

# How Great Thou Art



A Study of Evidences & Arguments for  
Christianity

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# Justification

- **“Faith must be tested**, because it can only become your intimate possession through conflict. What is challenging your faith right now? **The test will either prove your faith right, or it will kill it.”**  
– Oswald Chambers
- “For a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — **may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor** when Jesus Christ is revealed.”  
- 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)
- “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.** But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.”  
- 1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)

# Goals

- To encourage Christians in their faith through an exploration of extra-Biblical evidences.
- To equip Christians to knowledgably discuss faith-related scientific and historical topics with skeptical friends and colleagues.
- To increase our appreciation for the beauty of God's creation and the reliability of the Bible.

# Approach

- Broad -> Specific
- Part I
  - Basis for God
    - Logic
    - Existence
    - Design
  - Does Science Contradict the Bible? **Warning: potentially controversial!**
    - Age of Earth
    - Genesis 1 & 2
    - The Flood

# Approach (cont.)

- Part II
  - Basis for the Bible
    - Canonization
    - Manuscript Evidence
  - Is the Bible Historically Accurate?
    - Old Testament Corroboration
    - New Testament Corroboration

# Tentative Schedule

- August 27:** Introductions & Preview
- September 3:** Study 1 – God & Logic
- September 10:** Study 2 – The Big Bang
- September 17:** Study 3 – Evolution & Intelligent Design
- September 24:** Recap & Discussion
- October 1:** Study 4 – Age of the Earth
- October 8:** Study 5 – Biblical Creation & The Flood
- October 15:** Recap & Discussion
- October 22:** Study 6 – The Bible: Canonization and Documentary Evidence
- October 29:** Study 7 – Old Testament Historical Corroboration
- November 5:** Study 8 – New Testament Historical Corroboration
- November 12:** Recap & Discussion
- December ?:** Bethlehem Star Presentation