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NATURE OF TRUTH

- ▶ Subjective or Objective?
- ▶ “My Favorite food is Fried Chicken.”

- ▶ Subjective / Preference



NATURE OF TRUTH

- ▶ Subjective or Objective?
- ▶ "2+2=4"
- ▶ Objective/Truth



NATURE OF TRUTH

- ▶ Subjective or Objective?
- ▶ "This truck is gray"
- ▶ ???????



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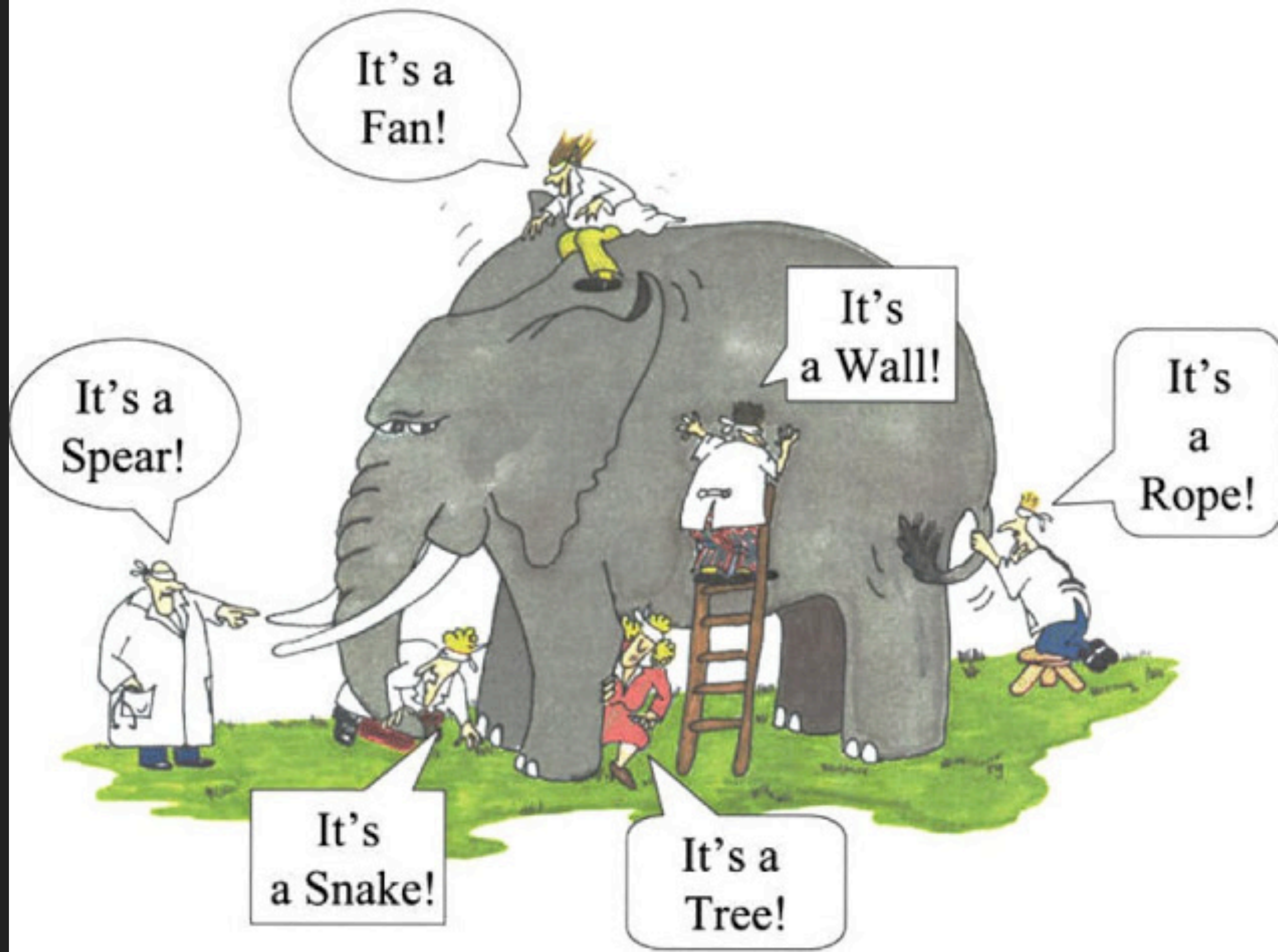
- ▶ Subjective vs Objective

- ▶ "It's cold in here."

- ▶ Subjective

- ▶ "It's 68 degrees in here."

- ▶ Objective



It's a Fan!

It's a Wall!

It's a Rope!

It's a Spear!

It's a Snake!

It's a Tree!

WHO IS JESUS?

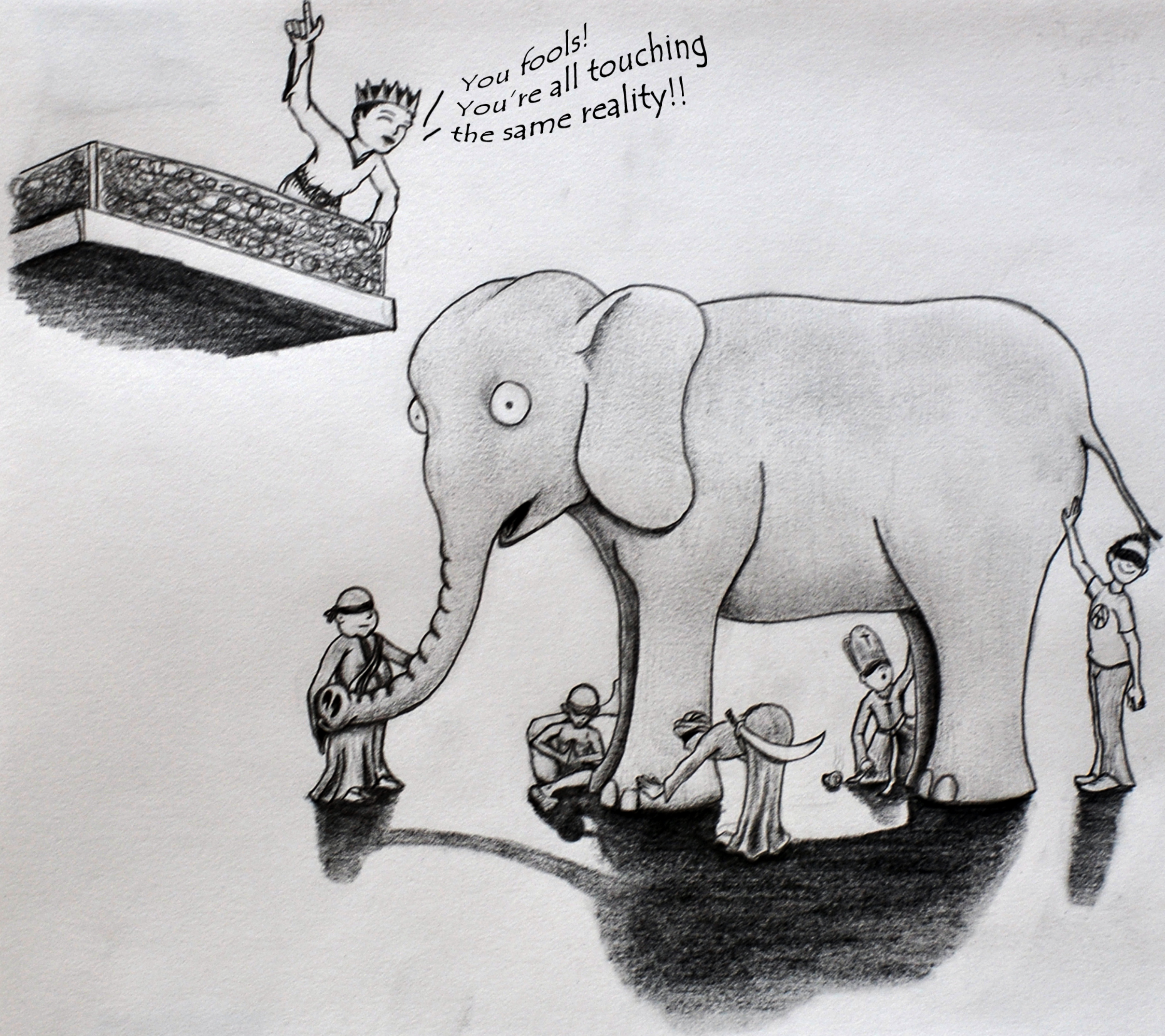
- ▶ **To Hindus** - a good man, teacher and avatar of Vishnu
- ▶ **To Buddhists** - a bodhisattva - a figure of great compassion who stepped out of Nirvana to enlighten humans
- ▶ **To Muslims** - a prophet, born of a virgin, worked miracles... never died, was not God.
- ▶ **To Christians** - God the Son, Second Person of the Trinity, died for our rescue and rose again.
- ▶ **To Atheists** - Just a man... or he didn't exist.
- ▶ Are we talking SUBJECTIVE OR OBJECTIVE truth?

WHO IS JESUS?

- ▶ What about these statements:
 - ▶ "It's 68 degrees in here"
 - ▶ "It's 78 degrees in here"
- ▶ Options:
 - ▶ One is true, one is false
 - ▶ Both are false
- ▶ They both can't be true.

WHO IS JESUS?

- ▶ What about these statements:
 - ▶ "Jesus didn't die." - Islam
 - ▶ "Jesus died." - Christianity
- ▶ Options:
 - ▶ One is true, one is false
 - ▶ Both are false
- ▶ They both can't be true.



You fools!
You're all touching
the same reality!!

MAKING SENSE OF THE WORLD WE LIVE IN...

- ▶ We have a sense that the world is not the way it ought to be.
- ▶ We have a sense that we are very flawed and yet very great.
- ▶ We have a longing for love and beauty that nothing in this world can fulfill.
- ▶ We have a deep need to know meaning and purpose.

EVERY BELIEF SYSTEM HAS TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

- ▶ The Question of ORIGIN
- ▶ The Question of MEANING
- ▶ The Question of MORALITY
- ▶ The Question of DESTINY

THE GOD OF THE BIBLE MAKES SENSE OF THESE CLUES:

- ▶ Creation
- ▶ Complexity
- ▶ Design
- ▶ Morality
- ▶ Laws of Nature
- ▶ Beauty
- ▶ Love
- ▶ Redemption
- ▶ Restoration
- ▶ Hope

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

- ▶ John 14:6 - "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"
- ▶ Acts 4:12 - "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
- ▶ John 10:9 - "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:21-23 - "For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ."
- ▶ 1 Timothy 2:5 - "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

- ▶ “Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it - the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe...” - Romans 3:19-22

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

- ▶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” - John 3:16-18

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