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Jesus call us to walk in truth and not be deceived by the lies of the world system. Satan is the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning. God is truth and in Him is no falsehood at all. But how do we understand the claims of our society and the scientific elite when it comes to understanding the world and our place in it?

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Feynman (1918-1988) was brilliant physicist, that made his name on Manhattan Project and then made key discoveries in many other fields of physics. But his faith was in materialism and although he recognize that there were non-physical principles that governed the universe he never made a connection to the One who is the source of those principles and indeed the universe.

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Darwinian evolution is a vague theory. There is no experiment that can prove it wrong. It is really a philosophical statement about history from a materialist standpoint. Dr Feynman was making use of the Preconditions of Intelligibility (PCI) for which his materialism has no rational basis. A chance universe would never produce universal logic for instance or a mind, considered a result of the long accumulation of chemical reactions, that could discern truth. No theory of science is a fact because science can't prove facts (This is formal logical fallacy of affirming the consequent).

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18 “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; ESV (Is 1:18).

13 Also henceforth I am he [Yahweh]; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?” ESV (Is 43:13).

3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. ESV (Ps 115:3).

3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. ESV (Heb 1:3).

24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. ESV (Jn 4:24).

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ESV (Jn 14:6).

13 if we are faithless, he [Jesus] remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself. ESV (2 Ti 2:13).

13 “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. ESV (Mt 7:13–14).

5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ESV (1 Ti 2:5).

14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you. ESV (Ex 3:14).

4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.ESV (Dt 6:4).

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None of this have a sound basis for coming from a random physical universe. There is a consistency in how our minds work relative to the world we live in that has a rational basis in God's revelation of Himself and his creation of everything and especially man in His image. All atheists are hostile to the idea that there is a sovereign, creator God behind everything we experience.

'The eternal mystery of the world is its comprehensibility.' Einstein, Albert, 1950, "Out of My Later Years", quoted by James Nickel, "Why Does Mathematics 'Work'?", EN Tech J. vol 4, 1990, pp147-157.

Despair

'Man is the product of causes which had no prevision of the end they were achieving...only on the firm foundation of unyielding despair, can the soul's habitation henceforth be safely built.' Bertrand Russell, 1901, "Recent work on the principles of mathematics", quoted by James Nickel, "Why Does Mathematics 'Work'?", EN Tech J. vol 4, 1990, pp147-157.

"We are the law-givers of the universe: it is even possible that we can experience nothing but what we have created and that the greatest of our mathematical creations is the material universe itself." John W. N. Sullivan, 1956, "Mathematics as an art", quoted by James Nickel, "Why Does Mathematics 'Work'?", EN Tech J. vol 4, 1990, pp147-157.

Wonder

'Here it is of essential significance that the external world represents something independent of us, something absolute which we confront, and the search for the laws valid for this absolute appeared to me the most beautiful scientific task in life.', Max Plank, 1948, quoted by James Nickel, "Why Does Mathematics 'Work'?", EN Tech J. vol 4, 1990, pp147-157.

"The enormous usefulness of mathematics in the natural sciences is something bordering on the mysterious and, there is no rational explanation for it.", Eugene Wigner, 1963, quoted by James Nickel, "Why Does Mathematics 'Work'?", EN Tech J. vol 4, 1990, pp147-157.

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Skeptics, old and new, claim they have a reasonable basis for rejecting Christ and yet they do so utilizing the PCI, that only have a rational basis if the world is governed by the very thing that they are arguing against. Hence Christian faith is eminently reasonable (well supported, consistency between world and Scripture) and Secular faith is inconsistent and irrational (not consistently supported by their world view, hence contradictory and arbitrary).

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P and J are having a rational discussion, using their senses, logic, minds, history to process responses, put things in order, and come to conclusions/convictions. Pilate was well aware of what has been happening in his province of Roman Empire—Luke 13:1-3 slaughter of Galileans, reports about Jesus signs, gatherings in Jerusalem during feasts. He had his secret police, his informants, his agents, his military. Several centurions came to believe and experience Jesus.

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We see a reasonable sequence where God creates the environments for different living things and then fills these environments and establishes reproduction after their kind as a universal law. There is a gradual movement to establishing 'natural law'. This is seen especially in Day 4 when the function of light provision and time delineation are given to astronomical bodies rather than be non-natural activity of God. We also see the establishment of the PCI—Adam was making use of these facilities that made him unique from other creatures, in using language and communicating with God, naming creatures, and reacting to God's provision of Eve, his unique helpmeet.

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11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ESV (Heb 11:1).

19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? ESV (Nu 23:19).

2b ...Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments... ESV (Col 2:2–4).

9 Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose, ESV (Is 46:9–10).

2 And calling to him a child, he [Jesus] put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ESV (Mt 18:2–4).

4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ESV (Dt 6:4–5).

6 For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; ESV (Pr 2:6).

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Non-believers are not stupid clearly, but they are operating inconsistently with their worldview since they have to employ Biblical PCI in order to argue against Biblical truth. Foolishness is not stupidity—it is not having a fear of God and reasoning in accordance with their createdness as revealed in Scripture.

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ESV (1 Co 1:20–21).

24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. ESV (Mt 6:24).

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ESV (Ro 1:18–22).

9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ESV (Php 2:9–11).

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ESV (Jn 8:31–32).

5 [God] saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ESV (Tt 3:5).

13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. ESV (Lk 18:13–14).