

**Is It  
REASONABLE  
To Believe  
In God?**

*In This Scientific Age?*

The Most Reasonable  
Explanation For Morality,  
Conscience, & Spirituality



# **The Most For Morality, Conscience**

## **Genesis 1:26-27 (NKJV)**

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." [27] So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.



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## ROMANS 1:18—25 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup> because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them.



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## ROMANS 1:18—25 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.



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## ROMANS 1:18—25 (NKJV)

22 Professing to be wise,  
they became fools, 23 and  
changed the glory of the  
incorruptible God into an  
image made like  
corruptible man—and  
birds and four-footed  
animals and creeping  
things.



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<sup>24</sup> Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

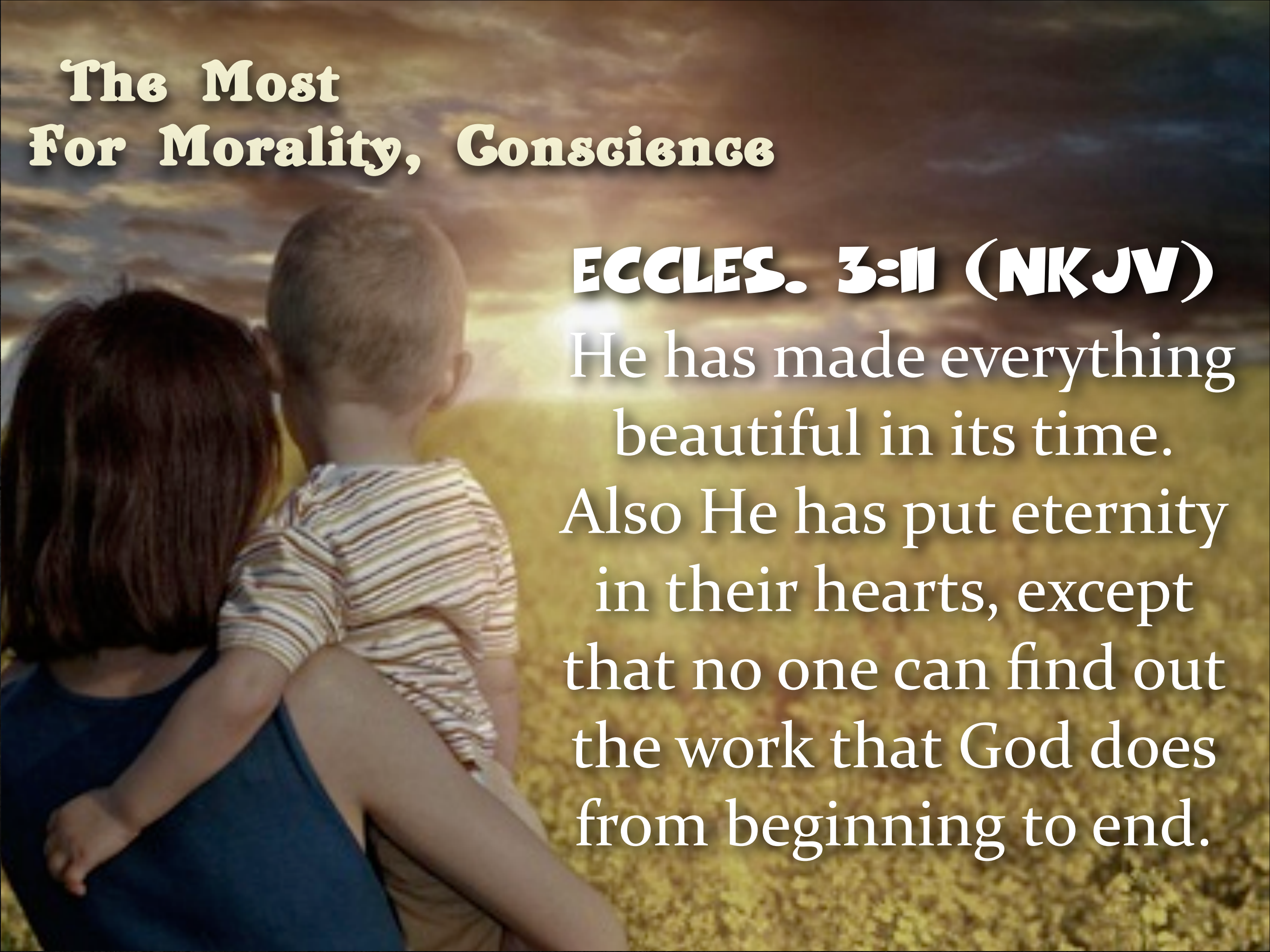


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## ROMANS 2:14—16 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup> who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*) <sup>16</sup> in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.





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**ECCLES. 3:11 (NKJV)**

He has made everything  
beautiful in its time.

Also He has put eternity  
in their hearts, except  
that no one can find out  
the work that God does  
from beginning to end.



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Atheists 'CLAIM' that science has 'proven' their position

Foreword by David Limbaugh

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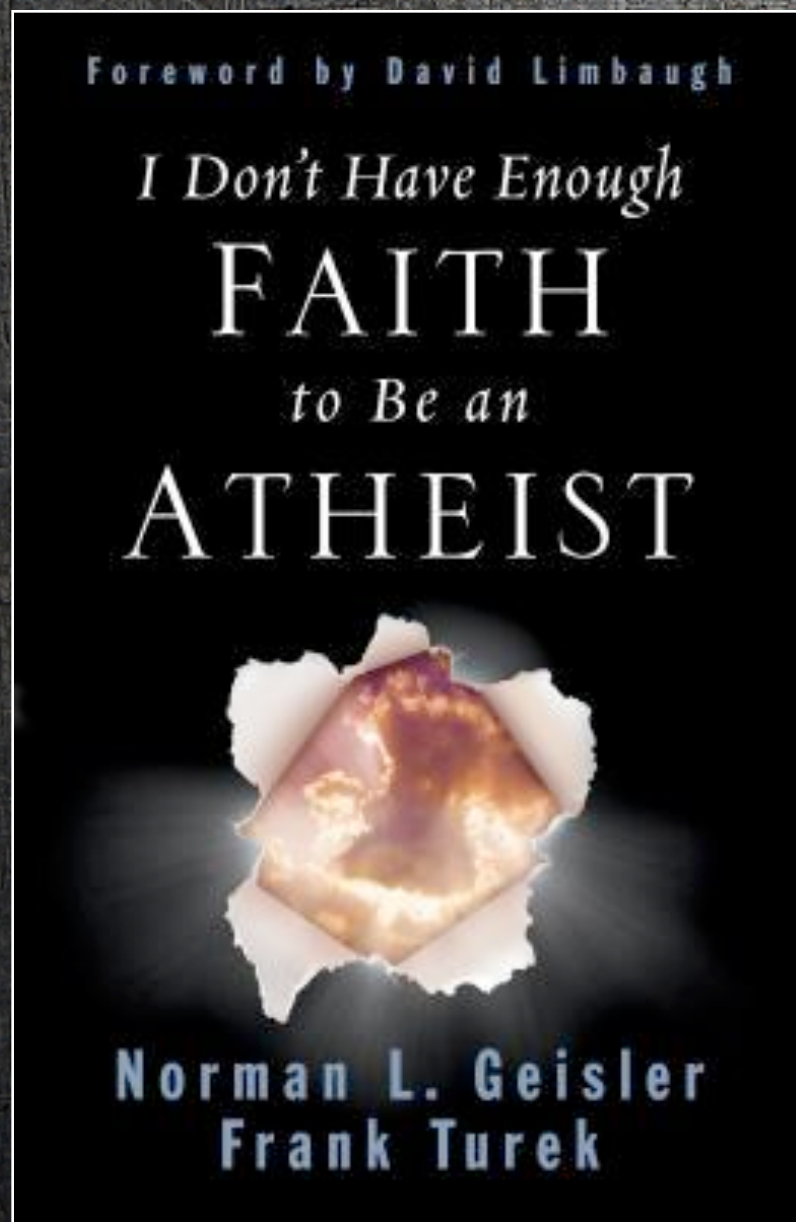
Norman L. Geisler  
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- ◆ Yet the question of HOW and WHEN the Universe began CANNOT be **scientifically** PROVEN -
- ◆ An adequate explanation for the obvious design in our world CANNOT be answered by **science** -
- ◆ The origin of life and its complexities CANNOT be **scientifically** explained!
- ◆ The cause of morality, self-consciousness or spirituality cannot be **scientifically** explained!



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Naturalistic Evolution Cannot Explain:



1. **Man having rational intelligence.** (ability to reason, invent, communicate, discern, decide, etc.)
2. **Man having emotions.** (He can experience joy, love, anger, hatred, sorrow, etc.)
3. **Man having a conscience.** (He is able, not only to distinguish right from wrong, but also to have an inherent sense of guilt when he has done wrong and a sense of approval when he has done right.)



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Naturalistic Evolution Cannot  
Account For Objective Morality

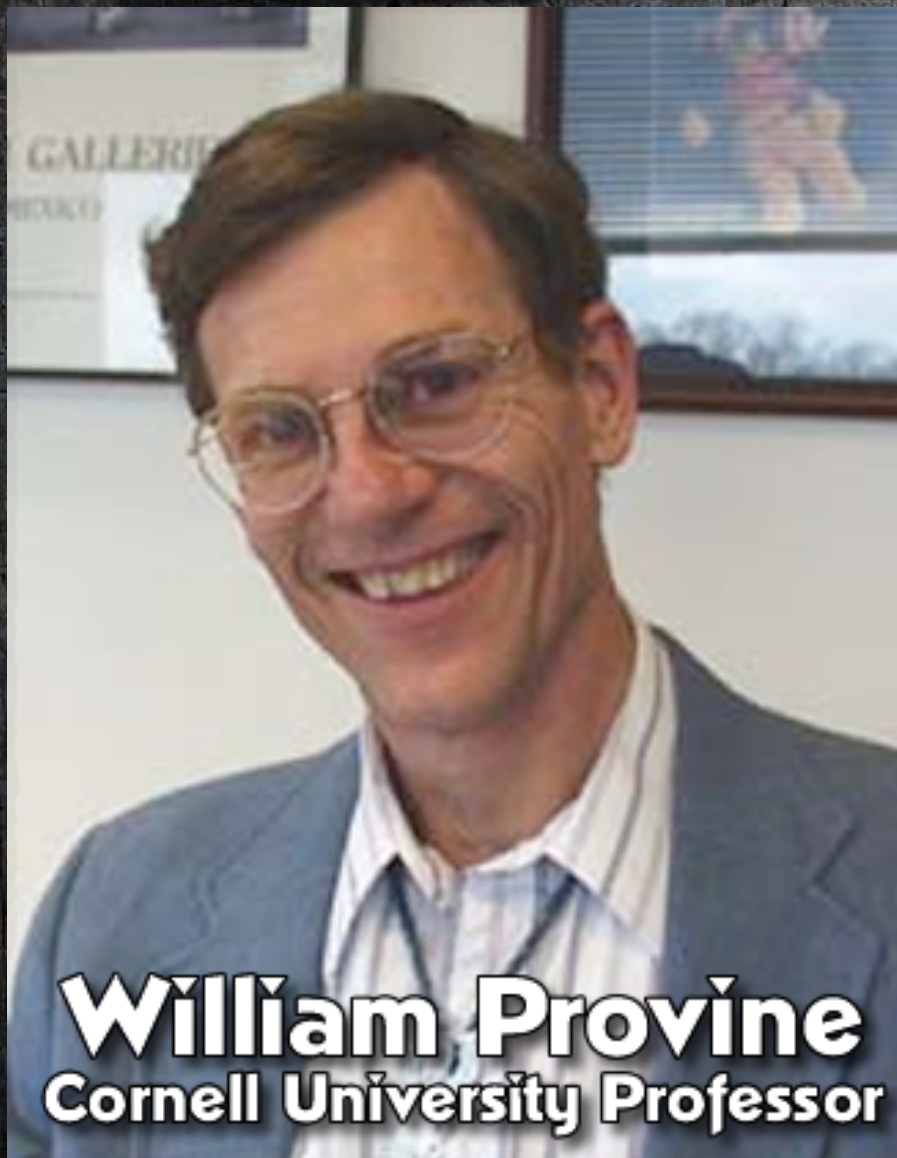
1. If God exists, then we have a sound foundation for objective moral values and duties.
2. If God does not exist, then we do not have a sound foundation for objective moral values and duties.





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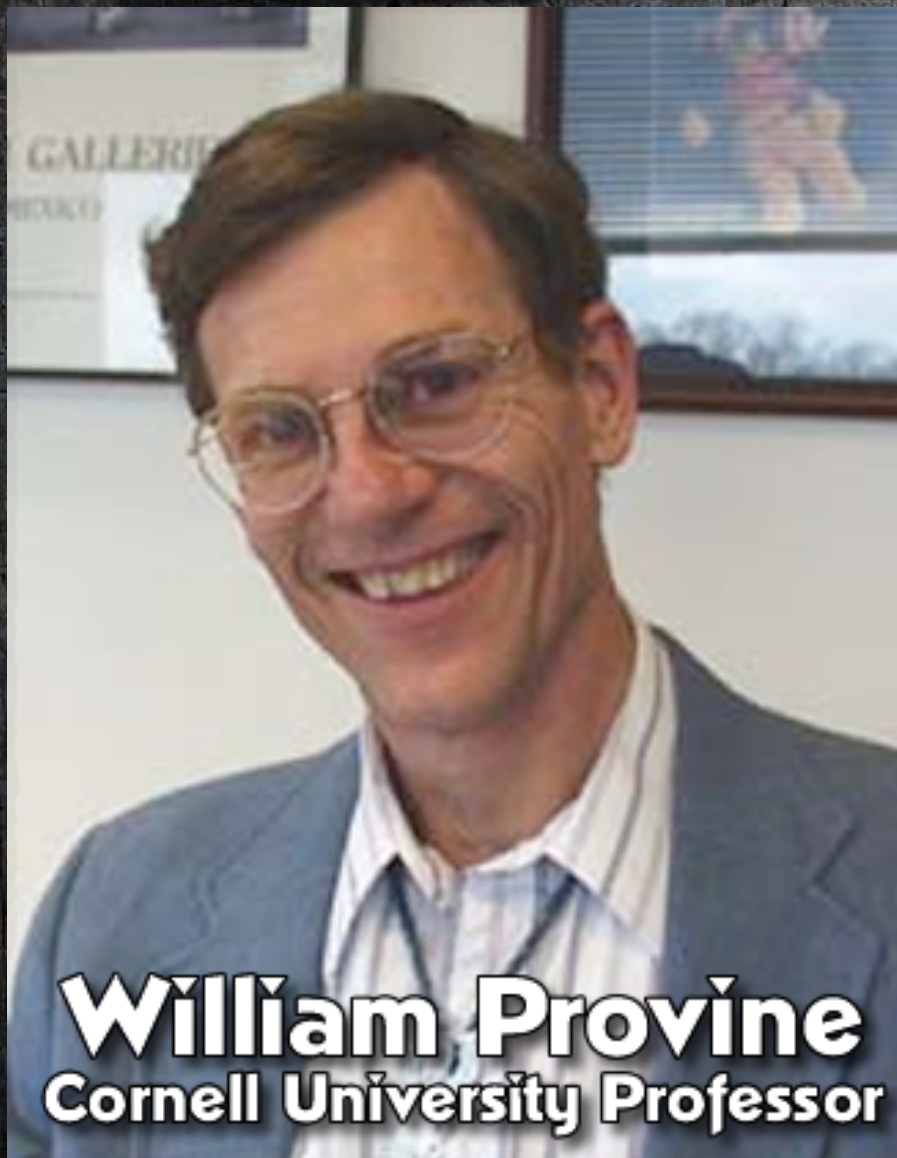
"There are no purposive principles whatsoever in nature. There are no gods and no designing forces that are rationally detectable. . . Second, modern science directly implies that there are no moral or ethical laws, no absolute guiding principles for human society."

(Darwin On Trial, pg 124)



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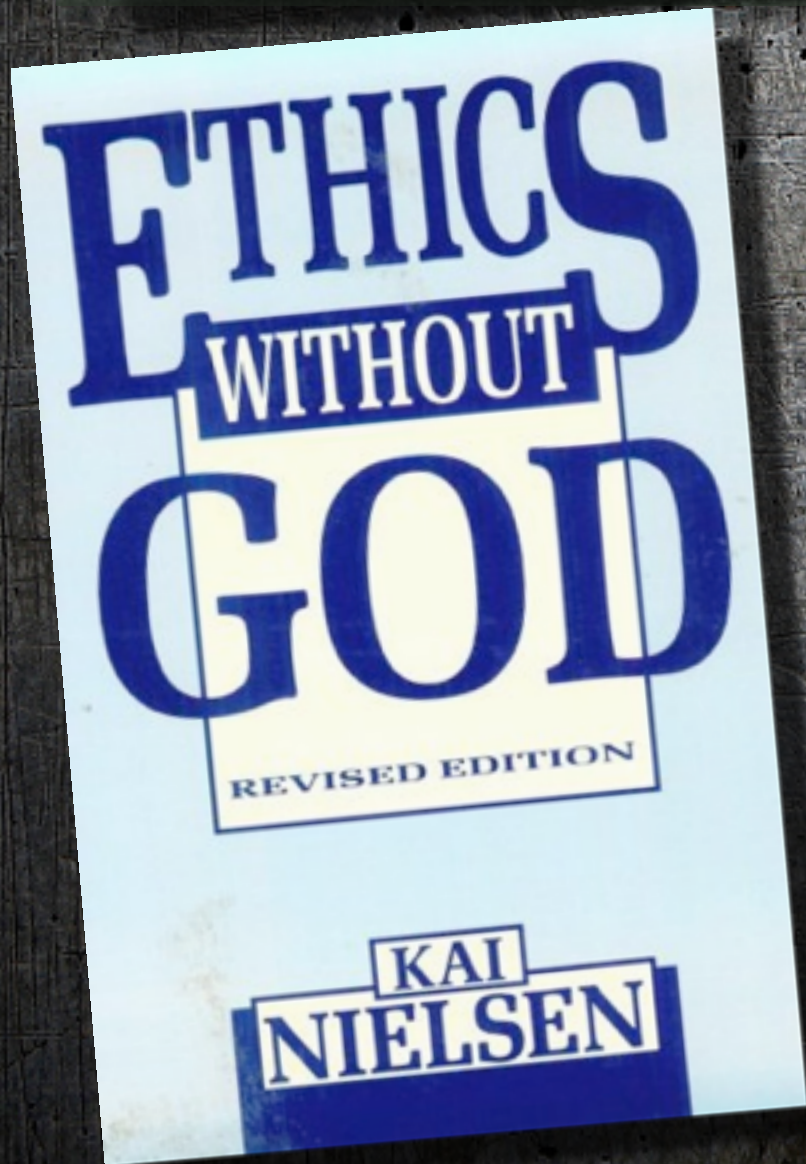
"Third, human beings are marvelously complex machines. The individual human becomes an ethical person by means of two primary mechanisms; heredity and environmental influences. That is all there is. Fourth, we must conclude that when we die, we die and that is the end of us."

(Darwin On Trial, pg 124,125)



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In his book, Ethics Without God, atheist Kai Nielsen admitted that to ask, "Is murder evil?" is to ask a self-answering question (1973, p. 16).



# Objective Moral Values Exist:

Certain moral facts exist, and among them are objective moral values and duties.

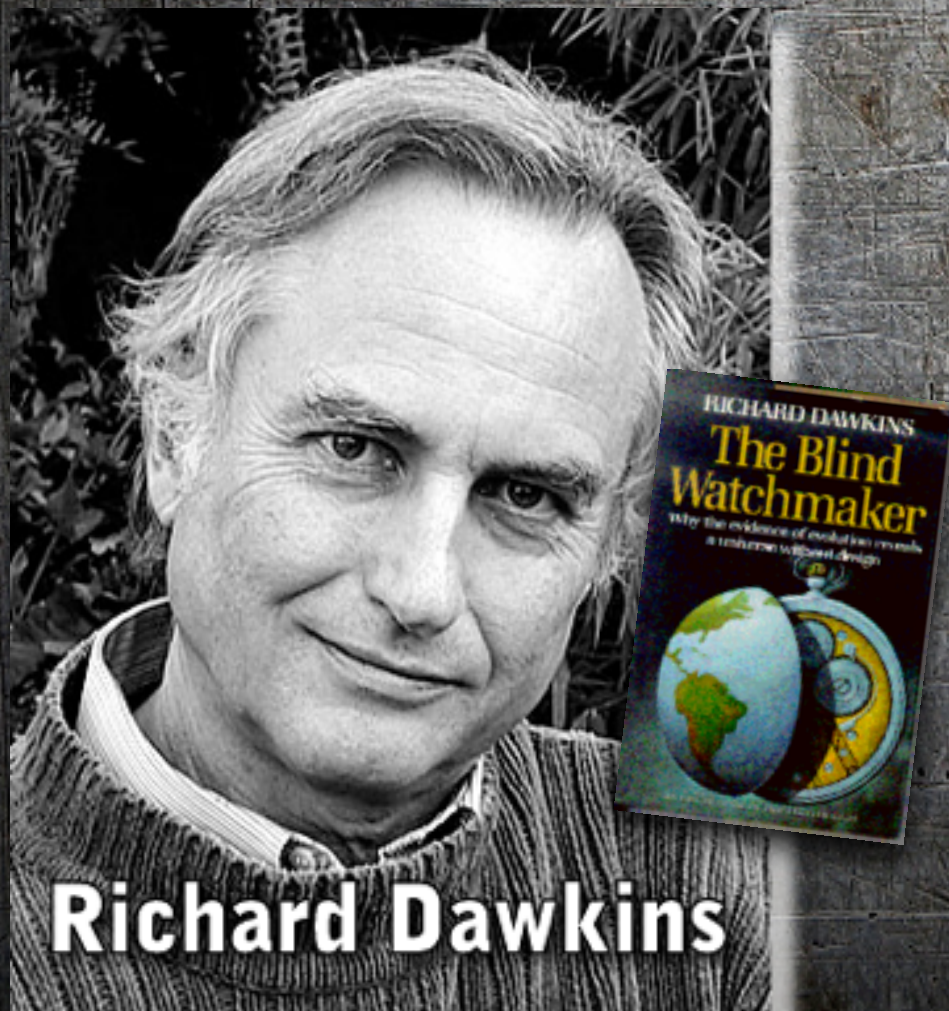
These moral facts make little sense on naturalistic grounds, but they reside quite comfortably in a world sustained by a loving Creator.





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## From Inanimate Matter To Moral Consciousness?



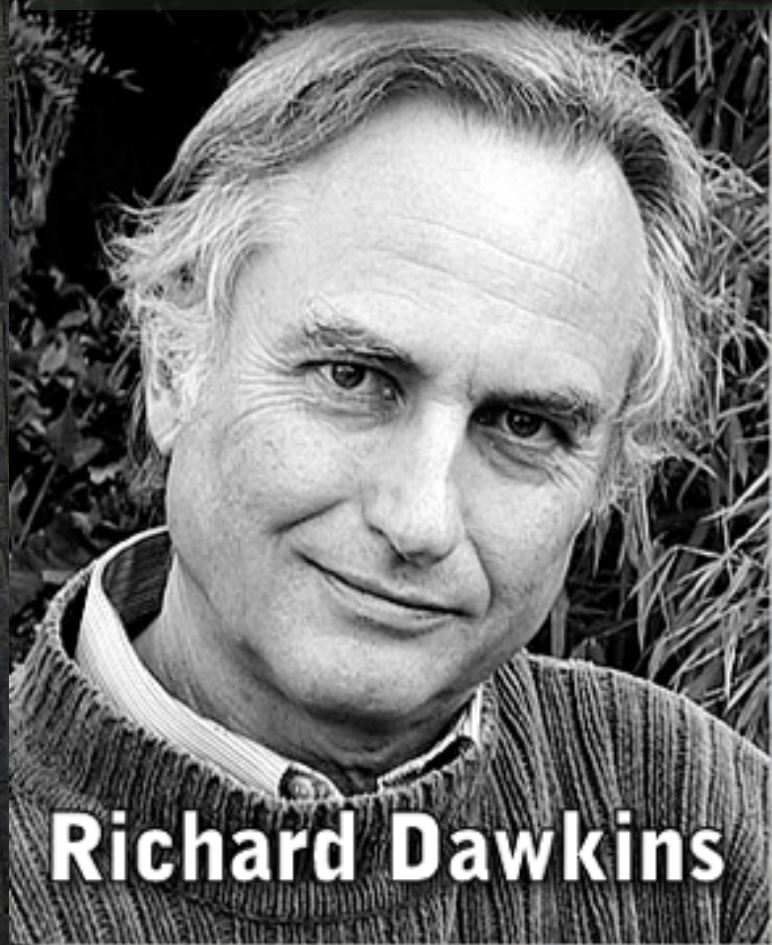
Richard Dawkins

Natural selection, the blind, unconscious, automatic process which Darwin discovered, and **which we now know** is the explanation for the existence and **apparently purposeful form of all life**, has no purpose in mind. . . . It has no mind . . . . It does not plan for the future . . . it is the blind watchmaker.'



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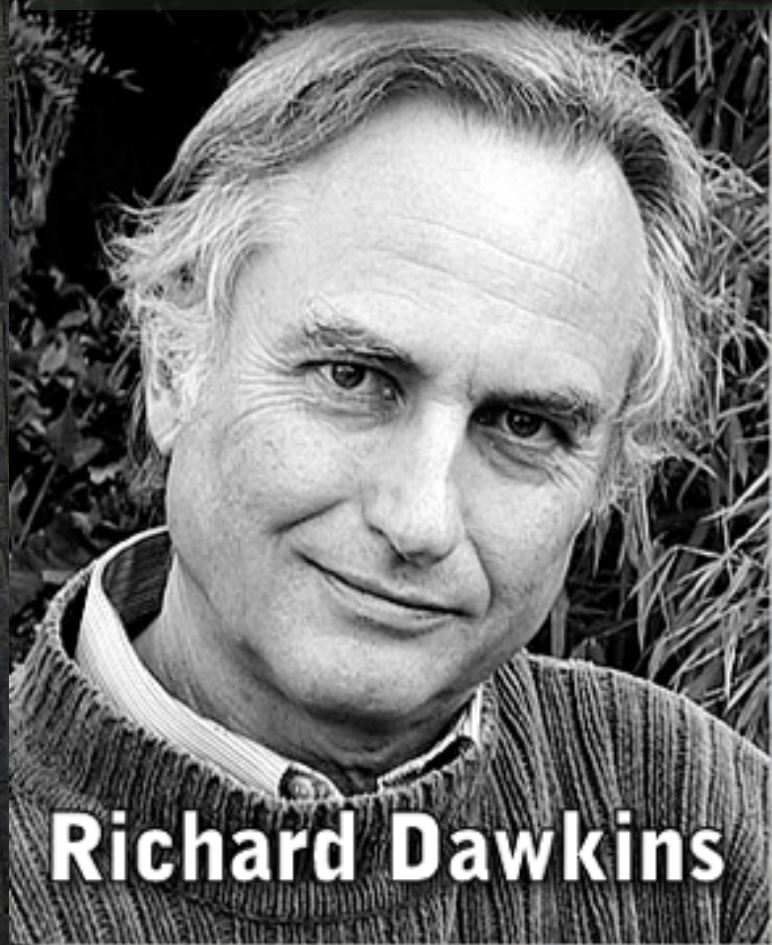
“New Naysayers” ... atheism  
is smarter” (2006, p. 47-49).

Biologists understand that the driving force in evolution is the survival and propagation of our genes. They may impel us to instinctive acts of goodness...even when it seems counterproductive to our own interests —say, by risking our life to save someone else. **Evolutionary psychology can explain how selfless behavior might have evolved** (pp. 48-49,).



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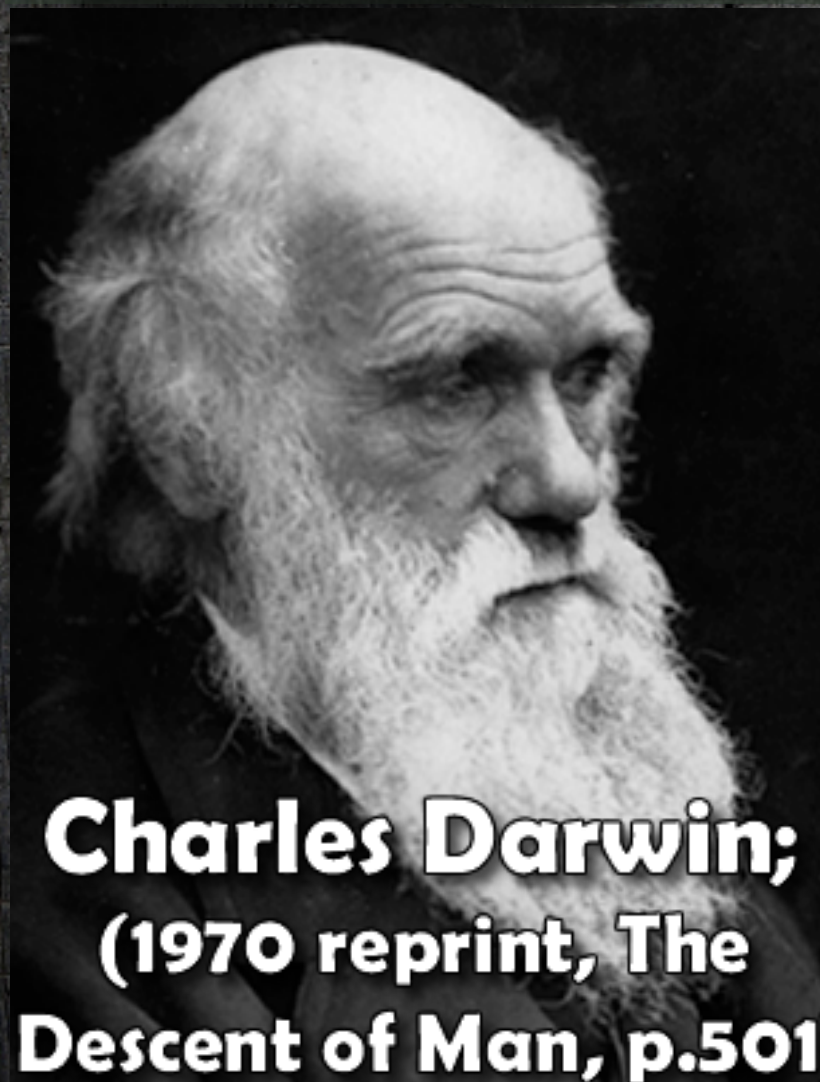
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(1) “The recipient may be a blood relation who carries some of our own genes.” (2) “Or our acts may earn us future gratitude, or reputation for bravery that makes us more desirable as mates.” (3) “The impulse for generosity must have evolved while humans lived in small bands in which almost everyone was related, so that **goodness became the default human aspiration**” (p. 49).



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From Inanimate Matter To  
Moral Consciousness?



**Charles Darwin;**  
(1970 reprint, *The  
Descent of Man*, p.501)

“With savages, the weak in body or mind are soon eliminated; and those that survive commonly exhibit a vigorous state of health. We civilised men, on the other hand, do our utmost to check the process of elimination; we build asylums for the imbecile, the maimed, and the sick; we institute poor-laws; and our medical men exert their utmost skills to save the life of everyone to the last moment. . . .

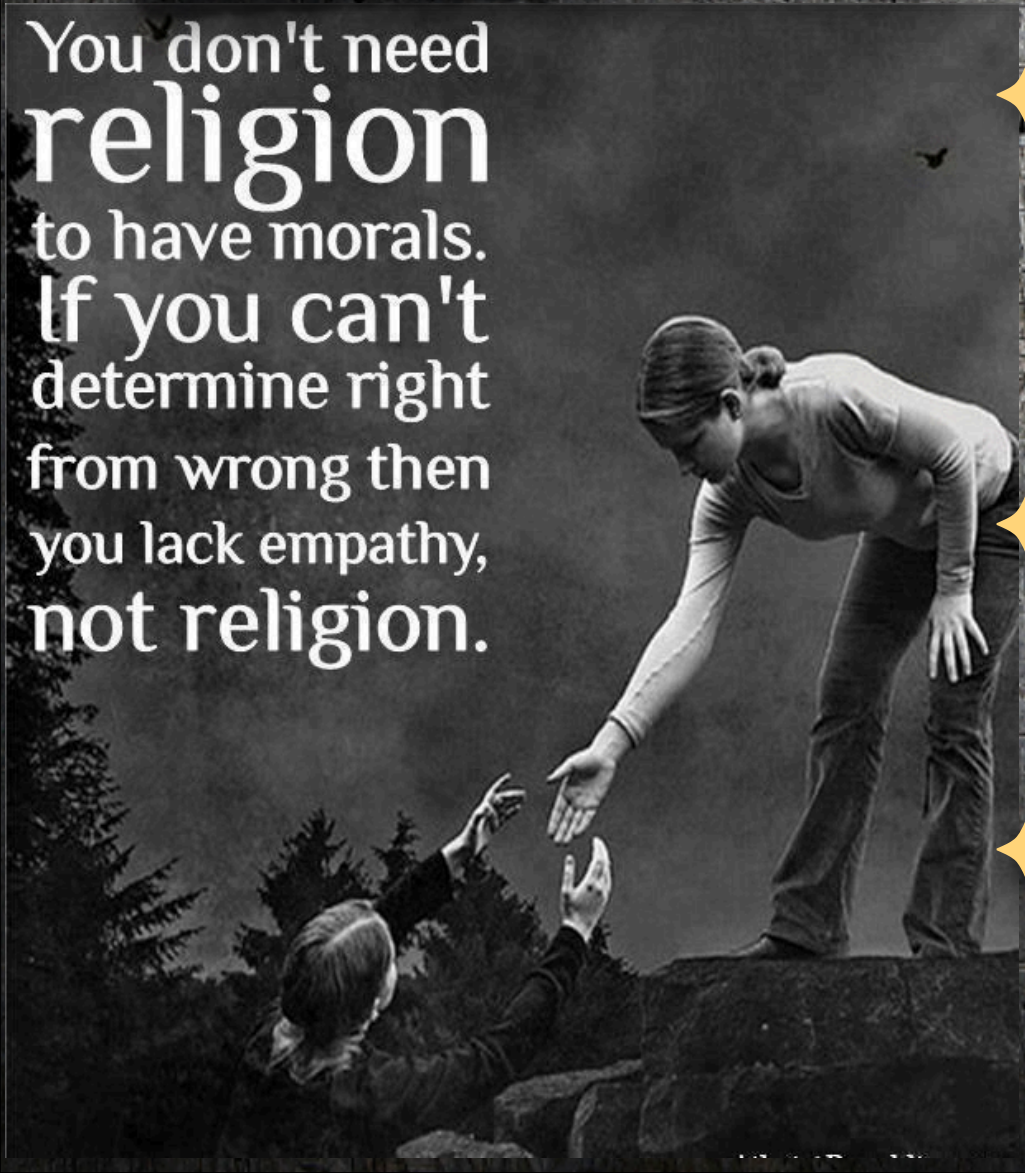


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You don't need  
**religion**  
to have morals.  
If you can't  
determine right  
from wrong then  
you lack empathy,  
**not religion.**

- ◆ Our sense of moral “oughtness” allegedly comes (1) from wanting to pass on our genes, (2) from a desire to be a hero and gain popularity, and/or (3) by default.
- ◆ The “driving force” of evolution—natural selection—runs contrariwise to such moral, human impulses as empathy, charity, and pity,
- ◆ The desire to pass on one’s genes or to be a hero fails to explain the origins of human morality.





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## Standards of A Materialistic Worldview

- ◆ **Relativism**, for example, suggests that there are no universal, objective criteria for determining morals and ethics.
- ◆ **Hedonism** is the philosophy which argues that the aim of “moral” conduct is the attainment of the greatest possible pleasure with the greatest possible avoidance of pain.
- ◆ **Utilitarianism** is the edifice that stands upon the foundation of hedonism. It suggests that “good” is that which ultimately gives the greatest amount of pleasure to the greatest number of people.
- ◆ **Situationism** teaches that something is “right” because the individual determines it is right on a case-by-case basis, thus invalidating the concept of common moral law applied consistently.
- ◆ **Determinism** is the idea that man is not responsible for his actions.



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## Standards of A Materialistic Worldview

- ◆ **Religions:** Atheism, Agnosticism, and Humanism, New Age Movement
- ◆ **Governments:** Germany, WWI, Fascism and Hitler's Nazism WW2
- ◆ **Politics:** Communism –
- ◆ **Societies:** Humanistic Influence in Psychology
- ◆ Erosion of constitutional right to religious freedoms –
- ◆ Works of the flesh are socially acceptable – (*adultery, fornication, pornography, drunkenness, gambling, homosexuality . . .*) The **ONLY SIN** is to say such things are wrong!!!
- ◆ Abortion - Euthanasia



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John Rist, *Real Ethics*  
(Cambridge:  
Cambridge University  
Press, 2003), p. 1.

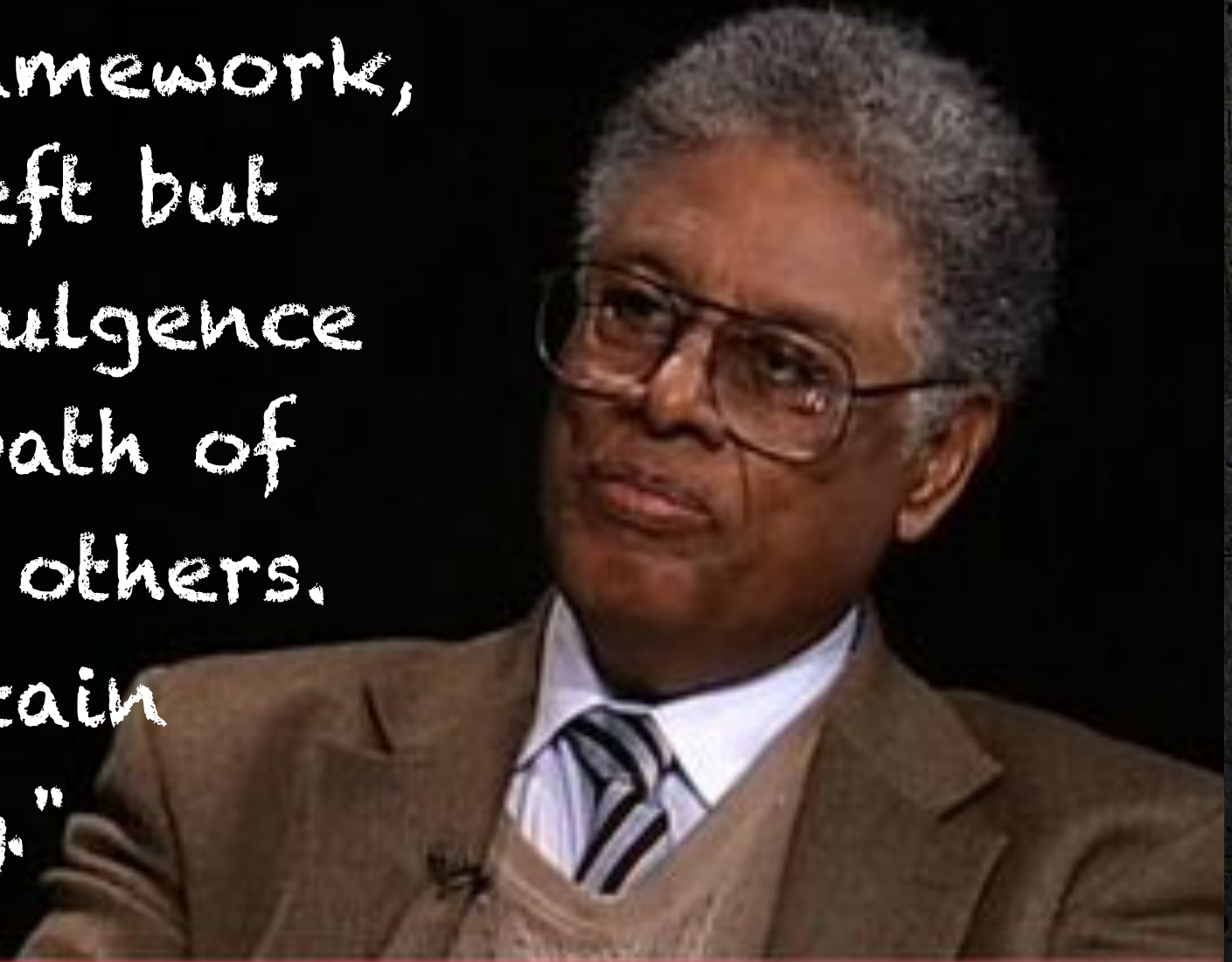
there is "widely admitted to be a crisis in contemporary Western debate about ethical foundations."

Ultimately, this crisis is the result of approaching ethics without reference to God. When morality is severed from its theological roots, secular ethics cannot sustain itself - it withers and dies.



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"Without a moral framework,  
there is nothing left but  
immediate self-indulgence  
by some and the path of  
least resistance by others.  
Neither can sustain  
a free society."



Thomas Sowell



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Proverbs 14:34  
(NKJV)

34 Righteousness  
exalts a nation, But  
sin *is* a reproach to  
*any* people.



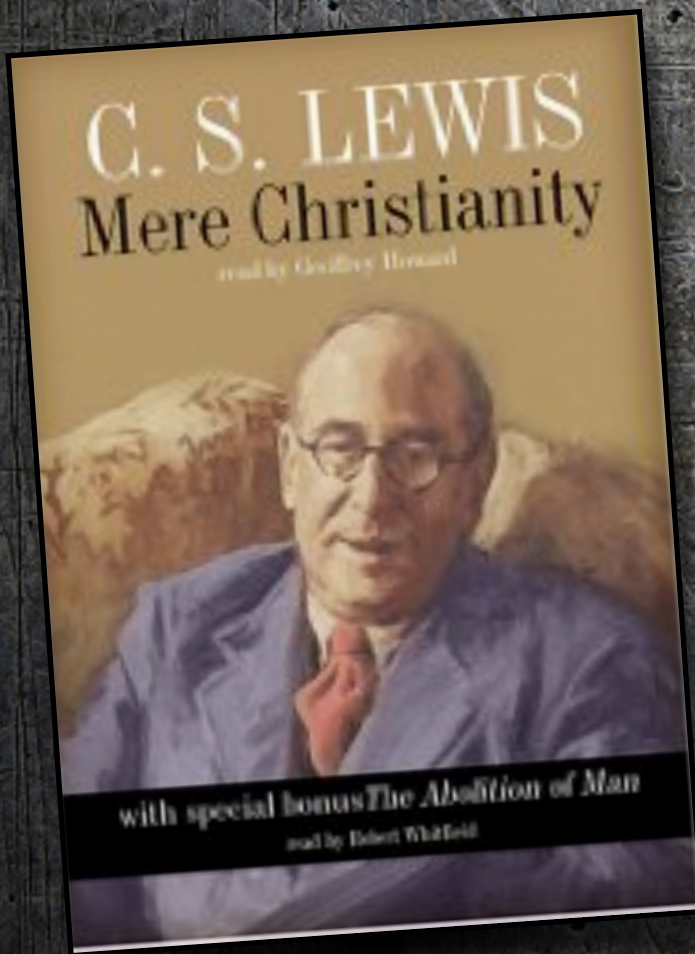


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Where Does Mans Desire to Worship Come From?

“Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for these desires exists. A baby feels hunger; well, there is such a thing as food. . . . If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.

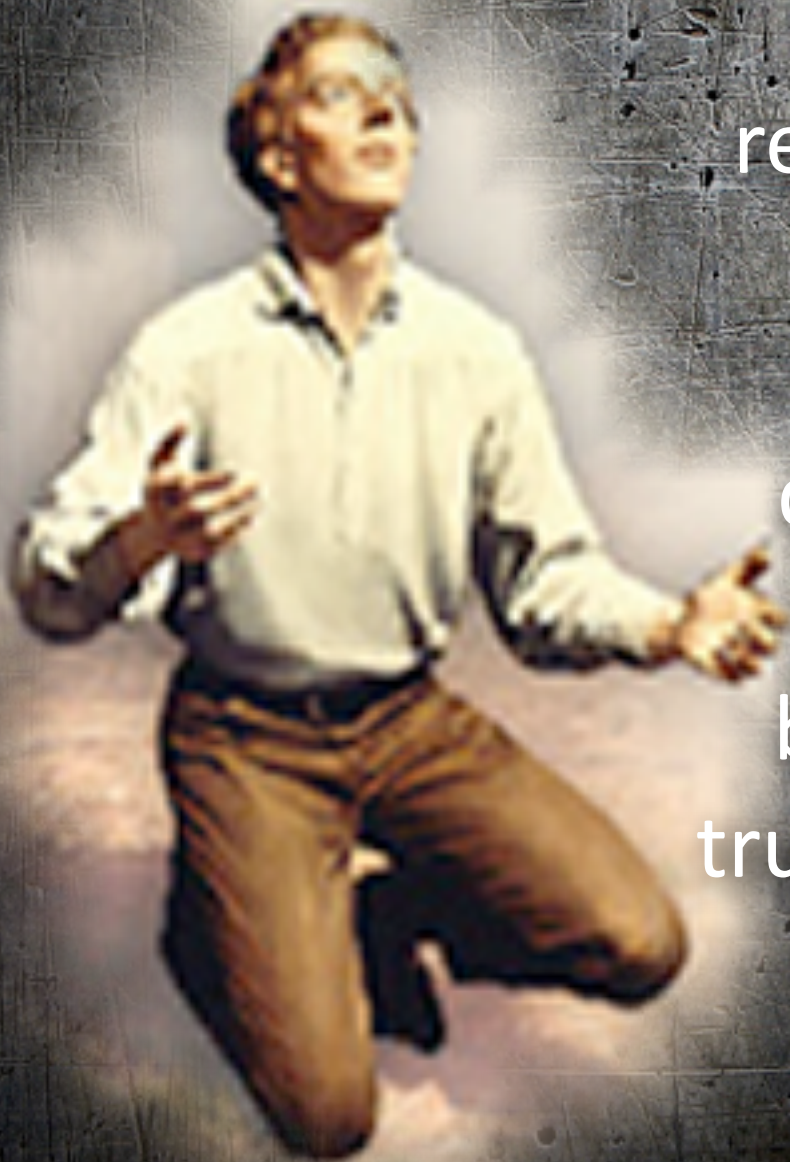
(C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, Bk. III, chap. 10, "Hope")





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“Man alone possesses a unique, inherent religious inclination; he has both the desire and the ability to worship. Regardless of how “primitive” or “advanced” he may be, and despite living isolated from all other humans, man always has sought to worship a higher being. And even when man departs from the true God, he still worships something. It might be a tree, a rock, or even himself.”

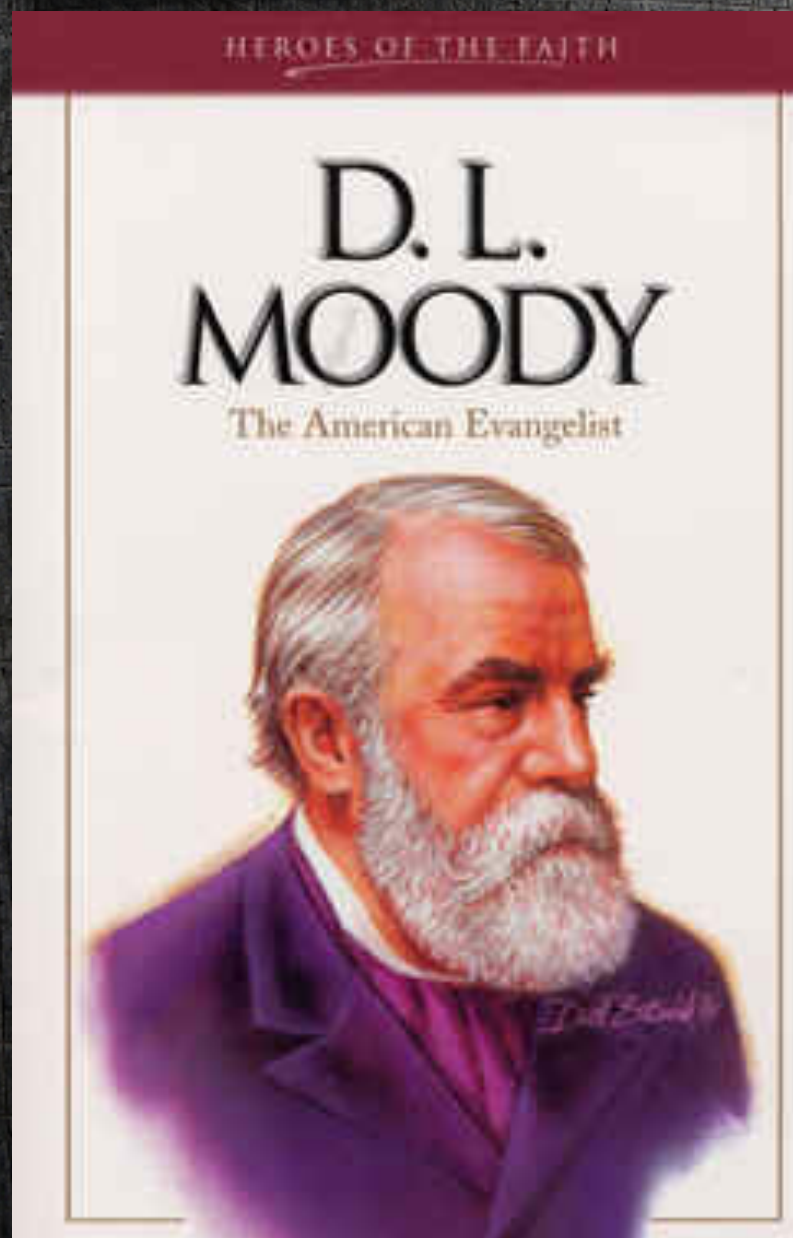
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“[p]hilosophers [have] agreed that even the most primitive races of mankind reach out beyond the world of matter to a superior Being. It is as natural for man to feel after God as it is for the ivy to feel after a support. Hunger and thirst drive man to seek for food, and there is a hunger of the soul that needs satisfying, too.

Man does not need to be commanded to worship, as there is not a race so high or so low in the scale of civilization but has some kind of god. What he needs is to be directed aright.”



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A Book of books

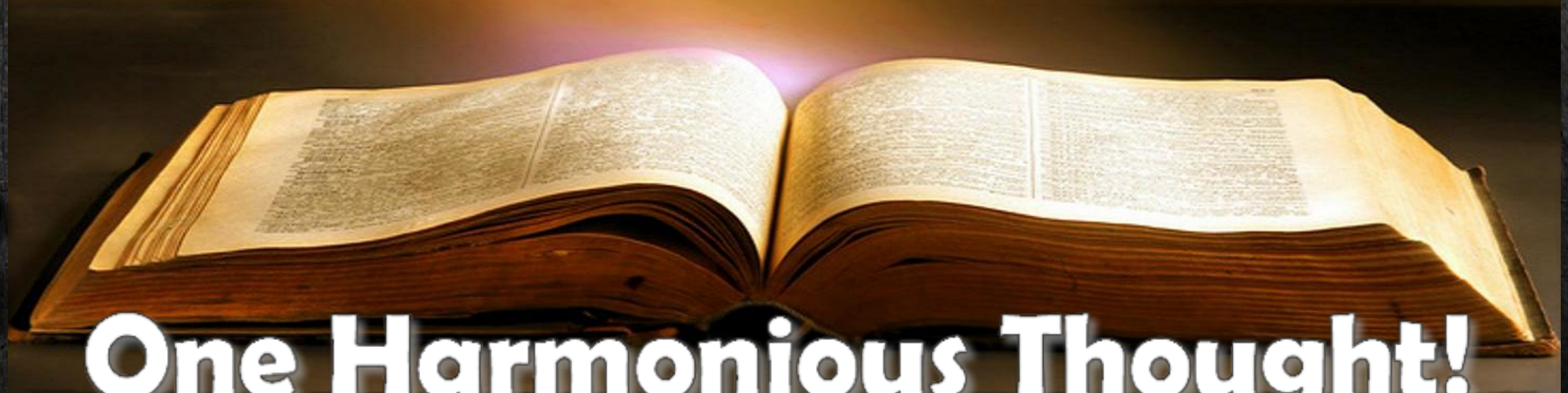
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**One Harmonious Thought!**

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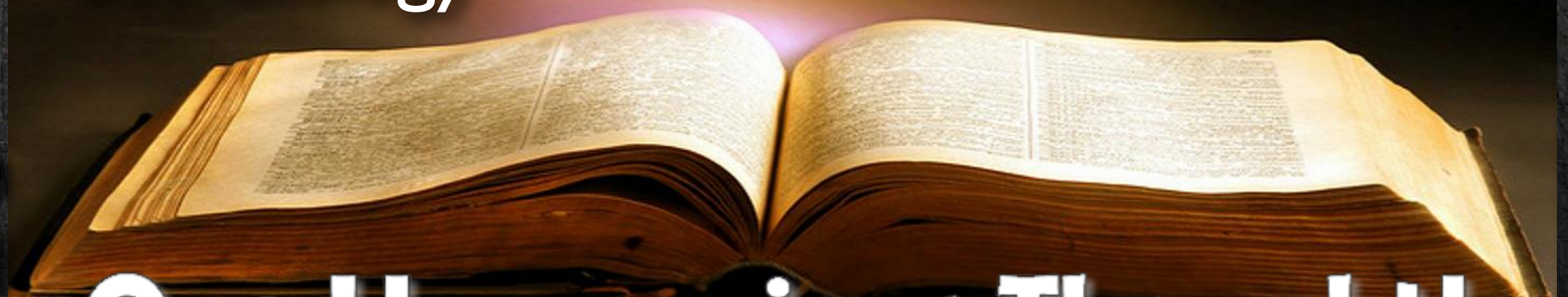


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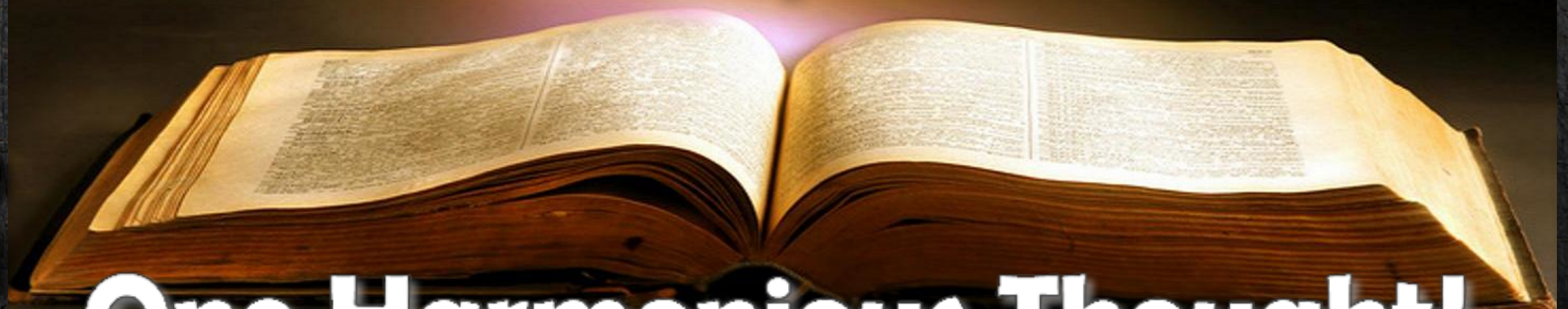
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The Bible's Durability

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**THE BIBLE IS NOT  
A SCIENCE BOOK,  
YET IT IS  
SCIENTIFICALLY  
ACCURATE.  
I AM NOT AWARE  
OF ANY  
SCIENTIFIC  
EVIDENCE THAT  
CONTRADICTS  
THE BIBLE.**

## Statements Consistent With:

Paleontology  
Astronomy  
Meteorology  
Biology  
Anthropology  
Hydrology  
Geology  
Physics





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It Is MUCH More Reasonable To  
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◆ Faith is not some mystical, unexplainable conviction arrived at without evidence. (Isaiah 1:18)

◆ Faith is a conviction arrived at by examining the evidence and accepting the most reasonable conclusion. (Heb 11:1; Rom 1:20; 10:17)





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## **ACTS 17:30-31 (NKJV)**

Truly, these times of ignorance  
God overlooked, but now  
commands all men everywhere  
to repent, [31] because He has  
appointed a day on which He  
will judge the world in  
righteousness by the Man whom  
He has ordained. He has given  
assurance of this to all by raising  
Him from the dead."







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# ROMANS 2:12—16 (NKJV)

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<sup>12</sup> For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law <sup>13</sup> (for not the hearers of the law *are* just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; <sup>14</sup> for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,



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