

UNIT 5 THEOLOGY


Review for Unit Test

APOLOGETICS

- Involves an explanation of what we believe and why we believe it
- Content and methods used by the Holy Spirit to contribute to discipleship and mobilization of believers and the evangelization of non-believers so that Jesus Christ is exalted and the Kingdom of God expanded.



THEOLOGY

- Theology is the study of god
 - Theology seeks to answer the question, “How did I and everything else get here?”
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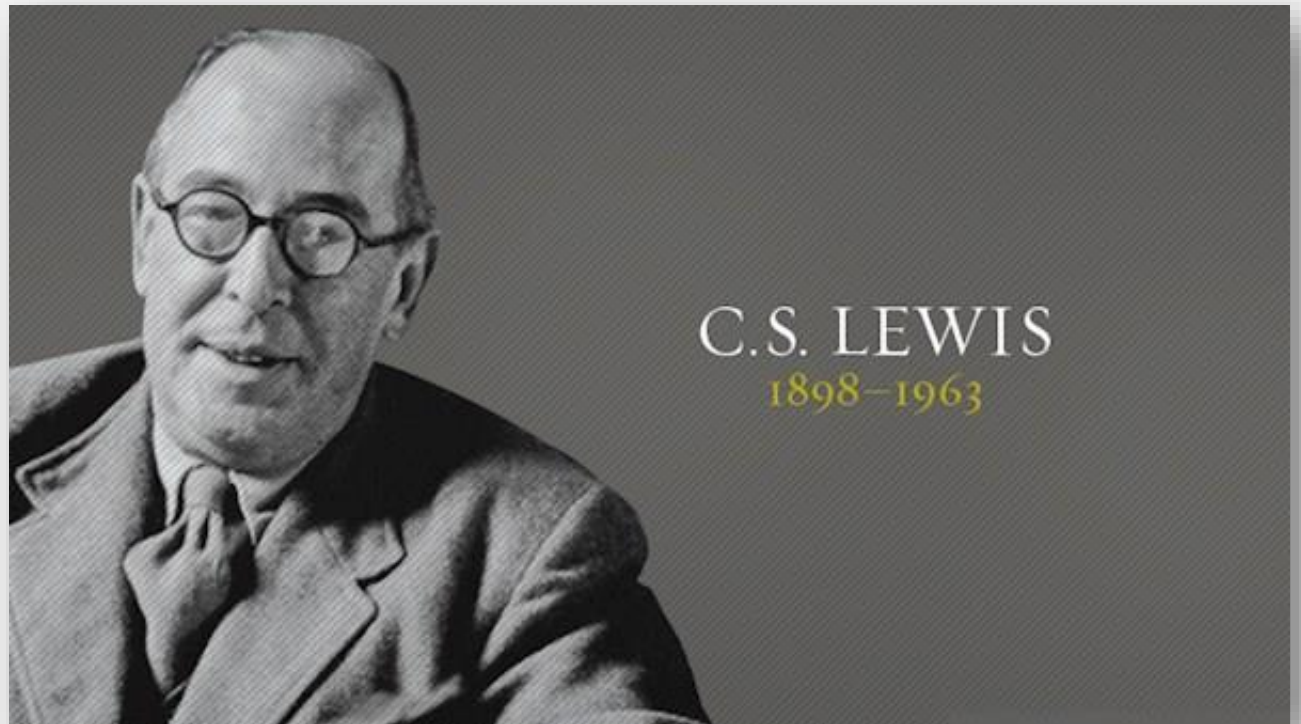
THOMAS AQUINAS

Believed our
understanding of god
enabled us to
understand everything
else.



C.S. LEWIS

“There are three possibilities about god.”



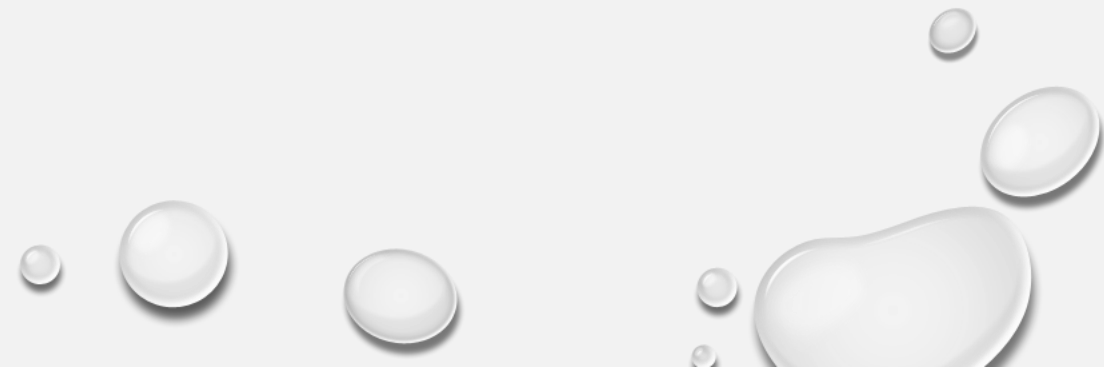
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- Theism: a personal god exists independent of the universe



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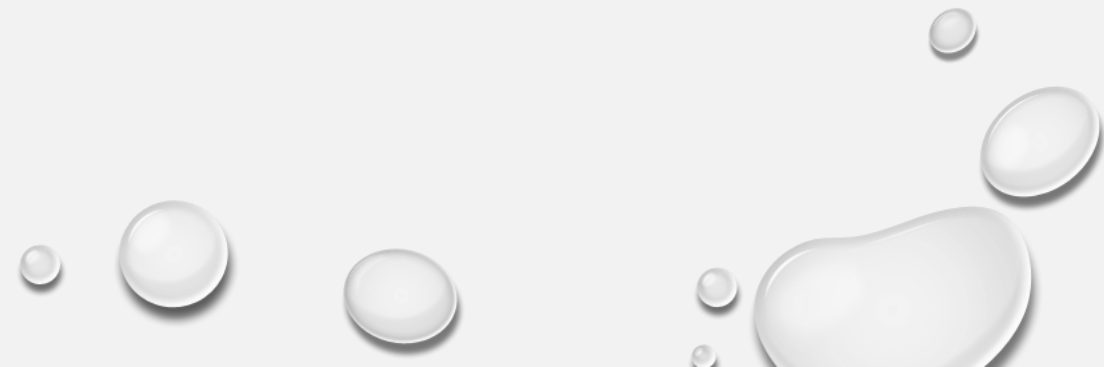
- Pantheism: god is impersonal and identical to the universe





THEOLOGY

- Atheism: god does not exist





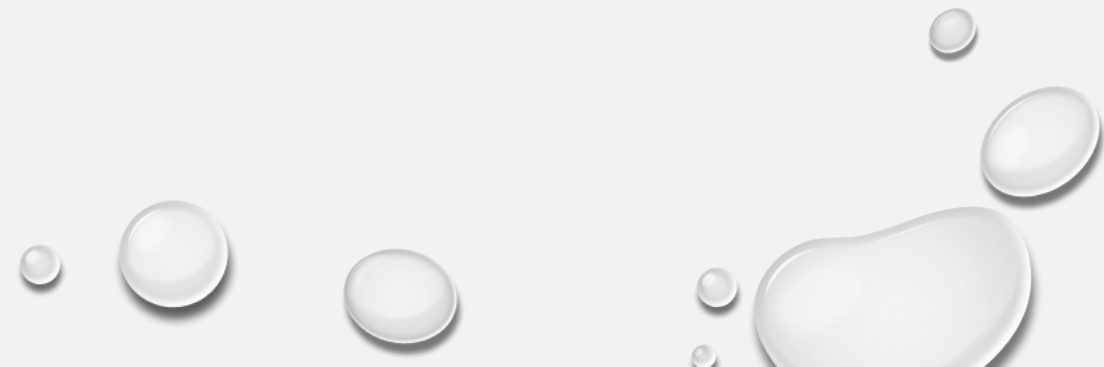
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- Polytheism: there are many gods
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THEOLOGY

- Panentheism: god is in everything



THE BIG 5 QUESTIONS ASKED

- Does truth exist?
- Is God real?
- Is the Bible trustworthy?
- Was Jesus authentic?
- Why is there pain and suffering?

WHAT IS GENERAL REVELATION?

- God revealing Himself through nature (creation and conscience)
- Psalm 19:1 “The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies above proclaim His handiwork.”

WHAT IS SPECIAL REVELATION?

- God revealing Himself through Scripture and Savior

CHRISTIANITY

- We were created by the transcendent God in His image
- God is transcendent and immanent; God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit

ISLAM

- We were created by the transcendent God as slaves of Allah
- God is transcendent but they reject the Trinity; Jesus was a prophet but not the Son of God

SECULARISM

- Evolved through molecules to man evolution
- There is nothing higher than man; God does not exist

POSTMODERNISM

- We can't know how we got here
- Atheists by consequence; God is a socially constructed meta-narrative, therefore they can't trust that He is real

NEW SPIRITUALITY


- We and creation have always been
- God is a word used to describe the spiritual energy as the source of all things “consciousness”

MARXISM

- We evolved; specifically punctuated equilibrium
- God is an enemy to a scientific, socialist, and materialistic outlook on life

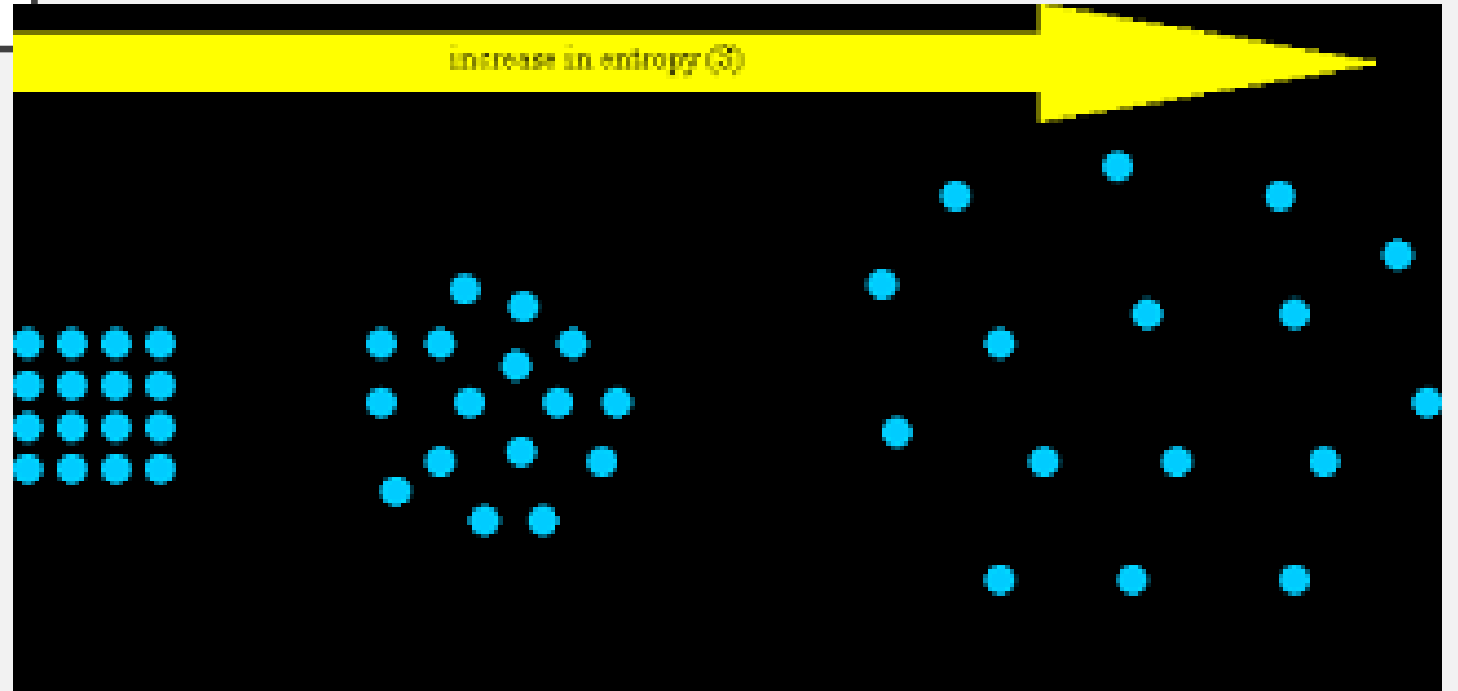


2ND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

- The amount of usable energy in a closed system will decrease over time
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2ND LAW

Anything that is organized tends, with time, to become disorganized







SPONTANEOUS GENERATION

- The idea that life was spontaneously generated through chance circumstances
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SPONTANEOUS

This has not been
observed; only
speculated

God as creator is the
only explanation





GENETIC INFORMATION THEORY

- Genetics indicates the presence of information of design
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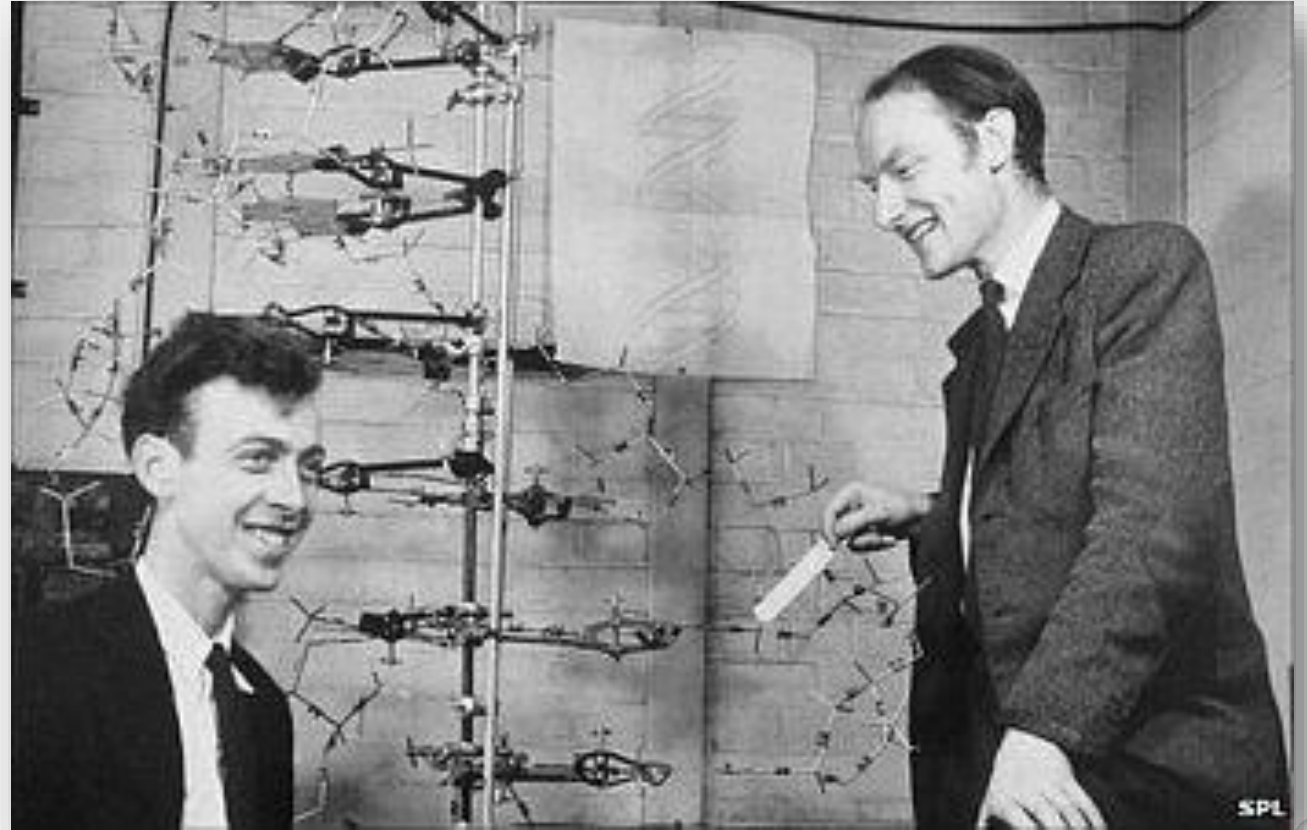
GENETIC INFO.

Information is the
hallmark of a creator



GENETIC INFO.

Dr. James Watson and Dr. Francis Crick were the discoverers of DNA.



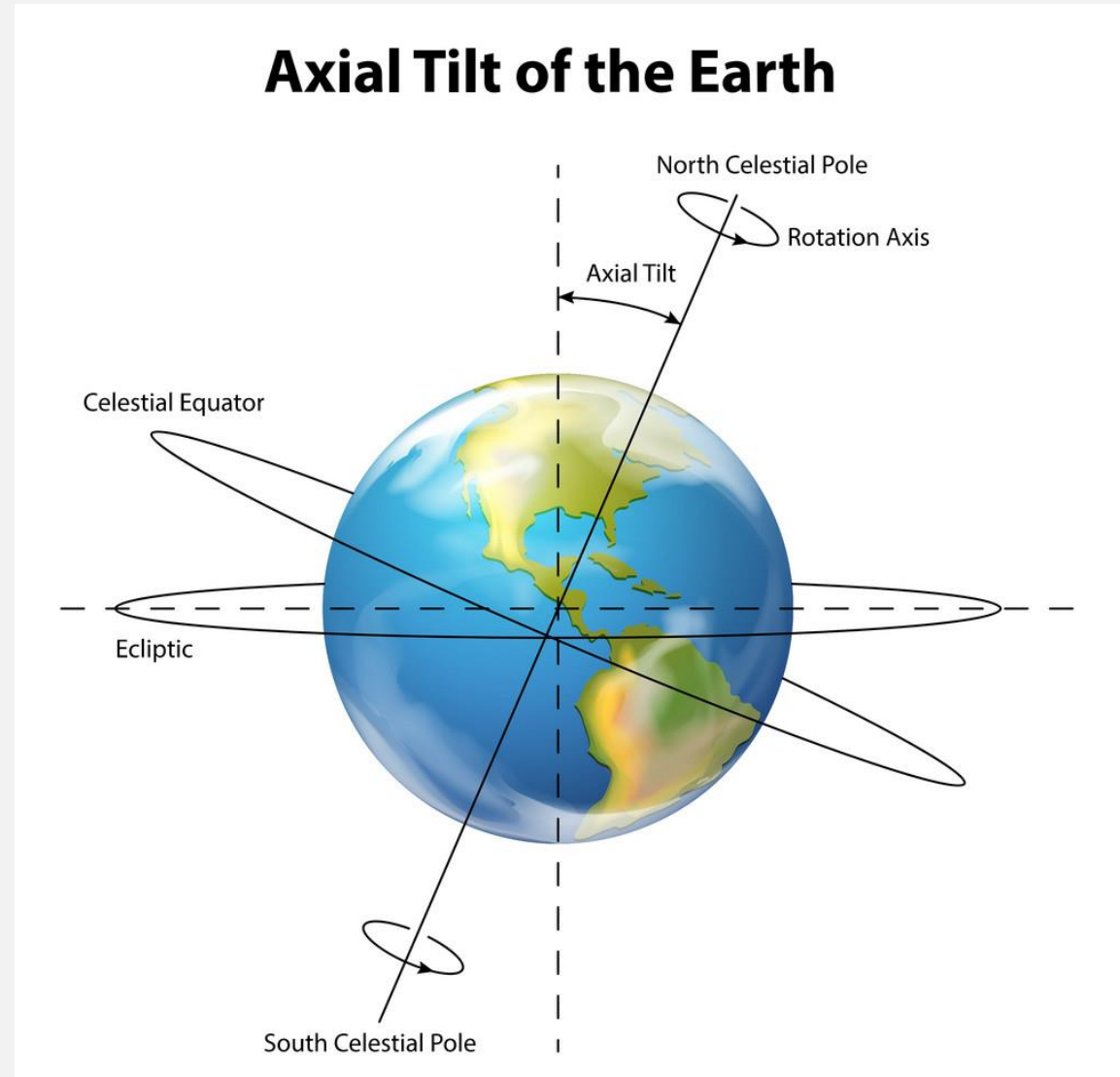


ANTHROPIC PRINCIPLE

- The universe was designed for man to live in it
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Oxygen content of
the earth

Tilt of the earth



Temperature of the
earth

Gravitational pull

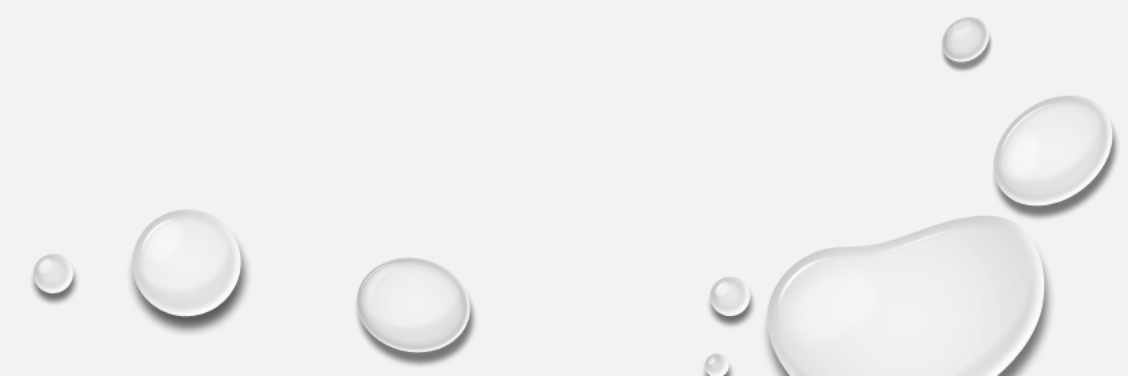


GOD IS POWERFUL

- **Heb 1:10** And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;



GOD IS POWERFUL

- **Rom 8:28** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.
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GOD IS POWERFUL

- God demonstrates his power by creating the world and moving the world to its purposeful end
- God has a plan for the world and nothing takes him by surprise

GOD IS POWERFUL

- He shows his power by a plan in which human responsibility and human choice are key components

GOD IS SELF-DETERMINING

- He is sovereign regarding his will; he has all authority
- Nebuchadnezzar; Daniel 4:28-37

GOD IS HOLY

- The Hebrew word for holy means, “set apart, sacred”
- God’s nature is pure and free from evil

GOD IS HOLY

- God's nature is right and he is knowable; humans can understand rightness
- God is a judge of people because he is holy

GOD IS PATIENT

- God is holy, but he knows we are not holy; so he is patient with us

GOD IS PATIENT

- **2Peter 3:8** But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

GOD IS PATIENT

- **2Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

GOD IS LOVE

- **1 John 4:8** Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

GOD IS LOVE

- Love seeks good for the person or object that is loved
- Love and justice go hand in hand

CHRISTIANITY

- Isaiah 44:6 *this is what the Lord, the king of Israel and its redeemer, the Lord of hosts says, “I am the first and I am the last. There is no God but me.”*

CHRISTIANITY

- Matthew 16:16 *Simon Peter answered, “you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God”*

CHRISTIANITY

- Exodus 3:14 *God replied to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I am has sent me to you.”*

CHRISTIANITY

- Genesis 6:6 *the Lord regretted He had made man on earth, and He was grieved in his heart*

CHRISTIANITY

- Deuteronomy 1:37 *the Lord was angry with me also because of you and said: You will not enter here either.*

CHRISTIANITY

- Psalm 111:4 *He has caused His wonderful works to be remembered. The Lord is gracious and compassionate.*

CHRISTIANITY

- Genesis 1:4 *God saw that the light was good and God separated the light from the darkness*