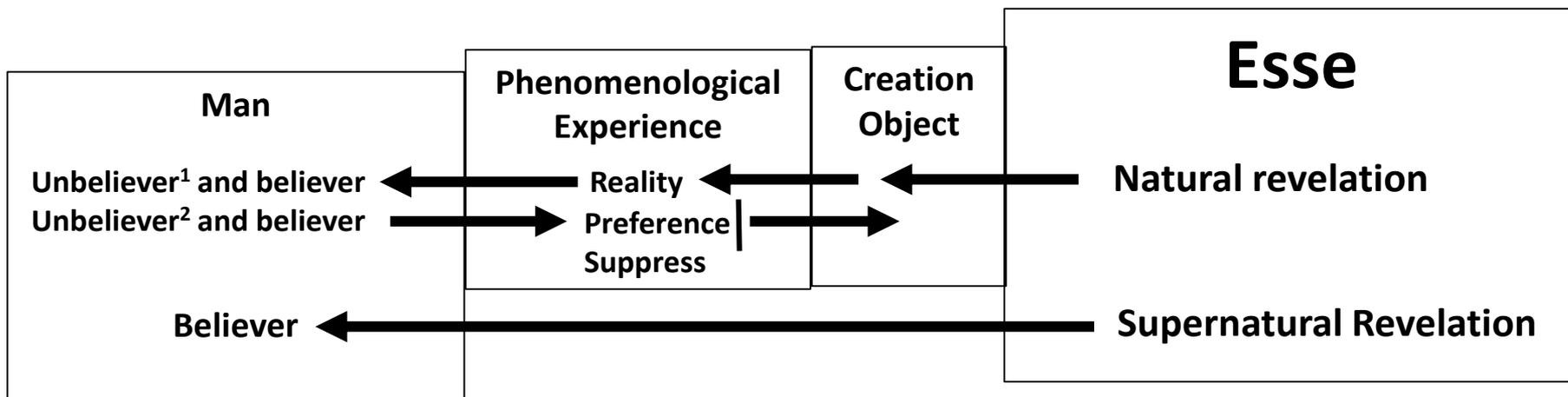


1. There is no Christianity without the resurrection of Jesus, 1 Cor. 15:3-26.
2. Christianity is *not* an essentially an ethical system based on loving God with all of one's heart, soul, and mind and one's neighbor as oneself.
3. Protestantism alone is all about the Book.
4. The Protestant fallacy with regard to other "inscripturated" religions.

1. Modern worship has been redefined and redirected away from the Word of God.
2. Modern Christian views of the “spiritual life” are now predominantly phenomenological.
3. Modern Christianity’s approach to God and reality as such has become anti-intellectual.



1-Every tribe in the world started with monotheism and strong morality. This has been uncovered from the earliest settlements in the Arctic, North America, South America, Central America, Mexico, Peru, China, Africa, Australia, India, and Greece. In the lowest strata God is Supreme who is Father, omnipresent, omniscience, eternal, created all things ex nihilo, and is the giver of rights and high and strong moral laws.

2- However, He was too remote and demanding so the tribes, through phenomenology, replaced God with magic, animism, fetishism, ancestor worship, totemism, panbabylonianism, and polytheism. It is interesting that in 2016 the WOF movement is filled with fetishism, animism, and polytheism (Finis Dake).

Four Historical Facts about the Resurrection

- 1. After His crucifixion, Jesus was buried by Joseph of Arimathea in a tomb.**
- 2. On Sunday after the crucifixion, Jesus' tomb was found empty by a group of His women followers**
- 3. On multiple occasions, and under various circumstances, different individuals and groups saw Jesus alive after His death.**
- 4. The original disciples suddenly and sincerely came to believe Jesus was risen from the dead, despite having every predisposition to the contrary.**
- 5. The literal resurrection of JC possesses explanatory scope, power, plausibility (no ad hoc, all one has to believe is that God exists), fits OT, and outstrips all other rival theories.**

Four Sources of Doubt regarding the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

1. **Factual doubt.** This is doubt based on facts of the Resurrection. The solution is to look at the historical facts from an historical perspective.
2. **Volitional doubt.** This is doubt due to repression of God. The only a priori reason to reject the resurrection is naturalism, which is but a result of suppression of God,
3. **Spiritual doubt.** This is doubt due to lack of diligence regarding the spiritual life, Luke 24:25.
4. **Emotional doubt.** This is doubt due to phenomenological factors. This is characterized by wavering. The solution is to control the passions and focus on objective reality rather than phenomenological feelings. The believer is to replace anxieties with prayer and thanksgiving, Philip. 4:6-9.

Resurrection Sunday

1. John 20:1-25.
2. John's purpose is not only to establish the fact of the resurrection, but also to depict the growth of Christian faith in it among the disciples. If Christ was not raised from the dead, then we cannot have a relationship with Him.
3. But how does a believer develop a spiritual life that grows in faith and love for God? There are 4 crucial factors, all of which take place in a second person relationship:
 - a. #1: Total Truth framework of Realism, Col. 1:15-18. Note failure of disciples.

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

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b. #2: Meditation on the Lord (through Word and natural revelation) ,

Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. ² Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.

Psalm 16:8 I have set the LORD always (תָּמִיד) before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

Psalm 25:5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day (כָּל־הַיּוֹם).

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *Whose mind is stayed* (סְמוּךְ) on You, Because he trusts in You.

Gen 17.1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I *am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless* (הִתְהַלֵּךְ לִפְנֵי יְהוָה וְהָיָה תָמִים)

c. #3: Prayer – 2nd person communication.

Luke 18:1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always (πάντοτε) ought to pray and not lose heart,

Romans 12:12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly (προσκατεροῦντες) in prayer;

1 Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice always (Πάντοτε), ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Jude 1:20 But you, beloved, edifying yourselves up (ἐποικοδομοῦντες) on your most holy faith, by means of praying in the Holy Spirit,

d. #4: Supernatural ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit.

4. As ambassadors of Christ, we are sent as the Father sent Christ (καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέν με ὁ πατήρ), John 20:21-22.
 - a. We are to have the same attitude as Christ regarding the plan of God and our place on earth.
 - b. We are to represent Christ before a dying and rotten world.
 - c. We are to live by the Spirit who He sends us.
 - d. We are to proclaim to the world the finished work of Christ.