

Love God With Your Mind Part 2

Acts 17:22-31; 2 Corinthians 10:5-6

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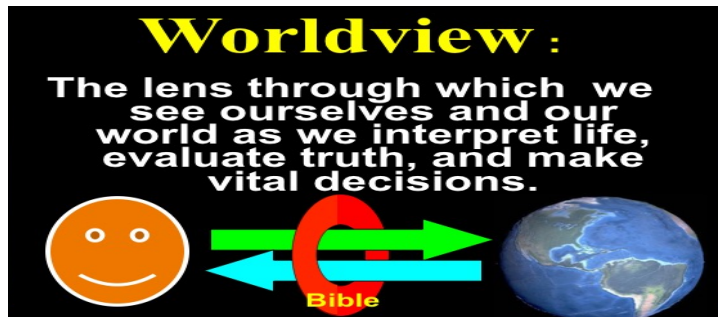
Bottom Line:

Our faith in Christ is a rational faith based on historical, scientific and biblical realities that should strengthen our convictions and increase our ability to boldly share our faith with those who might be skeptical and unbelieving.

Introduction: Defending your faith is not being wrongly judgmental. Matthew 7:1; John 7:24; Matthew 7:6,15-1
“condemning judgment”: (which Christ condemns)-
Critical, unloving, self-righteous judgment that categorizes another person as someone beyond the grace and life-changing power of God.

Discerning, redemptive judgment”: (which Christ affirms)-
Humble, loving, yet firm evaluation of false doctrine or wrong actions with the goal of correction and/or restoration.

1. **“Hold your head up high intellectually as a follower of Christ.**
2 Corinthians 10:5-6



2. **Be encouraged and strengthened knowing that the evidence for our faith is powerful and plentiful.** 2 Corinthians 10:5-6

- A. Be genuinely interested in the views of others.
- B. Be prepared with questions that open up discussion about life and the world.

C. Clearly and lovingly share evidence (arguments) for the existence of God.

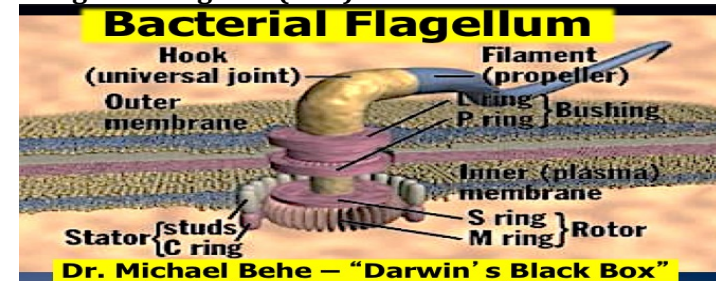
1) The existence of _____ and _____ point to God? (The cosmological argument):

The universe could not exist on its own so there must have been a first cause (uncaused cause) that brought it into being.

Note: For many years, life on this planet was thought to have originated by spontaneous generation (the emergence of life from inanimate matter- Abiogenesis). Spontaneous generation has NEVER been observed or induced (& has been virtually rejected by all scientists).

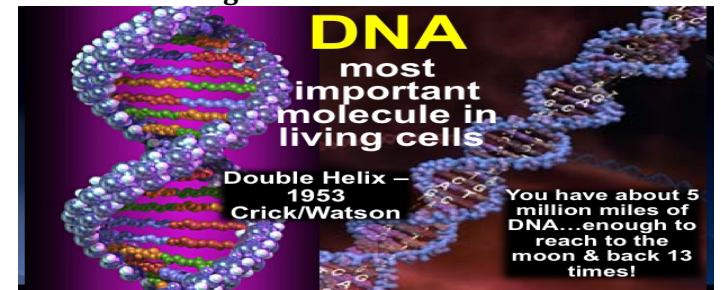
2) The amazing _____ (and design) found in nature points to God? (The teleological argument)

Complexity & design leads on to the conclusion that a great “Intelligent Designer” (God) exists.



3) The existence and nature of _____ points to the existence of God?

DNA contains awesome amounts of information in every cell and within living organisms. Complex information demands an intelligent source.



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