

Discovering God by Looking at Ourselves

⇒ We Are _____.

When Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.

(Paul, Romans 2:14-15)



For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.

(Robert Jastrow, *God and the Astronomers*)

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
(Psalm 34:8)

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Worldview

Taste & See

Assumptions & Implications

A worldview is our big picture of reality. It is based on our deepest assumptions about the most important questions of life.

A Tale of Two Worldviews

⇒ _____

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Sand Castles or Crystal Geodes?

The heavens declare the glory of God;
 the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
 Day after day they pour forth speech;
 night after night they reveal knowledge. (Psalm 19:1-2)

A major reason secularism is so influential is that it appeals directly to the desires of our fallen nature—it reinforces the desired authority of the self. (Natasha Crain, *Faithfully Different*)

Discovering God by Looking at the Universe

⇒ Everything that begins to exist needs a cause for its existence;

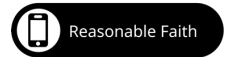
⇒ The universe began to exist;

⇒ Therefore, the universe has a cause.

Three Dilemmas:

1. The Universe Either Had A _____
 Or It Has _____.

2. This Beginning Was Either _____
 Or It _____.



3. This Cause Was Either _____
 Or An _____.