



# Seer Stone



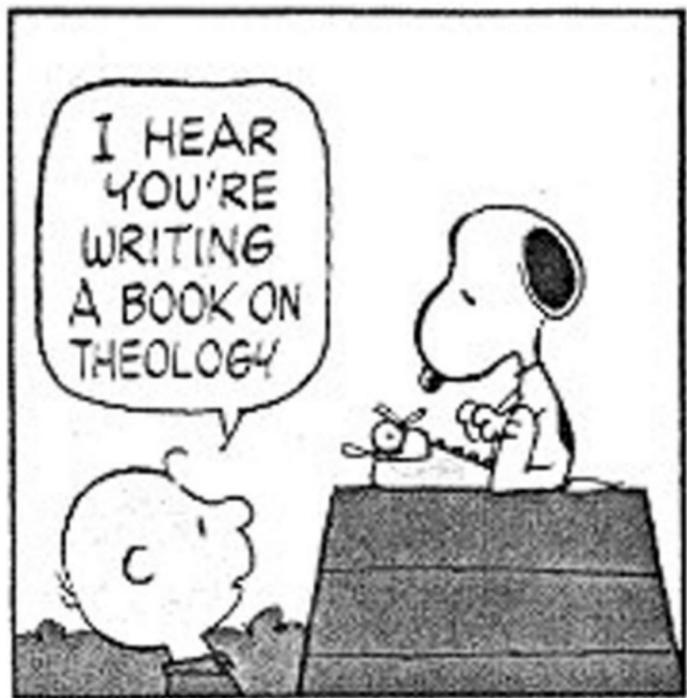




# Knowing God

## Part 2

The Foreknowledge and Omniscience of God



Without using the Standard of the Word of God as your philosophy of life, and your world view, the chance of being wrong is near

**100%**

“Has It Ever Occurred to You That You Might Be Wrong?”

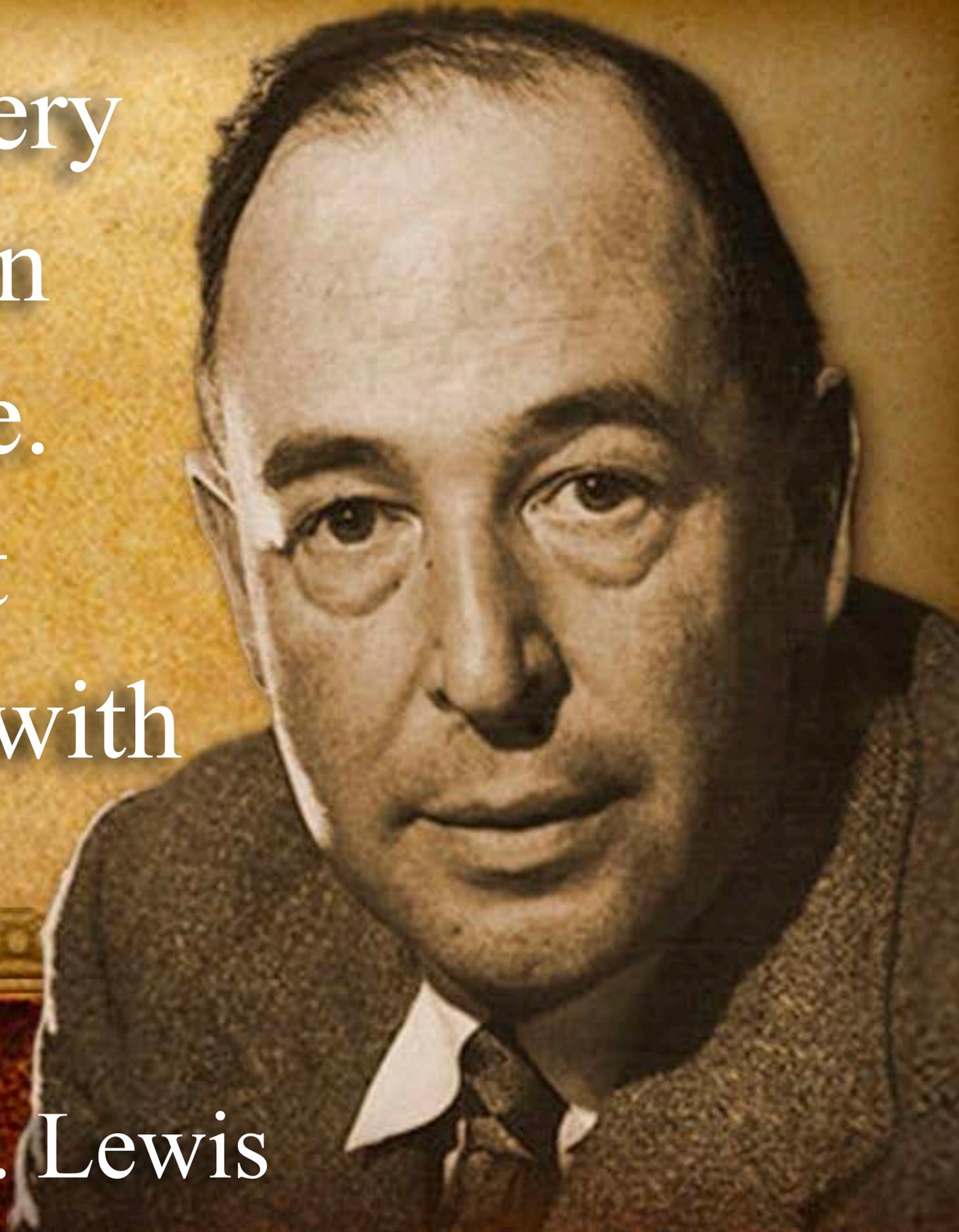


Having a true purpose for  
mortality requires an Eternal  
Perspective.

A Perspective that is Perfect,  
Immutable, Irrevocable  
Unchanging, and Omniscient.

‘Our existence is like a very large book, and our life on earth is only the title page. The first chapter does not begin with our birth, but with our death.’

C.S. Lewis



If eternity exists then there is a pre-earth life, If there is a pre-earth life, then there is a plan of progression, if there is a plan of progression, then there is a purpose for life, if there is a purpose for life, then there is life after death, if there is life after death, then there is a God.

All spirits should be prepared for two key events

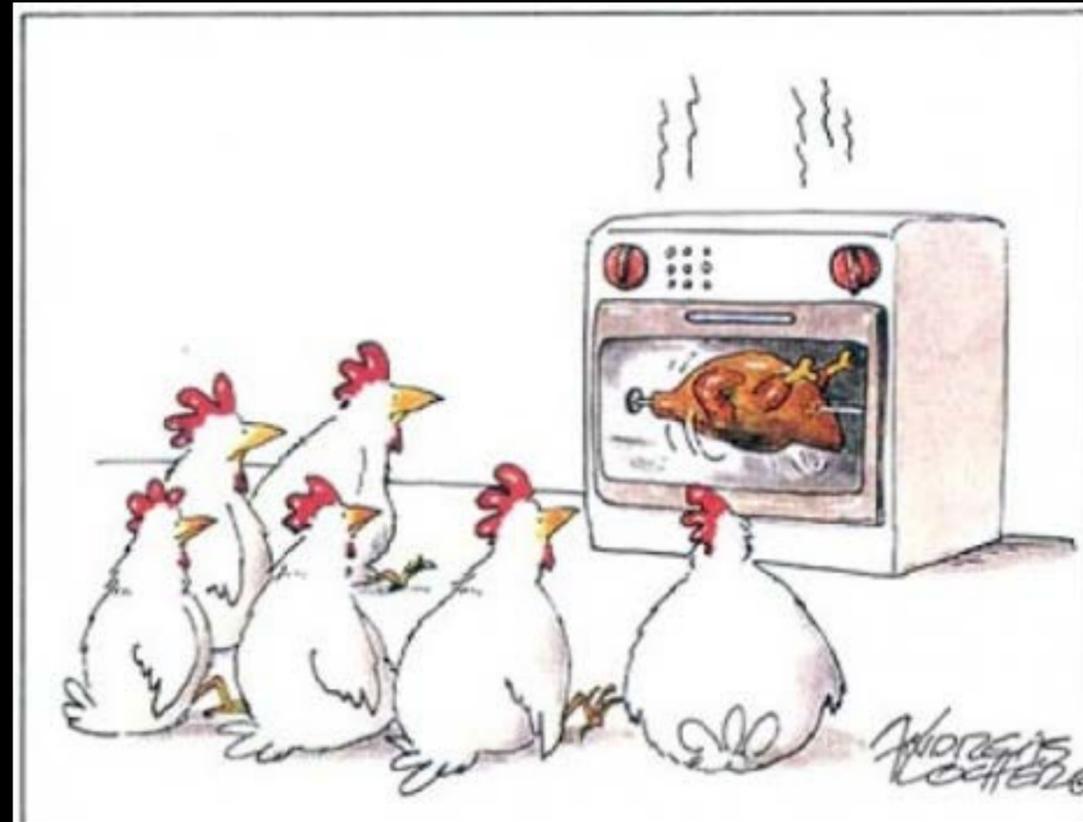
Life after our Birth.

Life after our Death.



Believe it or not, There is a Purpose for Life On Earth

This purpose for life and the pains of life we perfectly understood

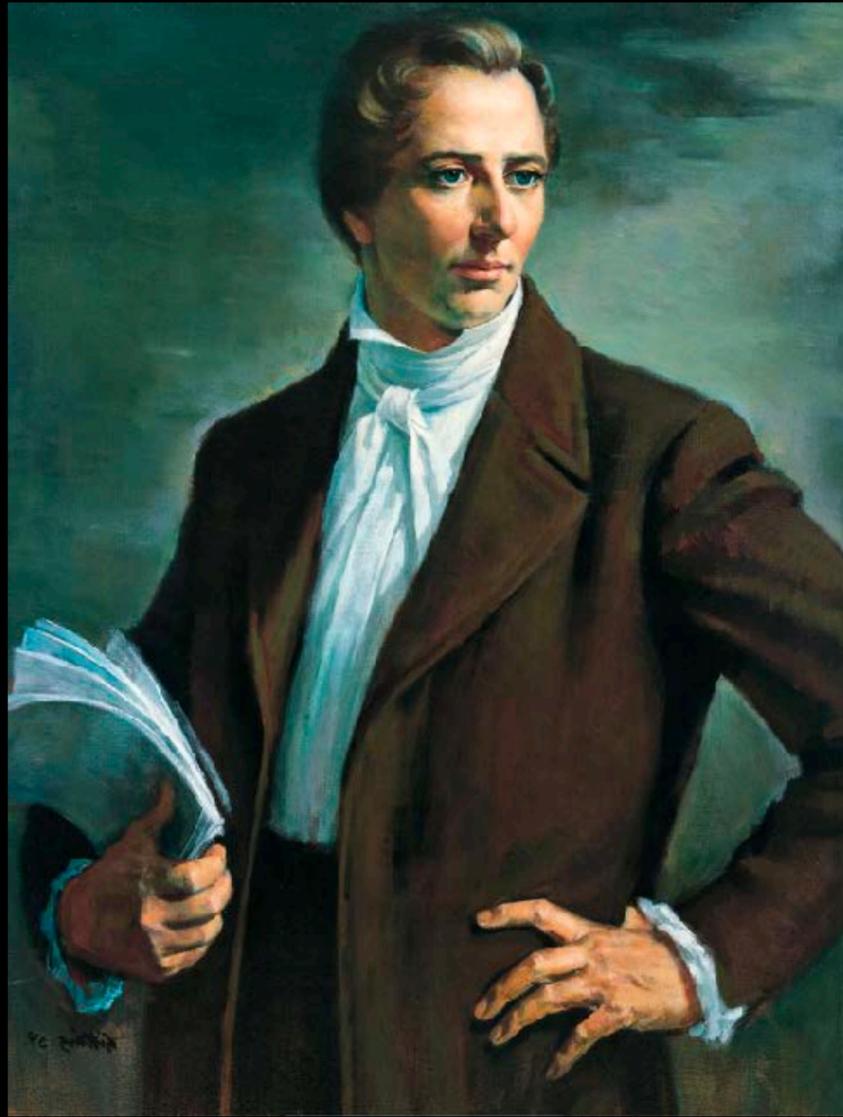


Before we made the choice for mortality

## Reality TV

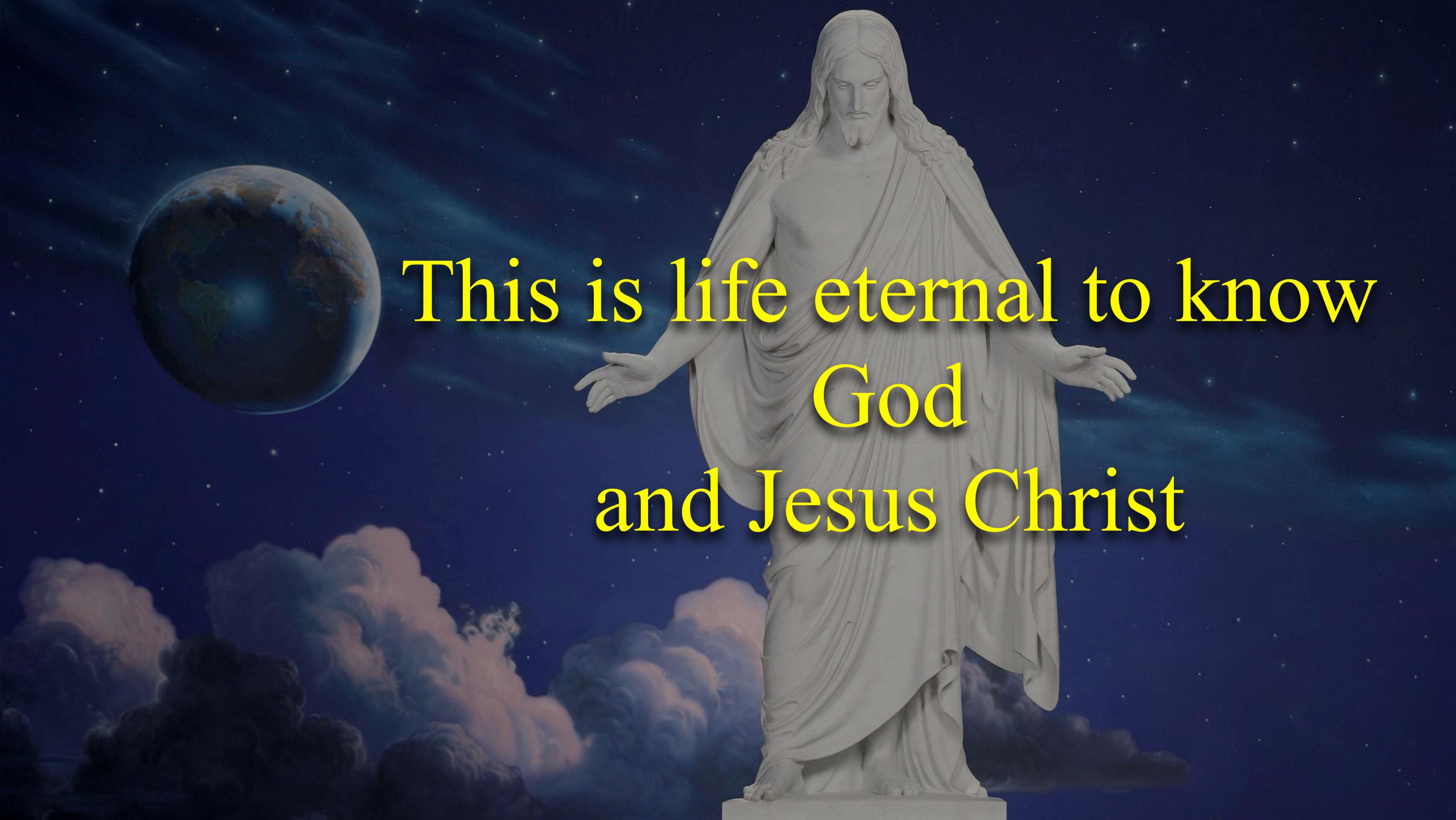
CS Lewis understood that we cannot take this life seriously until we take our death seriously.

Death like birth, is an event we live through



“It is the first principle of the  
Gospel to know for a certainty  
the Character of God”

(TPJS p 345)



This is life eternal to know  
God  
and Jesus Christ

We cannot know God until we begin to  
understand the words of God

To know God should be the first goal of scripture study.

The scriptures are 'they which testify of Christ'

Once God is known then His word can be understood  
because:

God is known                      God's work is known

God's plan is known              God's love is known

# The First of the Ten Commandments

THOU SHALT  
HAVE NO OTHER  
GODS BEFORE  
ME.

Handwritten text in Hebrew script on the left stone tablet, representing the first commandment.

Handwritten text in Hebrew script on the right stone tablet, representing the second commandment.

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How Do We Know This God?

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## How Do We Know This God?

Nature	Truths
Attributes	Commandments
Character	Salvation
Plans	Judgments
Purposes	Blessings
Powers	Love

# Knowing of: vs Knowing

‘Knowing of Someone’ is always  
secondhand

‘Knowing Someone’ requires a  
relationship

# Eternal Truths MUST have Eternal Sources

The quality of scholarship depends on  
the sources used.

The wisdom of the student is manifested in the  
ability to recognize what is not known.

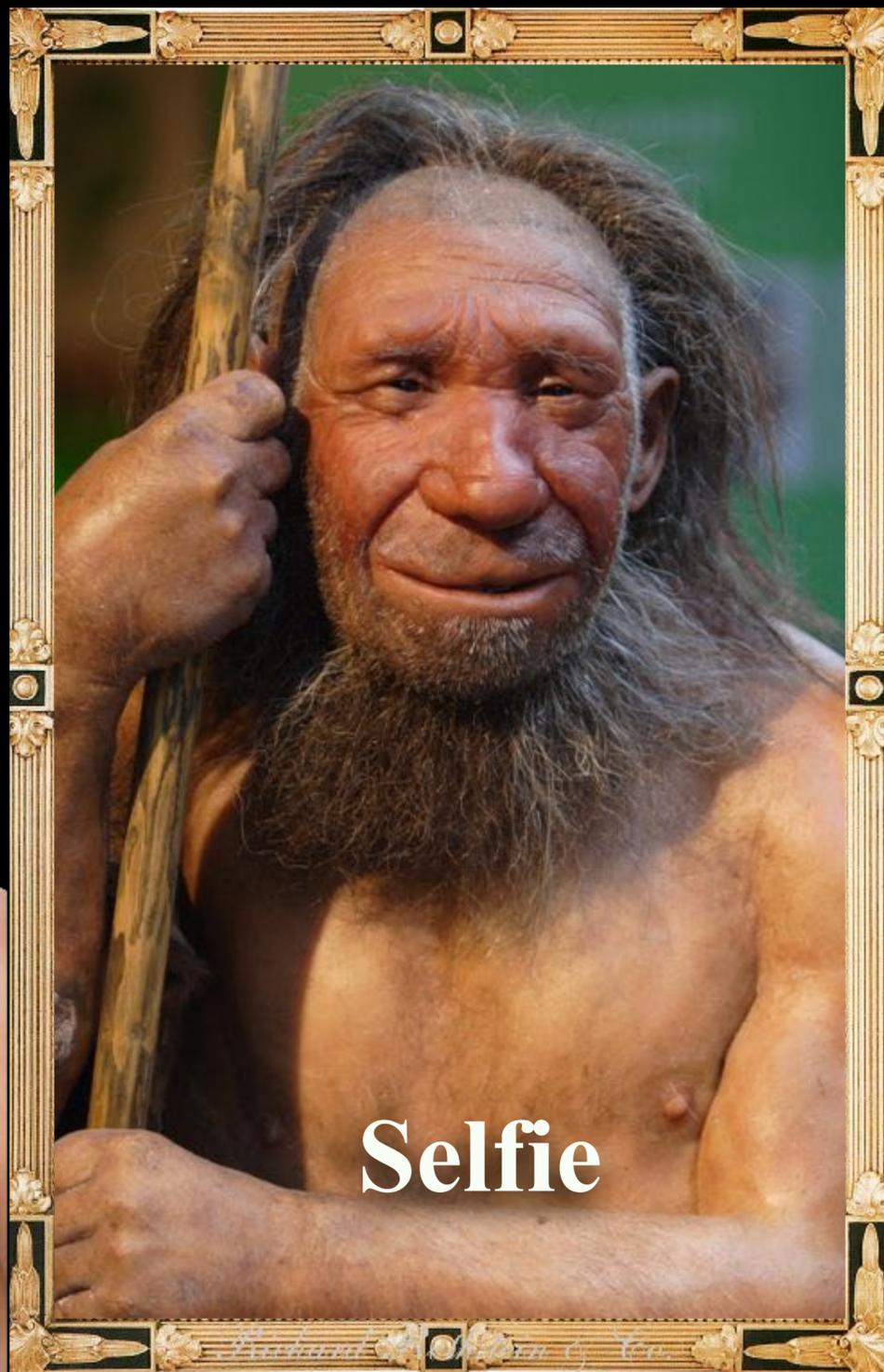
The intelligence of the student is recognized by  
the source from which they choose to learn truth

One cannot be more  
intelligent than the person  
or source they choose to  
believe.

The Scriptures contain the prophetic biography and autobiography of God as dictated by Himself.

If your ideas and understanding about God are not based in scripture then your ideas of God are based on speculation and the arm of flesh.

**Trust not in the  
arm of flesh—not  
even your own**



**In the end  
you will  
not like  
what you  
see**



Those who refuse to believe the truths  
about God, are left with no choice but to  
believe a lie

A-When a person or society rejects the truth there is nothing left but to  
embrace a lie.

B-When a person or society embrace a lie they will reap the  
consequences of the lie they embraced.

C-When the lie is embrace, and God gives them over to their desires:  
Roman's 1:26, 28; Jacob 4:14.

The end is near.

## Simple Questions:

Do you believe IN God that he is that he lives that he created all things?

Do you have faith IN a God that is omnipotent and omniscient, that he knows the end from the beginning?

Do you believe IN a God in whom all must believe to obtain a salvation in His presence.

The most difficult *-Simple Question-* to answer is:

Do you believe IN a God whose commandments of character are given for for every generation, dispensation, age and time, and that the sins that he reveals in scripture and through his prophets are sins today?

One Last Question

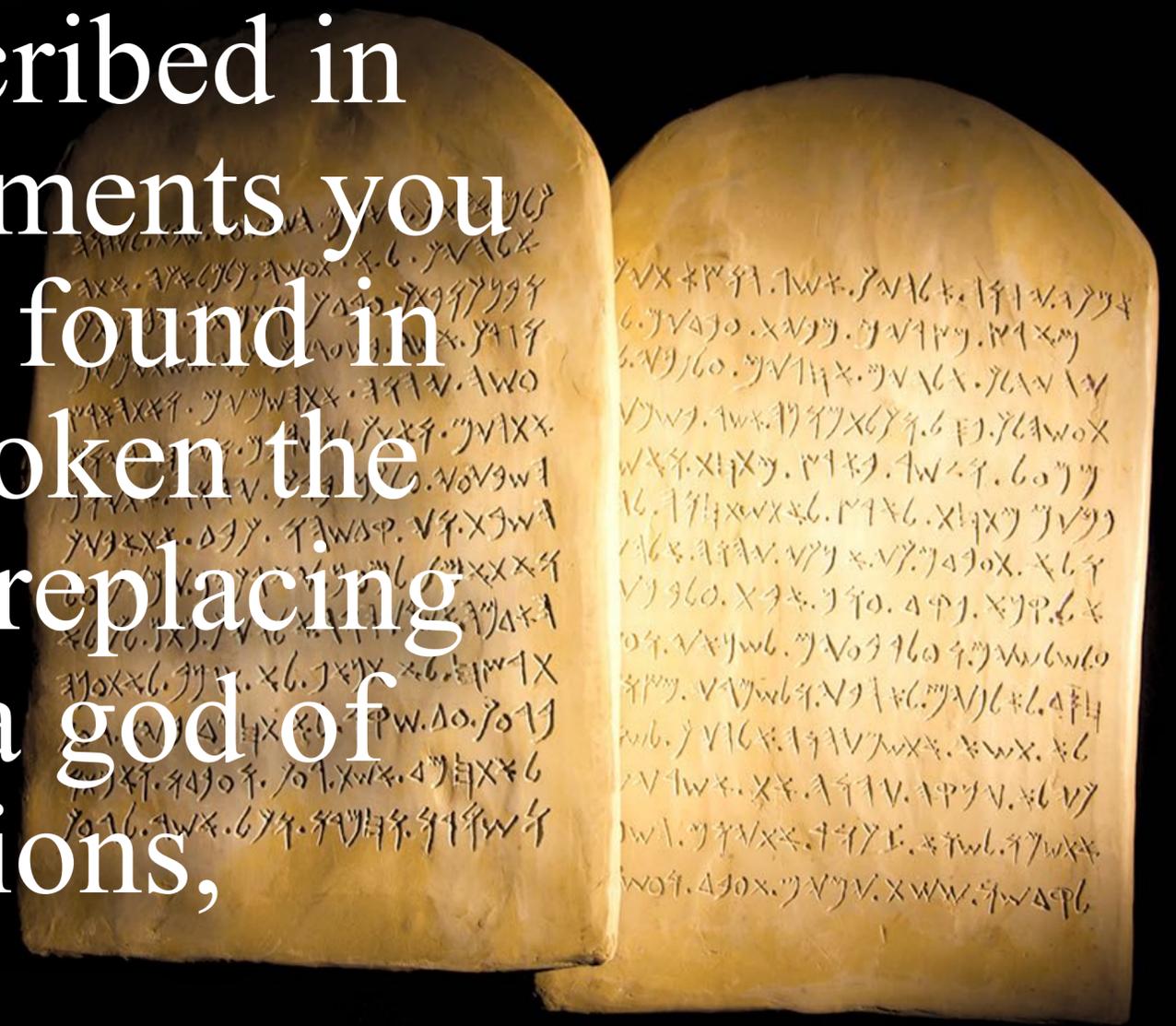
Can you believe IN a God

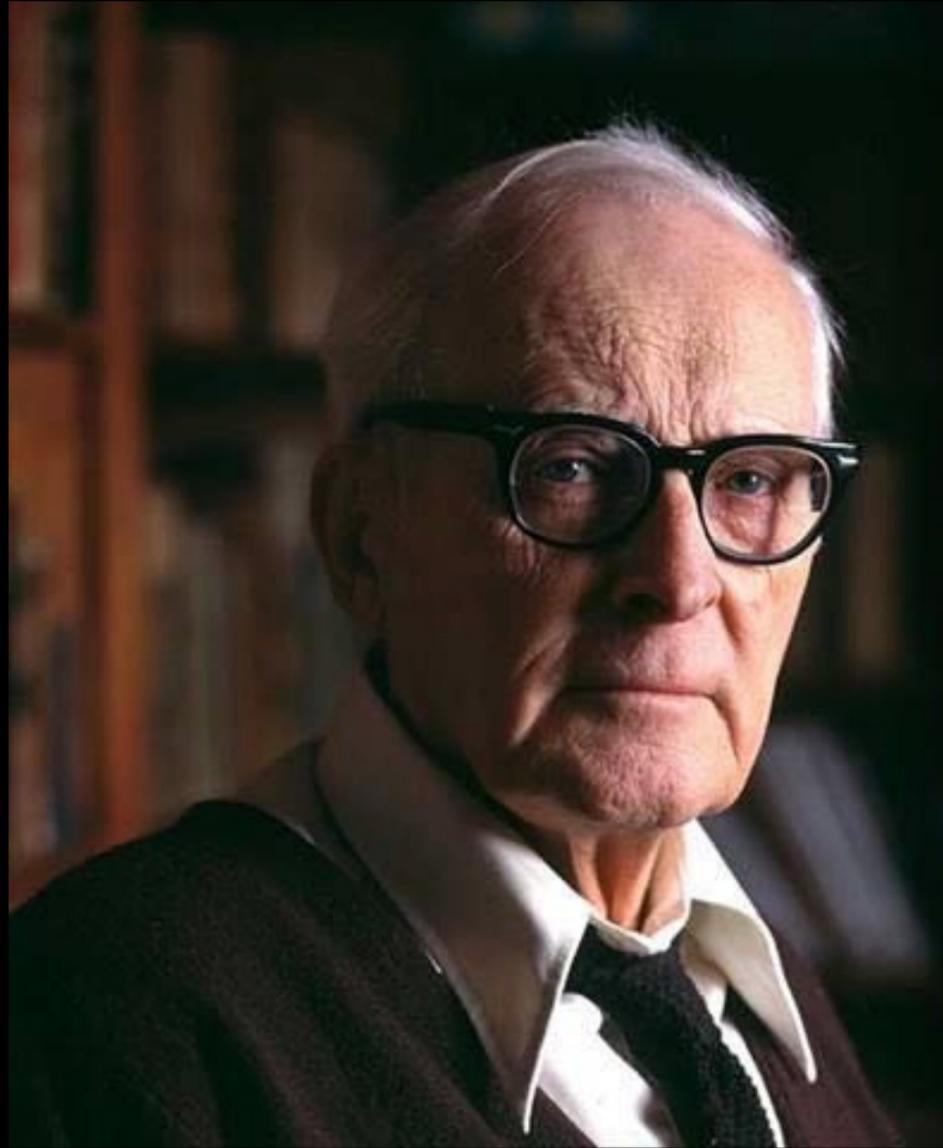
You refuse to believe

# The First of the Ten Commandments

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If you don't believe the God described in scripture, his laws and commandments you believe in a different God than is found in scripture. Therefore, you have broken the first of the Ten Commandments, replacing the God of scripture by creating a god of your own desires, appetites, passions, feelings, and emotions.





Hugh Nibley once came to class excitedly and announced that he found two mistakes in The Book of Mormon. He said ‘twice it states that mankind is carnal, sensual, and devilish.’ Brother Nibley then said that the prophetic authors forgot to include one more adjectiave in the list:

**“STUPID”**



# Eternal Truths must have Eternal Sources

The 'inalterable authority of scripture' can be accepted once we know the author

Our emotion, feelings, education, or tradition does NOT qualify as a source for eternal truths

The word of God is the End of Authority

# The Foreknowledge and Omniscience of God

## What are the Omniscient Attributes of God?

There are over 75 separate passages of Scriptures that talk about the Foreknowledge and Omniscience of God.

6. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

7. But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Luke 12:6-7

**Not a bird falls to the ground without the notice of God**

# Birds and Brains



The bird reads no books on how to relax, work harder, dispel guilt, or gather wealth. The bird doesn't go to seminars or conferences to learn how to increase the harvest with the least amount of time and work. The bird belongs to no MLM, nor does it lay awake at night worrying about where it will find the next meal.

The bird doesn't work hard to store up more worms or grain in the bird-bank in order to have a larger nest-egg so that it can afford to build a bigger nest, buy bigger and faster wings, or take a longer vacation. The bird is content with what it has, and confident in the responsibilities of life that have been set and provided by God.



Without worry the bird lives day by day recognizing that the responsibility of survival 'day by day' rests upon themselves not the Aviary Government.

It is estimated by scientists (and National Geographic) that There are about *500 billion birds* at any one time in the world compared to 8 billion people. That's over 70 living birds for every living person. The average life span of a bird, without diminishing numbers, is 2-5 years. That would mean, (on a best-case scenario), there would be *about 300 billion birds die each year.*



There are about 400,000 human births each day in the world, and 155,000 human deaths per day. About 575 million birds die each day, and yet not a bird falls to the ground without the notice of God. **Every bird eventually dies, as does every human.**

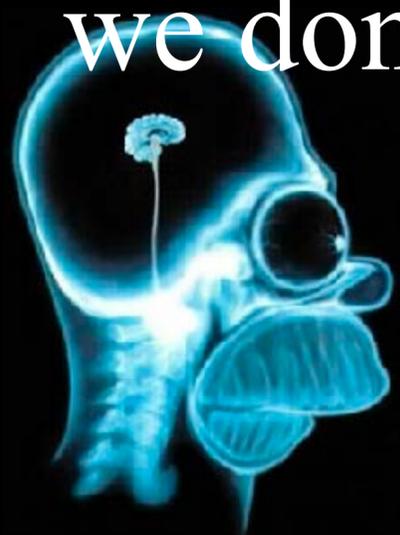
How many dead birds have you seen today?  
Of course, we don't see many because the FBAA.  
The "Feline Bird Abatement Agency"  
—on call 24/7—

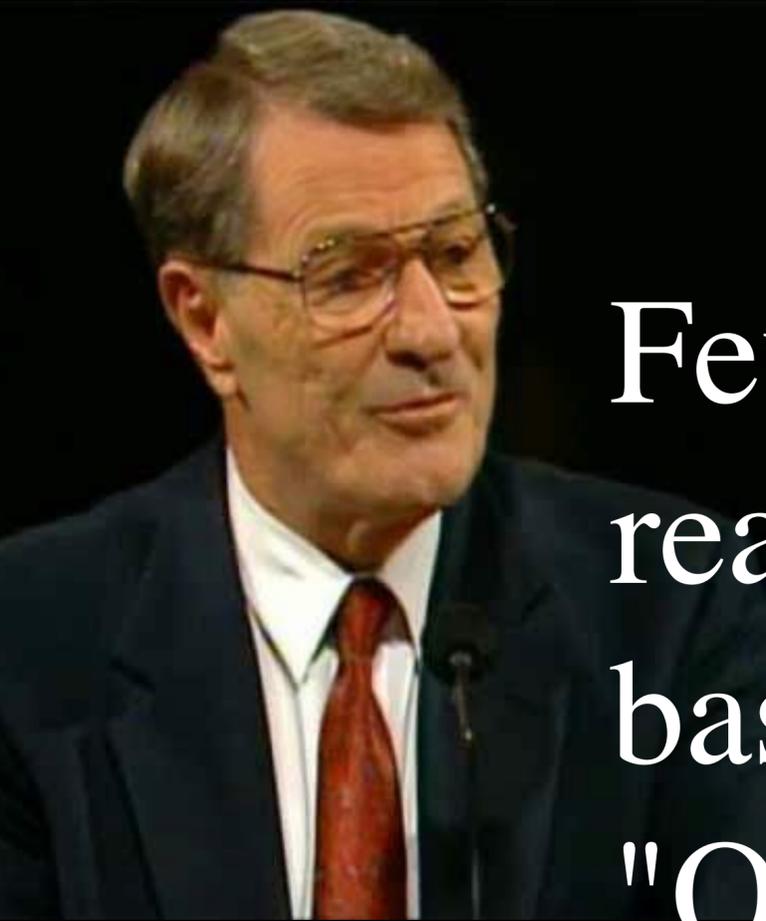


If no bird falls to the ground without the knowledge of God, and the bird “takes no thought of tomorrow” because of its contentment and faith in life itself without worry; How much more aware would a loving and watchful God be, to provide, protect, and notice those who are created in His image?

When you look at the all the hard work and worry of man for the pursuit of money, status, pride, and power, spending money we don't have to buy things we don't need, to impress people we don't like, one question should be asked:

**Who really has the bird-brain?**

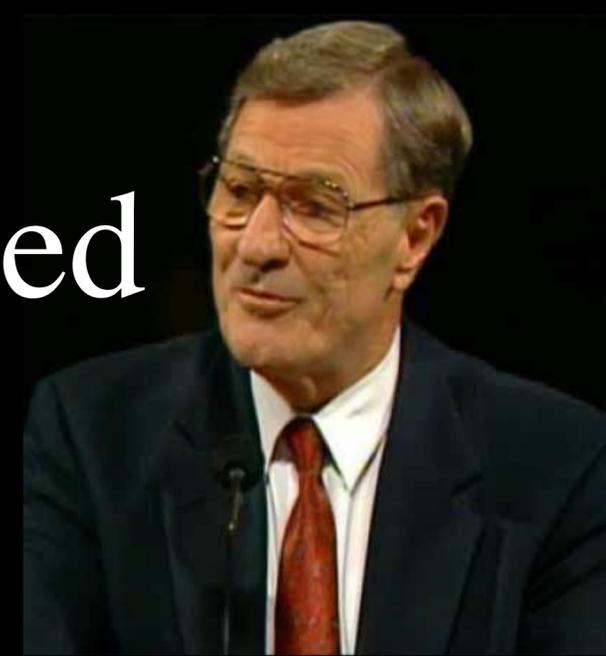




Few doctrines, save those pertaining to the reality of the existence of God, are more basic than the truth that God is omniscient. "O how great the holiness of our God! For he knoweth all things, and there is not anything save he knows it." (2 Nephi. 9:20.)



Unfortunately, this truth is sometimes only passively assented to by individuals who avoid exploring it and coming to understand its implications. Later on, such believers sometimes have difficulty with the implications of this core doctrine — which connects with other powerful doctrines such as the *foreknowledge* of God, *foreordination*, and *foreassignment*. The all-loving God who shapes our individual growing and sanctifying experiences — and then sees us through them — could not do so if He were not omniscient.



The word *omniscient* has, at times, been used carelessly, unnecessarily blurring our understanding of this very fundamental attribute of God. We read in the Prophet Joseph Smith's *Lectures on Faith* that God is perfect in the attributes of divinity, and one of these is knowledge:

(Neal A. Maxwell, *All These Things Shall Give Thee Experience* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1979], 26.)

*"... seeing that without the knowledge of all things, God would not be able to save any portion of his creatures; for it is by reason of the knowledge which he has of all things, from the beginning to the end, that enables him to give that understanding to his creatures by which they are made partakers of eternal life; and if it were not for the idea existing in the minds of men that God had all knowledge it would be impossible for them to exercise faith in him."* (Lecture 4, paragraph 11.)



(Neal A. Maxwell, *All These Things Shall Give Thee Experience* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1979], 26.)

Our cousin Esther was told by uncle Mordecai, that she was placed at that time in history, placed in that family, and given those experiences and opportunities to make a difference in the lives of those in her world for the

## *Work and Glory of God*

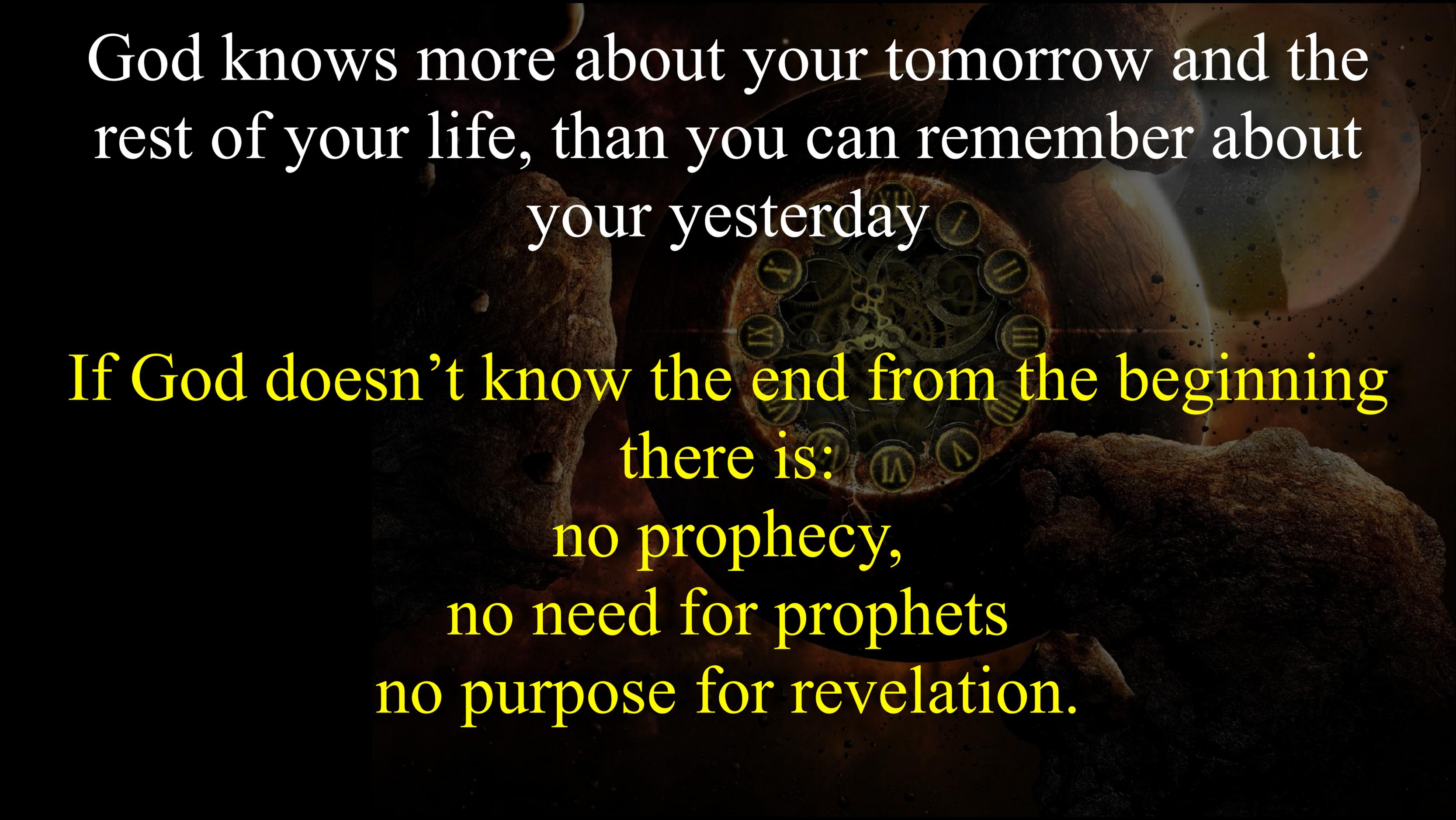
Have you discovered:

Who you are  
Why you are  
Where you are  
When you are

To help in *The Work and Glory of God*

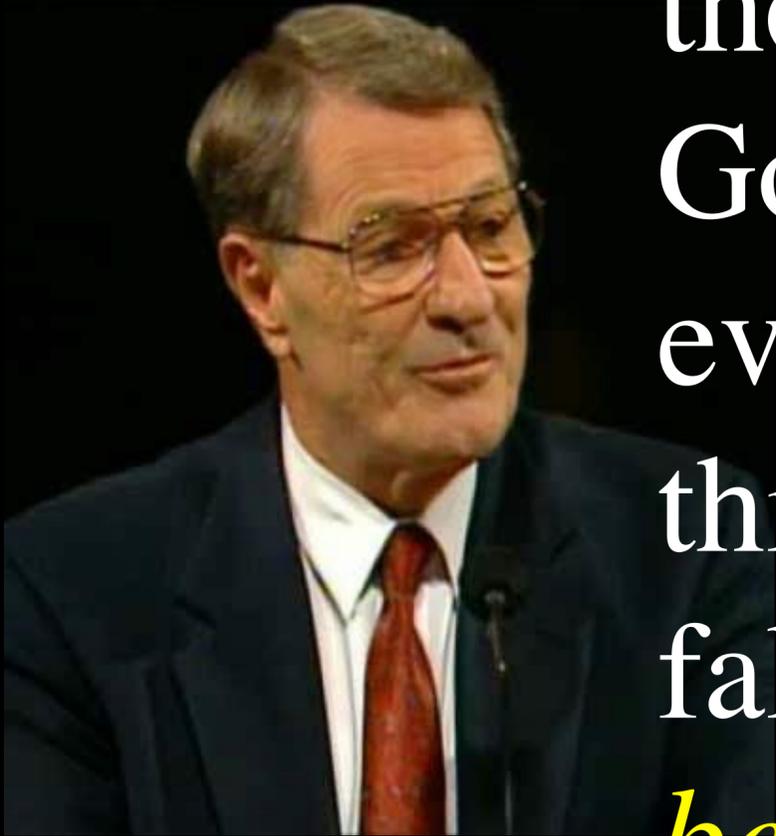


If you know what the  
**Work and Glory of God** is,  
What does it mean to have an  
**‘eye single to the glory of God’**



God knows more about your tomorrow and the  
rest of your life, than you can remember about  
your yesterday

If God doesn't know the end from the beginning  
there is:  
no prophecy,  
no need for prophets  
no purpose for revelation.



“Traditional discussions of omniscience ignore the fact that this attribute is much more than God's simply noticing and observing everything as it happens. It is a remarkable thing for God to notice every sparrow that falls... Yet the living God is aware of all things *before* they unfold. This supernal dimension of knowledge is a part of omniscience!”

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# Accidents

For an event to be considered an accident, it would mean that some type of a mistake was made that resulted in an uncontrolled consequence.

An accident, cannot be known, controlled, or stopped beforehand, otherwise it is not an accident.

There are no accidents to God, only to mankind. God knows the end from the beginning and there are no surprise events or deaths that He has not prepared for.

# Accidents & Acts of God

Death, no matter how it comes or when it happens, is no more of an accident than our birth. Our departure from the pre-earth existence was planned beforehand, just like our return to the spirit world.

Before we were born, the date and time was set and perhaps the assignments made for those that would escort our spirit into and out of mortality.

“God is never surprised by unexpected arrivals in the spirit world because of unforeseen deaths. But we must always distinguish between God's being able to foresee and His causing or desiring something to happen, a very important distinction! God foresaw the fall of His beloved David but did not cause it. (See D&C 132:39.)”



(Neal A. Maxwell, *All These Things Shall Give Thee Experience* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1979], 26.)

‘I didn’t see that coming’

There are no surprises to God, He is aware of, and a witness to every birth, every life and every death.



God leaves nothing to chance,  
nothing to fate, folly, or fortune.

God knows everything, has planned for everything, and has prepared for everything.

Knowing this we should realize that every catastrophe, disaster, disease or death including COVID has changed nothing. God is still in control and He has always been in control.

It is not a good thing if the God you believe in has “oops” in his vocabulary.

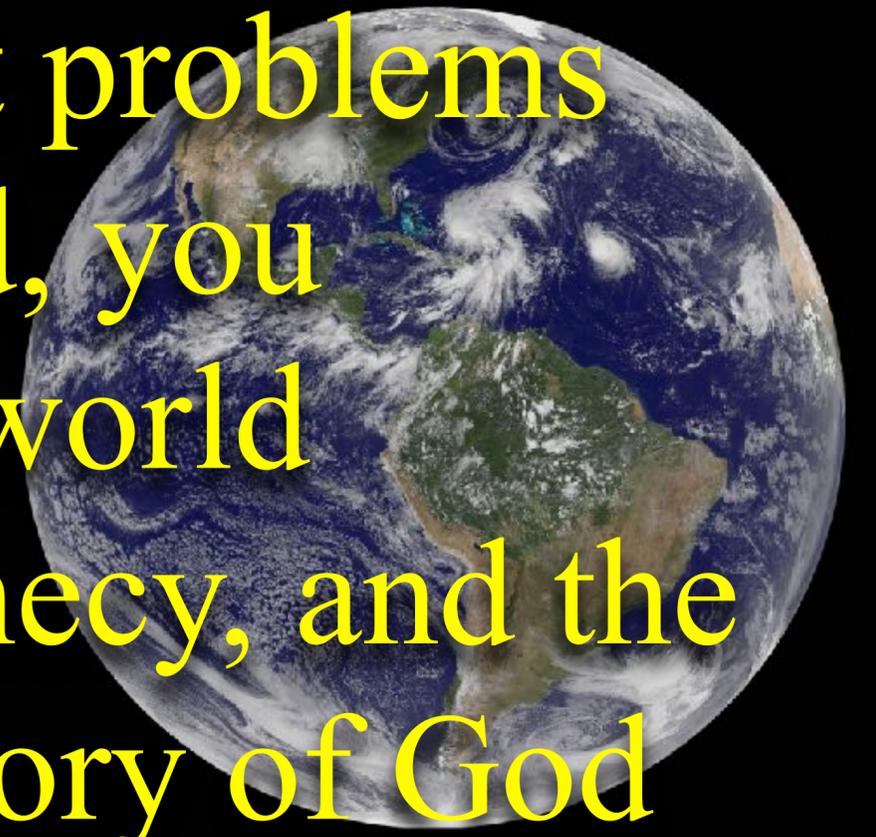
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If we trust God with our eternal spiritual security, why would we not trust Him in our temporal present circumstance?

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If you know and understand God, you don't have to live at the mercy of present problems or worry about future fears. Instead, you should evaluate global events and world history, in terms of scriptural prophecy, and the spiritual agenda of the work and glory of God that leads to the return of Christ.



The battle between God and Satan, between good and evil, between Babylon and the establishment of Zion began in the pre-earth council and continues on earth.

The **Scriptural World View** reveals to the mind of the individual, that our own personal life falls into the context of that same battle.



	<b>Secular World View —Satan/Babylon—</b>	<b>Scriptural World View —God/Zion—</b>
<b>Motive</b>	<b>Gain</b>	<b>Consecration</b>
<b>Justification</b>	<b>Competition</b>	<b>Love</b>
<b>Method</b>	<b>Violence</b>	<b>Upheavals of Nature</b>
<b>Virtue</b>	<b>Denial of Guilt</b>	<b>Repentance</b>
<b>Truth</b>	<b>Control of Truth and Knowledge</b>	<b>Seek for Light and Truth</b>
<b>Power</b>	<b>Compulsion</b>	<b>Free Agency and Choice</b>



**Is your life built on the**  
*sands of mortality*

**or the**

*bedrock of eternity?*

**A Secular World View**

**or a**

**Scriptural World View**



# Seer Stone



Christ is not: “**a**” way or “**one**” way  
to come to God,

He is “**the**” way, **the** truth, **the** life,  
and no man can come to the Father but  
through Him. There is no other name by  
which man can be saved.

TEAR HERE

Resealable Bag

# Tootsie Roll

Midgees®

700  
pieces



NET WT 4.86 LB (2.2 kg) ©D

How do you describe the taste of a Tootsie Roll to someone that has never tasted chocolate?

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## Whats the Bag for?

Whats in It  
Protects  
Ensures Quality  
Provides a Standard

### Nutrition Facts

Serving Size  
Servings Per Container 9

Amount Per Serving

Calories 140      Calories From Fat 30

% Daily Value\*

Total Fat 3g      0%

Saturated Fat 0.5g      0%

Trans Fat 1g      0%

Cholesterol 0mg      0%

Sodium 15mg      0%

Total Carbohydrates 28g      0%

Dietary Fiber 0g      0%

Soluble Fiber

Sugars 20g      0%

Protein 1g      0%

Vitamin A 0% • Vitamin C 0%

Calcium 0% • Iron 0%

Thiamin 0% • Riboflavin 0%

Niacin 0% • Vitamin B6 0%

Phosphorus 0% • Zinc 0%

\* Percent Daily values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily value may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

	Calories: 2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than 65g	80g
Saturated Fat	Less than 20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than 300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than 2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate	300g	370g
Dietary Fiber	25g	30g

# Whats the Paper for?



Protects  
Preserves  
Keeps Fresh  
Keeps Clean

Going to Church without a Focus or an experience with Christ is like eating the paper and tossing out the Chocolate Tootsie Roll.



The scriptures teach that,  
The only power on earth and in heaven that is able to  
separate a person from God and His Glory, is the  
power of ‘free agency’

—EVERYONE WILL—

“...enjoy that which they are willing to receive,  
because they were not willing to enjoy that which they  
might have received.”

D&C88:32