trust the arguments leading to Atheism, and therefore have no reason to be an Atheist, or anything else. Unless I believe in God, I cannot believe in thought: so I can never use thought to disbelieve in God."





500 million

According to sociologists Ariela Keysar and Juhem Navarro-Rivera's review of numerous **global** studies on **atheism**, there are 450 to 500 million positive **atheists and agnostics** worldwide (7% of the **world's** population), with China having the most **atheists** in the **world** (200 million convinced **atheists**).



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2019;

4% Atheists in US, 5% Agnostic

The Four Miracles of Atheism



- 1 Getting Something from Nothing
- 2 Getting Life from Non-Life
- 3 Getting Order from Chaos
- 4 Getting the Immaterial from Physical Matter

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Mao Zedong ordered the people of China to kill sparrows because they steal grain. Since sparrows also eat insects, their absence caused a locust epidemic that ravaged crops and killed millions of people.

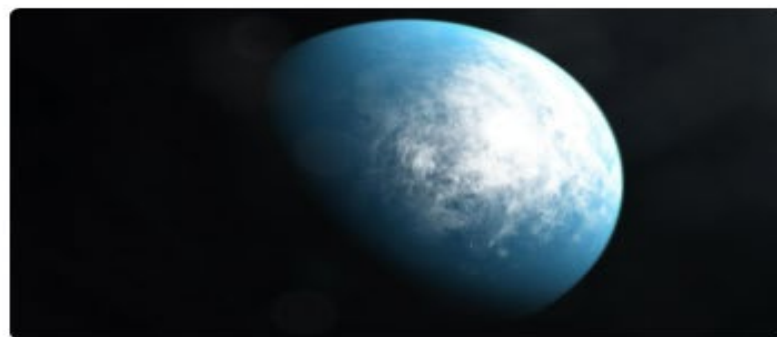
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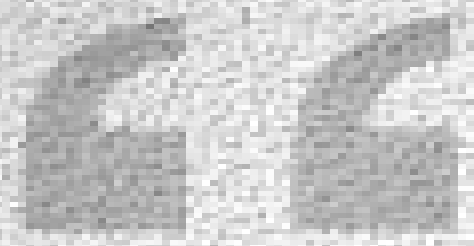


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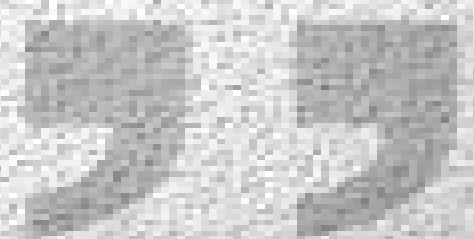
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How does life arise, adapt and flourish,



The trouble with quotes on the internet is that it's difficult to determine whether or not they are genuine.

- Abraham Lincoln



In the book: *The Truth: God or evolution?* Marshall and Sandra Hall describe an often quoted exchange between **Newton** and an **atheist friend**.

Sir Isaac Newton

(4th Jan 1643 - 31st March 1727)



Newton's atheist-scientist friend came by for a visit. Seeing the model, he was naturally intrigued, and proceeded to examine it with undisguised admiration for the high quality of the workmanship. **"My, what an exquisite thing this is!"** he exclaimed. **"Who made it?"** Paying little attention to him, Sir Isaac answered, **"Nobody."** Stopping his inspection, the visitor turned and said, **"Evidently you did not understand my question. I asked who made this."** Newton, enjoying himself immensely no doubt, replied in a still more serious tone, **"Nobody. What you see just happened to assume the form it now has."** **"You must think I am a fool!"** the visitor retorted heatedly, **"Of course somebody made it, and he is a genius, and I would like to know who he is!"** Newton then spoke to his friend in a polite yet firm way: **"This thing is but a puny imitation of a much grander system whose laws you know, and I am not able to convince you that this mere toy is without a designer or maker; yet you profess to believe that the great original from which the design is taken has come into being without either designer or maker! Now tell me by what sort of reasoning do you reach such an incongruous conclusion?"**



Basis of Authority?

- Polls and statistics? Group think
- Tradition, cultural perspective
- True Science; Observe, repeat...

Basis of Authority?

- “Experts”, witnesses, testimonials
- Feelings, my gut, “my truth”
- God's word





*“Christianity, if false, is
of no importance, and if
true, of infinite
importance. The only
thing it cannot be is
moderately
important.”*

C. S. Lewis
1898-1963

Flavius Josephus



- *“And there arose about this time Jesus, a wise man, if indeed we should call him a man; for he was a doer of marvelous deeds, a teacher of men who receive the truth with pleasure. He won over many Jews and also many Greeks.*
- *“This man was the Messiah. And when Pilate had condemned him to the cross at the instigation of our own leaders, those who had loved him from the first did not cease. For he appeared to them on the third day alive again, as the holy prophets had predicted and said many other wonderful things about him. And even now the race of Christians, so named after him, has not yet died out.”*

The External Evidence Test – Josephus

- A disputed passage in Josephus' work mentions Jesus.
- Most scholars do believe that a Christian sympathizer tampered with the text, but they also believe Josephus did write about Jesus
- The accepted rendering is:
- *"At this time there was a wise man who was called Jesus. And his conduct was good and was known to be virtuous. Many people among the Jews and other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die. And those who had become his disciples did not abandon his discipleship. They reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion and that he was alive; accordingly, he was perhaps the messiah concerning whom the prophets have recounted wonders."* – **Antiquities 18.3.3**






DON'T DOUBT THE CREATOR

**BECAUSE IT IS INCONCEIVABLE
THAT ACCIDENTS ALONE COULD
BE THE CONTROLLER OF THIS
UNIVERSE**

SIR ISAAC NEWTON



The DNA of a single cell contains so much information that if it were represented in printed words, simply listing the first letter of each base would require over 1.5 million pages of text!

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Biological fact – not religious dogma

Know True **Evil** The Soviet Union [Russia 1917-1991]

Mode of Government: Communist Socialism



Civil War (1917)
3,284,000 (estimated total)
Terror: 750,000
Concentration Camps: 34,000
Forced Famine: 2,500,000

Gehocide

New Economic Policy (1923)
2,200,000 (estimated total)

Collectivization (1929)
11,440,000 (estimated total)
Terror: 1,733,000
Deportations Deaths: 1,400,000
Concentration Camps: 3,306,000
Forced Famine: 5,000,000

The Great Terror (1936)
4,345,000 (estimated total)
Terror: 1,000,000
Deportation Deaths: 65,000
Concentration Camps: 3,280,000

Mass Murder

Secret Police
Death Quotas

Pre-WWII (1939)
5,104,000 (estimated total)
Terror: 1,932,000
Deportation Deaths: 283,000
Concentration Camps: 2,889,000

WWII (1941)
13,053,000 (estimated total)
Terror: 1,257,000
Deportation Deaths: 1,036,000
Concentration Camps: 10,761,000

Wholesale
Slaughter

Drug Torture

Post-WWII (1946)
15,613,000 (estimated total)
Terror: 1,376,000
Deportation Deaths: 1,557,000
Concentration Camps: 12,348,000

Post-Stalin (1954)
6,872,000 (estimated total)
Terror: 250,000
Deportation Deaths: 8,000
Concentration Camps: 6,613,000

Deliberate Starvation

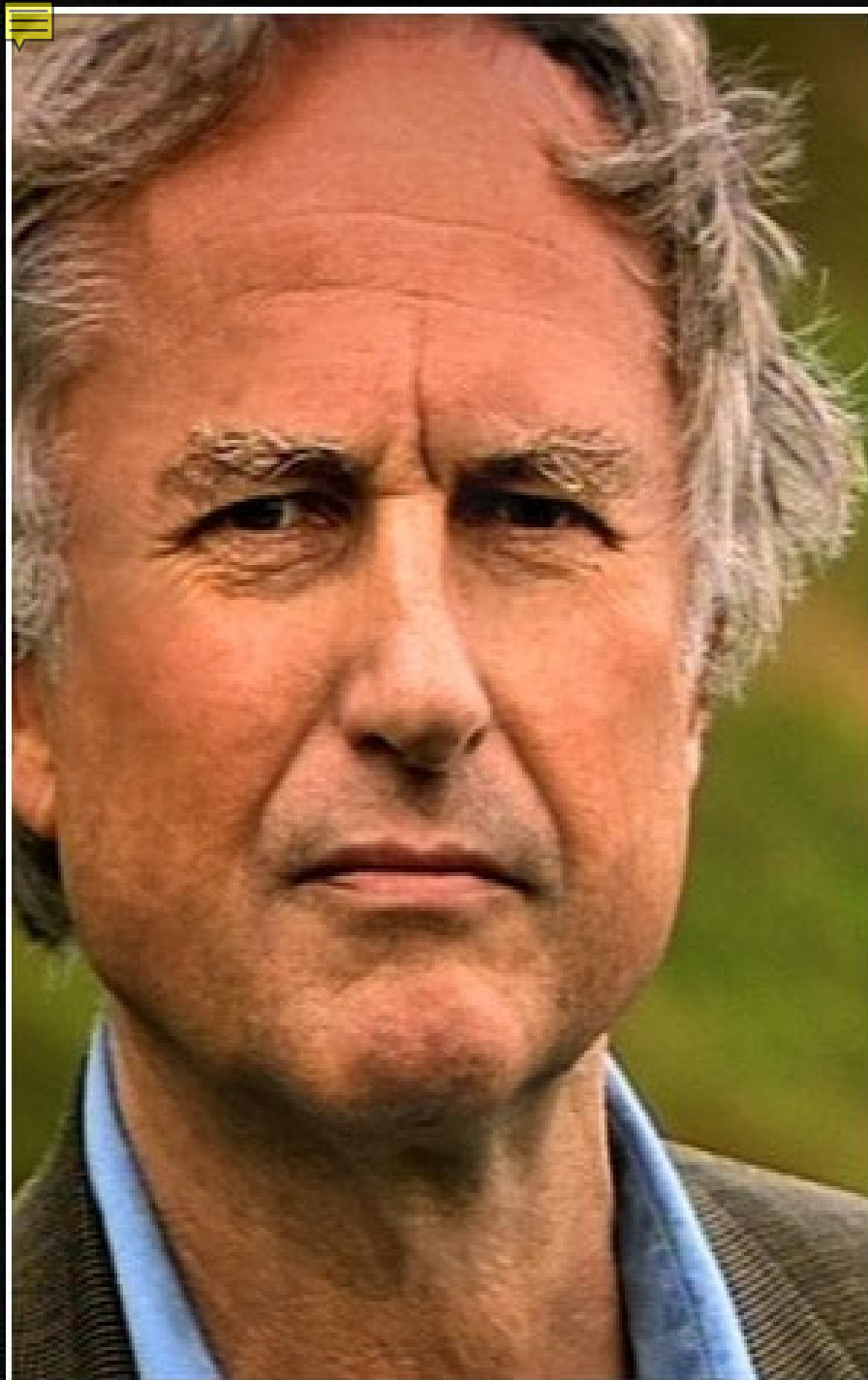
Acts of Terrorism: 8,298,000
Death from Deportations: 4,349,000+
Forced Famine: 7,833,000
Concentration Camps (Gulags): 39,464,000

Total Killed: 62 Million People (est.)
source: RJ Rummel's "Death By Government"



“The likelihood of the formation of life from inanimate matter is one to a number with 40,000 noughts after it ... It is **big enough to bury Darwin and the whole theory of evolution.** There was *no* primeval soup, neither on this planet nor any other, and if the beginnings of life were *not random*, they **must therefore have been the product of purposeful intelligence.**”

--English astronomer Sir Fred Hoyle, as quoted by Lee Elliot Major, Big enough to bury Darwin, Guardian (UK) education supplement, 23 August 2001; theguardian.com.



Much as we might wish to believe otherwise, universal love and the welfare of the species as a whole are concepts which simply do not make evolutionary sense.

— *Richard Dawkins* —