When a person has no faith and belief in God he substitutes man's wisdom and his own logic into what he thinks about God. You hear things like, "There is no God"; "God is dead"; "There is no heaven or hell"; or we might hear, "There is heaven but I don't believe in Hell". We hear, "I'm not so bad", or "I never killed anyone." I've even heard, "I'm not a sinner" This is an attempt to deny God's justice for man's sinful deeds.

So, we come up with ideas like the Big Bang Theory and the evolution of mankind in an attempt to keep our thoughts off the person of God!

God has some comments of His own to people who think like that, in Romans one: "...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: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools... who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen".

**You see,** God put a unique knowledge of himself into the heart of every man. Every time men look at the universe and God's Creation, he hears in his heart, "There is a God"!

If you will just activate your faith in God, you will believe that all men are sinners. Rom 5:12 says, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

You will understand that there are eternal consequences for our sins. Rom 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death..." this speaks to the spiritual death of our soul. It speaks to eternal death in Hell. Rev 20:14 brings it into focus, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death".

**Do not despair!** The last part of Rom.6:23 speaks to ETERNAL LIFE! It says, "...the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord".

I want you to understand that God doesn't want you to suffer in Hell-Fire! Rom 5:8 says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us". 1Th 5:9-10 explains it for us, "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that... we should live together with him". Jesus was God's sinless Son and He expressed His love to us by dying for us on Calvary, paying the penalty for our sin!

He was buried and on the third day, God raised Him from the dead (1Cor. 15:1-4; Eph. 1:20). This proves He can give us Eternal Life! If you by faith believe that, you will go to heaven when you die! (Gal. 2:16). Won't you believe it?

# Christianity is just a BUNCH of Unbelievable Concepts



### **Unbelievable Concepts?**

- The infallibility of Scripture
- The Creation Account
- A talking serpent and a talking donkey
- Noah's Flood
- The Exodus
- God stopping the sun for Joshua

#### The Fundamentals...

- The Virgin Birth
- The deity of Christ and His sinlessness.
- The sinful fall of mankind in Adam
- The concept of Heaven or Hell for mankind
- Mans need of salvation
- God died for our sins on Calvary
- The teaching of the bodily resurrection of Christ and of those who follow Him
- A thing called the Rapture
- Christ's ascension and return to earth
- The millennial reign of Christ on earth

### Why would you say such a thing?

## Well, because it is true, those things are unbelievable! Take Creation for example.

The idea that a god being, created our vast universe with his hands and fingers as taught in the Bible is unbelievable! (Ps.8:3; 102:25) Not only that, but He did it all in seven days! If we were able to travel at the speed of light, Space.com says it would take 200,000 years to cross the Milky Way! Yes, the Creation account is hard to believe!

#### Talking snake? Well, one is found in Genesis 1.

You might expect to find a talking snake in a fairy tale. It reminds you of a story in Aesop's fables. Isn't it absurd to consider this passage as true? It sounds like the stuff of fiction and fable! All the above can be found on the first page of the Bible. If these are true, perhaps the rest of the Bible is a fairy tale! You can find a talking donkey in Numbers chapter 22.

Oh, yea, and the whole world was covered by a flood, and a guy named Noah built a wooden boat and saved himself and all the animals of the earth. Do you believe that? Makes a cute kid's story!

Here is another unbelievable account. The Bible says God made the sun stand still for almost a day enabling Joshua to win a battle (Josh. 10:13). More stuff of fables.

How about the founding doctrine of Christianity like the Virgin Birth?

Really? Are you going to insist that a woman called Mary had a baby without knowing a man sexually? What? No wonder that atheists think Christians are crazy! Some would say, "You guys will believe anything".

### What about the so-called infallibility of Scripture?

The scripture is completely without error and trustworthy, really? You want me to believe a book that was written by 38 different people and is a compilation of 66 books written through 1500 years is error-free and trustworthy? Hard to believe.

These are just some of the **Unbelievable** stories and concepts in the Bible. Space does not allow me to outline the rest. We haven't even talked about Christ claiming to be God. Or His miracles and teachings. His sacrificial death for all of mankind's sins.

I wasn't even born yet! He never knew me, and you want me to believe He died for my sins? We haven't talked about His resurrection and promise of resurrection to believers! Can't you see, resurrection sounds like the stuff of fairy tales!

#### What it comes down to is a thing called FAITH.

Creationists and the evolutionist both have faith. The Creationist's faith allows him to believe an all-powerful God did indeed create the universe. Believe it or not, the Evolutionist has faith also. He places it in an unproven THEORY called Darwinism. They both have faith.

Have you ever seen an atom? Most of us have not. However, we have faith and believe they exist. Similarly, I have not seen God but I have faith and believe He exists. In light of this, we realize that faith strongly influences our belief system.

### I hope you understand, it is <u>what</u> you have faith in that makes the difference

The Apostle Paul tells us that our "faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." (1Cor.2:5) Therefore, we see that we can have faith in men and their wisdom or place our faith in God and His power.

Faith in men? As I write this, we are going through the COVID-19 pandemic. If one were searching for examples of the failure of man's wisdom, he would not have to look much farther then how he handled this epidemic.

However when one places His faith in God all of the teachings and concepts listed in the introduction come together like a fine Swiss Watch. When you place your faith in God It becomes very easy to believe that there is a God big enough, wise enough, and powerful enough to create a World and Universe as expansive as ours. It also becomes easy to believe in other spiritual issues and attributes of God upon which man in his wisdom casts doubt.