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The True and Faithful Witness

“He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true” (Jn. 3:33).

In a simplified courtroom there are two main types of evidence presented to decide a verdict: EYE-WITNESS TESTIMONY and PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

In each life, God delivers His eye-witness testimony of what is true concerning Himself, yourself, and everything. This is His Word. *“The word of the Lord is tried”* (Ps. 18:30b) and *“the testimony of the Lord is sure”* (Ps. 19:7b). He has reserved His testimony to what is most important and relevant to man.

Similarly, God created the physical universe, yet our interpretation of the physical evidence regarding the question of God, our nature, the universe, and everything is problematic because the evidence is circumstantial (indirect, inferred, unprovable). Even so, in the physical evidence, God *“did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness”* (Acts 14:16-17), for *“that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them”* (Rom. 1:19). Yet, God has allowed people to come to their own conclusions regarding His physical evidence to highlight the personal prejudice of their hearts, for they rely on faith in these conclusions, just as conclusions based on testimony reveal faith (or lack of faith) in the witness. God has ensured that everyone MUST live by faith in something and that this faith will come to light and be judged in the end.

Believers have faith in God’s testimony, while false religions believe the testimony of false witnesses (Is. 43:9-10). Atheists put their faith in their interpretation of circumstantial physical evidence to “undermine” the testi-

mony of God, while creationists interpret the same physical evidence in support of the eye-witness testimony of God.

In this courtroom of the human heart, where man seeks to determine *“good and evil”* (Gen. 3:5b) for himself, Jesus is *“the faithful and true Witness”* (Rev. 3:14b) about good and evil, God, man—everything. But man rejects His testimony, saying, *“You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true”* (Jn. 8:14a). Jesus replies that the testimony of a truthful witness does not need “evidence” to be true, and it remains true regardless of whether anyone believes: *“My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going”* (Jn. 8:14b). *“He who comes from heaven is above all. What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony”* (Jn. 3:31b-32). Jesus said that if you don’t believe God’s witness today, not even the testimony of the dead who have been to the other side will convince you (Lk. 16:27-31).

While the world likes to try and put God on trial, the reality is that *they* are actually on trial before God. Just as Jesus is a witness to man of God’s nature, He is also a witness to God of man’s nature. Today, the world puts Jesus on trial, yet He will judge the world. God will *“rise up as a witness”* (Zeph. 3:8) and *“a righteous judge”* (Ps. 7:11) against each and every man for their acceptance or rejection of the testimony of Jesus Christ.

If you put your faith in Jesus’ testimony you will be judged righteous because His righteous work covers your unrighteousness deeds in the eyes of God. But if you reject His testimony and His work for you, then there is nothing left for you but to be judged on the merits of your own deeds, which can never measure up to God’s standard—you will bear your guilt unaided by Him and be separated from the life of God. God WILL have the last Word, and it is *“the Amen”* (Rev. 3:14)—Jesus Christ.

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