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### Man's Circumstantial "Evidence"

**"Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge" (Psalm 51:4).**

Every trial's verdict depends on the faith men put in the evidence presented, whether witness testimony or physical evidence. What men decide reveals where they have put their faith—it is a revelation of the inner nature of the heart, *"the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"* (Heb. 11:1). So, you either have faith in the Word of God, or you reject it and believe something else.

Concerning the nature of God, man, and reality we have direct evidence in the eye-witness testimony of God Himself in His Word, but only circumstantial physical evidence in nature. Both witness testimony and circumstantial evidence require faith to come to a decision, so no one can prove or disprove the nature of God's reality with testimony or physical evidence—it is a matter of faith.

No one claiming to be an unbiased "truth-seeker" can build a case on circumstantial evidence because it requires prejudice to interpret—by faith in certain assumptions, which reveal one's bias. A truth-seeker **MUST** come to the conclusion that no unbiased decision can be made with circumstantial evidence. In these situations, everything rests on the direct evidence of the testimony of the witnesses concerning the things to which they testify.

But rather than focus on *the* focus of God's testimony of His Word, atheists and evolutionists build their arguments on circumstantial evidence to try and undermine God as a witness concerning things that are not even central to His testimony. For example, they focus their attack on God's account of creation, which is not the focus of His Word, but estab-

lishes He is above all things. God's Word is not a manual on creation—this is not its point. The point of God's Word is to express God's nature above His creation, man's fallen nature of sin and death, man's need for salvation from his nature, God's provision of a savior to save man from his nature, and the consequences of rejecting this salvation. God's testimony is **EARNEST** on what matters most for man—salvation from death and eternal punishment.

Yet atheists would ignore this to focus on the trivial. Why? Because in their hearts, they have already rejected God's testimony concerning His righteousness, man's unrighteousness, and God's requirements of man because they don't like what He requires of them. So, they seek to discredit His testimony in the eyes of the world by twisting circumstantial evidence to appear to oppose the testimony of God, concerning things that they cannot actually prove or disprove.

The world is putting on a show-trial to convince people to reject God's testimony. Yet in the process, they are actually rejecting His Salvation and now must face judgment without Christ as an advocate. God will judge the wicked by the motives of their hearts, for God *"will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness"* (2 Thess. 2:11-12), *"because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved"* (2 Thess. 2:10b). While claiming to be impartial, these men already had decided to reject God's truth. It is man's dislike of God's truth and their love of wickedness that makes them believe what is false.

Therefore, God's judgment is blameless, for it is man that has sinned against Him. And God's testimony to us of His righteousness, love, and mercy is absolutely justified if we are to be saved from this judgment. Amen.

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