

Self Evident Truths



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*“hupostasis” – something tangible, something
observable and solid – scientific evidence*

Heb 11:1

***Now faith is the substance of things hoped
for, the evidence of things not seen.***

“elegchos” – legal testimony sufficient for conviction.





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Is it true?

1.Does God Exist?

Ps 19:1

**The heavens declare the glory of God; and
the firmament sheweth his handywork.**

**Out of random chance came all
These natural laws!**

**Not ONE single case of something coming
From nothing, or life coming from non- life, but
Evolution tells us that is the explanation everything.**

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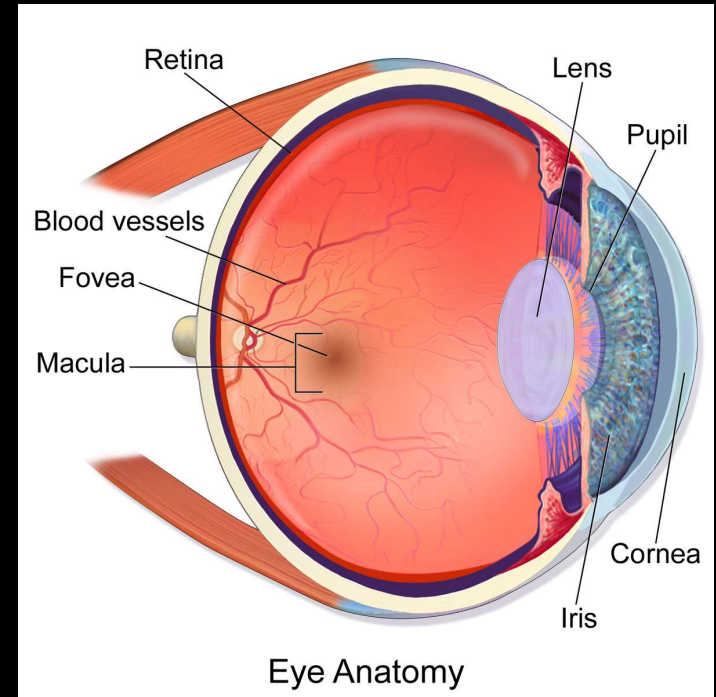
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Obvious Design

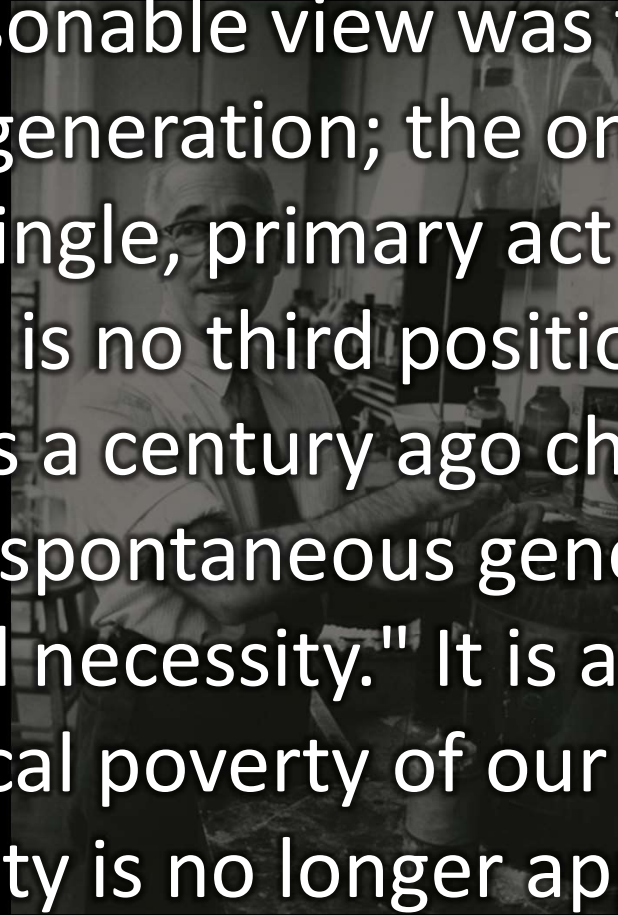
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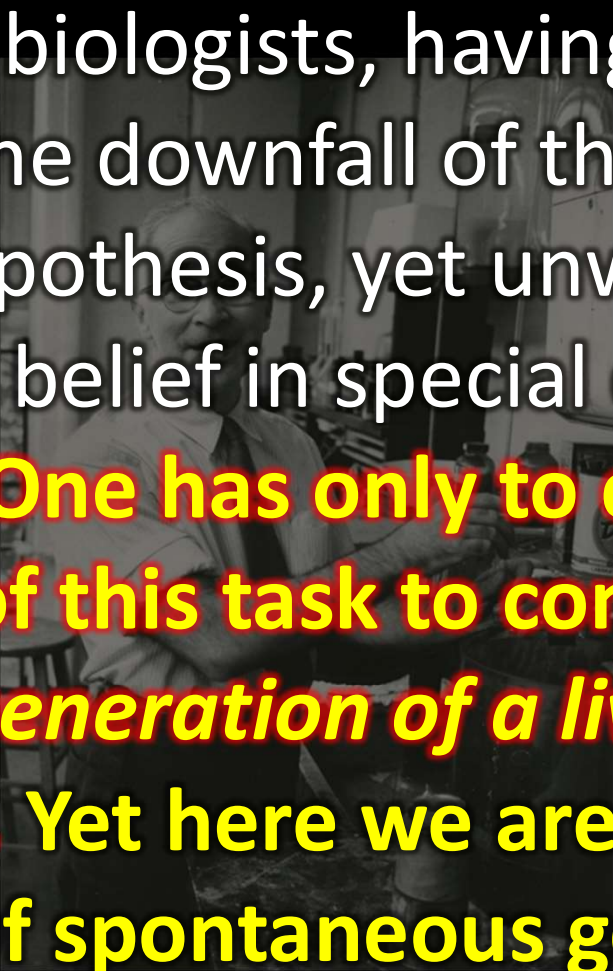
Evolved by Random Chance

“The reasonable view was to believe in spontaneous generation; the only alternative, to believe in a single, primary act of supernatural creation. There is no third position. For this reason many scientists a century ago chose to regard the belief in spontaneous generation as a "philosophical necessity." It is a symptom of the philosophical poverty of our time that this necessity is no longer appreciated.



George Wald

"The origin of life" Scientific American August 1954 p.46



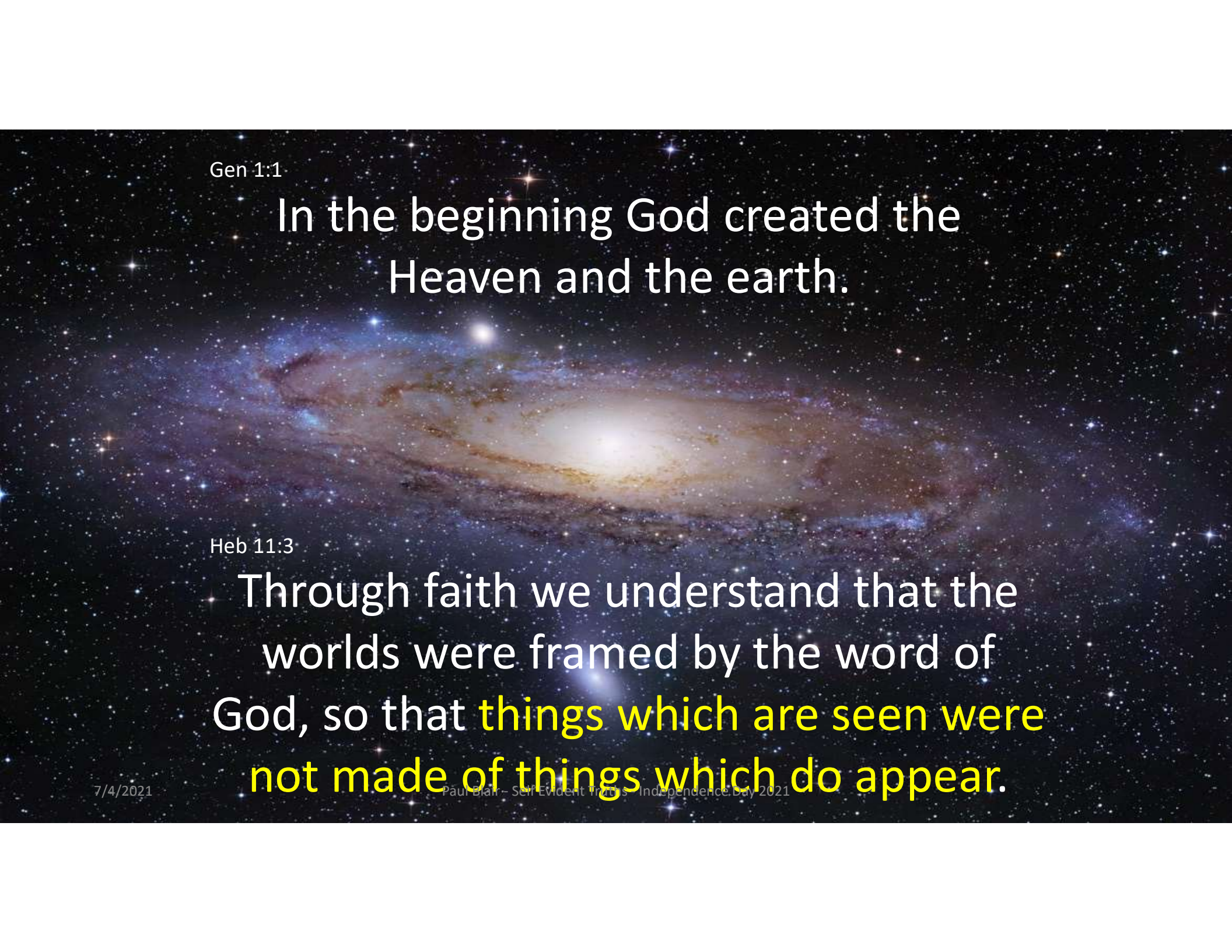
Most modern biologists, having reviewed with satisfaction the downfall of the spontaneous generation hypothesis, yet unwilling to accept the alternative belief in special creation, are left with nothing... **One has only to contemplate the magnitude of this task to concede that *the spontaneous generation of a living organism is impossible.* Yet here we are as a result, I believe, of spontaneous generation."**

Sir Francis Crick - co-discoverer of DNA

“For life to form by chance is mathematically virtually impossible.”

“The DNA evidence speaks of intelligent, information-bearing design. Complex DNA coding would have been necessary for even the hypothetical first so-called ‘simple cell(s).’

*“Life did not evolve first on Earth; a highly advanced civilization became threatened so they devised a way to pass on their existence. **They genetically-modified their DNA and sent it out from their planet on bacteria or meteorites with the hope that it would collide with another planet. It did, and that’s why we’re here.**”*



Gen 1:1

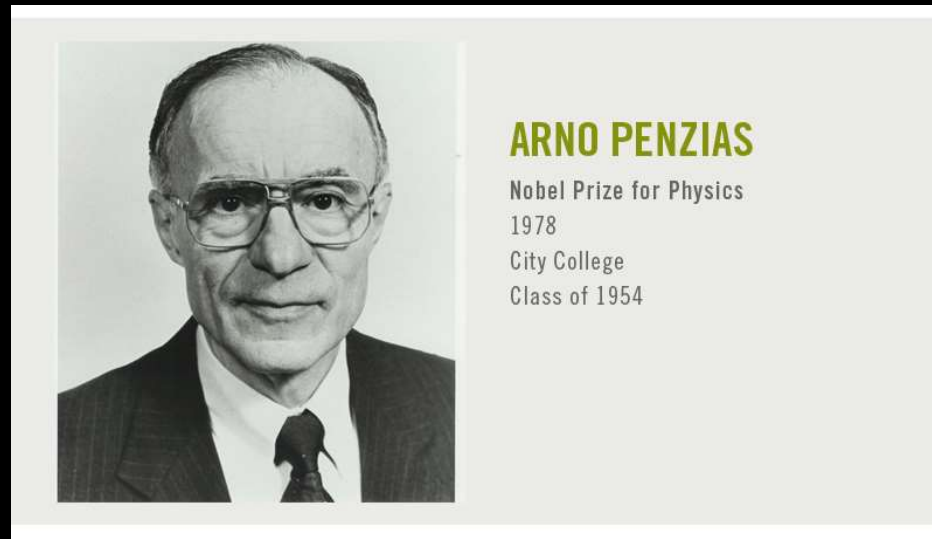
In the beginning God created the
Heaven and the earth.

Heb 11:3

Through faith we understand that the
worlds were framed by the word of
God, so that **things which are seen were
not made of things which do appear.**



*Astronomers now find they have painted themselves into a corner because they have proven, by their own methods, that **the world began abruptly in an act of creation** to which you can trace the seeds of every star, every planet, every living thing in this cosmos and on the earth. ... **That there are what I or anyone would call supernatural forces at work is now, I think, a scientifically proven fact.***



*The best data we have [concerning the Big Bang] are exactly what I would have predicted **had I nothing to go on but the five books of Moses, the Psalms, and the Bible as a whole.***



"For the scientist who has lived by 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."

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Robert Jastrow, God and the Astronomers

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"The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persist as the trade secret of paleontology. The evolutionary trees that adorn our textbooks have data only at the tips and nodes of their branches; the rest is inference, however reasonable, not the evidence of fossils....We fancy ourselves as the only true students of life's history, yet to preserve our favored account of evolution by natural selection we view our data as so bad that we never see the very process we profess to study."

Stephen J. Gould - "Evolution's Erratic Pace," *Natural History*, vol. 86 (May 1987), p. 14.

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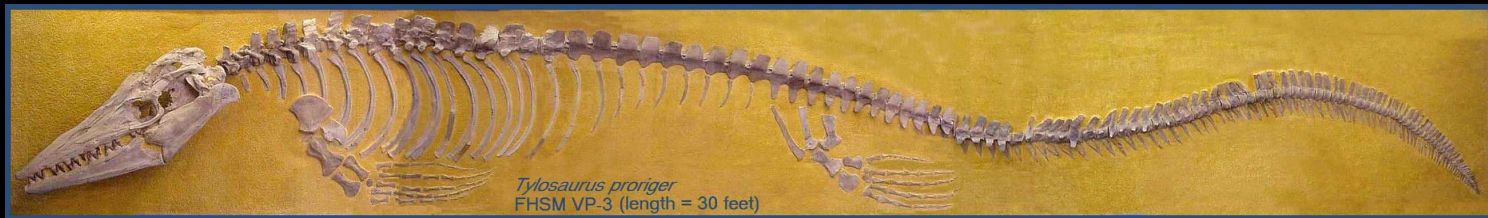
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3. Evidence of a Global Flood





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“Our willingness to accept scientific claims that are against common sense is the key to an understanding of the real struggle between science and the supernatural. We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, in spite of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so stories, because we have a prior commitment, a commitment to materialism.”

“It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that we are forced by our a priori adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, **that materialism is an absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door.**”



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Dr. Richard Lewontin, „Billions and billions of demons“ (review of *The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark* by Carl Sagan, 1997), *The New York Review*, p. 31, 9 January 1997

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*Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. **Christus**, from whom the name had its origin, **suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilate, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, and the first source of the evil, but even in Rome,***



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Tacitus added:

“Mockery of every sort was added to their deaths. Covered with the skins of beasts, they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or were doomed to the flames and burnt, to serve as a nightly illumination, when daylight had expired.”

Pliny the Younger, the governor of Bithynia wrote this letter to Emperor Trajan concerning the Christians (112 AD):



Pliny the Younger
Imperial magistrate under Trajan

*They were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day before it was light, when **they sang** in alternate verses **a hymn to Christ, as to a god,***



Lucian of Samosata
Hellenized Syrian satirist
(an ancient Jimmy Fallon or
Stephen Colbert)

Lucian, *The Passing of Peregrinus*:

"The Christians, you know, worship a man to this day—the distinguished personage who introduced their novel rites, and was crucified on that account. ... You see, these misguided creatures start with the general conviction that they are immortal for all time, which explains their contempt of death and voluntary self-devotion which are so common among them; and then it was impressed on them by their original lawgiver that they are all brothers, from the moment that they are converted, and deny the gods of Greece, and worship the crucified sage, and live after his laws."

The existence of Jesus of Nazareth is a historical fact. If you had no Bible, but just secular history, according to F.F. Bruce's book, *Jesus & Christian Origins Outside the New Testament*, if all you had was the historical accounts of Josephus, Tacitus, Lucian, Thallus, Suetonius, Pliny the Younger, the Jewish Talmud, you would learn this of Jesus:

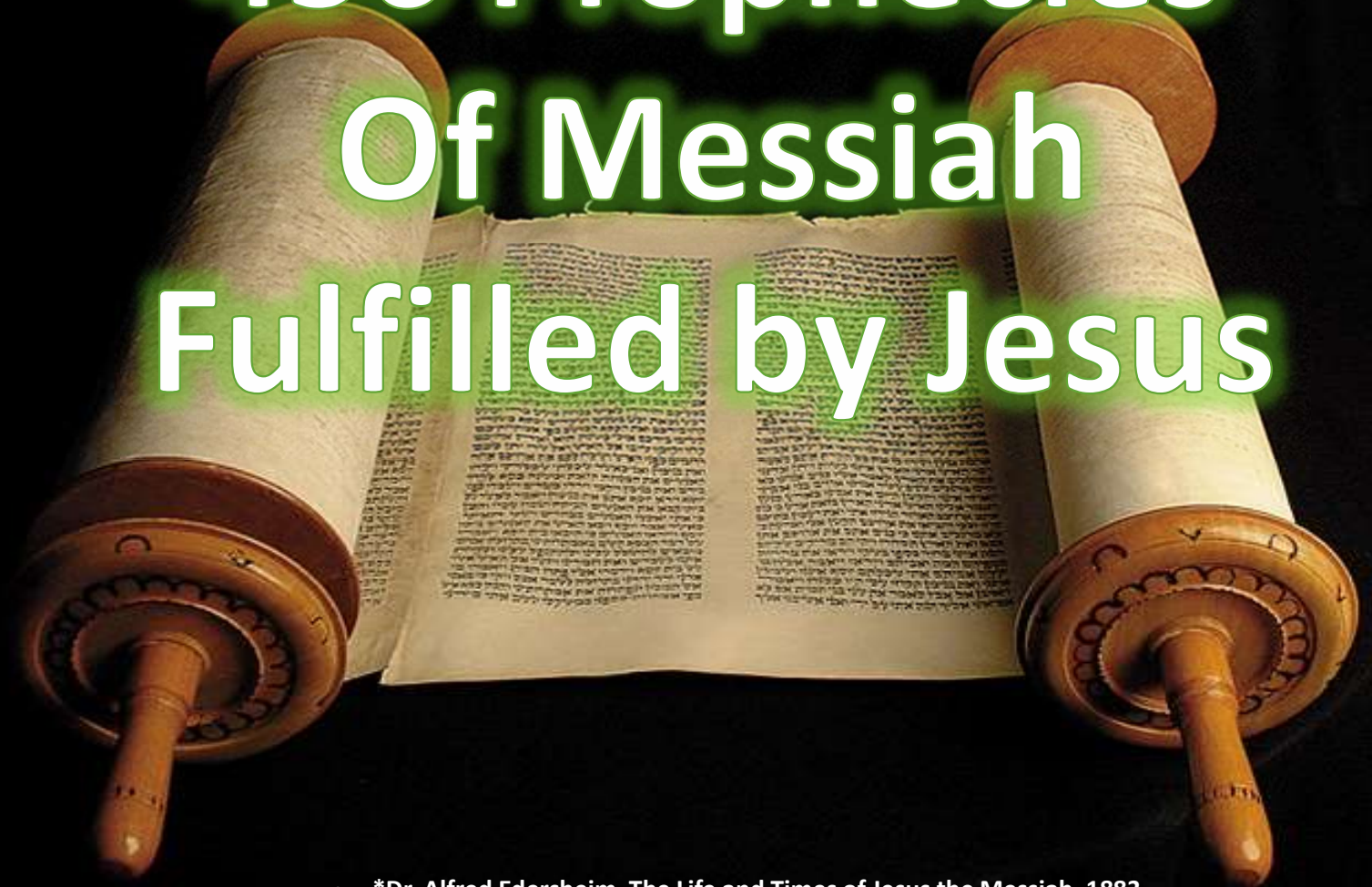
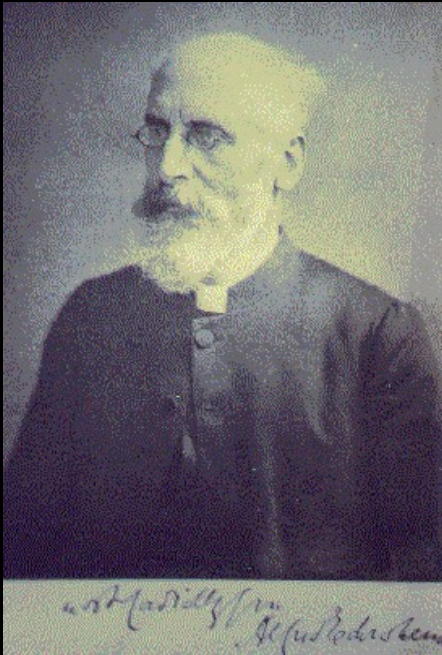
1. Jesus lived during the time of Tiberius Caesar
2. He lived a virtuous life
3. He was a wonderworker
4. He had a brother named James
5. He was acclaimed to be the Messiah.
6. He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
7. An eclipse and earthquake occurred when he died.
8. He was crucified on the eve of the Jewish Passover.
9. His disciples believed He rose from the dead.
10. His disciples were willing to die for their belief.
11. Christianity spread rapidly as far as Rome.
12. His disciples denied the Roman gods and Worshiped Jesus as God.



Luke 19:41-44

⁴¹ ^R And when he drew near and saw the city, ^S he wept over it, ⁴² saying, ^T
"Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now ^U they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For ^V the days will come upon you, when your enemies ^X will set up a barricade around you and ^W surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ ^Y and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And ^Z they will not leave one stone upon another in you, **because you did not know ^A the time of your ^B visitation."**

456 Prophecies Of Messiah Fulfilled by Jesus



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*Dr. Alfred Edersheim, The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah, 1883

Dr. Peter Stoner evaluated the odds of these eight prophecies being fulfilled in one man by chance:

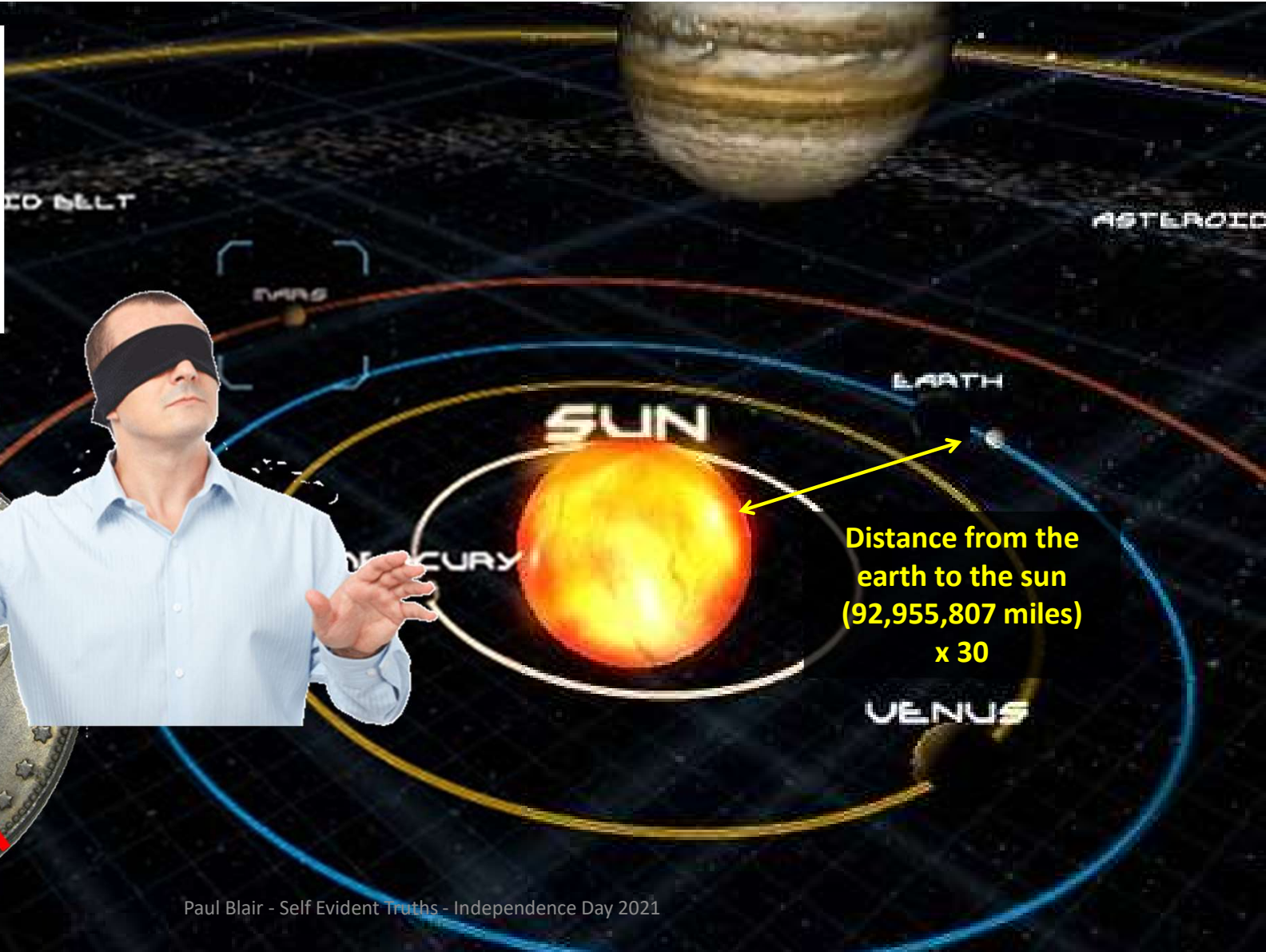
1. Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).
2. A messenger was sent to prepare the way (Malachi 3:1).
3. Made a triumphant entry into Jerusalem as a king riding on a lowly donkey (Zechariah 9:9).
4. Betrayed by a friend that resulted in wounds in the hands (Zechariah 13:6).
5. Price of betrayal was 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12).
6. The blood money was used to buy a potter's field (Zechariah 11:13).
7. Offered no defense at his trial (Isaiah 53:7).
8. His hands and feet were pierced (Psalm 22:16).

Dr. Peter Stoner, *Science Speaks*, 1952



268,601 Square Miles

**What are the odds
Of 16 Prophecies
Accidentally being
Fulfilled by one man?**



Distance from the
earth to the sun
(92,955,807 miles)
x 30

Odds of fulfilling 48 of the prophecies by chance:

- 1 in 10

[illegible]

1 x 10,000 billion, billion,
billion, billion, billion, billion,
billion, billion, billion, billion,
billion, billion, billion, billion,
billion, billion, billion

Universes



We the People

*Done in Convention by the Unanimous
Consent of the States present the Seventeenth
Day of September in the Year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven and
of the Independence of the United States of
America the Twelfth. In Witness whereof We
have hereunto subscribed our Names.*

the United States of America hereto, and
designed by *Charles Sumner*

color

the twenty fourth day of
in the year of our Lord Christ, 1807.

underneath, in the
America dear son George,
Charles Sumner, Secretary
day was September

1807.

Chas. Sumner

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Confucius Tomb

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"HE IS NOT HERE-
FOR HE IS RISEN"

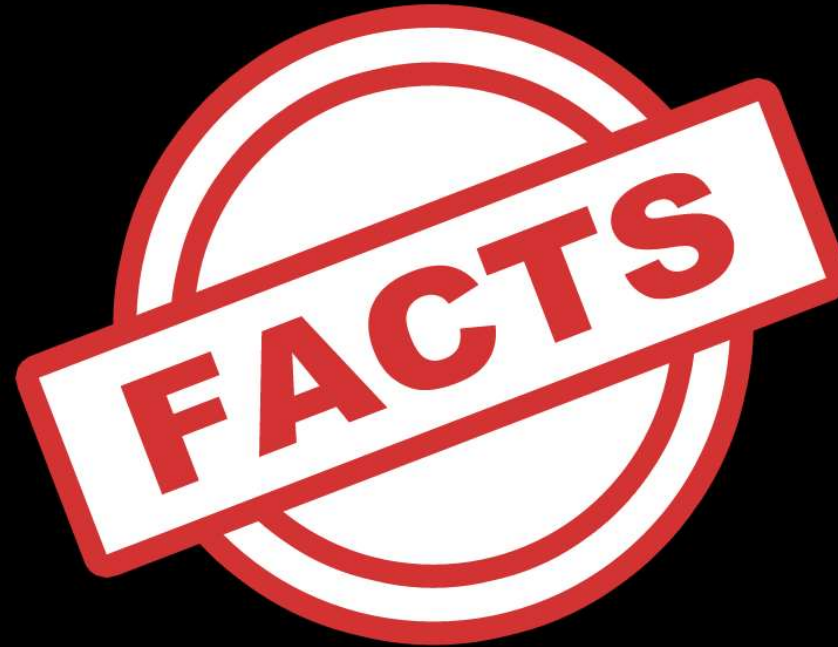
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- Rom 1:4 *And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*



1. Believe about
2. ~~Believe~~-(TRUST) In

James 2:19

¹⁹ Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.



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Ac 26:25-28

Then Agrippa said unto Paul,
I... speak forth the words of truth and
sobriety. For the king knoweth of these
things, before whom also I speak freely: for I
am persuaded that none of these things are
hidden from him; for this thing was not done
in a corner. King Agrippa, believest thou the
prophets? I know that thou believest.

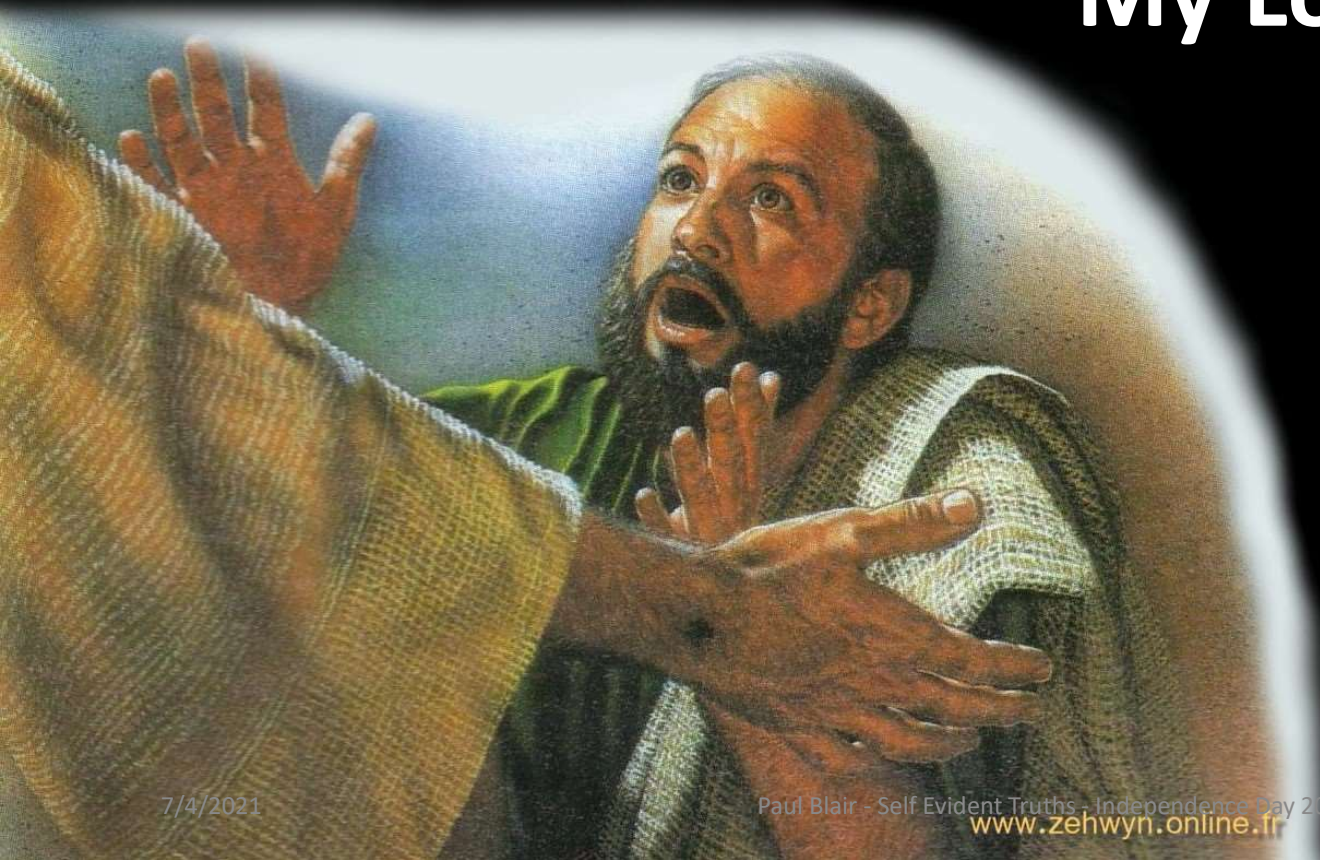


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John 20:28

**And Thomas answered and said unto him,
My Lord and my God.**



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