

Jesus Christ Is the Truth—Is There a God Who is Our Father?

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What is the most fundamental, important question of all time? Is there truth that is supernal?

Hello, I’m Larry Corbridge and this is Episode 29 of the *Stand Forever Series*. In the last episode, we established that to know the truth, begin by answering the Primary Questions. There are very few primary questions. I offer four of them:

- Is there a God who is our Father?
- Is Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Savior of the World?
- Was Joseph Smith a prophet?
- Is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints the kingdom of God on the earth?

You may know the big things, the primary things that you may have faith lesser things are also possible. How can you know the answers to the Primary Questions? There are different methods of learning, including the scientific, analytical, academic, and divine methods. All four methods are necessary to know the truth. In the last episode, we explored in some depth the scientific method of experience and the analytical method of reason. We have yet to consider in depth the academic and divine methods, which we will do in later episodes.

But for now, we tarry in the realm of reason, and in the context of the analytical method we turn our attention to some of the evidence relating to the four Primary Questions. I repeat *all four methods of learning are necessary to know the truth*. Reason, evidence, and analysis alone are not the end-all-do-all method of learning the truth, and nothing is more important than revelation by the Spirit and power of the Holy Ghost, which is the divine method. Having said that, reason plays its role as well.

A mother was in distress because her son actively opposes the Church, asserting, “There is no evidence for any of this.” She then asked, as if for herself as much as for her son, “What evidence is there?” I replied, “There is overwhelming evidence of the primary truths; the problem is people are blind to it. They look only at arguments against, because they think they know the evidence in support, but they don’t—not really.” The supporting evidence dwarfs the opposing claims. It takes no faith to know the answers to the primary questions, only eyes to see.

The amount of evidence is endless, far too much to fit within any one episode. Consequently, what is offered here and in the next three episodes is not nearly exhaustive but only illustrative of the evidence and reasons relevant to the primary questions.

Not all questions are equal and not all truths are equal. The primary truths and questions are the most important, and the first one is the most important question of all time – Is there a God who is our Father?

Is There a God Who Is Our Father?

The answer to that question is simply, absolutely, and unequivocally “yes,” there is a God who is your father. Let’s be clear from the outset—the most compelling, life-transforming, and enduring evidence of God is the witness that comes from His Spirit. One of the multiple purposes of the Holy Ghost is to manifest God the Father and God the Redeemer. Nothing can equal in power, conviction, or constancy the witness of the Holy Ghost.

In addition to revelation, however, look around and see all things bear record of God. God’s fingerprints are all over the universe. The Lord said, “And behold, all things have their likeness, and *all things are created and made to bear record of me*, both things which are temporal, and things which are spiritual; things which are in the heavens above, and things which are on the earth, and things which are in the earth, and things which are under the earth, both above and beneath: *all things bear record of me.*”¹

Korihor (maybe the most memorable of the Book of Mormon antichrists) followed the same pattern of atheistic argument still in use today, consisting of disparagement and mocking, coupled with intellectual dishonesty parading as sophistication, enlightenment, and intellectual superiority.

The first step is to demean and belittle belief in a Divine Creator, Christ, and absolute truth, particularly truth regarding good and evil, right and wrong, and disparage and shame those who harbor such beliefs. And Korihor was good at it, saying:

- O ye that are *bound down* under a *foolish and a vain hope*, why do ye *yoke yourselves* with such *foolish things*? Why do ye look for a Christ? Behold, these things which

¹ Moses 6:63

ye call prophecies, which ye say are handed down by holy prophets, behold, they are *foolish traditions* of your fathers.²

- But behold, it is *the effect of a frenzied mind*; and this *derangement of your minds* comes because of the traditions of your fathers, which lead you away into a belief of things which are not so.³
- I do not teach the *foolish traditions* of your fathers, and ... I do not teach this people to bind themselves down under the *foolish ordinances and performances* which are laid down by ancient priests, to usurp power and authority over them, to *keep them in ignorance*.⁴

While claiming “ye cannot know of things which ye do not see”⁵ and having disparaged belief in God the Father, Jesus Christ, and absolute truth, Korihor makes his own contradictory assertion saying God is “a being who never has been seen or known, who never was nor ever will be”⁶ and “when a man is dead, that was the end thereof.”⁷ The likes of Korihor assert you can’t know what you can’t see, but they can know what they don’t see, asserting there is no God nor life after death.

A man said about his former wife, “I feel her testimony had been eroding. Shortly after the divorce she sent me some anti-Mormon literature and asked that I respond. In a matter-of-fact conversation we had she said she didn’t know there was a God; she knew there was a TV because it could be touched, but she didn’t know there was a God.”

It is a common argument: (a) You cannot know what you can’t see and (b) you can’t see God; therefore (c) there is no God, or at least you can’t know God exists. It is a fool’s argument that fails at each level. Both premises (a and b) are false which, of course, leads to a false conclusion. You can know things you don’t see, but even if you set that aside and assume for the sake of the argument that premise is true, the greatest fallacy is the second premise, you can’t see God, because all things denote there is a God. His fingerprints are everywhere. Even if you believe only what you can see, you should believe in God because He is staring you in the face. If you can’t see that, you are blind or more likely, you will not see.

Intellectual honesty also demands that if you can’t know God exists and if you can’t know there is life after death, then you can’t know He doesn’t exist, and that life ends at

² Alma 30:13-14; emphasis added

³ Alma 30:16; emphasis added

⁴ Alma 30:23; emphasis added

⁵ Alma 30:15

⁶ Alma 30:28

⁷ Alma 30:18

death either. You can't have it both ways. The argument ties itself in a knot like a pretzel to free man of any moral obligation that "whatsoever a man did was not a crime"⁸ as Alma said to Korihor. Make no mistake, that's the objective! That's what drives this nonsense. And that is why people are willing to hold their nose, close their eyes, and swallow it (without throwing up after).

Alma replies to Korihor's hollow argument, saying, "All things denote there is a God." He asks, "Will ye deny again that there is a God, and also deny the Christ? For behold, I say unto you, I know there is a God, and also that Christ shall come. And now what evidence have ye that there is no God, or that Christ cometh not? I say unto you that ye have none, save it be your word only. But, behold, *I have all things as a testimony that these things are true; and ye also have all things as a testimony unto you that they are true; and will ye deny them? Believeest thou that these things are true? ... The scriptures are laid before thee, yea, and all things denote there is a God; yea, even the earth, and all things that are upon the face of it, yea, and its motion, yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form do witness that there is a Supreme Creator.*"

Look around and see how God manifests Himself to us, especially in our day, not only by the Restoration, scriptures, and prophets, and not only by revelation and the gifts of the Spirit, but also by all that has been revealed in this day of remarkable scientific achievement. This dispensation is "the dispensation of the fullness of times," not only with all that has been revealed through prophets but through scientific discovery as well. We know more today than ever before in the history of the world. Not only, regarding the spiritual but science, and all of it reveals God to us. All things bear record of Him.

And so the Lord says, "Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that are expedient for you to understand; *Of things both in heaven and in the earth, and under the earth; things which have been, things which are, things which must shortly come to pass; things which are at home, things which are abroad; the wars and the perplexities of the nations, and the judgments which are on the land; and a knowledge also of countries and of kingdoms—* That ye may be prepared in all things."⁹

Life on earth depends on a set of highly specialized and immensely complex combination of conditions. It involves complexity and precision that defy human

⁸ Alma 30:17; emphasis added

⁹ Doctrine and Covenants 88:78-80; emphasis added

comprehension in physics, astronomy, microbiology, biology, physiology, proportionality, consciousness, and cosmology. We see God every day if we have eyes to see Him. Just look around.

The Lord revealed, "*The earth rolls upon her wings, and the sun giveth his light by day, and the moon giveth her light by night, and the stars also give their light, as they roll upon their wings in their glory, in the midst of the power of God.* Unto what shall I liken these kingdoms, that ye may understand? Behold, all these are kingdoms, and any man who hath seen any or the least of these *hath seen God* moving in his majesty and power. I say unto you, *he hath seen him*; nevertheless, he who came unto his own was not comprehended."¹⁰

Werner von Braun, the father of space science said, "The vast mysteries of the universe should only confirm our belief in the certainty of its Creator. I find it as difficult to understand a scientist who does not acknowledge the presence of a superior rationality behind the existence of the universe as it is to comprehend a theologian who would deny the advances of science."¹¹

The assertion that science shows that we, and all that exists in the universe, are products of natural, self-sustaining, random, accidental, undirected processes, is the most irrational, dishonest, and foolish of all the silliest and false notions and contortions of man. To assert that life in all its diversity, mind-boggling complexity, and wonder, that we and everything within our perception from subatomic particles to the farthest reaches of the cosmos and everything in between came from nothing, by nothing, and for nothing is to stand in the bright light of day and say the sun does not shine or even exist.

Darwinism, or the theory of evolution, is descent with modification. It observes changes in organisms over time in heritable characteristics. From those observations, Darwin also makes the same extraordinary giant leap as Korihor to assert there is no God, no Creator, no creation, only random operations of nature evolving undirected, haphazardly over time to produce all that is. Darwin the father of "survival of the fittest" without God in the picture, would have loved Korihor's assertion that "every man fared in this life according to the management of the creature; therefore every man prospered according to his genius, and that every man conquered according to his strength."¹²

¹⁰ Doctrine and Covenants 88:45-48; emphasis added

¹¹ Quoted by Cal Thomas in "Gone Bananas," *World* (September 7, 2002)

¹² Alma 30:17

As others have said, Darwin goes too far as he wildly jumps from the observation of changes within species to the conclusion there was no creation and there is no Creator. It is the logical fallacy known as the “hasty generalization,” by drawing expansive conclusions based on insufficient evidence. It is also a “non sequitur” fallacy which draws a conclusion that does not logically follow from what preceded it, such as observing that (a) bats are mammals and bats can fly, (b) pigs are mammals, and therefore (c) pigs can fly.

It is important to understand what evolution purports to be and what it is not and how incredibly few of life’s mysteries it even claims to solve. Evolution only purports to be an explanation for biology, nothing more. It does not address cosmology (the origin of the universe and all that is in it, including our solar system and earth). It does not purport to explain physics (how it is that the multiple forces and laws of physics fantastically combine to create the extraordinarily complicated and delicate balance that makes the universe habitable).

Evolution does not explain astronomy (how it is the earth is positioned in just the right place, in the right universe, with the right combination of properties—the right mass, light, age, distance, orbit, galaxy, location, combination of neighboring planets also all of the right mass, distance and orbits to support life on earth, with the right sun, all perfectly suited to host life on earth).

Evolution does not explain consciousness (how it is that a human body is also capable of introspection, meditation, deliberation, sensations, thoughts, desires, emotions, decisions, beliefs, and free will that make us alive and aware.)

There is a mind-boggling convergence of scores of extraordinary “coincidences” to make intelligent life on earth possible, and the probability of those “coincidences” occurring through random happenstance is not highly improbable but absolutely impossible. It requires piling improbabilities on top of improbabilities on top of improbabilities—layers upon layers of improbabilities.

Consider just some of mind-boggling conditions necessary for life on earth to be possible. Much of which is explained by Lee Strobel in his book *The Case for a Creator*. Most of the scientific assertions that follow and possibly some phraseology have their source in his book.

Think of the intelligence within you right now. Think about the function of blood, for example. In an adult man, the blood is about 1/12th of the body weight and this corresponds to 5-6 liters. White blood cells right now are carrying oxygen, food,

hormones, enzymes, and vitamins to every cell in your body, picking up harmful carbon-dioxide along the way to be removed through the lungs, all the while distinguishing between good bacteria and bad bacteria and killing the bad bacteria. How do you do that?

What happens if you cut your finger? The blood clots. If a clot is made in the wrong place—such as the brain or lung, you die. If it is not confined only to the wound, your entire blood system could solidify. If it does not cover the entire length of the cut, or if it were to clot 20 minutes after injury you'll bleed to death. Blood clotting is a complicated process that requires a sequence of ten steps using about twenty different molecular components. For clotting to happen correctly, clusters of proteins have to be inserted all at once at exactly the right location and in the right order. How in the world do you do that? How do you make your finger heal? It is not biology that does that. It is intelligence that is in every single cell. You are filled with intelligence.

What do you do to keep your heart beating? How do you do that? There is astounding intelligence within you. Intelligence that surpasses our present understanding, and yet it is there.

Consider DNA. Your body is comprised of one hundred trillion cells. Tightly coiled within each cell is a total of 6 feet of DNA that provides the essential information for the finely choreographed creation of the 20,500 different proteins from which our bodies are constructed.

DNA is like a library. It stores information—the detailed instructions for the production and assembly of proteins—in the form of a four-character digital code. It is like a language with only four letters or characters. Different arrangements, sequences, and orders of these characters or chemicals provides different instructions to the cell to build different sequences of amino acids, out of which different proteins are produced. To build one protein 1200 to 2000 letters of instruction are needed. That is a lot of information.

Stephen Meyer, scientist, Director and Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture has said,

Now consider what you'd need for a protein molecule to form by chance. First, you need the right bonds between the amino acids. Second, amino acids come in right-handed and left-handed ones, and you've got to get only left-handed ones. Third, the amino acids must link up in a specified sequence, like letters in a sentence. Run the odds of these things falling into place on their own and you

- *Birds:* There are 8,600 different kinds of birds. Bee hummingbird which is 2" tall to the Ostrich which is 8' tall.

Not to mention all the other forms of life that exist within the 40 divisions or phyla, all with their unique systems and body plans. Respiratory systems, digestive systems, circulatory systems, reproductive systems, and nervous systems. And all this just happened?

In light of the reality of your existence and the reality of all you unconsciously do, a thousand times more than what I have mentioned, and all that exists on earth, how hard is it to reason down and believe in a Divine Creator, and that you may progress and do more and continue on from there until you fulfill your divine potential?

Physics

Consider physics. If the multiple forces and factors that underlie the fundamental physical properties of the universe were altered, even to the tiniest degree, there would be no stars, no complex elements, no life.

- *Expansion Rate:* For example, the expansion rate of the universe is fine tuned to one part in a trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion. That is, if it were changed one part in either direction—a little faster or slower—the universe would not be capable of supporting life.
- *Gravity:* Take for example gravity. If the force of gravity were increased by only one part in ten thousand billion, billion, billion life on earth would not be possible. Animals the size of human beings would be crushed, or if gravity were decreased we might float into space.
- *The Atom:* There is a necessary difference in the mass between neutrons and protons. If the mass of the neutron were increased by one part in seven hundred, nuclear fusion in stars would stop. There would be no energy source for life. What is the probability of that occurring by accident?
- *Forces:* If the electromagnetic force or the nuclear force (which binds protons and neutrons together) was slightly stronger or weaker, life would not be possible. What is the probability of that occurring by accident?
- *Cosmological Constant:* The "cosmological constant" is the energy density of empty space. This constant, which is part of Einstein's equation for General

Relativity, could have had any value, positive or negative. If it had been larger and positive, then matter would not clump together in the early universe, which is essential to the formation galaxies, stars, planets and people. If larger and negative, the universe would collapse. This constant or factor, however, is precisely set at a value which is quite small, precisely fine-tuned. It has been conservatively estimated that the precision of the setting of this factor is one part in a hundred, million, billion, billion, billion, billion, billion. That would be a ten followed by 53 zeros. That is inconceivably precise.

- *Phase-Space Volume:* An Oxford physicist, Roger Penrose, said that one parameter of life and physics, the “original phase-space volume” required a fine tuning to an accuracy of one part in ten billion multiplied by itself one hundred and twenty three times. It is impossible to write such a number. It would require more zeros than the number of elementary particles in the entire universe. And that is just one factor of physics necessary for life.

It is stunningly impossible that the universe exists and that it supports life, and yet it does. It is ridiculous to try to explain all this fine-tuning away as merely the product of happenstance.

Astronomy

Think about astronomy. Earth is anything but ordinary. Our sun is far from average, and even the position of our solar system in just the right galaxy and the position of the earth in our solar system are amazingly fortuitous. Earth is very special, and there is a mind-boggling convergence of scores of extraordinary “coincidences” that make intelligent life on earth possible, and the probability of those “coincidences” through random happenstance is impossible.

- *Atmosphere:* The atmosphere is perfectly composed to filter out harmful ultraviolet radiation while interacting with the oceans to moderate the climate through the storing and redistributing of solar energy. What is the probability of that occurring by accident?
- *Earth's Size:* The earth is just large enough so that gravity retains the atmosphere and yet just small enough not to keep too many harmful gases. What is the probability of that occurring by accident?
- *Earth's Relative Size and Spin:* The size and the rotation of the Earth, as well as the mass of the moon and sun, are all precisely calibrated to make life possible.

- *Earth's Interior:* The Earth's interior is a gigantic but delicately balanced heat engine fueled by radioactivity. Radioactive decay drives the convection or current of the molten interior of the Earth which is primarily liquid iron. This creates a dynamo that somehow generates magnetism. This constantly flowing magnetic field shields the Earth from solar and galaxy radiation that would be harmful to life. It also is a shield that deflects solar winds that would otherwise strip the earth of its atmosphere, especially hydrogen and oxygen, in other words water. No one understands how this internal engine ever got started in the first place. On and on and on. There is no end to this, but we must end.
- *The Sun's Orbit:* The sun maintains an unusual circular orbit necessary for life on earth.
- *Jupiter:* Jupiter acts as a shield to protect us from comet impacts. Even Saturn and Uranus participate in this comet-catching protection of earth. The other planets in our system protect Earth from being hit by asteroids from the asteroid belt. What is the probability of that occurring by accident?
- *Distance to the Sun:* Earth is just the right distance from the sun. It can't be too close or the oceans would boil off, but too far out and it would be too cold. What is the probability of that occurring by accident?
- *The Sun's Size:* The sun's nuclear fusion ninety-three million miles away provides us with consistent warmth and energy necessary for life. Like the Earth, our sun is very unusual. It is exactly the right size. What is the probability of that occurring by accident? Well, you may be getting the idea. And we are only scratching the surface.
- *Photosynthesis:* With all the people and animals on earth using oxygen, why don't we run out of oxygen? Photosynthesis replenishes oxygen. Photosynthesis, however, requires red and blue light, which our sun produces. Our sun is not only the right mass, but it also emits the right colors—the right balance of red and blue.
- *Proportionality:* Why is it that trees are 30 or 100 feet tall instead of 3 to 6 inches? If they were smaller, I suppose that photosynthesis would be insufficient to produce sufficient oxygen. Everything is perfectly proportionated to support life, and in particular, human life.

Consciousness

Darwinist philosopher Michael Ruse said, "Why should a bunch of atoms have thinking ability? ... The point is that there is no scientific answer."¹⁴ We have the capacity for self-reflection, awareness, creativity, language, emotions, reasoning, and free will. Science cannot account for this kind of consciousness. Consciousness cannot be reduced merely to the physical brain.

Impossibility

If you were to take ten coins and number them consecutively 1 to 10, and then place them all in a hat, what would be the chances of pulling out #1 first? One in ten. Then replacing that coin, what would be the chances of pulling out #2? Some might think again one in ten or maybe one in twenty. That would be an arithmetic progression. But when it is one probability on top of another the chances increase exponentially, not arithmetically. Therefore, the chances of pulling out coin #2 would be one in one hundred. To then pull-out coin #3 in order, one in one thousand, and so on. The chances of pulling out just ten coins in order are one in ten billion (1/10,000,000,000,000).

How many factors are necessary for life to be possible? Countless conditions! I have mentioned only a few. What are the chances of just one of those factors necessary for life occurring by chance, and then what are the chances of two of them occurring by chance, three, and on to the sum of all the countless factors? What are the chances of all of that happening accidentally?

This calls to mind the now famous line from the movie *Dumb and Dumber* when Lloyd asks a girl, "What are the chances of a girl like you and a guy like me ending up together?" She replies, "one in a million." He then grins with relief and says, "so you're telling me there's a chance."

Lloyd might have been dumb to believe one in a million was a chance, but to believe that nothing produces everything, non-life produces life, randomness produces precision, chaos produces information, unconsciousness produces consciousness, and non-reason produces reason, is off-the-charts dumber.¹⁵ It is impossible!

¹⁴ Quoted by Lee Strobel, *The Case for a Creator*, p. 247

¹⁵ Lee Strobel, *The Case for a Creator*, p. 277

What are the chances of the sum of all the countless factors for life to be possible on earth as we know it occurring accidentally, randomly, and haphazardly?

Zero! There is no chance. It is impossible. Nothing could be more obvious. To ask the question is to answer it. It is impossible! It is absolutely, undeniably impossible that we exist! It is impossible that we be on the earth we are on, in the solar system, galaxy, and universe we are in! And yet here we are. Here we are!

Lehi said the same thing. He asserted that creations and life without a Divine Creator are not possible, but life in all its wonder and all things within our perception exist, therefore there is a God. He said, "And if there is no God we are not, neither the earth; for there could have been no creation of things, neither to act nor to be acted upon (consciousness and free will); wherefore, all things must have vanished away."¹⁶ There would be nothing.

As others have observed, if you walked into your home and smelled the aroma of fresh baked bread, what would you think? Would you conclude bread had randomly popped into existence out of nowhere, by nothing, out of nothing, and for nothing, or would you think someone had been at work in the kitchen? If bread requires a cook, ingredients, and information (recipe) to be produced, how much more a functional universe filled with complexities and precision of life requires an intelligent Creator, ingredients, and information.

Which is the greatest stretch of credibility, that there is a being so intelligent as to have created all things or that all things just happened, the product of nothing, no design, no designer? Which is the more rational conclusion? Which is the greater stretch of credulity?

To believe that life emerged naturalistically requires a fantastically far greater stretch of reason to bridge the yawning gap of evidence than to reasonably infer from the great weight of evidence, from all that exists, the obvious conclusion, there is an intelligent Designer. All that we perceive is wildly too complicated in all its vast intricacies and interconnections to be the product of chance. Life is simply too well put together.

Nanoscientist James Tour of Rice University said, "Only a rookie who knows nothing about science would say science takes away from faith. If you really study science, it will bring you closer to God."¹⁷

¹⁶ 2 Nephi 2:13

¹⁷ Candace Adams, "Leading Nanoscientist Builds Big Faith" *Baptist Standard* (March 15, 2002) as quoted by Lee Strobel, "The Case for a Creator," p. 286

It is the atheist who has nothing on which to base his belief. He refuses to acknowledge the facts staring him in the face because the facts reveal God. Of him is required the greatest leap of faith. And yet he arrogantly asserts faith is blind! He looks into the black vapid void hoping answers will emerge one day to support his preconceived beliefs. The believer on the other hand has “all things” to support his belief if he will just open his eyes and look around.

The Lord said, “The fool hath said in his heart, there is no god. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”¹⁸ They are corrupt in the sense of lacking the integrity to acknowledge what all things reveal; they are willfully blind to God because they don’t want to change. They are like the Jews who refused to see that Jesus is the Christ when before their very eyes a man born blind was given sight for the first time in his life by the healing touch of Christ’s hand, only to discover that when he could finally see *almost everyone else was willfully blind* to the truth of Christ.¹⁹

Because all things reveal God, why the contortions, why go to the extreme ends of absurdity to deny God? The answer is that religious knowledge requires more than scientific knowledge. Scientific knowledge makes no demands while religious knowledge expects commitment to truth and requires change. The fact that the earth is 93 million miles away from the sun is interesting information, but it requires nothing of you. Acknowledge a Divine Creator, however, and buckle-up and hold on to your hat, because that requires all your heart, might, mind, and strength. As with all the great fallacies, blind denial of God leads to the same damning conclusion that you don’t need to change, and you can muddle along the path of least resistance.

Speaking of mankind, Paul said, “Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”²⁰

We are without excuse. “I didn’t know” is not going to get us very far at final judgment, when the reply is “all things bear record of me.” To see the obvious, God’s fingerprints everywhere and that all things bear record of Him requires no faith, only eyes and a willingly heart to see. Faith may be required to trust in God but not to know He is there.

¹⁸ Psalm 14:1

¹⁹ John 9

²⁰ Romans 1:19-20

Reason Down and Believe

All of this is an elaboration on Reason Down presented in Episode 2, which states:

- A. The most phenomenal events of all time and eternity, the most amazing wonders, the most astounding, awesome developments are the facts that I am, you are and all that surrounds us exists. These few realities are the most common and are also the very few facts that are absolutely undeniable and provable, beyond any question, any dispute, or any doubt. While they are undeniable, they are also inexplicable. They are, but we cannot explain them. These astounding events, the facts of our existence, simply are; they require no faith and they all bear record of God the Creator. His fingerprints are everywhere.
- B. Everything else that may be, is less than what actually is. All other events, developments, and occurrences, are deniable and subject to dispute, and pale in comparison to the monumental realities of our existence. Some of them we call “miracles.” Miracles are far, far less phenomenal and rank much, much lower in magnitude on the scale of amazing things, than those few facts, that are both indisputable and astronomically more amazing. Miracles require faith.

What then is the conclusion?

- C. Therefore, believe. Believe the most obvious truth of all, there is a God who is the Creator, and all things are possible for Him. Be not faithless but believing. God gives us huge realities and invites us to believe that in light of what is, lesser things are also possible.

We don't need to see lesser things, to believe they are plausible, because the most phenomenal things we already see; the most amazing wonders, the most astounding, awesome developments are ours to behold all the time. It is all before us, all of us, all the time. No one is favored. No one short-changed. We need no more. Look around and believe.

Yes, there is a God who is your Father. No truth is more fundamental, more ennobling, or essential to successfully navigate the dark waters of life than to know of your “divine nature and destiny.” You can't know who you are without knowing who God is.

You are not only in the likeness or image of God physically; you are divine through and through, spiritually pure blood! Spiritually, there is no comingling of ancestral gene pools down through the ages to you. You are not a distant descendant with traces of divinity from a primordial ancestor long ago. There is no one, no generation, no one in between you and your Heavenly Parents, no one in between—no one! You are first generation son or daughter of God.

Please join for the next episode to consider some of the evidence that reveals Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the Savior of Mankind, the Holy Messiah, the Way, the Truth and the Life.