

**Studying God** *part 1*  
***Worldviews & The Existence of God***



**1. The Varied Ways Reality is Perceived**

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**2. Biblical Theism & Perceptible Reality**

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# ***1. The Varied Ways Reality is Perceived***

## **A. Consider Life's Fundamental Questions**

**“Worldview”**

***“a set of foundational beliefs  
that determine how one  
interprets reality”***





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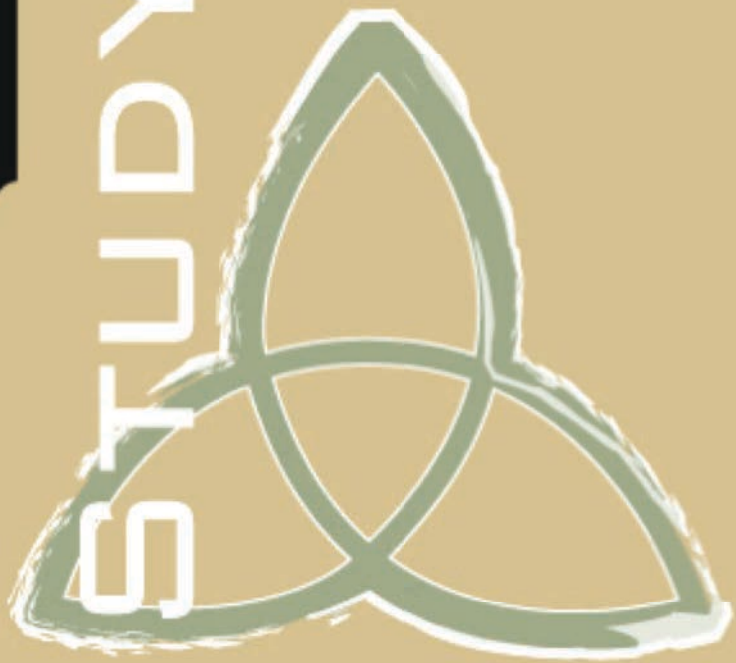
## **B. The Basics of a Biblical Worldview**

- 1) There is a God***
- 2) God has Revealed Himself***
- 3) Our Problem is Sin***
- 4) God Came to Earth to Solve our Problem***
- 5) God Calls Everyone to Repent***
- 6) God Will Judge the Unrepentant***



# ***1. The Varied Ways Reality is Perceived***

## **C. A Spectrum of Worldviews**



**1 Atheism** = "there is no God"

**Matthew 7:21-23**

**2 Corinthians 5:15**

*And he died for all, that those who  
live should no longer live for  
themselves but for him who died  
for them and was raised again.*

*Away from me, you evildoers!*

**Reality  
Interpreted  
Without  
God**

**Reality  
Interpreted  
With  
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**Ps.14:1-2**

**Col.1:16-17**

**Rom.1:18-20**

**Heb.1:1-2**

**Is.40:22**

**Is.44:6-7**

**Mt.7:21-23**

**2Cor.5:15**



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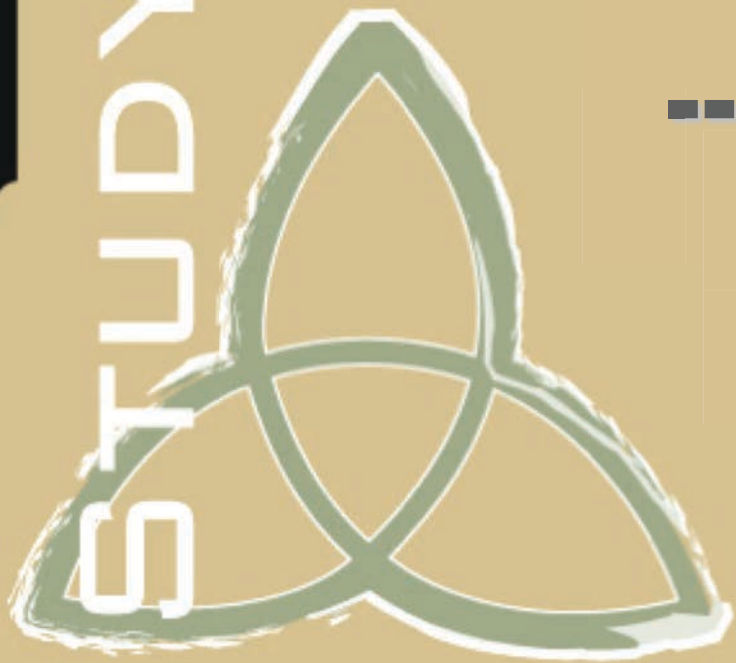
### A. A “Cause” Who Explains the “Effect”

Cosmological Observations (not argument)

“*kosmos*” = World / Universe / Created Things

- **Hebrews 3:3-4**

- The Bible demonstrates 86 examples of divine “cause & effect” (something out of nothing)





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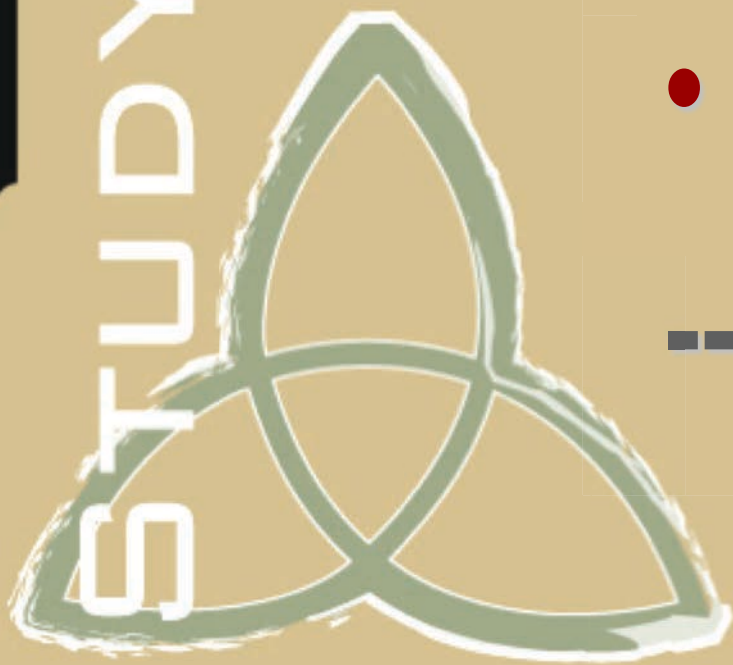
### B. A “Designer” Who Explains “Design”

#### Teleological Observations

“*teleios*” = Perfect / “Just Right”

- Psalm 19:1-6

-- Beware a “God of the Gaps”

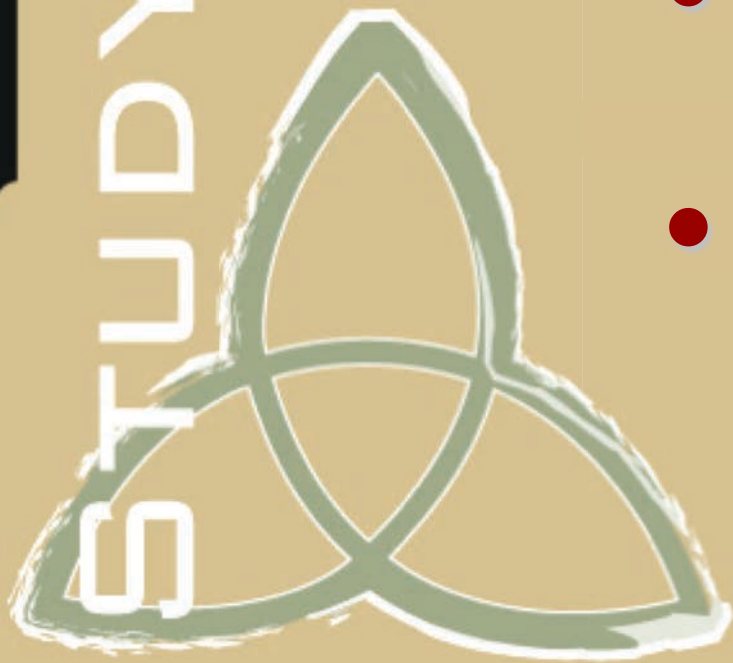


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### **C. An All-Knowing Author Who Explains the Bible**

#### **Prophetic / Scriptural Observations**

- **Psalm 19:7-11**
- **Isaiah 44:6-7**

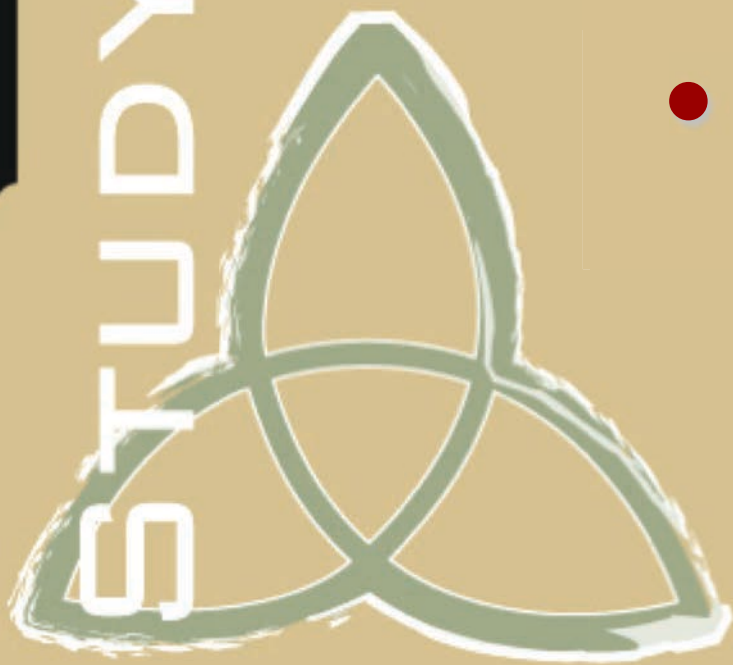


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### **D. A Lawgiver Who Explains Morality**

#### **Moral Observations**

- **Psalm 19:12-14**
- **Romans 2:1-2, 14-16**



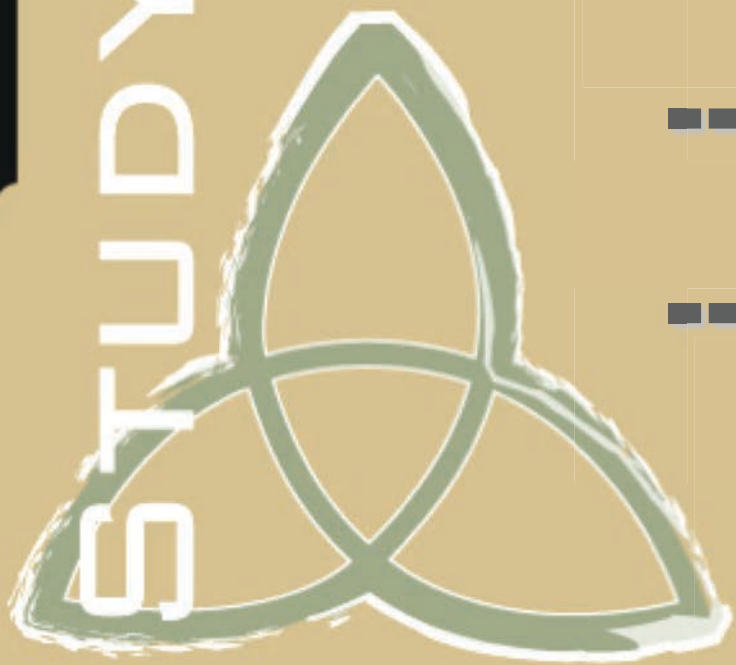


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### E. A God Who Explains the God Concept

#### 1) Anthropological Observations (Observations of Intuition)

- **Atheism only about 10% in USA**
  - 50% of Atheists believe in Heaven & Hell
  - 13% of Atheists believe that “accepting Christ” will secure them heaven





## ***2. Biblical Theism & Perceptible Reality***

- 1) It is possible an absolutely perfect being exists**
- 2) If possible, then it exists in some possible world**
- 3) If in some possible world, then in every world**
- 4) If in every possible world, then in the actual world**
- 5) Therefore God exists in the actual world**

***\* In Short:***

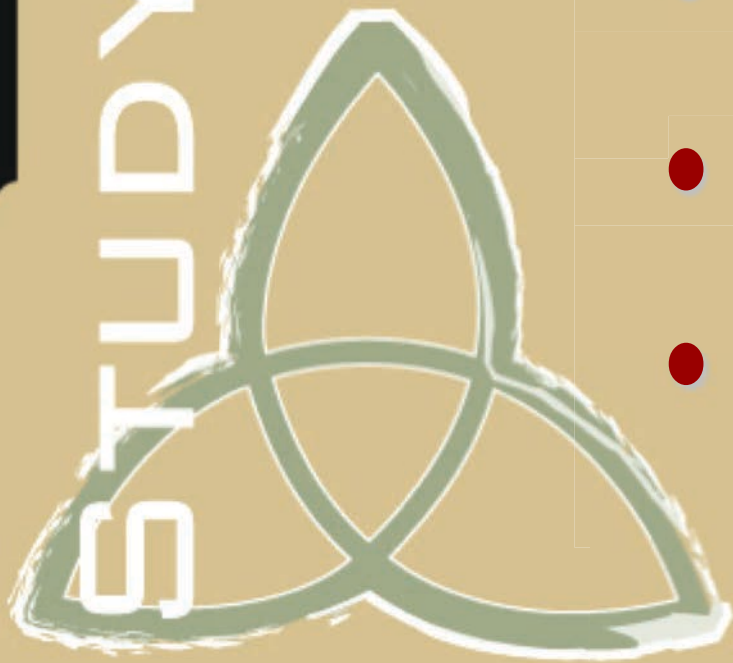
- 1) We can conceive of a perfect being**
- 2) Existence is a necessary part of such a being**
- 3) A perfect being exists**

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### **F. A Supreme Being Who Explains the Supernatural**

#### **Historical Observations**

- **John 10:37-38**
- **Hebrews 2:3-4**
- **The Resurrection of Christ**

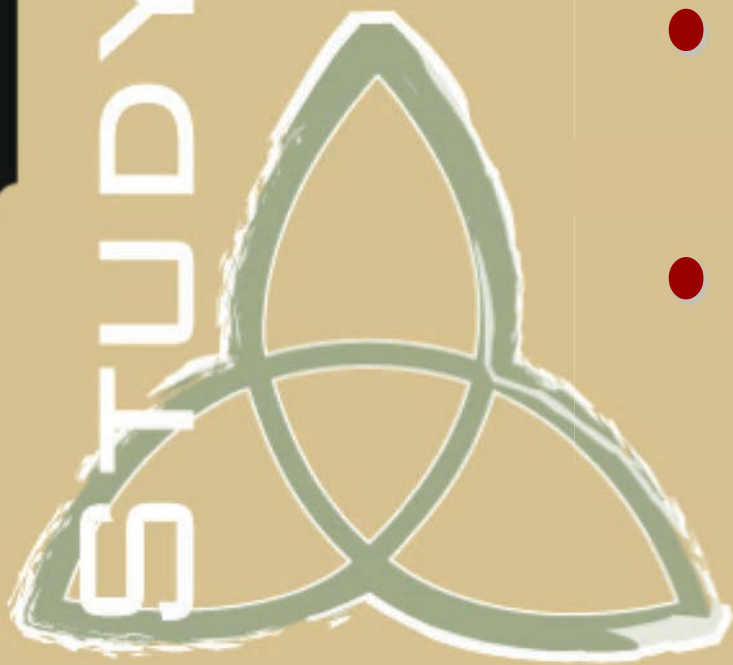


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### **G. A Present God Who Explains My Experience**

#### **Experiential Observations**

- **Psalm 46:1**
- **2 Chronicles 15:1-4**

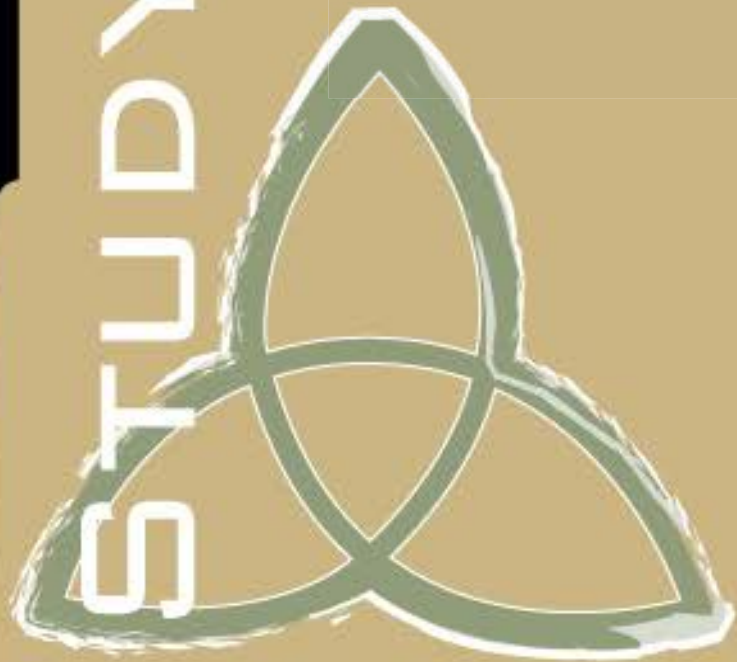




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