



COMMON GROUND

CAN SCIENCE AND FAITH EXIST IN THE SAME UNIVERSE?

SCIENCE ANTI-THEISTS

- 1. RELIGION IS A MORAL DANGER.**
- 2. IT CAUSES MORE HARM THAN GOOD.**
- 3. NO THINKING PERSON BELIEVES THIS STUFF.**
- 4. WE ARE "THE BRIGHTS".**

FAITH CONSPIRACY THEORISTS

- 1. SCIENCE IS A CONSPIRACY.**
- 2. OUR READING OF GENESIS 1-2 IS RIGHT.**
- 3. EVOLUTIONARY SCIENCE HAS NO TRUTH.**
- 4. IF YOU DON'T AGREE, TO HELL WITH YOU.**



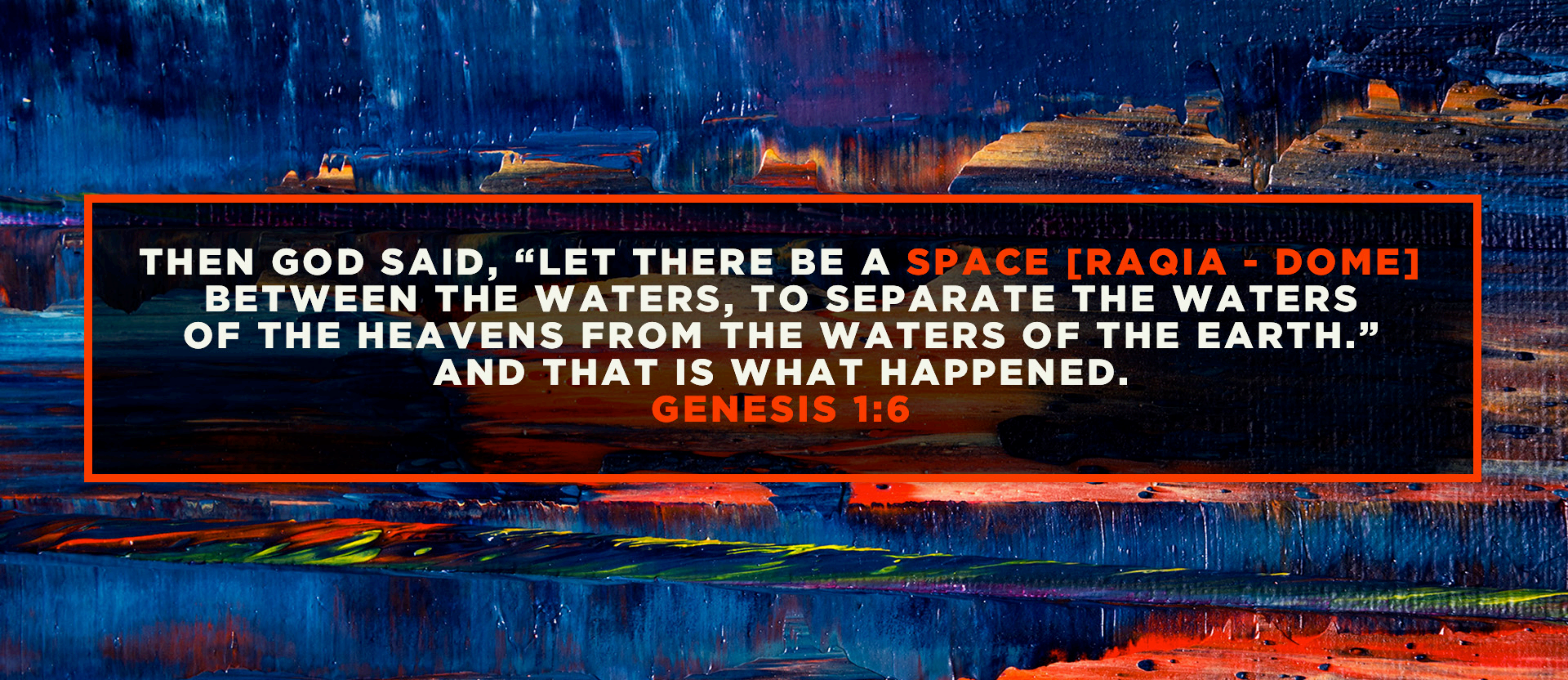
SCIENCE AND RELIGION

YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE.

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- 59% OF AMERICANS BELIEVE SCIENCE OFTEN CONFLICTS WITH RELIGION.**
 - 38% OF AMERICANS BELIEVE SCIENCE MOSTLY CONFLICTS WITH RELIGION.**
 - THIS IS ONE OF THE TOP 3 REASONS YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVE RELIGION.**

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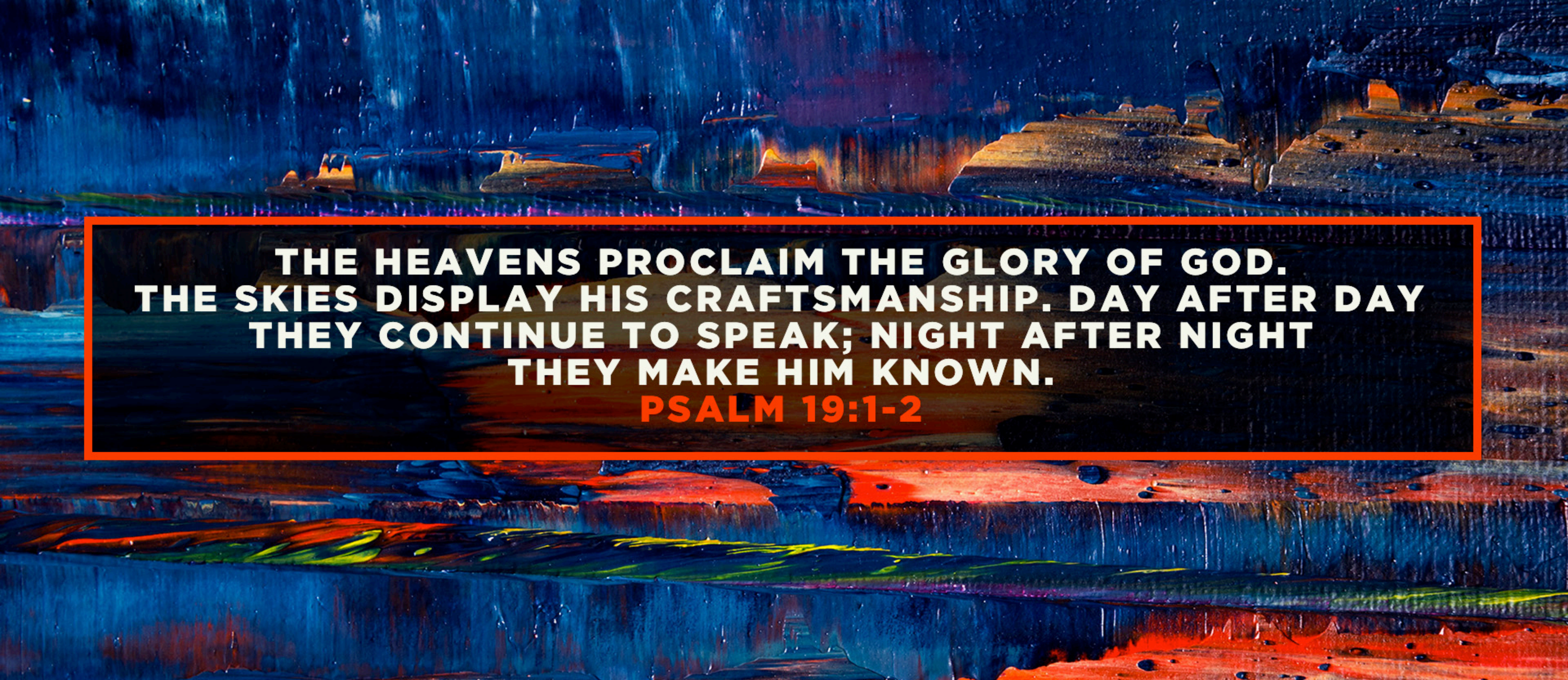
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THEN GOD SAID, "LET THERE BE A **SPACE [RAQIA - DOME]
BETWEEN THE WATERS, TO SEPARATE THE WATERS
OF THE HEAVENS FROM THE WATERS OF THE EARTH."
AND THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED.
GENESIS 1:6**




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2. THE BIBLE IS A STORY ABOUT GOD.

The background is a rich, textured abstract painting. It features deep blues, purples, and blacks, with streaks of orange, red, and yellow light that suggest a sunset or sunrise over a dark, turbulent sea or sky. The brushstrokes are visible, creating a sense of movement and depth. A central rectangular area is highlighted with a bright orange border, containing white text.

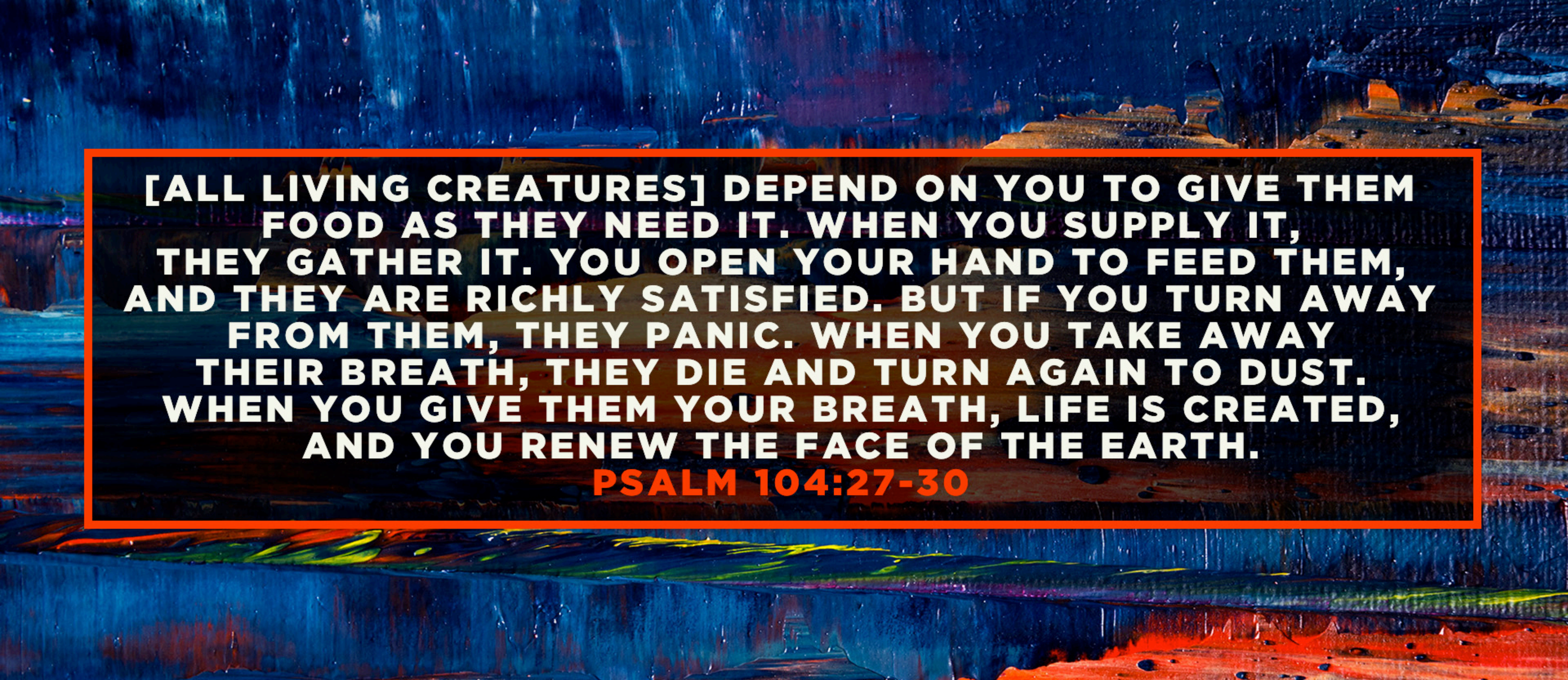
**THE HEAVENS PROCLAIM THE GLORY OF GOD.
THE SKIES DISPLAY HIS CRAFTSMANSHIP. DAY AFTER DAY
THEY CONTINUE TO SPEAK; NIGHT AFTER NIGHT
THEY MAKE HIM KNOWN.**

PSALM 19:1-2



**THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND EVERYTHING IN IT.
THE WORLD AND ALL ITS PEOPLE BELONG TO HIM.
FOR HE LAID THE EARTH'S FOUNDATION ON THE SEAS
AND BUILT IT ON THE OCEAN DEPTHS.**

PSALM 24:1-2



**[ALL LIVING CREATURES] DEPEND ON YOU TO GIVE THEM
FOOD AS THEY NEED IT. WHEN YOU SUPPLY IT,
THEY GATHER IT. YOU OPEN YOUR HAND TO FEED THEM,
AND THEY ARE RICHLY SATISFIED. BUT IF YOU TURN AWAY
FROM THEM, THEY PANIC. WHEN YOU TAKE AWAY
THEIR BREATH, THEY DIE AND TURN AGAIN TO DUST.
WHEN YOU GIVE THEM YOUR BREATH, LIFE IS CREATED,
AND YOU RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.**

PSALM 104:27-30



**SCRIPTURE IS GOD'S INSPIRED WORD LIVING, APPLICABLE,
AND TRANSFORMATIVE TODAY.**

**SCRIPTURE IS A CULTURAL ARTIFACT FROM A DAY
AND TIME NOTHING LIKE OURS.**

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ANCIENT GREEK
FAITH - PISTIS - TRUST

**THE STATE OF BELIEVING ON THE BASIS
OF THE RELIABILITY OF THE ONE TRUSTED.**



**FROM 1901 TO 2000 OVER 60%
OF NOBEL LAUREATES WERE CHRISTIANS.**



“ ‘YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR MIND.’ THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT.


**A SECOND IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT:
‘LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ ”**

MATTHEW 22:37-39

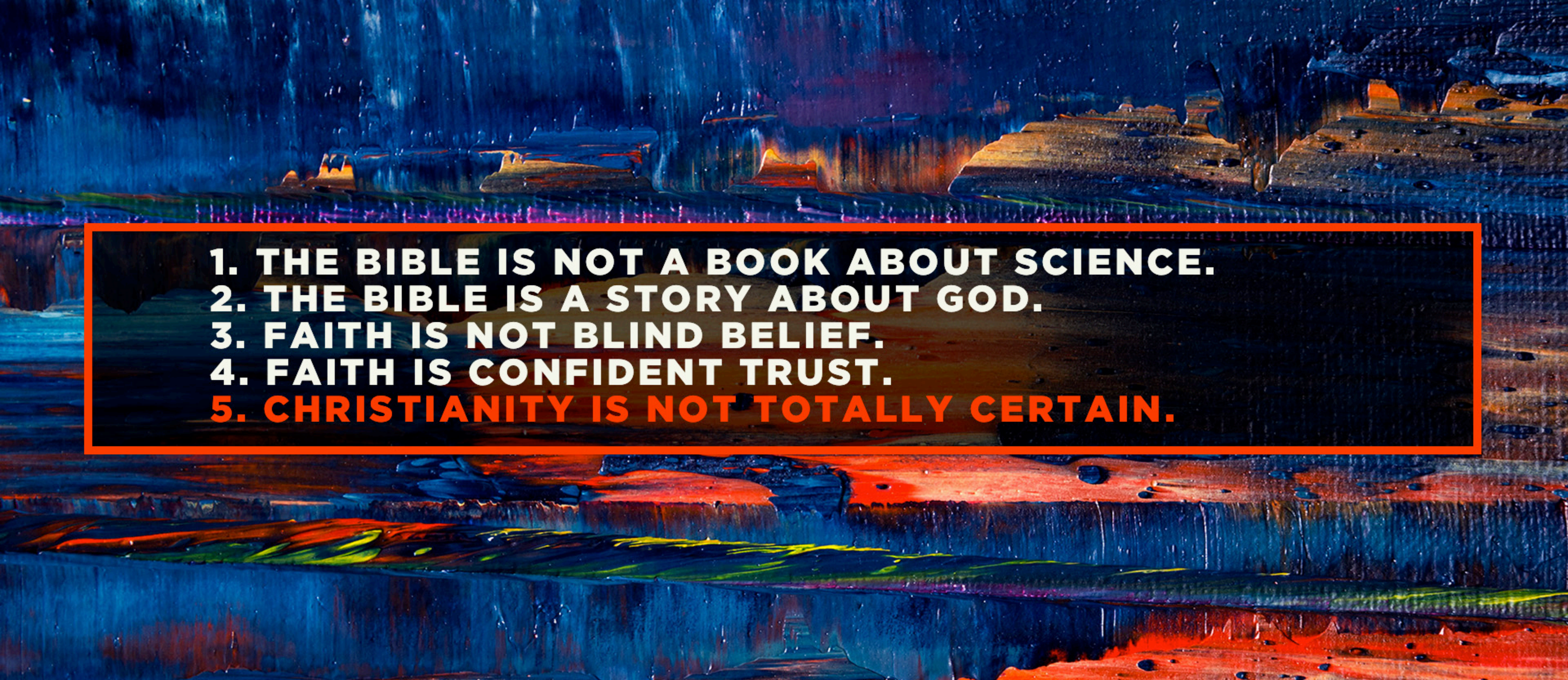


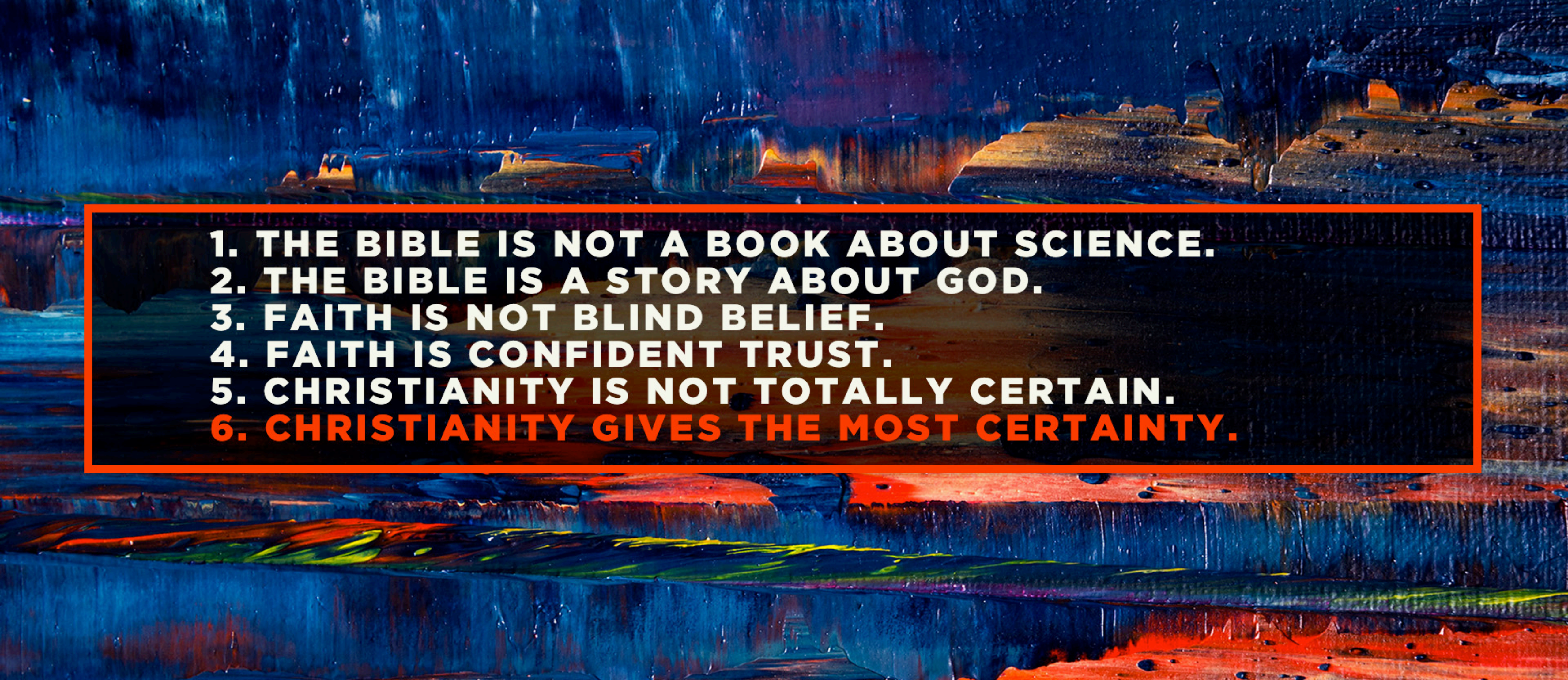
**AND IF SOMEONE ASKS ABOUT YOUR HOPE AS A BELIEVER,
ALWAYS BE READY **TO EXPLAIN** IT. BUT DO THIS IN
A GENTLE AND RESPECTFUL WAY.**

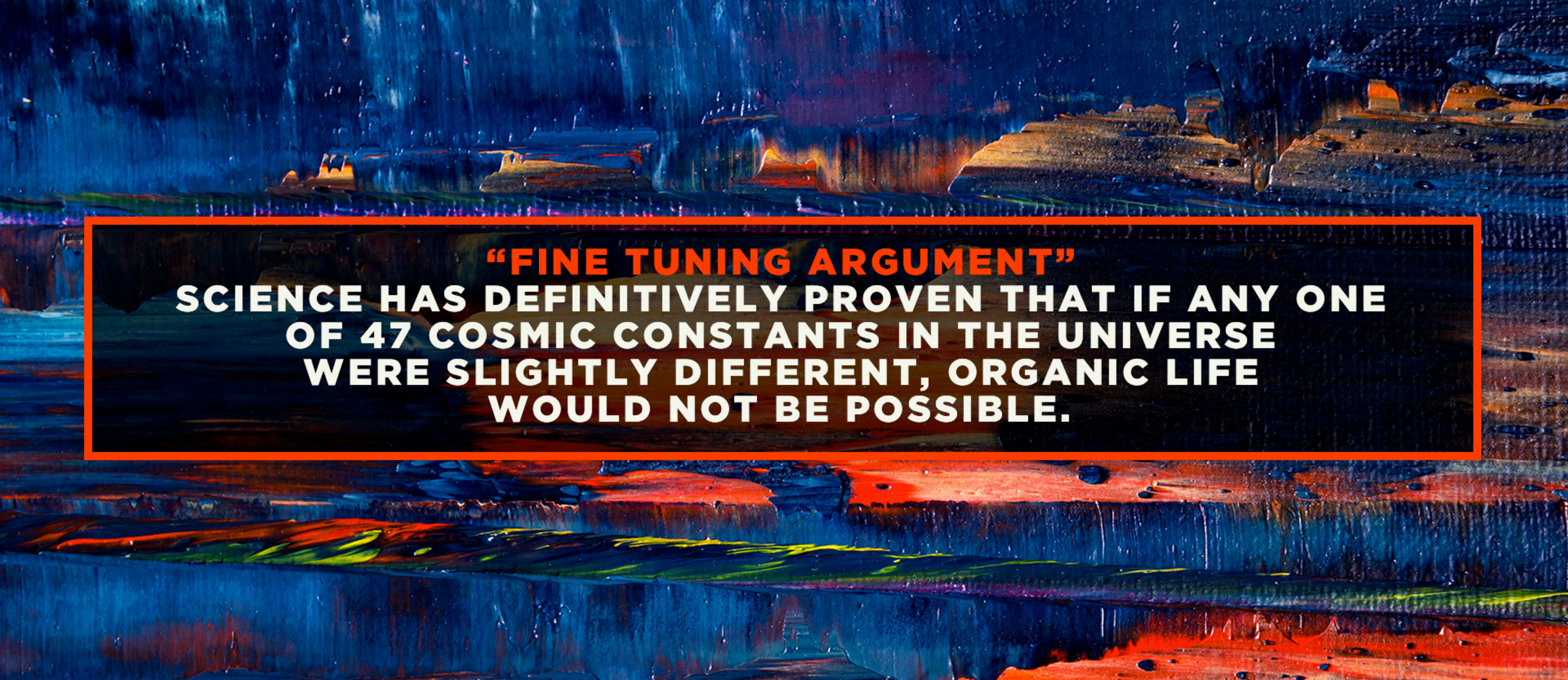
1 PETER 3:15-16



**FOR EVER SINCE THE WORLD WAS CREATED, PEOPLE HAVE
SEEN THE EARTH AND SKY. THROUGH EVERYTHING
GOD MADE, THEY CAN **CLEARLY SEE HIS INVISIBLE QUALITIES**
—HIS ETERNAL POWER AND DIVINE NATURE.
ROMANS 1:20**

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“FINE TUNING ARGUMENT”
**SCIENCE HAS DEFINITELY PROVEN THAT IF ANY ONE
OF 47 COSMIC CONSTANTS IN THE UNIVERSE
WERE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT, ORGANIC LIFE
WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.**



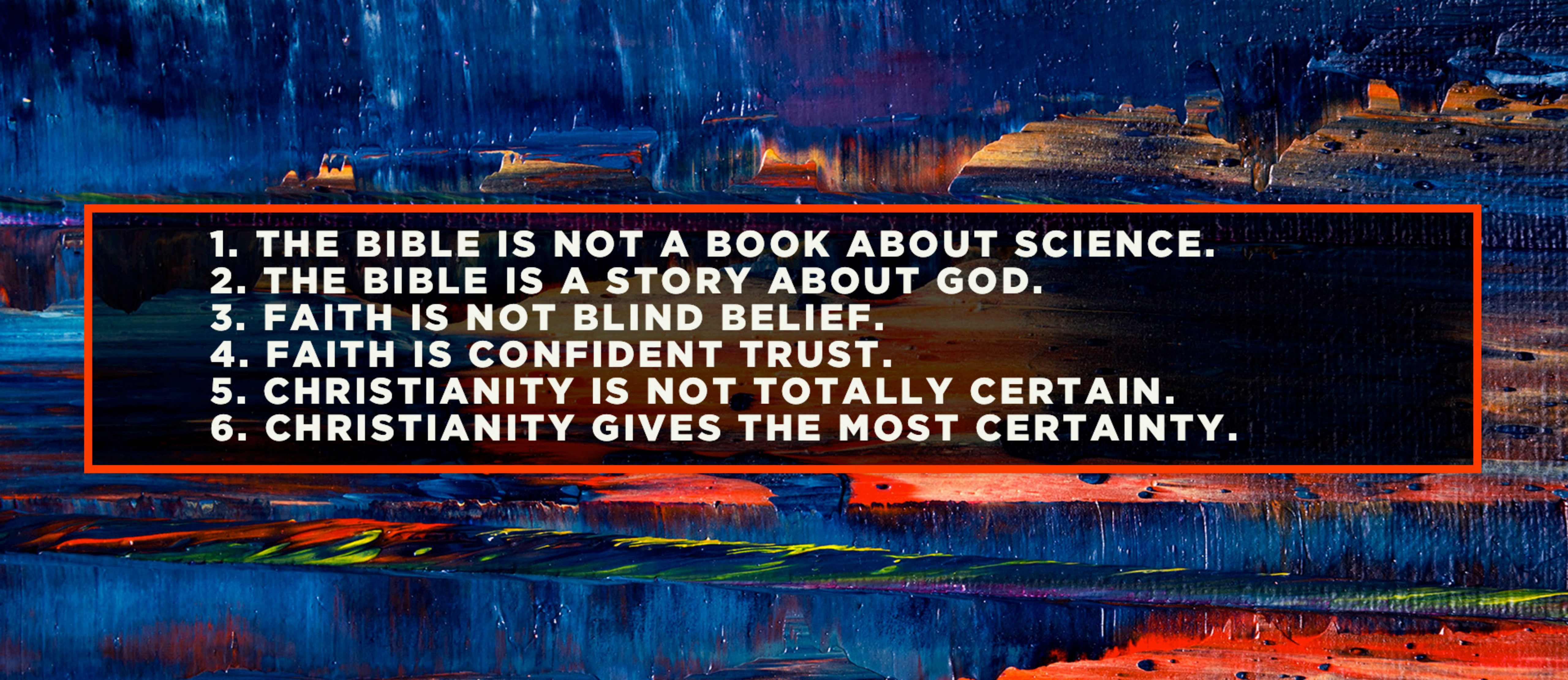
**THE RATIO OF ELECTROMAGNETIC FORCE
TO THE GRAVITATIONAL FORCE CONSTANT**

1 IN 10^{40}



THE CHANCE OF ACCIDENTAL FINE TUNING

1 IN 10^{154}

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LONG AGO GOD SPOKE MANY TIMES AND IN MANY WAYS TO OUR ANCESTORS THROUGH THE PROPHETS. AND NOW IN THESE FINAL DAYS, HE HAS SPOKEN TO US THROUGH HIS SON. GOD PROMISED EVERYTHING TO THE SON AS AN INHERITANCE, AND THROUGH THE SON HE CREATED THE UNIVERSE. THE SON RADIATES GOD'S OWN GLORY AND EXPRESSES THE VERY CHARACTER OF GOD, AND HE SUSTAINS EVERYTHING BY THE MIGHTY POWER OF HIS COMMAND.

HEBREWS 1:1-3

**JOHN LENNOX - OXFORD EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF
MATHEMATICS**

**“HOW CAN WE TEST IT? THINK OF WHAT JESUS PROMISES
TO THOSE WHO REPENT OF THEIR SINS AND TRUST HIM
FOR SALVATION - PEACE WITH GOD, FORGIVENESS,
A NEW LIFE WITH NEW POWERS AND DESIRES
AND OPPORTUNITIES, NEW FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP
WITH GOD, A DEEP LOVE FOR A NEW COMMUNITY
OF CHRISTIANS, NEW AVENUES OF SERVICE, AND POTENTIAL
FOR HUMAN FLOURISHING, AS WELL AS RESOURCES TO COPE
WITH LIFE’S PAIN AND SUFFERING - ALL OF IT FLOODING LIFE
WITH NEW MEANING...”**

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**IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO PUT THAT TO THE TEST. FIRST,
YOU CAN READ THE NEW TESTAMENT AND SEE WHAT EFFECT
THE MESSAGE THAT JESUS AND THE APOSTLES BROUGHT
HAD ON THOSE WHO ENGAGED WITH THEM - TAKING LOVE
TO THE UNLOVED, BRINGING SANITY TO THE MENTALLY
UNSTABLE, HEALTH TO THE DISEASED, NEW HOPE TO
THE HOPELESS AND SALVATION TO THE LOST.
AND WHAT HAPPENED THEN STILL HAPPENS NOW.”**