



Essentials of Faith—Truth
Part 6 of 6 Psalm 19:8

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Objective Sentence: Everyone can safely trust God's Word because of basic fundamentals of life support its divine inspiration.

Introduction; This is the sixth message from **Psalms 19:7-11 which says:** The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul [transformation]; the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple [wisdom]; ⁸ the statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart [joy]; the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes [enlightenment]; ⁹ the fear of the LORD *is* **clean**, enduring forever [sanctification]; the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether [truth]. ¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ More-over by them Your servant is warned, *and* in keeping them *there is* great reward.

Introduction; Dr. Timothy Keller:. The world is polarizing over religion (to cause to divide into two conflicting or opposing groups). Our world is getting both more religious and less religious at the same time. There was once a confident belief that ... religion would thin or die out ... altogether with the advancement of technology ... but that line of thinking is being scrapped or radically rethought. We have come to a cultural moment in which both skeptics and believers feel their existence is threatened because both secular skepticism and religious faith are on the rise in significant, powerful ways. We have neither the Western Christendom of the past nor the secular, religionless society that was predicted for the future. The population is paradoxically growing both more religious and less religious all at once.

Two Things: Truth and Why I Believe In God

- #1. *Truth Number One*** *There is no scientific evidence proving that God does or does not exist.*
- A.** *Richard Dawkins, Militant Evolutionist writer of The God Delusion:* “You cannot be an intelligent scientific thinker and still hold religious beliefs. That is evidenced by the fact

that only 7% of American scientists in the National Academy of Sciences believe in a personal God.” Dawkins statistics were intentionally misleading and flawed. The Pew Research Center in an article (November 2009) entitled Religion and Science in the United States declared: A survey (May-June 2009) of scientists who are members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science ... found that just over half of scientists (51%) believe in some form of deity or higher power; specifically, 33% of scientists say they believe in God, while 18% believe in a universal spirit or higher power A [survey](#) of the general public in July 2006 ... found more than eight-in-ten Americans (83%) say they believe in God and 12% believe in a universal spirit or higher power. Finally, the poll of scientists finds that four-in-ten scientists (41%) say they do *not* believe in God or a higher power.

1. Life for the believer and the unbeliever is all about faith

- a. *William Shakespeare*: Truth is truth; To the end of reckoning (a settlement of accounts).
- b. *Pastor Dan*: So life on this planet is a matter of faith and faith alone. Some step out in faith, believing that God does not exist; these unbelievers stake their eternal existence on the belief that there is no God. They have lost everything forever if they are wrong. Others step out in faith believing that God does exist, these believers stake their eternal existence on the belief that there is a God. These believers have everything to gain if they are right and nothing to lose if they are wrong. Everyone on the planet lives by faith since the existence of God can be neither demonstrably proven or disproven.
- c. *Source Unknown*: Science cannot disprove God. Science studies the things that are. The eternal question is who or what made “the things that are” to be.
- d. *Matthew Maury*: The Bible is true and science is true, and therefore each, if truly read, but proves the truth of the other.
- b. *Arno Penzias; Nobel Prize Winner for the 2.7K cosmic background radiation discovery*: Astronomy leads us to a unique event, a universe which was created out of nothing, one with the very delicate balance needed to provide exactly the conditions required to permit life, and one which has an underlying, one might say, “supernatural” plan.

#2. Truth Number Two—Francis Collins: The fine tuning, beauty and order of nature point to a divine Creator.

- A. *Psalm 19:1-4* **The heavens proclaim the glory of God [His self-evident existence]. The skies display his craftsmanship. ² Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. ³ They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. ⁴ Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world.**

- 1. **Self Evident Truth** *(The heart and soul of the Declaration of Independence can be summed up in a few words taken from it, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.” God designed the world and all that is in it to be a self-evident revelation of who He is. God does not argue His existence—His existence is self-evident seen in His creations.*

- a. **Romans 1:20 NLT** For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities [His self-evident qualities]—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.
- b. **Issac Newton:** This most beautiful system of the sun, planets and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being.
- c. **Voltaire:** We are intelligent beings: intelligent beings cannot have been formed by a crude, blind, insensible being: there is certainly some difference between the ideas of Newton and the dung of a mule. Newton's intelligence, therefore, came from another intelligence. **Voltaire:** When we see a beautiful machine, we say there is a good engineer, and the engineer has performed a work of art; the world is assuredly a beautiful machine, and must therefore attribute its value to an intelligent designer.
- d. **Jonathan Swift:** That the universe was formed by a fortuitous [happening by accident or chance] concurrence of atoms, I will no more believe than that the accidental jumbling of the alphabet would fall into a most ingenious treatise [discourse] of philosophy.”
- e. **Francis Schaeffer, philosopher/theologian:** No one has yet shown how mankind could have been brought forth for non-man solely by time plus chance.
- f. **Francis Schaeffer:** We should note this curious mark of our own age: the only absolute allowed is the absolute insistence that there is no absolute [the whole order of the universe disputes this rationale.]
- g. **G.K. Chesterton:** If mankind is not the image of God, then they are a disease of the dust.
- h. **Isaac Newton:** Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who sets the planets in motion.
- h. **Milton Berle:** If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?

#3 Truth Number Three—There has not been one archaeological find that has ever contradicted the Scriptures. (*Institute for Religious Research: Because it claims to be real history and not myth, the Bible's spiritual credibility rests squarely on its historical authenticity.*)

- a. **Author Unknown:** The deeper the archaeological spade the higher the biblical statements go up.
- b. **Renowned archaeologist Nelson Glueck:** It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference.
- c. **Millar Burrows--Yale University:** The more items we find in the pictures of past that are presented in the Bible ... the stronger is our impression of its general authenticity. Mere legend or fiction would inevitably betray itself by anachronisms (uh-nak-ruh-niz-uhm) relics left behind out of order) and incongruities (inappropriate or not fitting) .
- d. **Prof. William G. Dever—University of Arizona:** The Bible is no longer an isolated relic from antiquity, without provenance and thus without credibility. Archaeology may not have proven the specific historical existence of certain biblical personalities such as Abraham or Moses, but it has for all time demolished the notion that the Bible is pure mythology. The Bible is about real, flesh-and-blood people, in a particular time and place.

Closing and Invitation; Francis S. Collins M.D. Ph.D; director of the Human Genome Project:

As a believer, I see DNA, the information molecule of all living things, as God's language, and the elegance and complexity of our own bodies and the rest of nature as a reflection of God's plan. I did not always embrace these perspectives. As a graduate student in physical chemistry in the 1970s, I was an atheist, finding no reason to postulate the existence of any truths outside of mathematics, physics and chemistry. But then I went to medical school, and encountered life and death issues at the bedsides of my patients. Challenged by one ... who asked "What do you believe, doctor?" The science I loved so much was powerless to answer questions such as "What is the meaning of life?" "Why am I here?" "Why does mathematics work, anyway?" "If the universe had a beginning, who created it?" "Why are the physical constants in the universe so finely tuned to allow the possibility of complex life forms?" "Why do humans have a moral sense?" "What happens after we die? In my search for the meaning of life ... I have found there is a wonderful harmony in the complementary truths of science and faith. The God of the Bible is also the God of the genome. God can be found in the cathedral or in the laboratory. By investigating God's majestic and awesome creation, science can actually be a means of worship.