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The evidence of the unseen

Authentic Faith Part 2

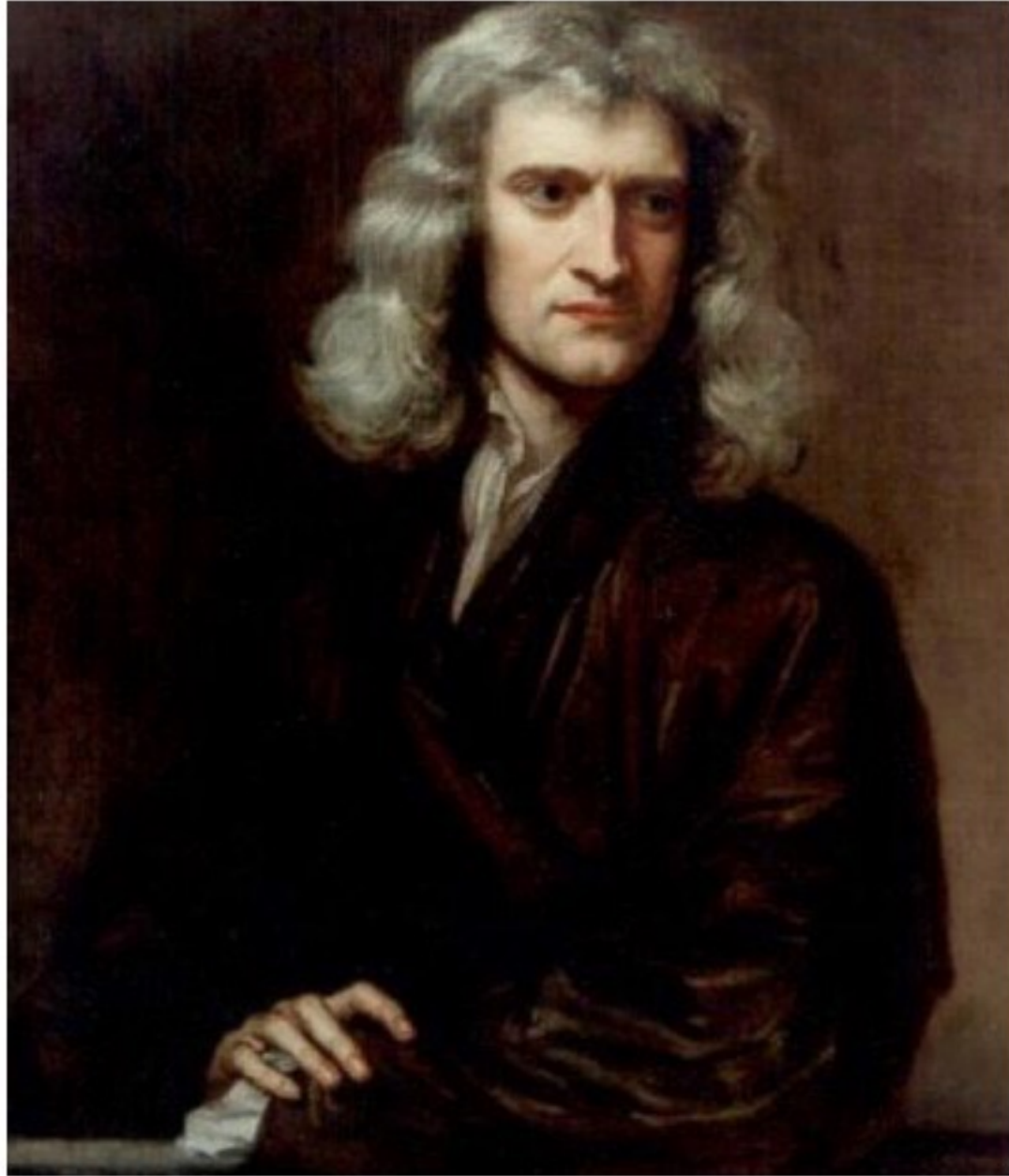
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Hebrews 11:3 (NLT)

ISAAC NEWTON

*Discovered the Laws
of Gravity*

1642-1727



Sir Isaac Newton had a replica of our solar system made in miniature. In the center was the sun with the planets revolving around it.

A scientist entered Newton's study one day, and exclaimed, "My! What an exquisite thing this is! Who made it?"

"Nobody!" replied Newton to the questioner who was an unbeliever.

The scientist replied, "You must think I am a fool. Of course somebody made it, and he is a genius."

Laying his book aside, Newton arose and laid a hand on his friend's shoulder and said: "This thing is but a puny imitation of a much grander system whose laws you and I know, and I am not able to convince you that this mere toy is without a designer and maker; yet you profess to believe that the great original from which the design is taken has come into being without either designer or maker. Now tell me, by what sort of reasoning do you reach such incongruous conclusions?"

The Command of God Determines Our Worldview

Worldview: an individual's particular philosophy of life or conception of the world.

- **Existentialism:** "live for the moment."
- **Fatalism:** "nothing really matters."
- **Theism:** "there's a Creator."

A Faith Worldview means that the Word of God shapes your philosophy and lifestyle.

Faith Definition 1: Confident Expectation in the Presence, Power, and Provision of the Unseen God.

Faith Definition 2: Absolute Belief and Trust in the Command of God.

The Command of God:

Logos: God's revealed Word – the Truth.

Rhema: the utterance of God – at times, in the moment.

The Command of God is Creative and Productive for Our Needs

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GOD'S COMMAND: CREATIVE AND PRODUCTIVE

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

²Now the earth was formless and empty... - Genesis 1:1-2

COMMAND IN GENESIS 1	CREATIVE	PRODUCTIVE
<i>³And God said, "Let there be light..."</i>	Light	Gives energy to the earth.
<i>⁷God made the air...</i>	Air	Enables us to breathe.
<i>⁹"Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place"... ¹⁰God called...the waters "seas."</i>	Water	Gives life and function to the global society.
<i>¹¹"Let the land sprout with vegetation — every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit..."</i>	Land	Provides food and sustains the food chain.

The Command of God is Living and Active for Our Spirits

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

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His Word is Living and Active:

- 1. Battling Sin:** ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. - Psalms 119:11 (NLT)
- 2. Needing Peace:** ³ You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! - Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)
- 3. Making A Decision:** ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. - Psalms 119:105 (NLT)

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²⁰ ...Building yourselves up in your most holy faith...

Jude 1:20 (NIV)

¹⁷ Take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:17 (NIV)