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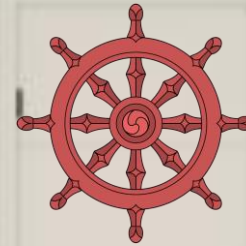
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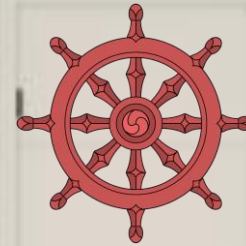
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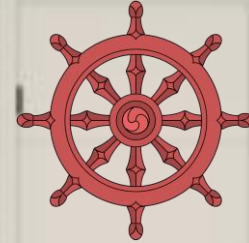
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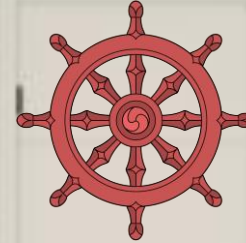
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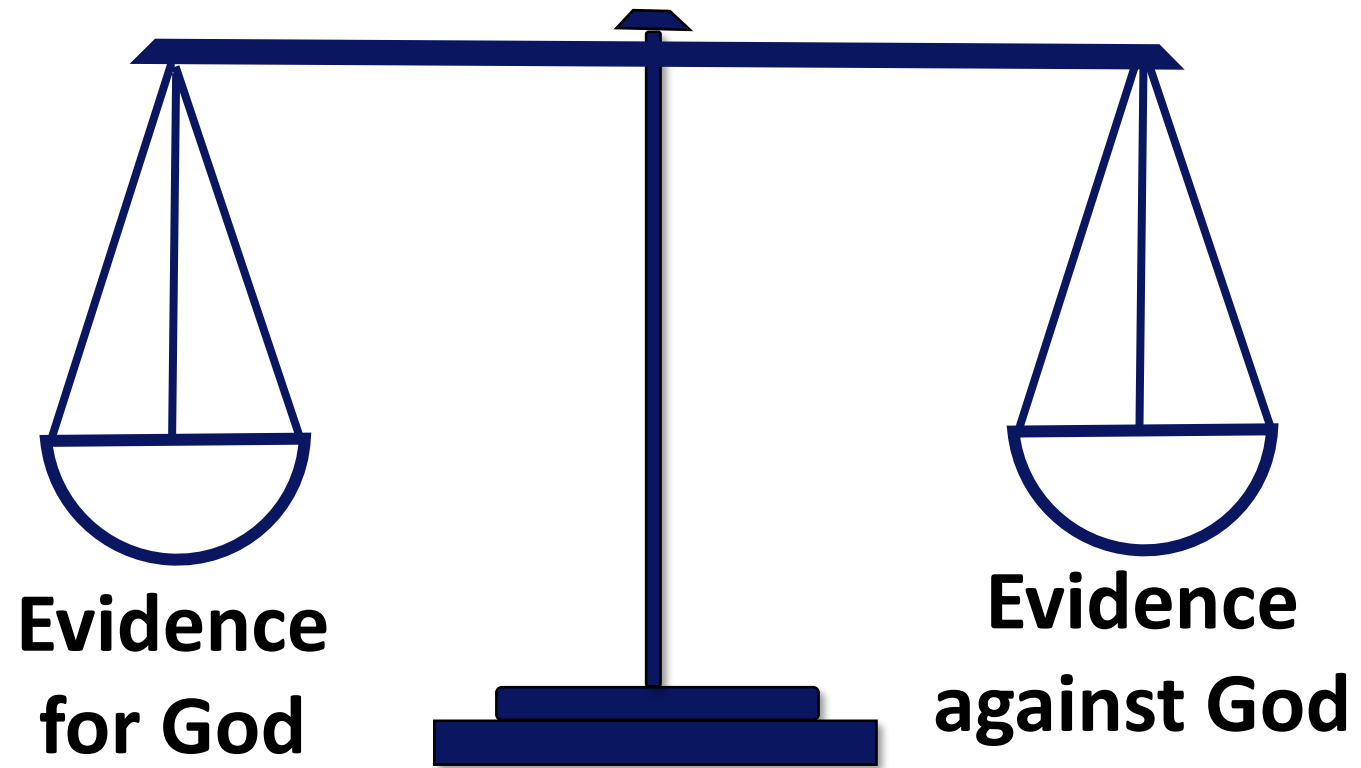


Agnostics don't believe in God, but aren't ready to say they are certain there is no God.

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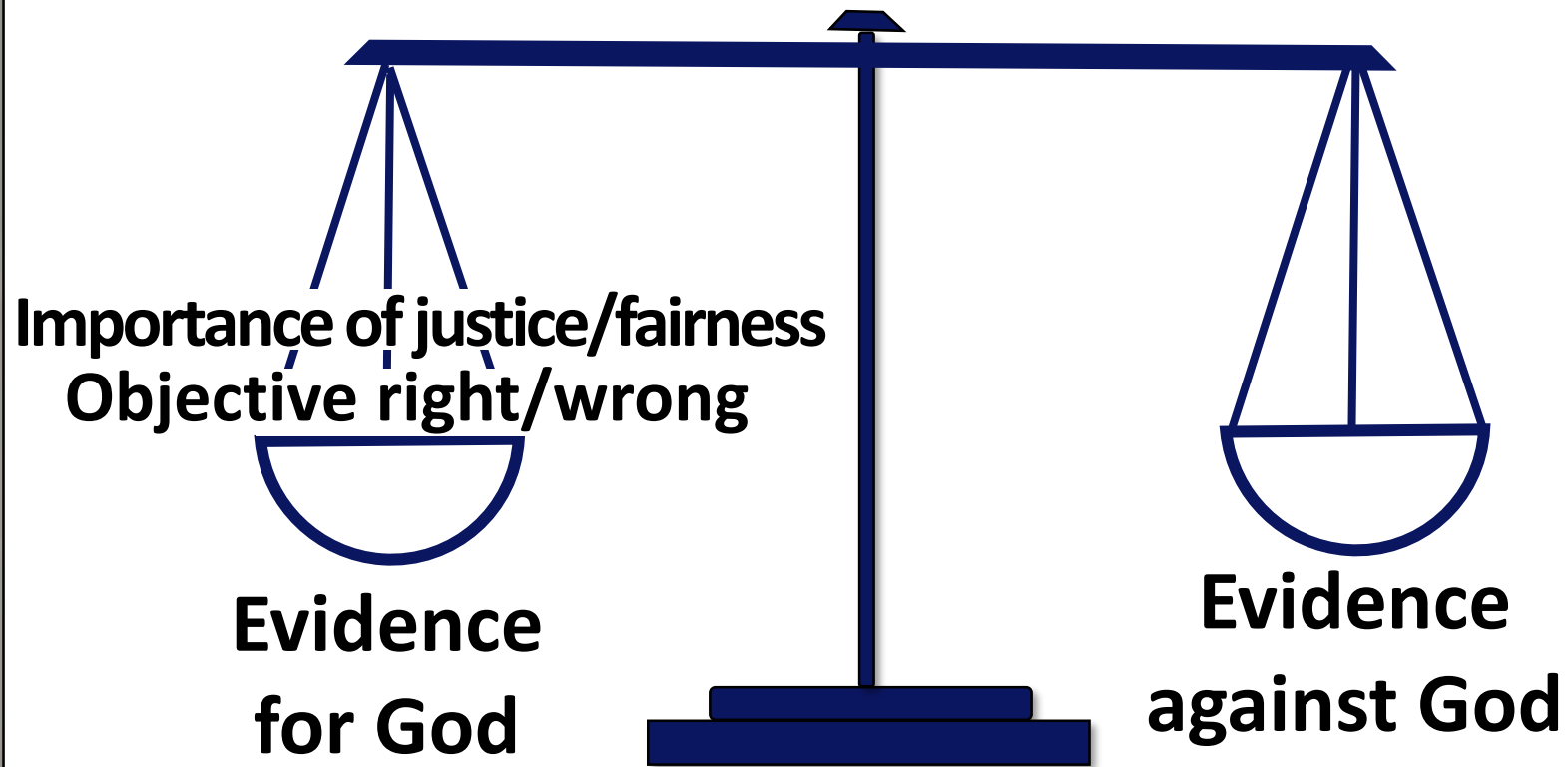
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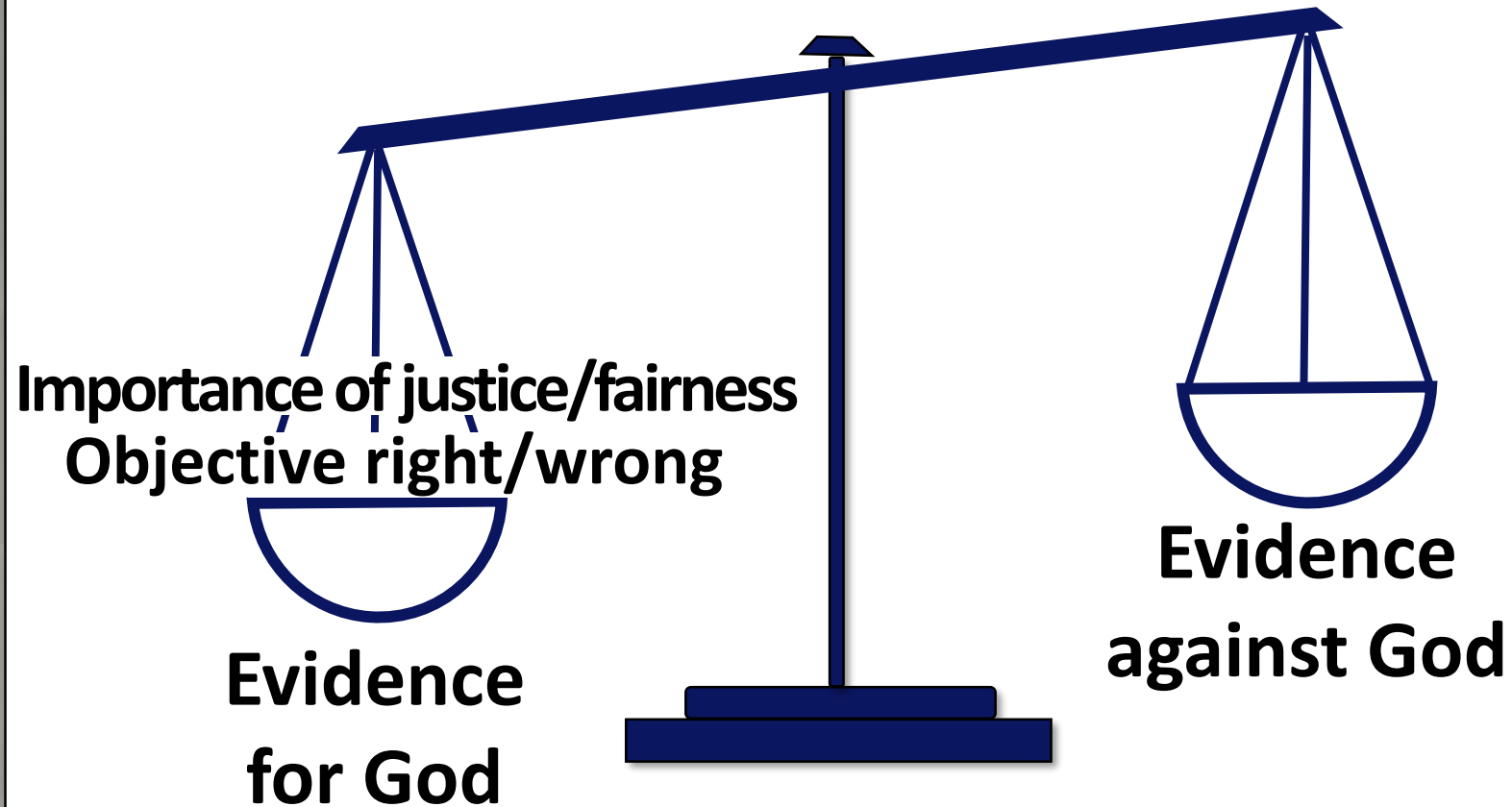
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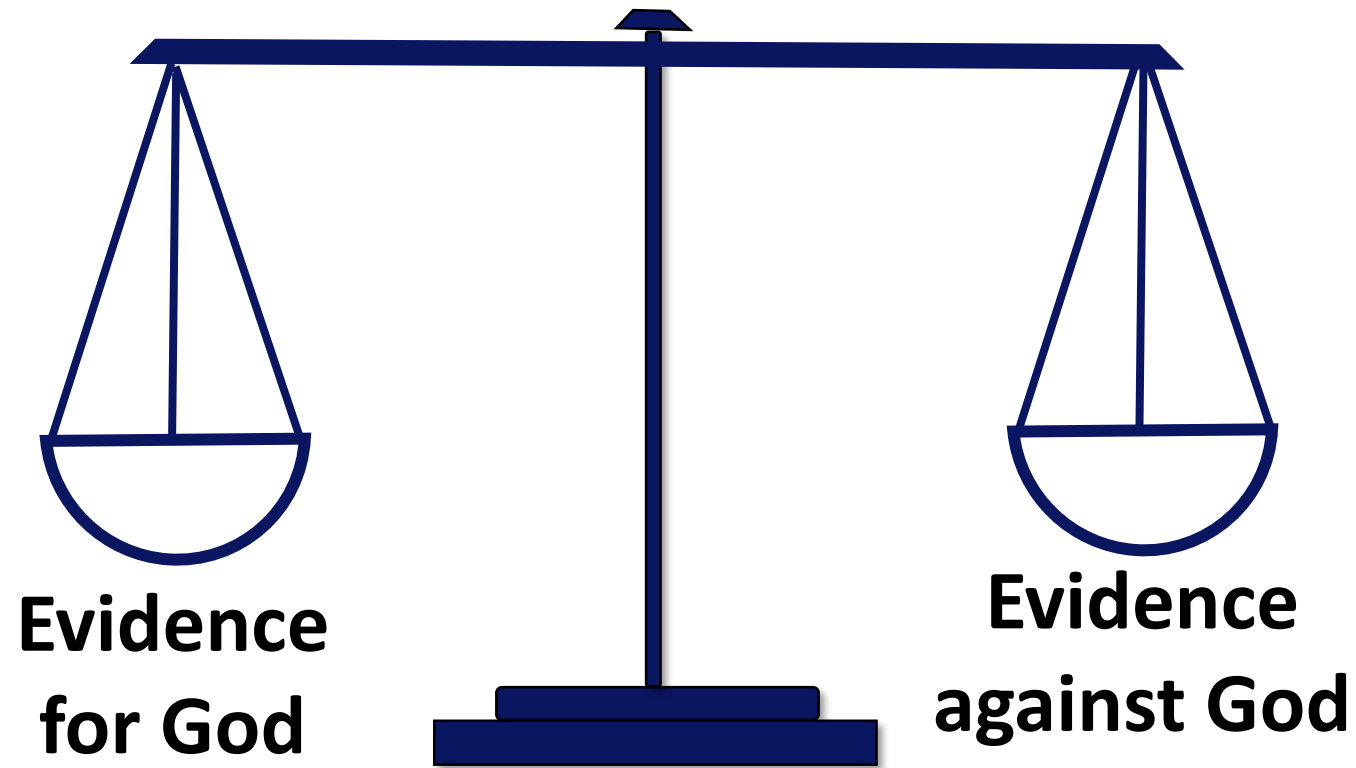
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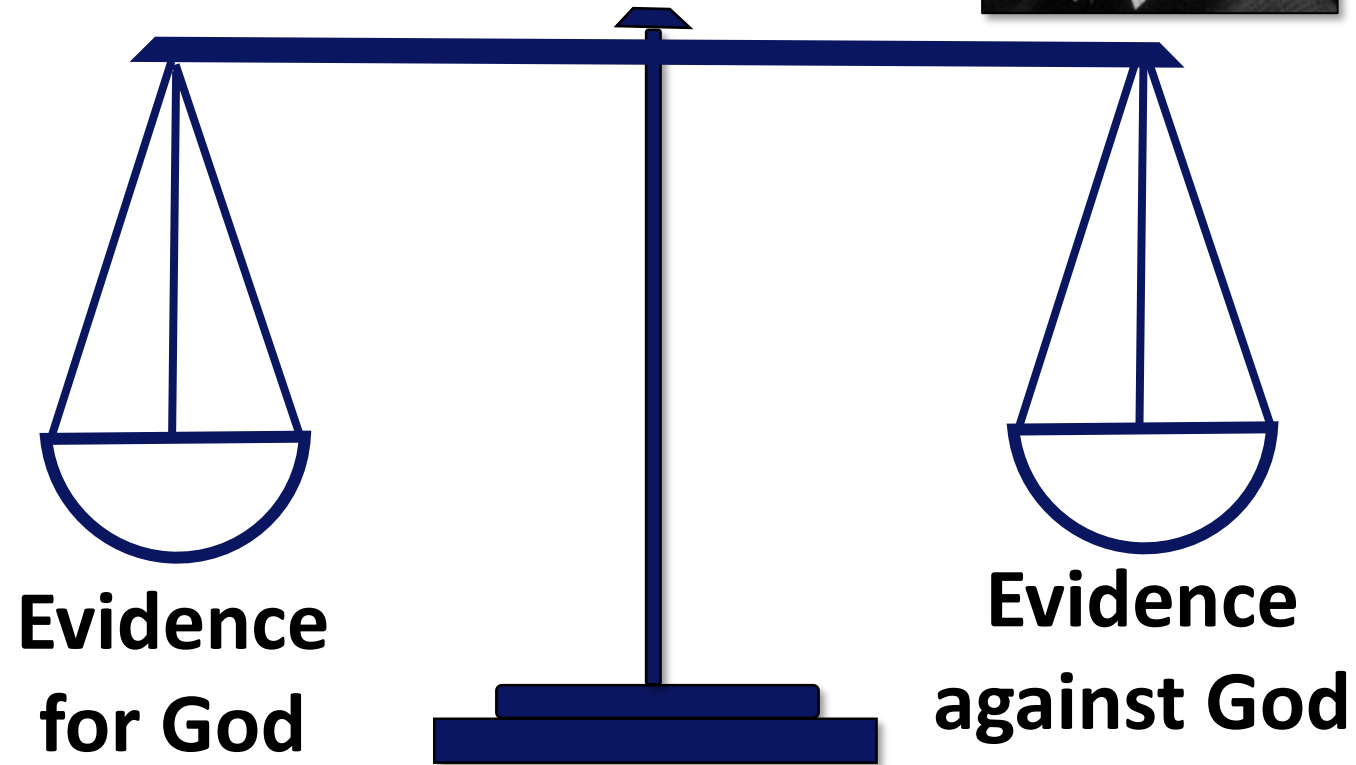
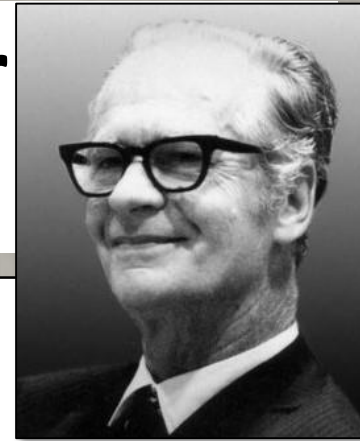
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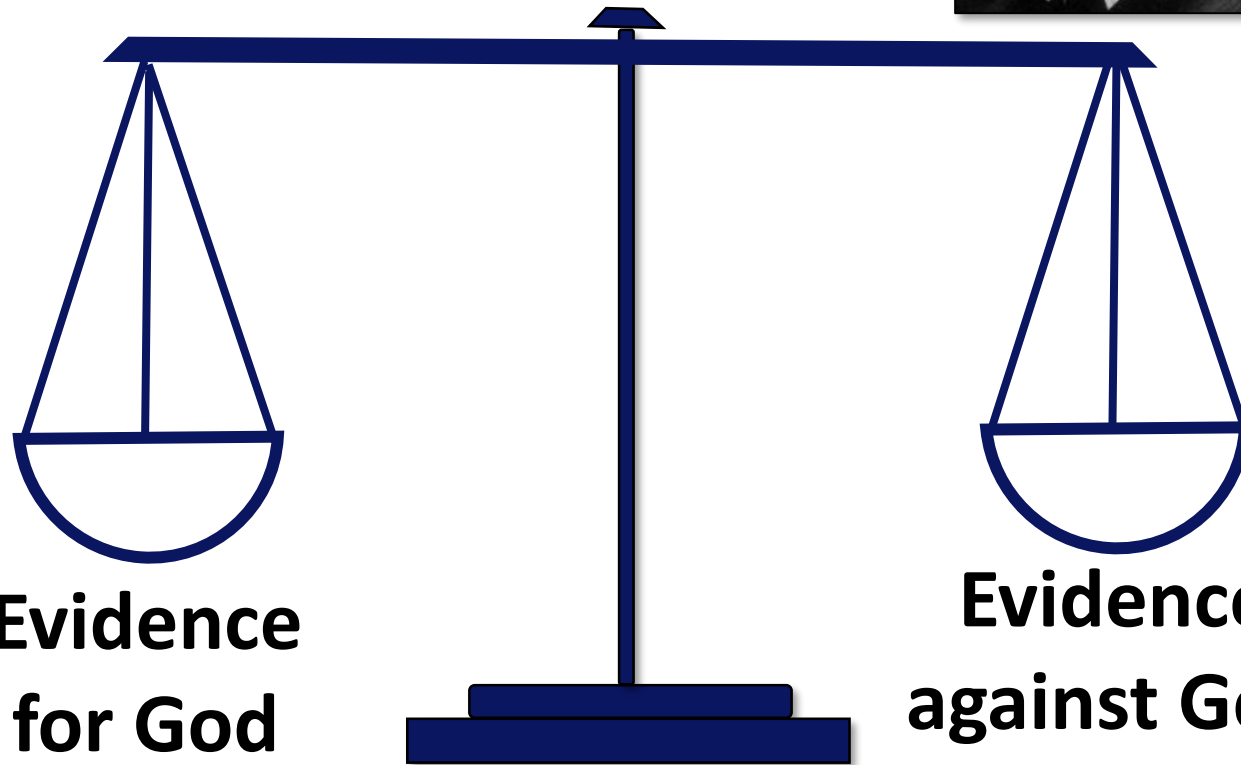
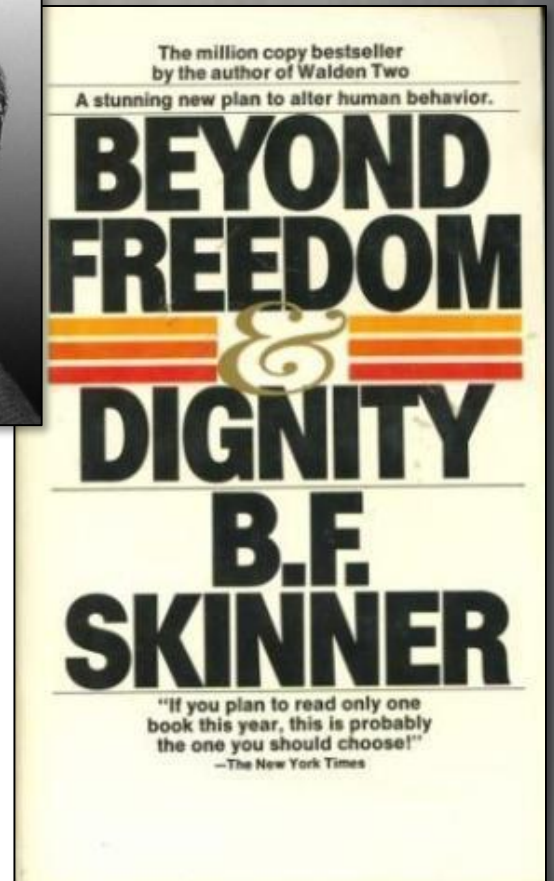
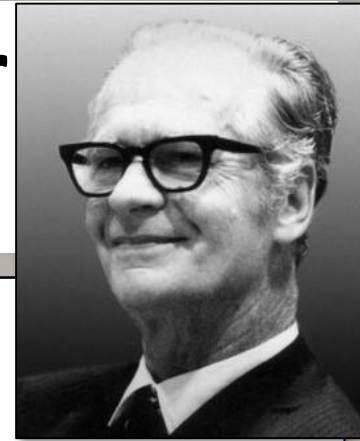
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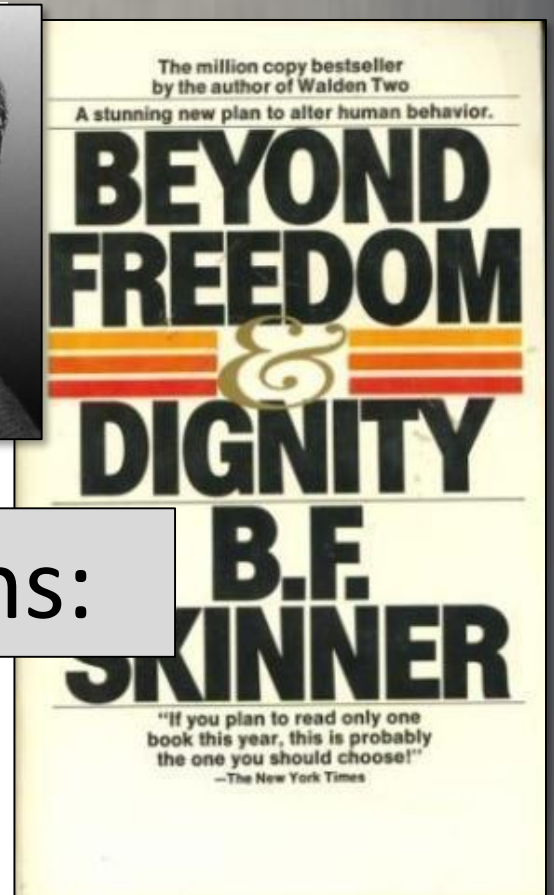
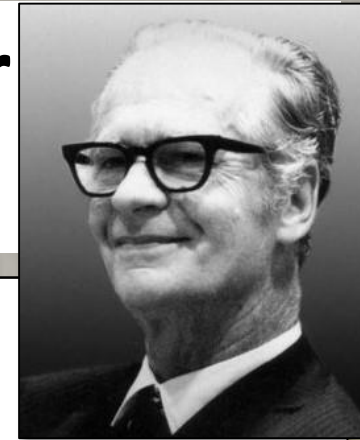
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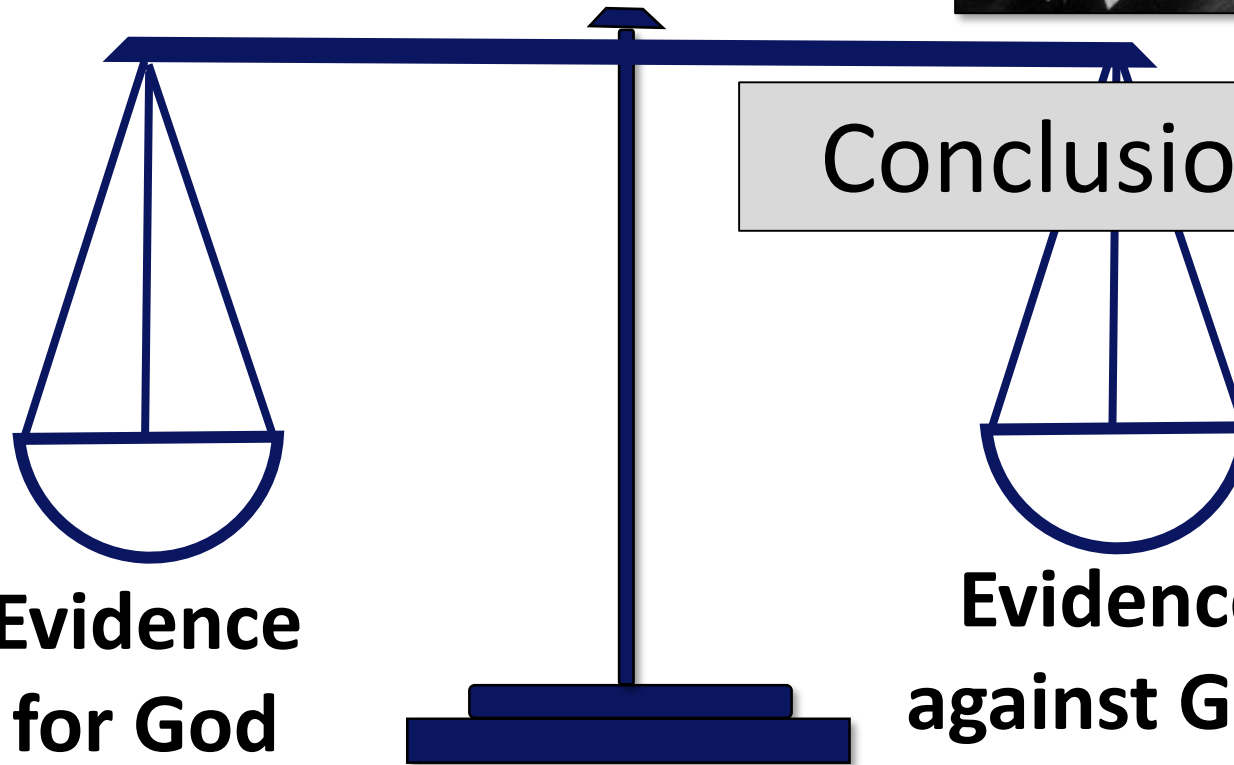
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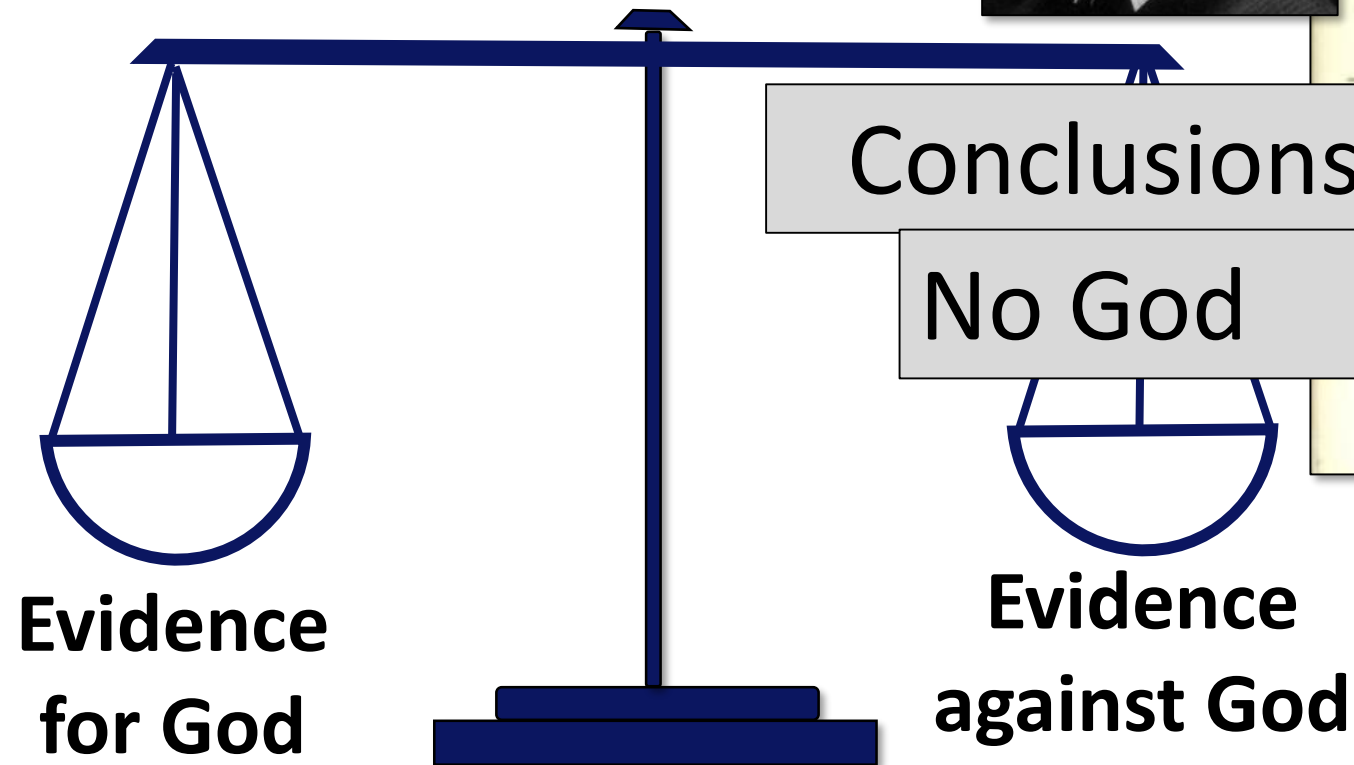
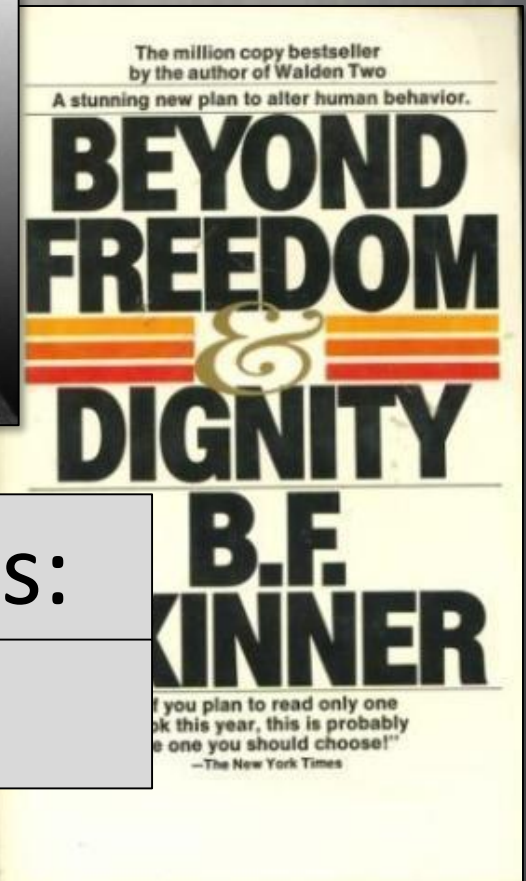
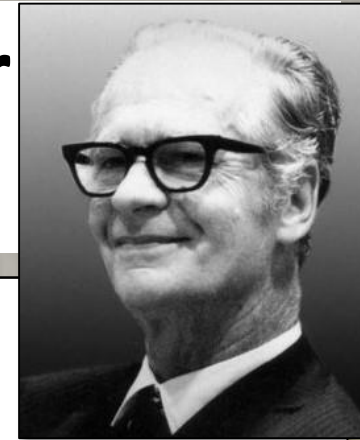
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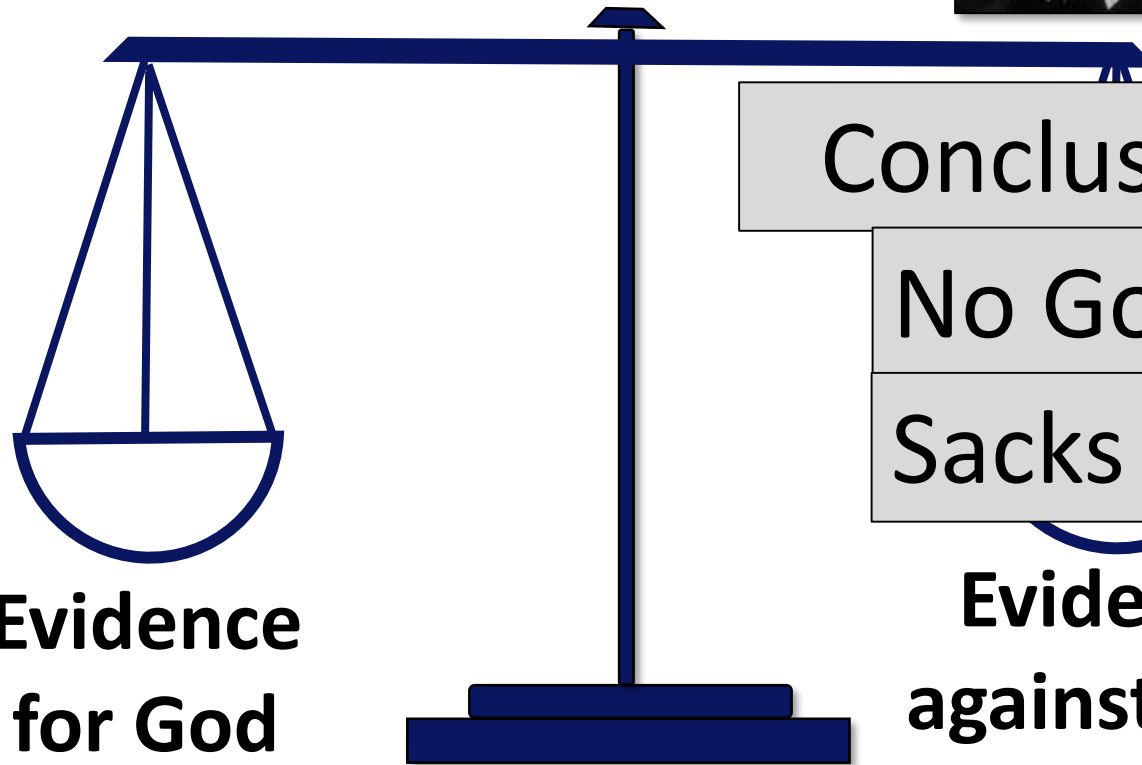
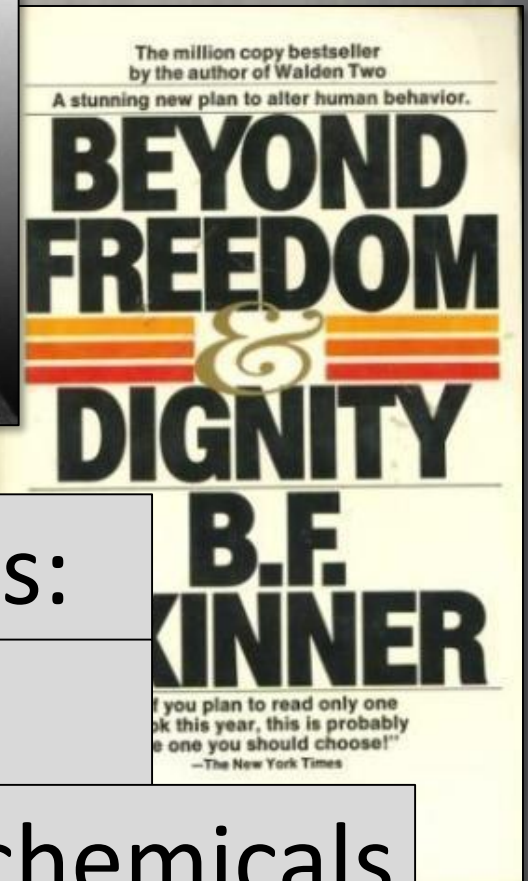
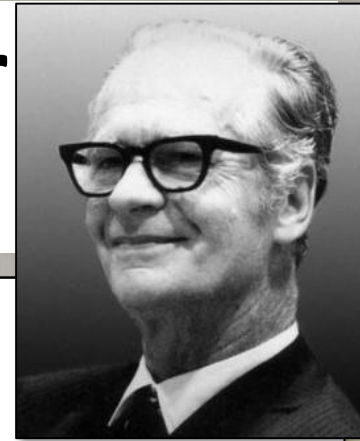
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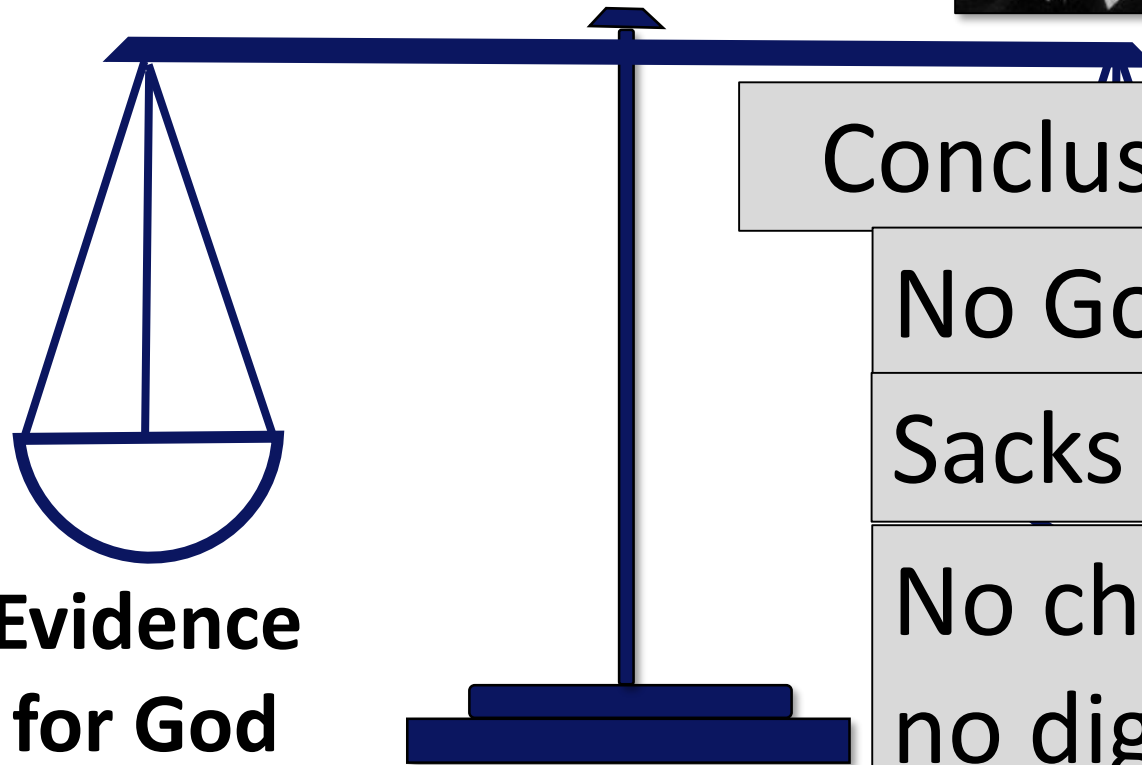
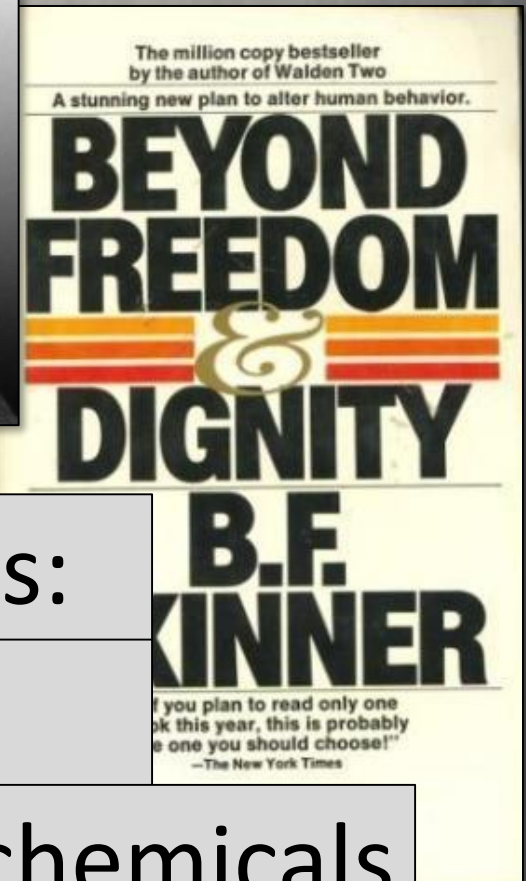
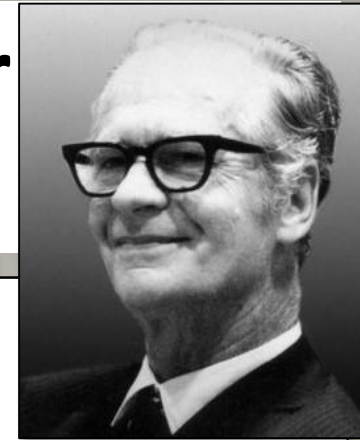
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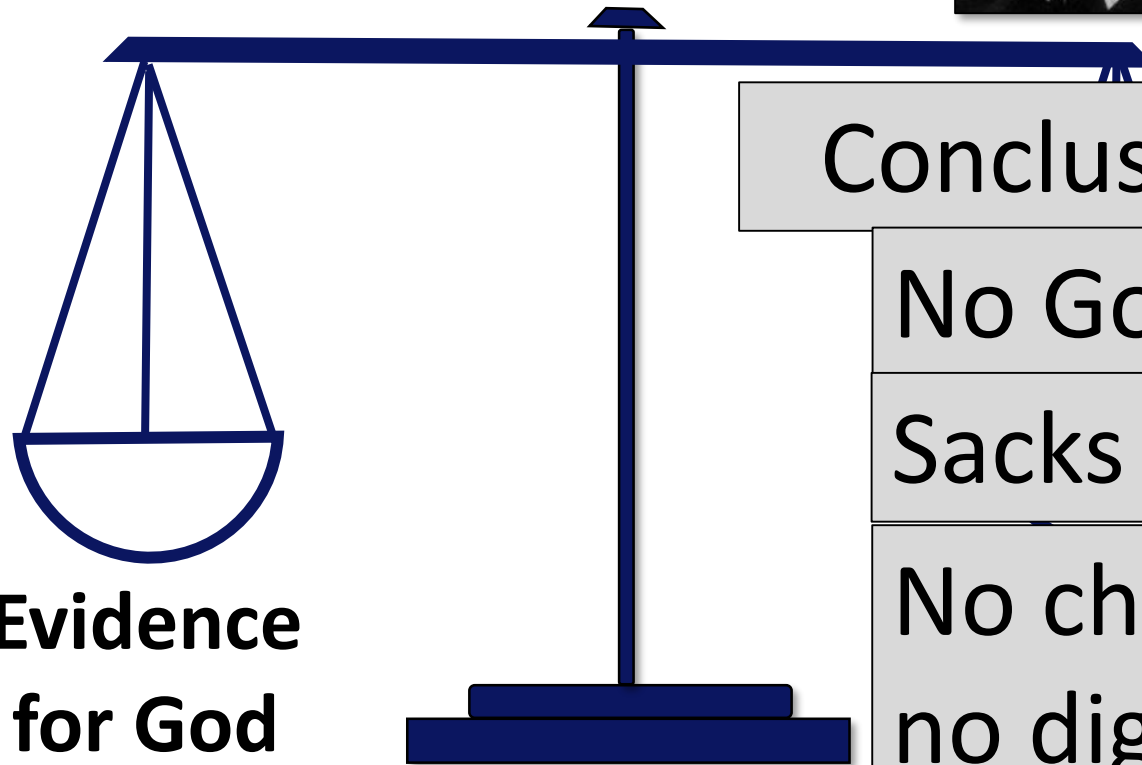
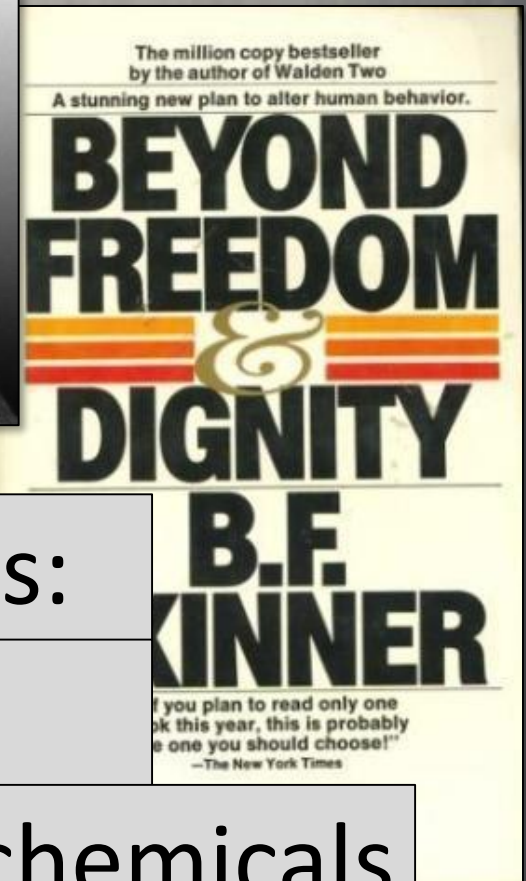
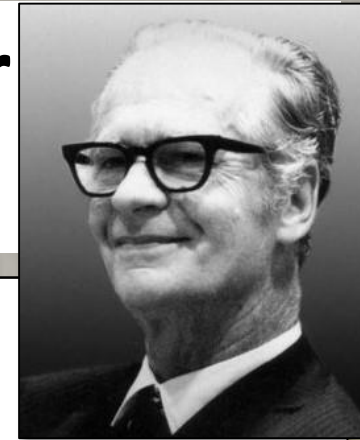
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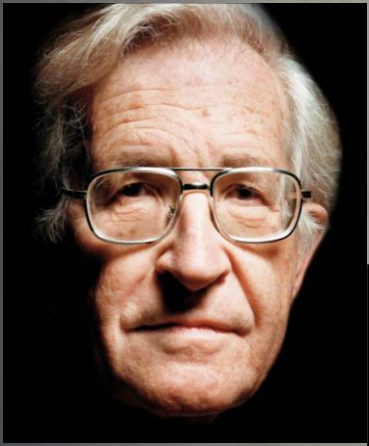
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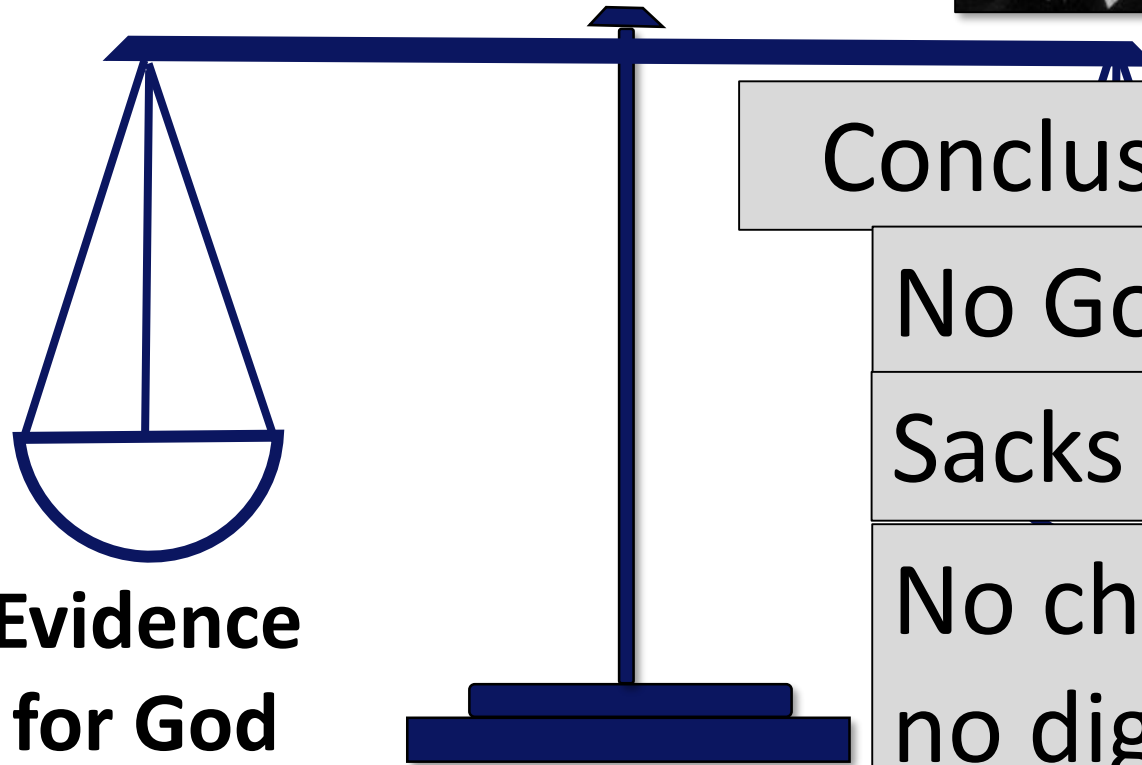
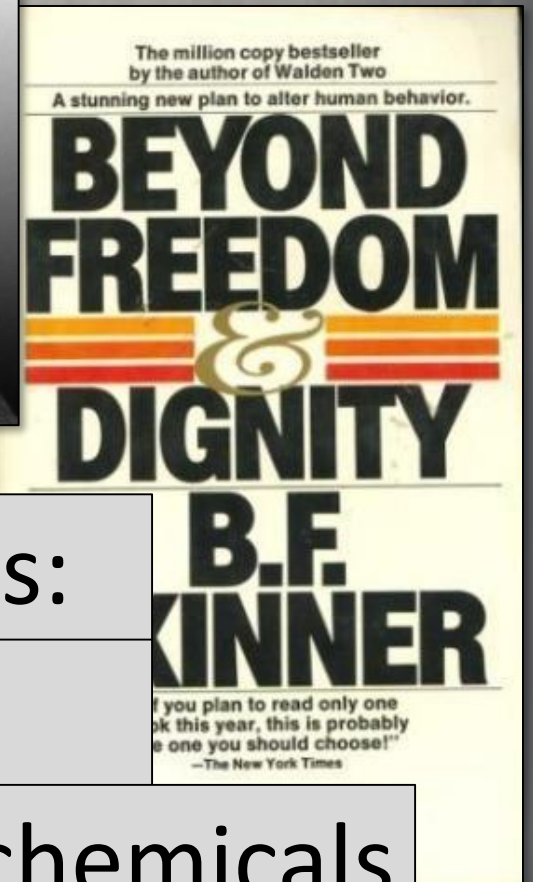
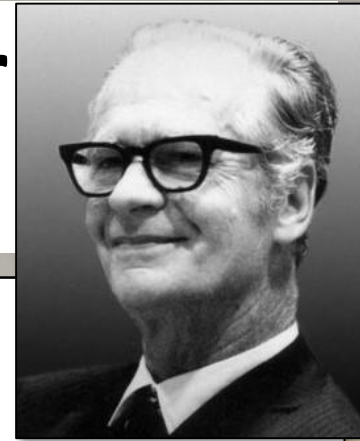
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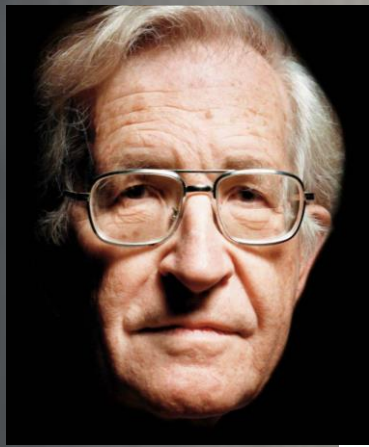
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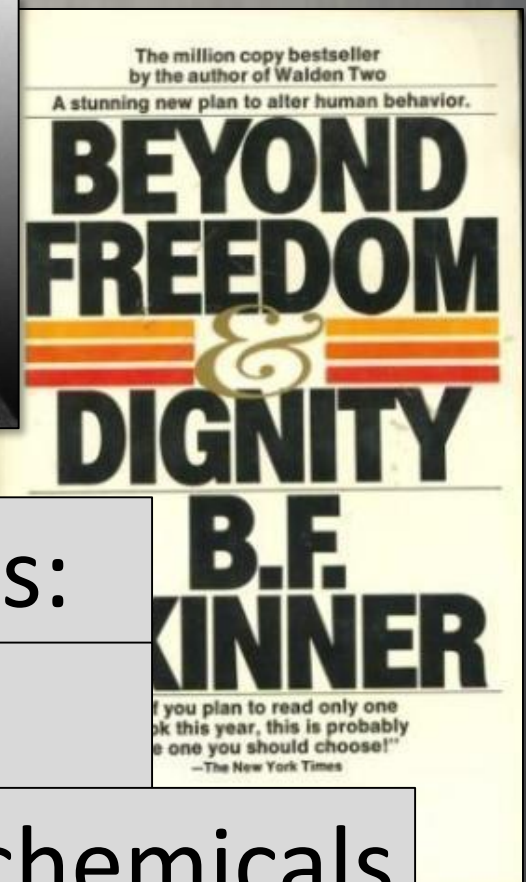
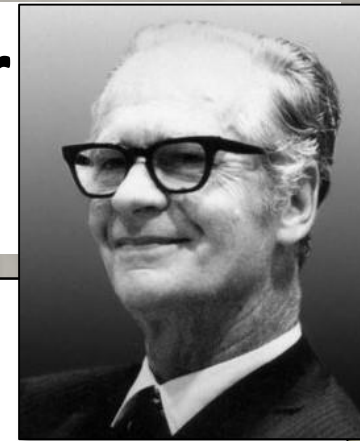
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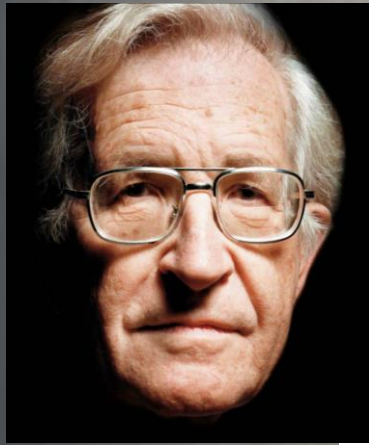


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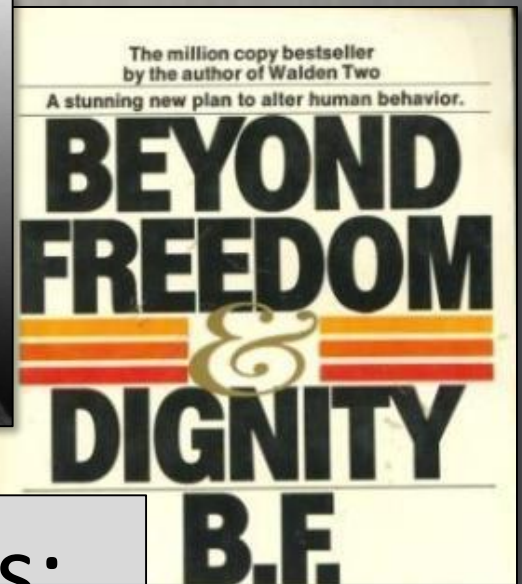
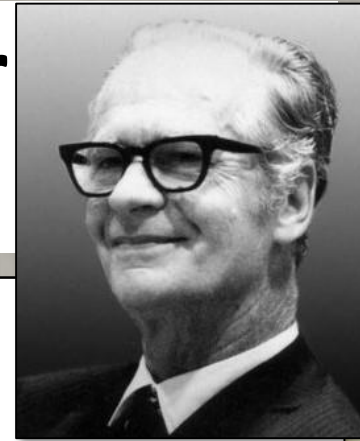


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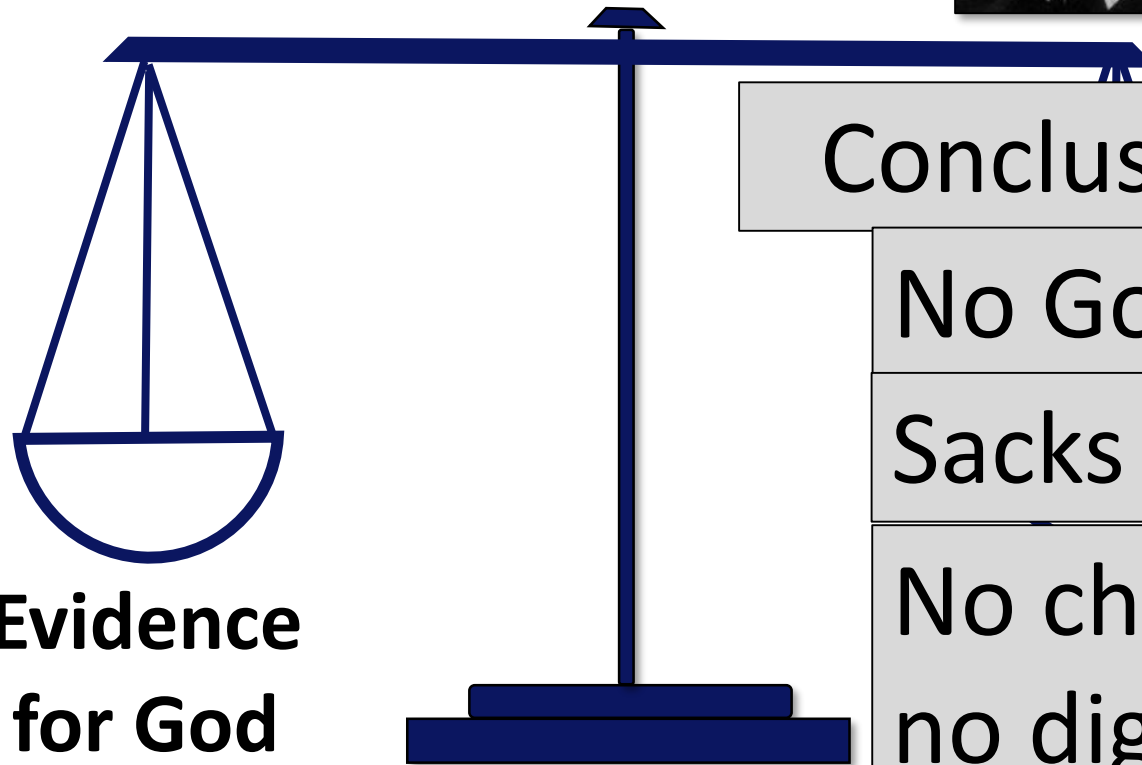
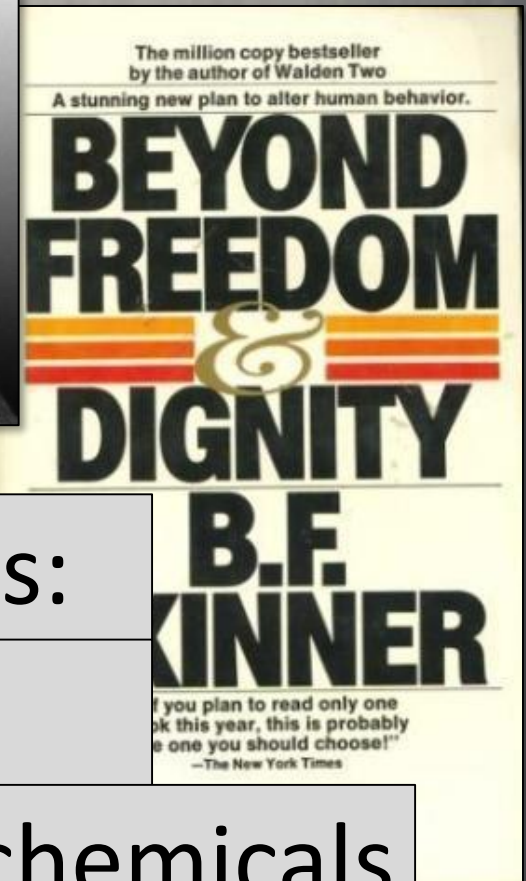
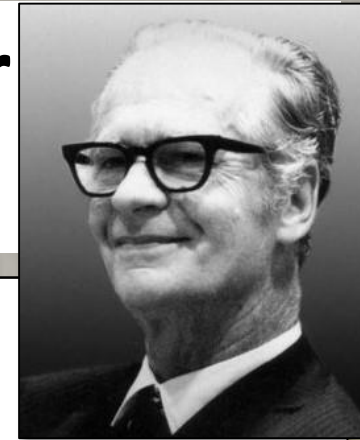
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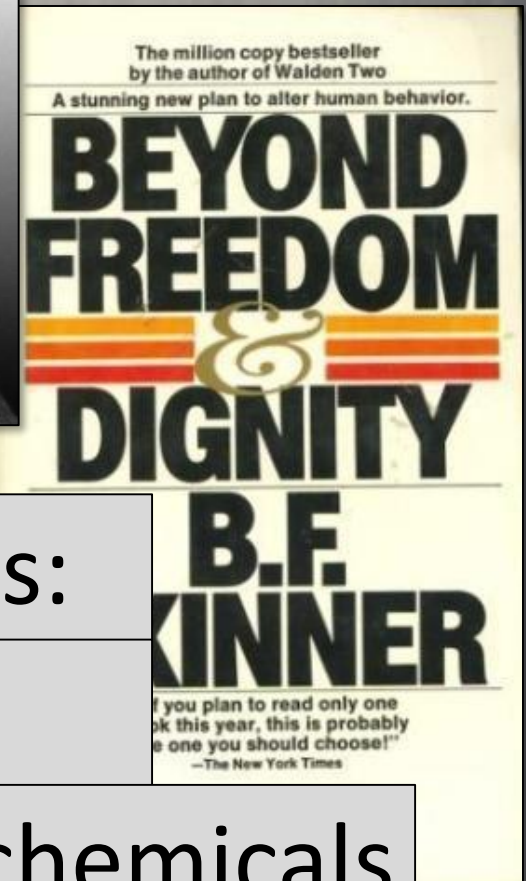
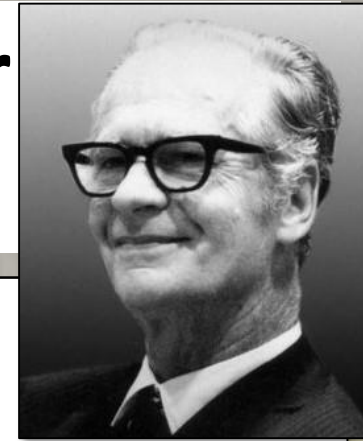
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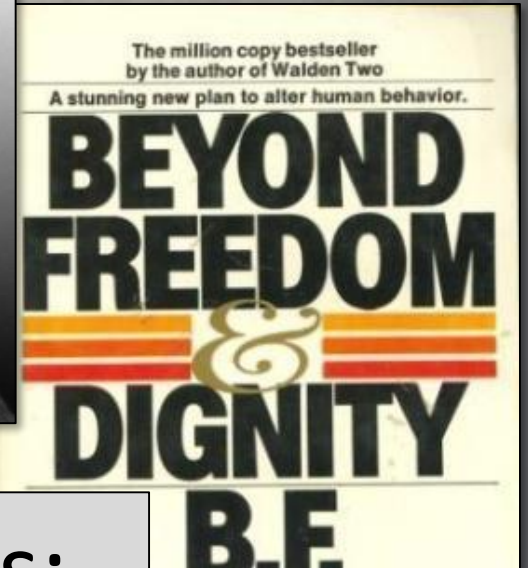
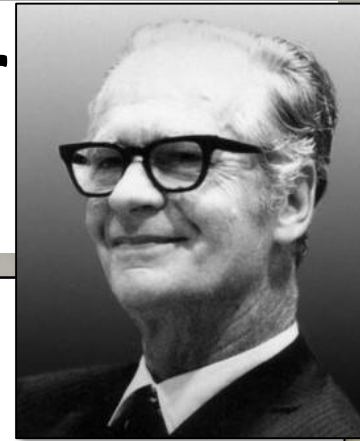
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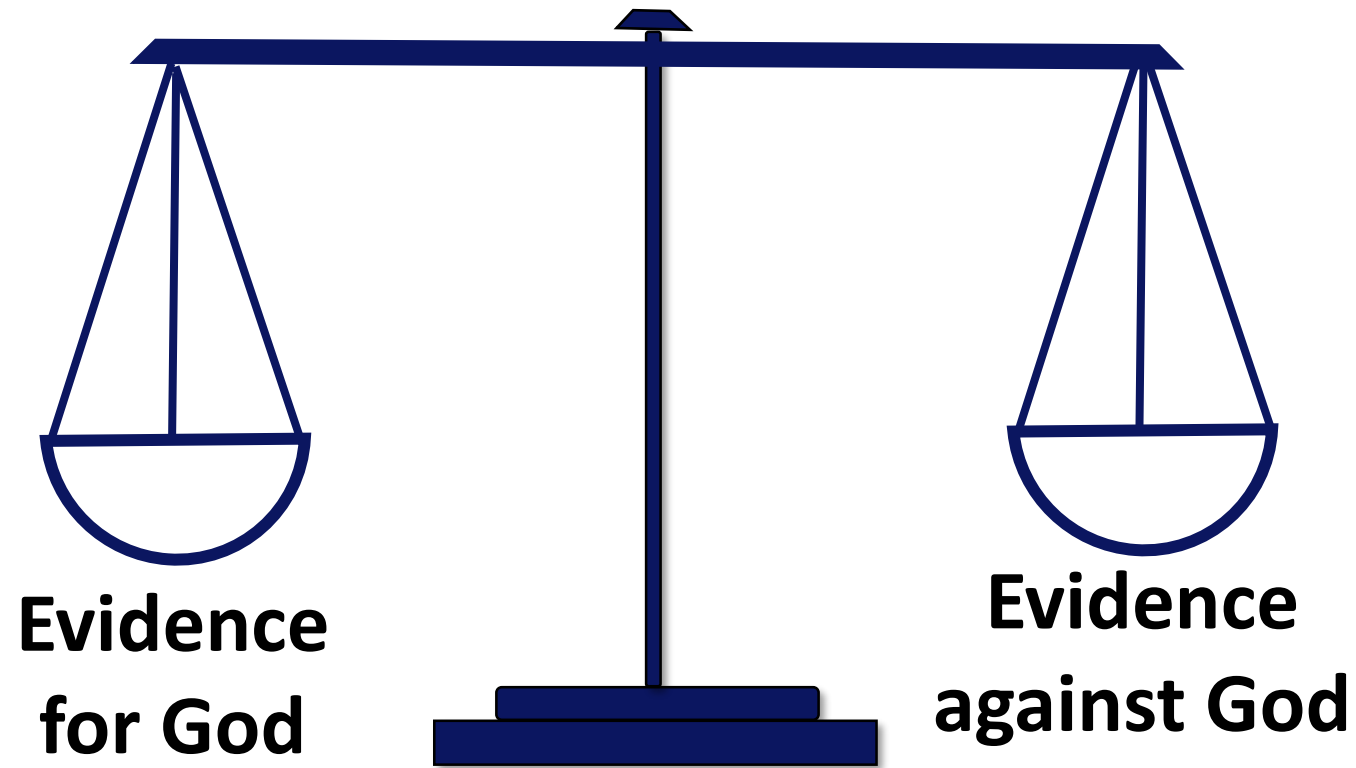
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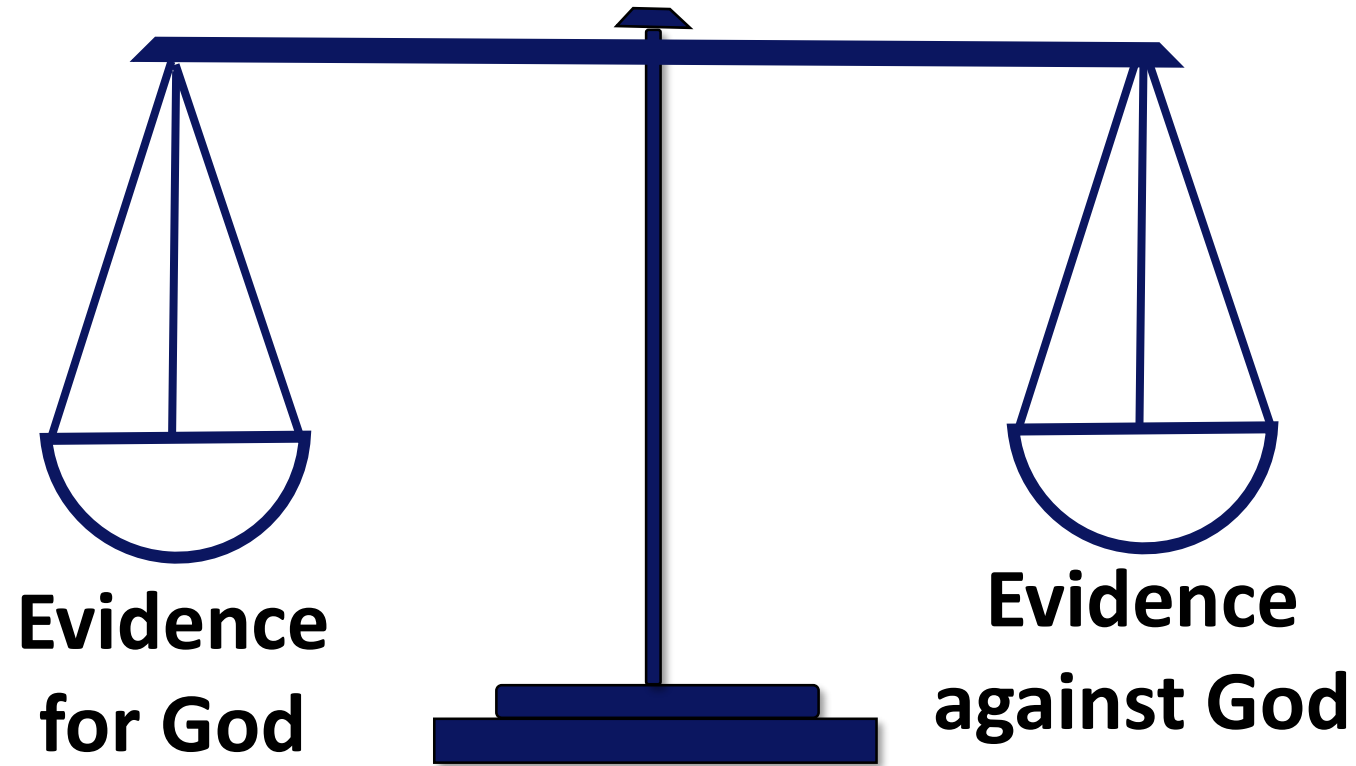
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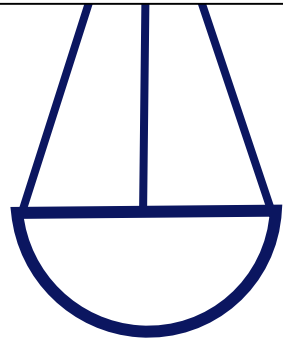
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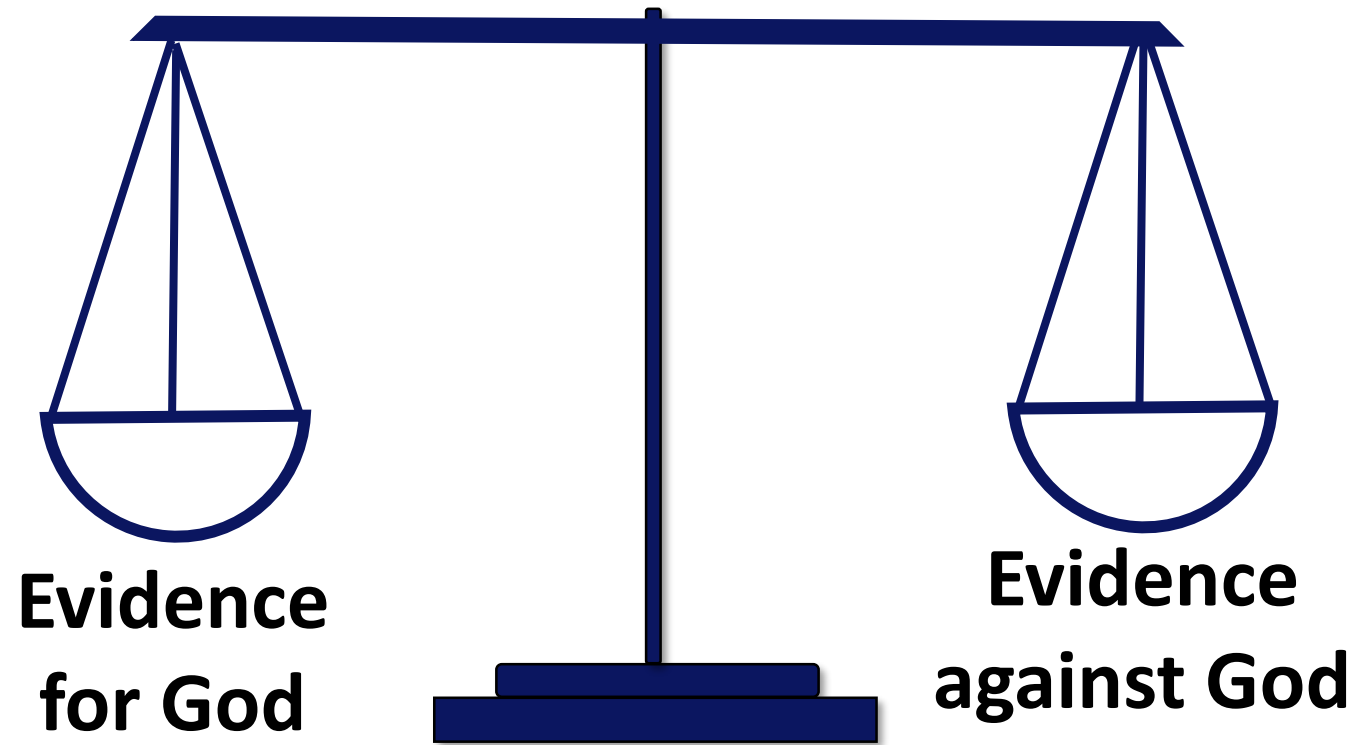
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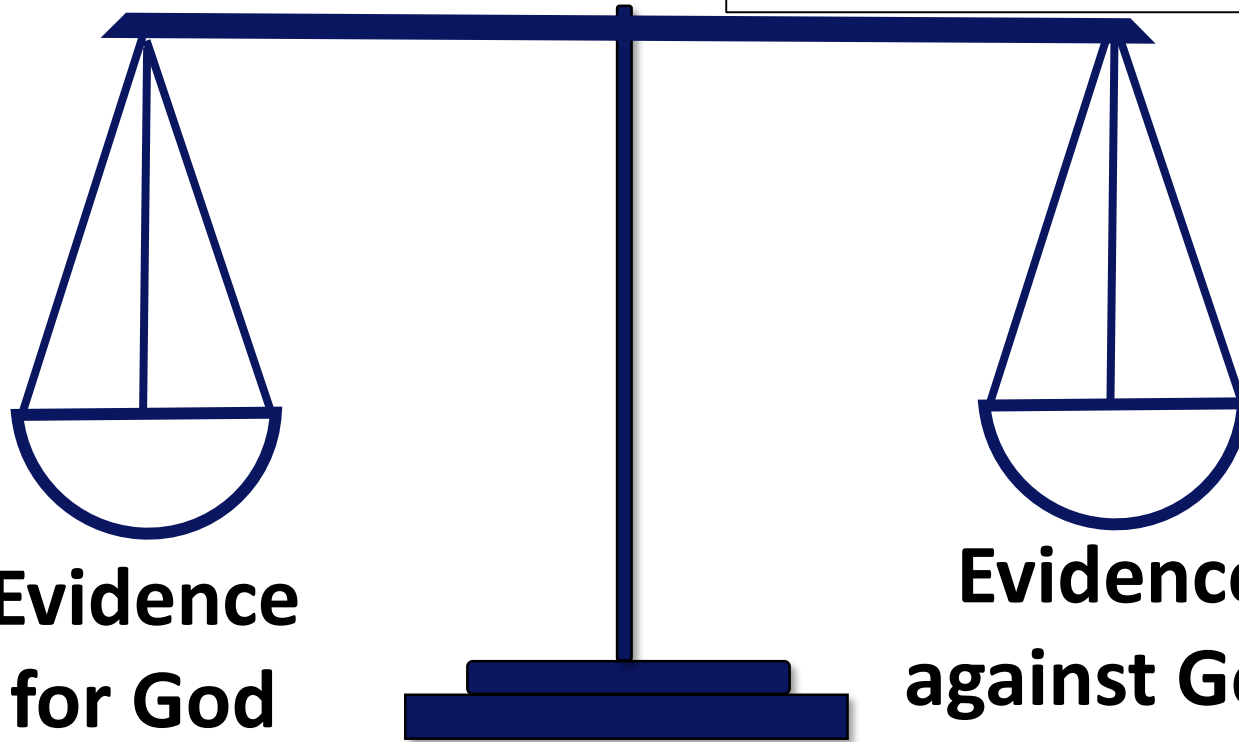


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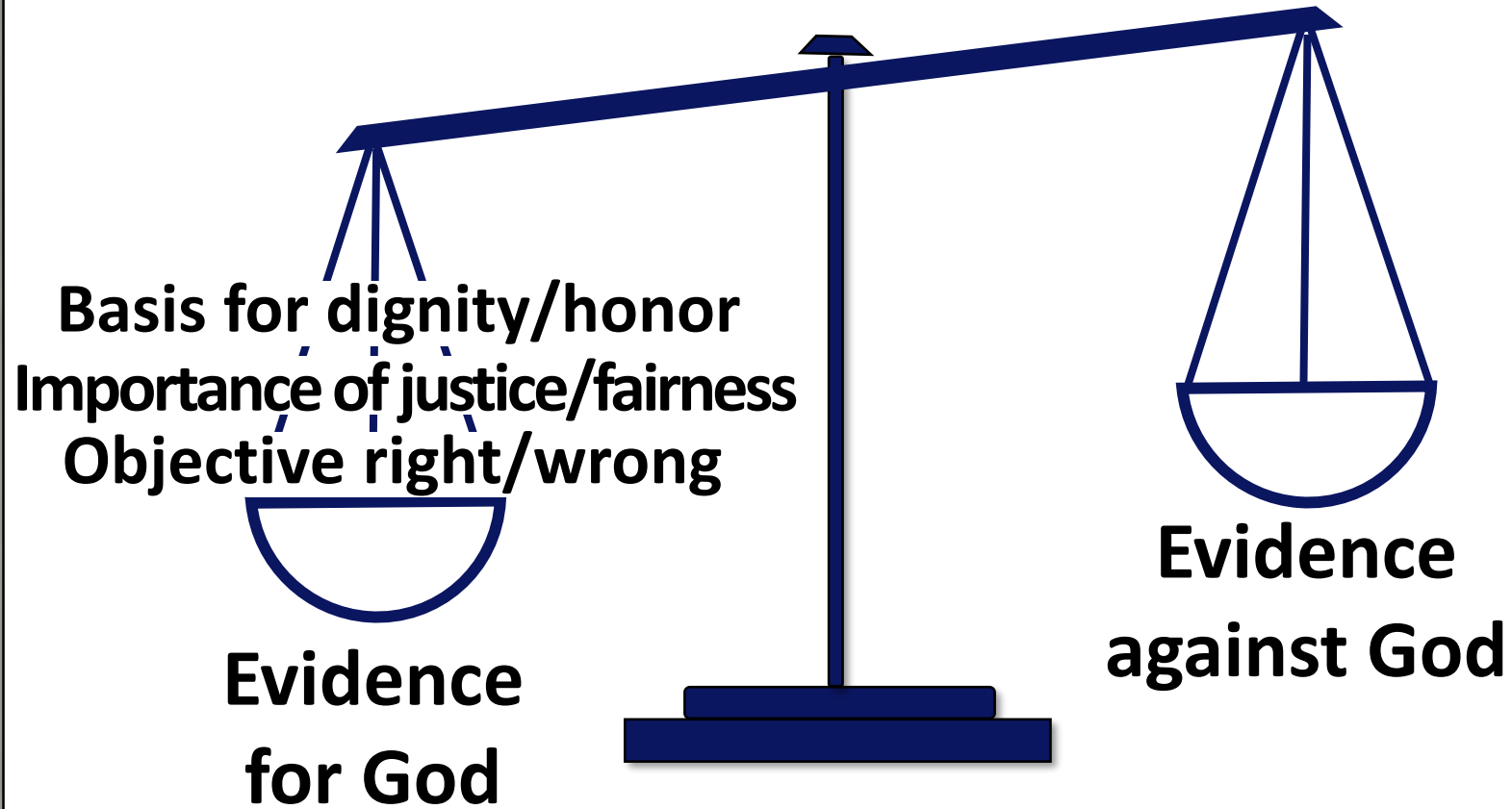
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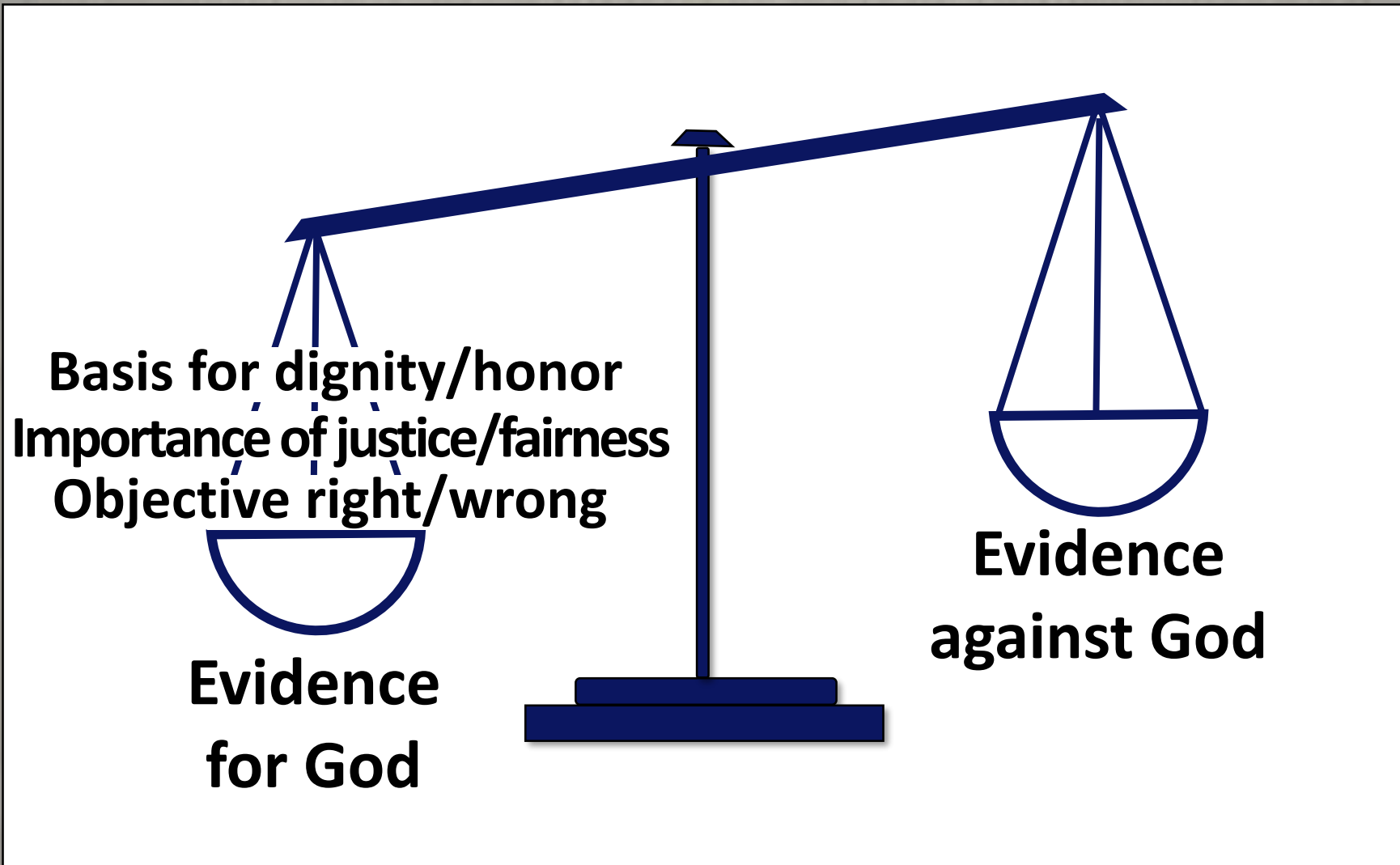
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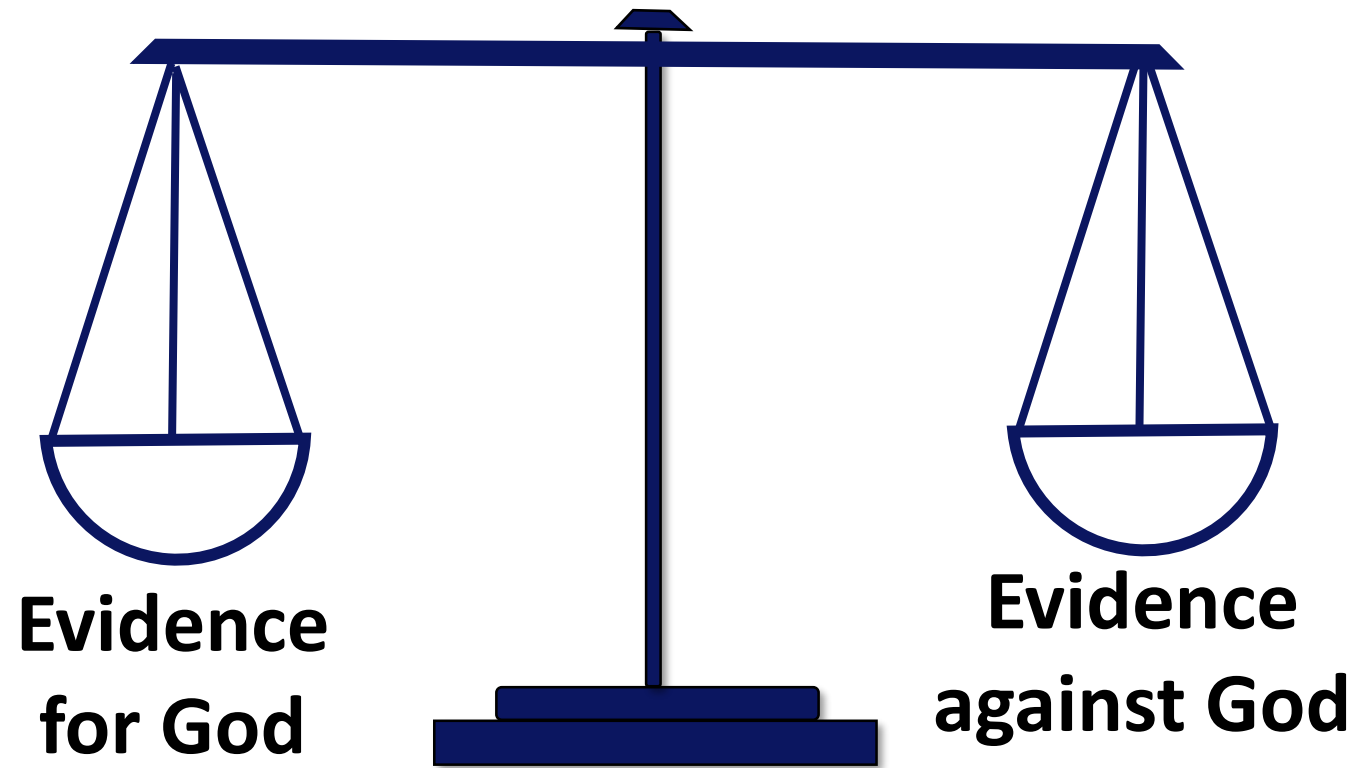
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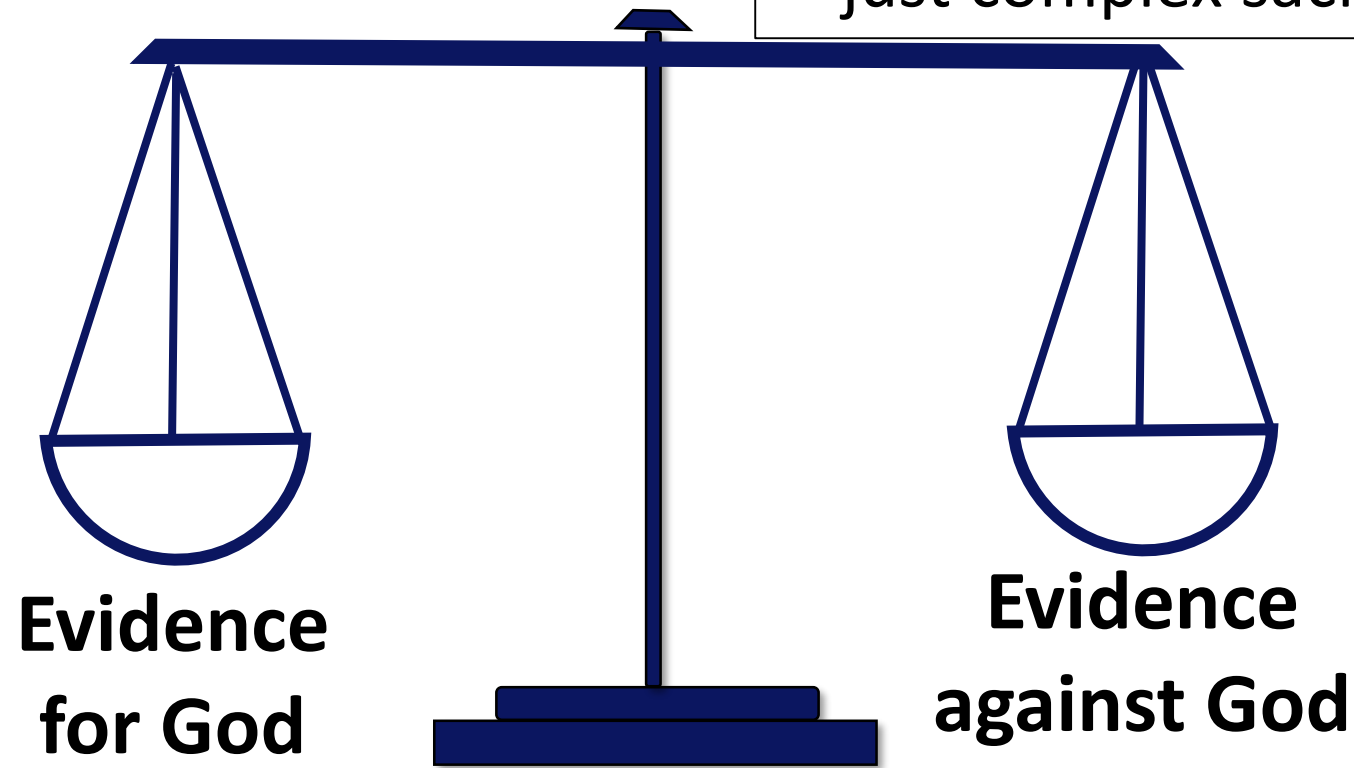
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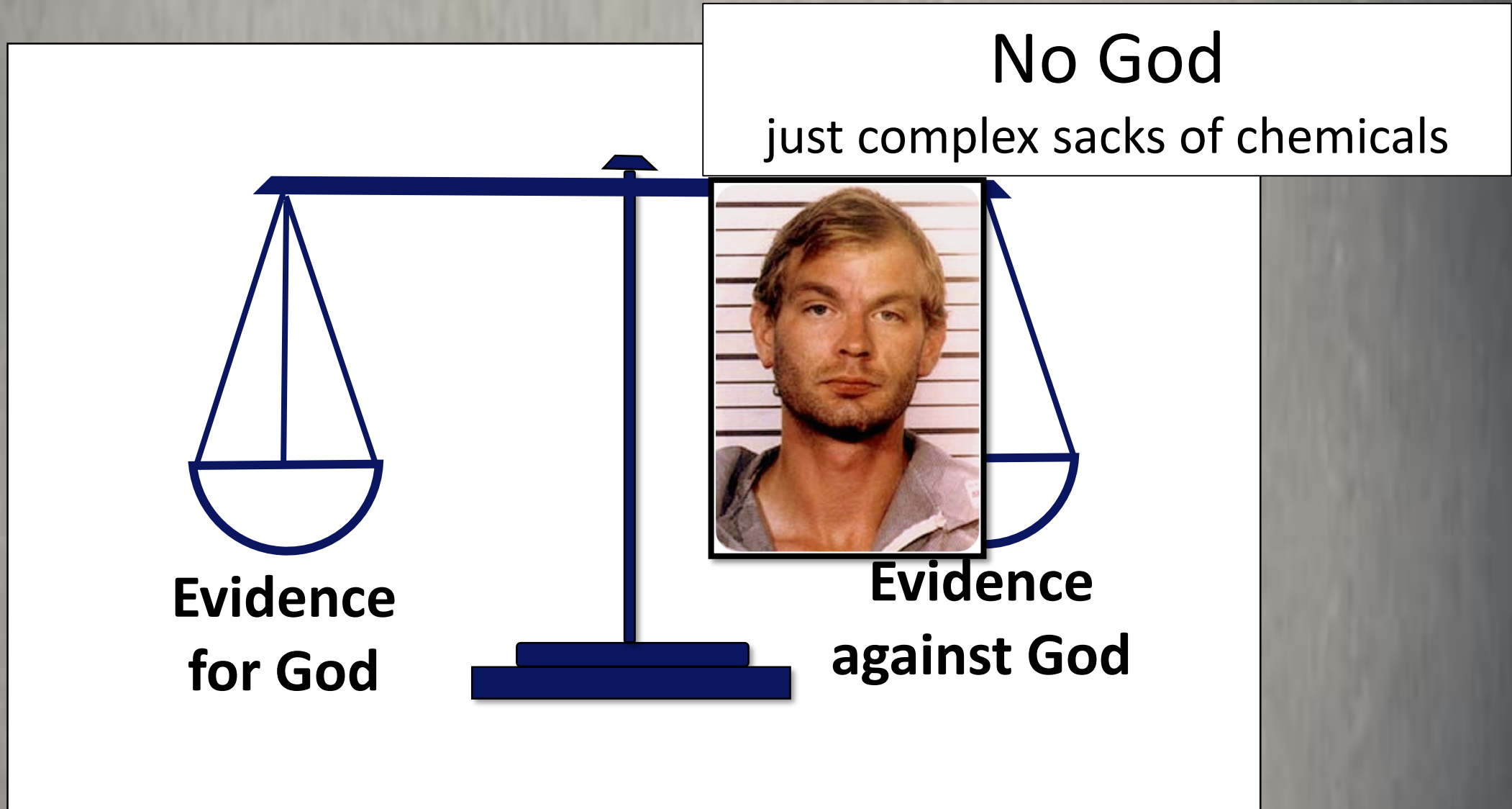
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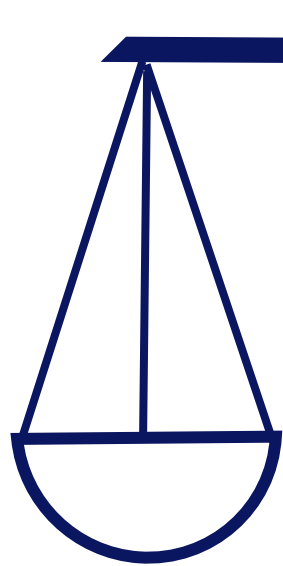
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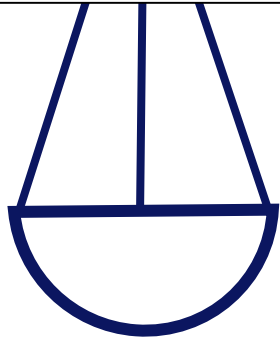
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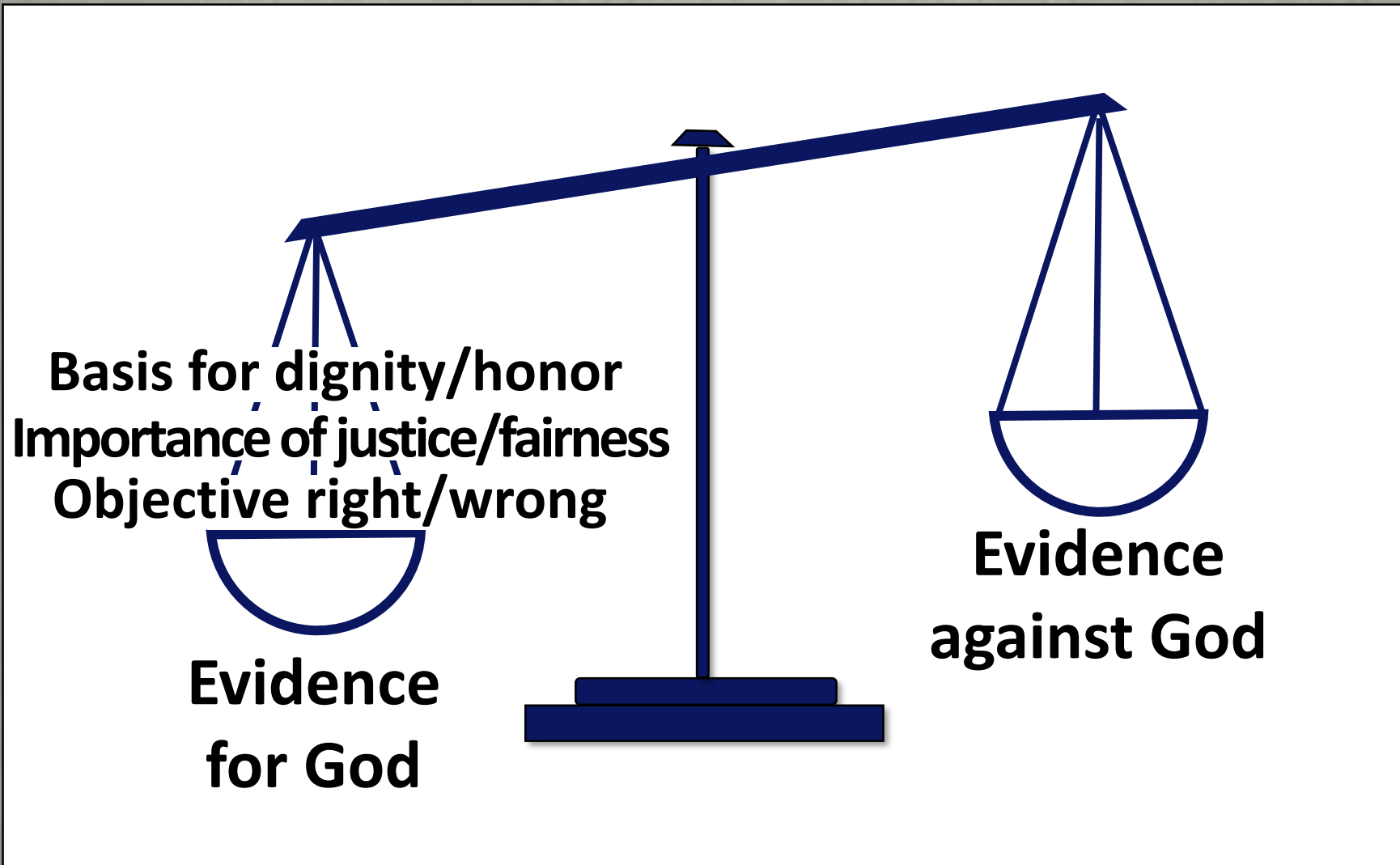
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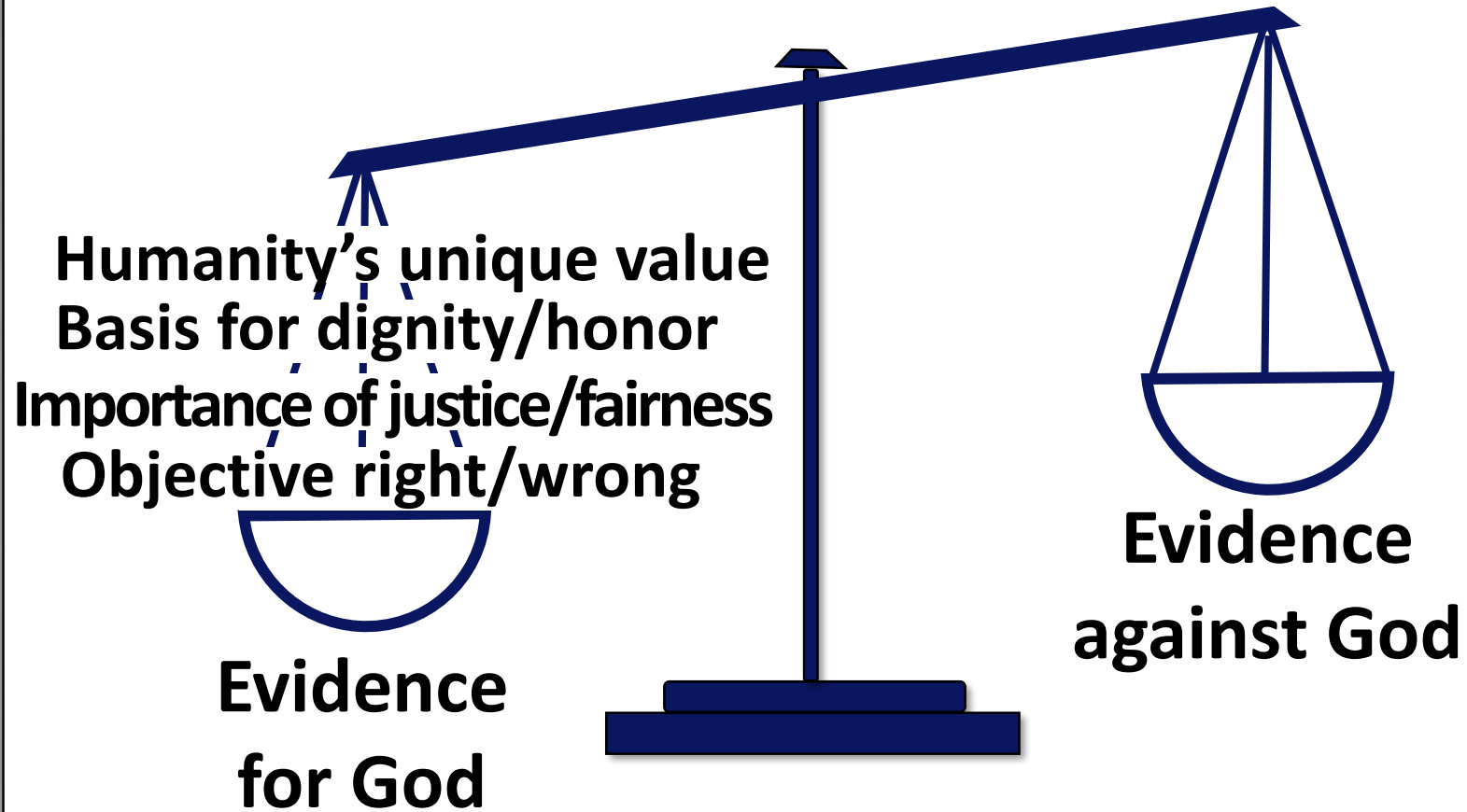
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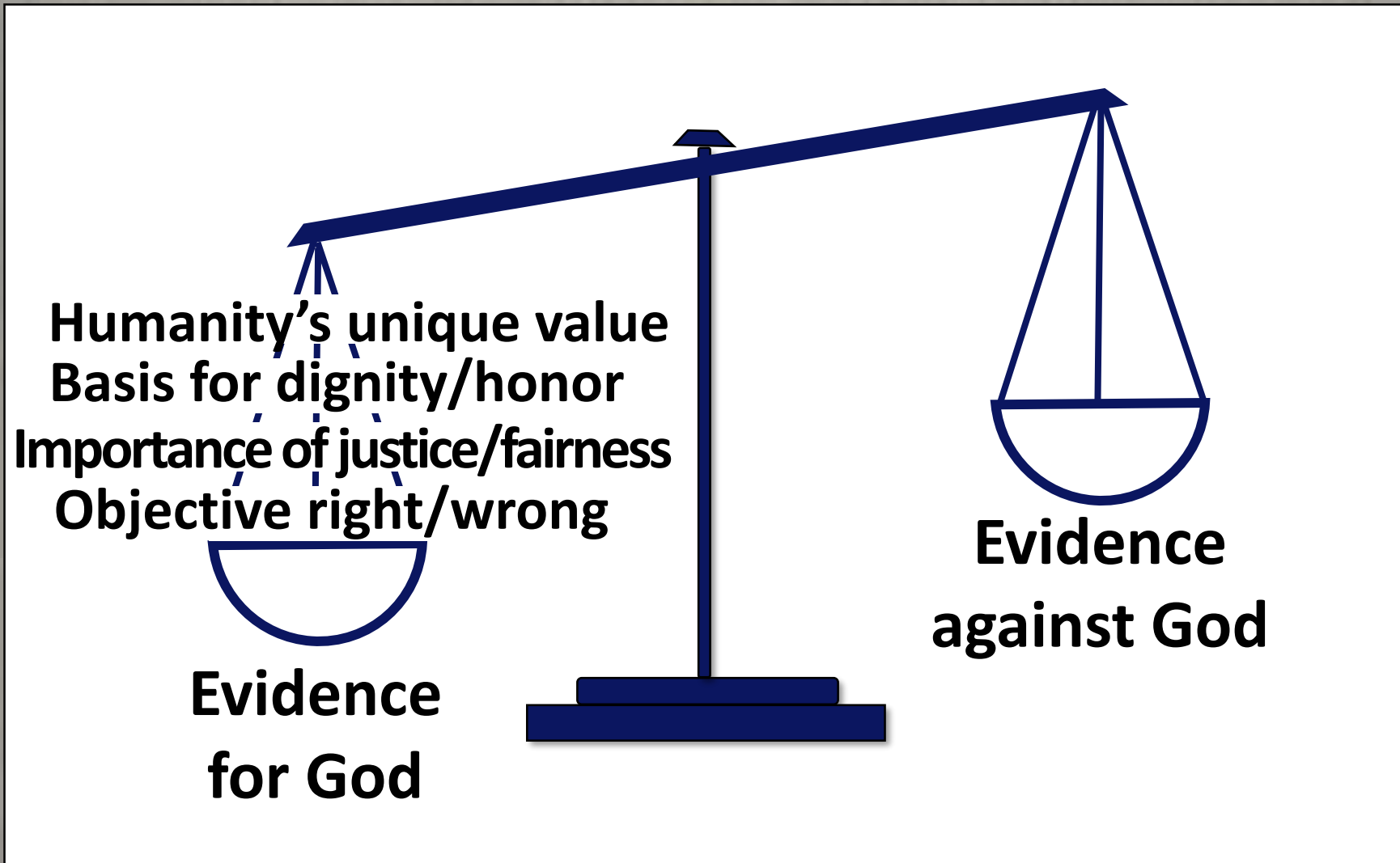
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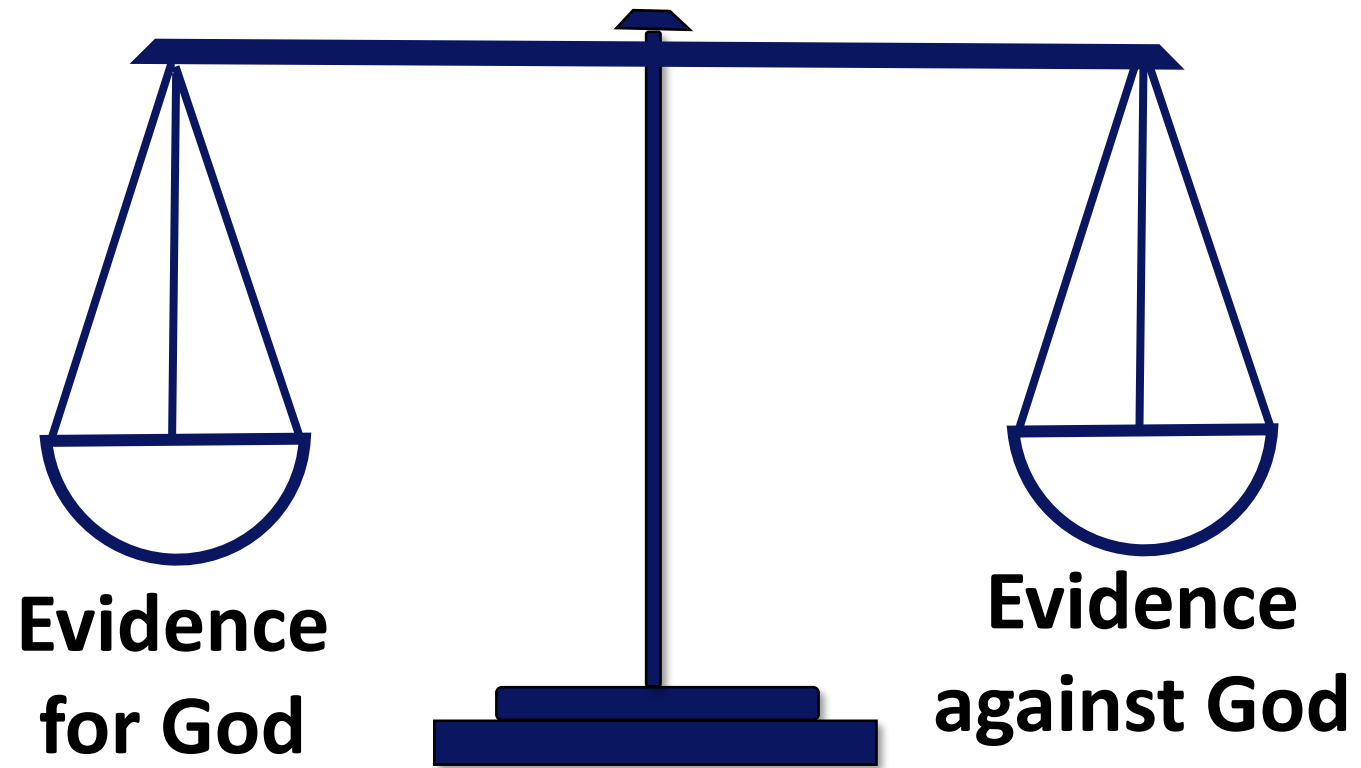
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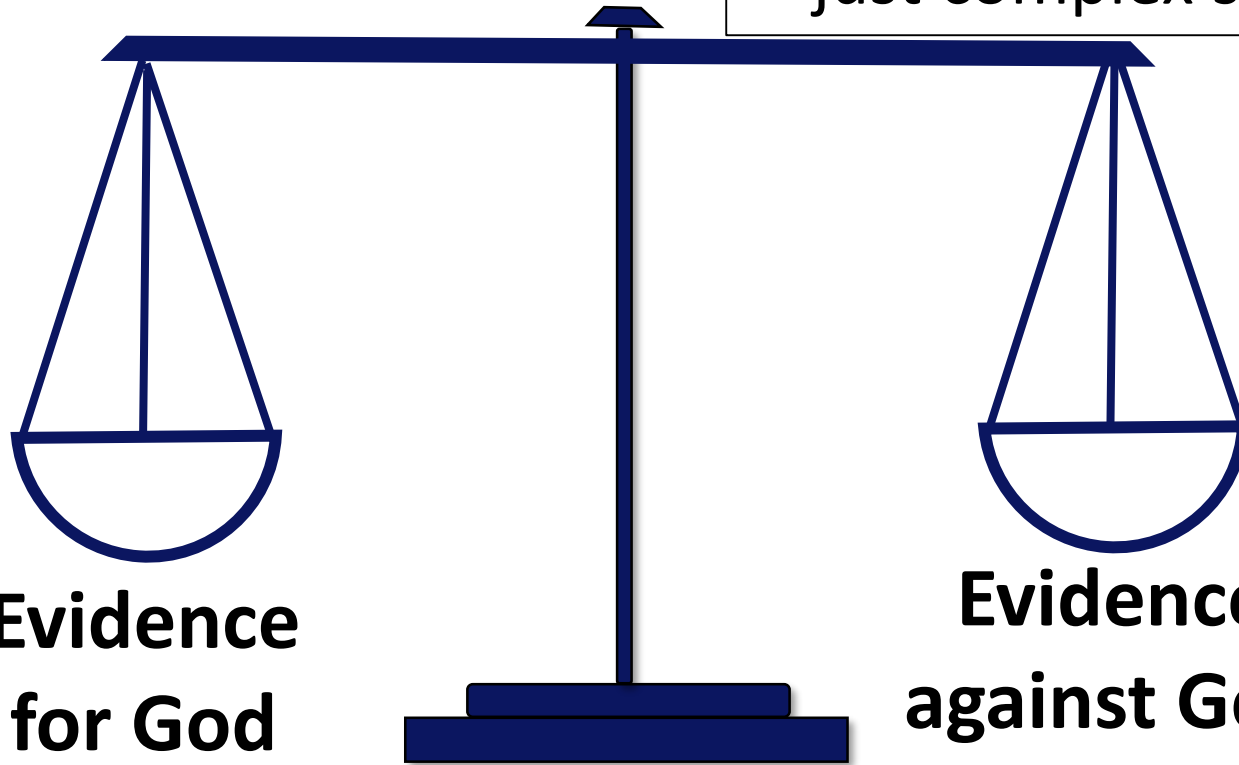


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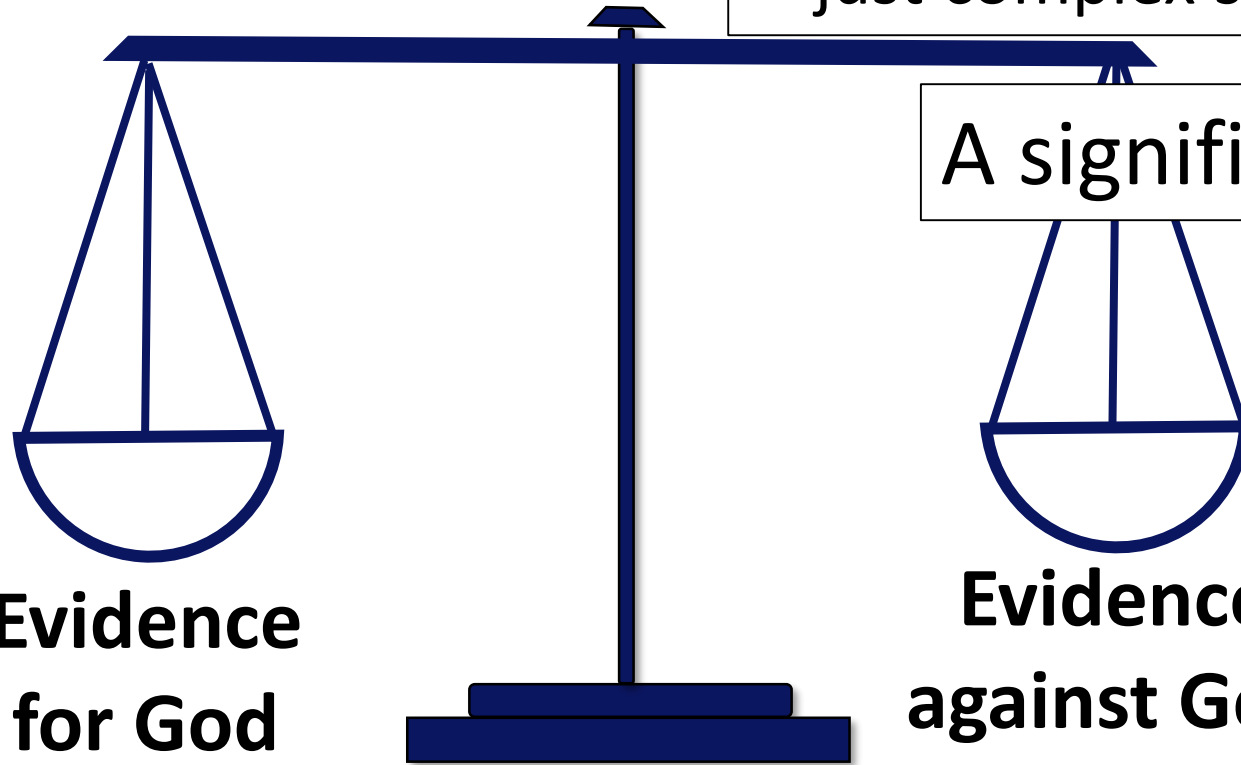
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What is it then that this desire and this inability proclaim to us, but that there was once in man a true happiness of which there now remain to him only the mark and empty trace, which he in vain tries to fill from all his surroundings, seeking from things absent the help he does not obtain in things present? But these are all inadequate, because the infinite abyss can only be filled by an infinite and immutable object, that is to say, only by God Himself.

He only is our true good, and since we have forsaken Him, it is a strange thing that there is nothing in nature which has not been serviceable in taking His place; the stars, the heavens, earth, the elements, plants, cabbages, leeks, animals, insects, calves, serpents, fever, pestilence, war, famine, vices, adultery, incest. And since man has lost the true good, everything can appear equally good to him, even his own destruction, though so opposed to God, to reason, and to the whole course of nature.

Some seek good in authority, others in scientific research, others in pleasure. — Blaise Pascal

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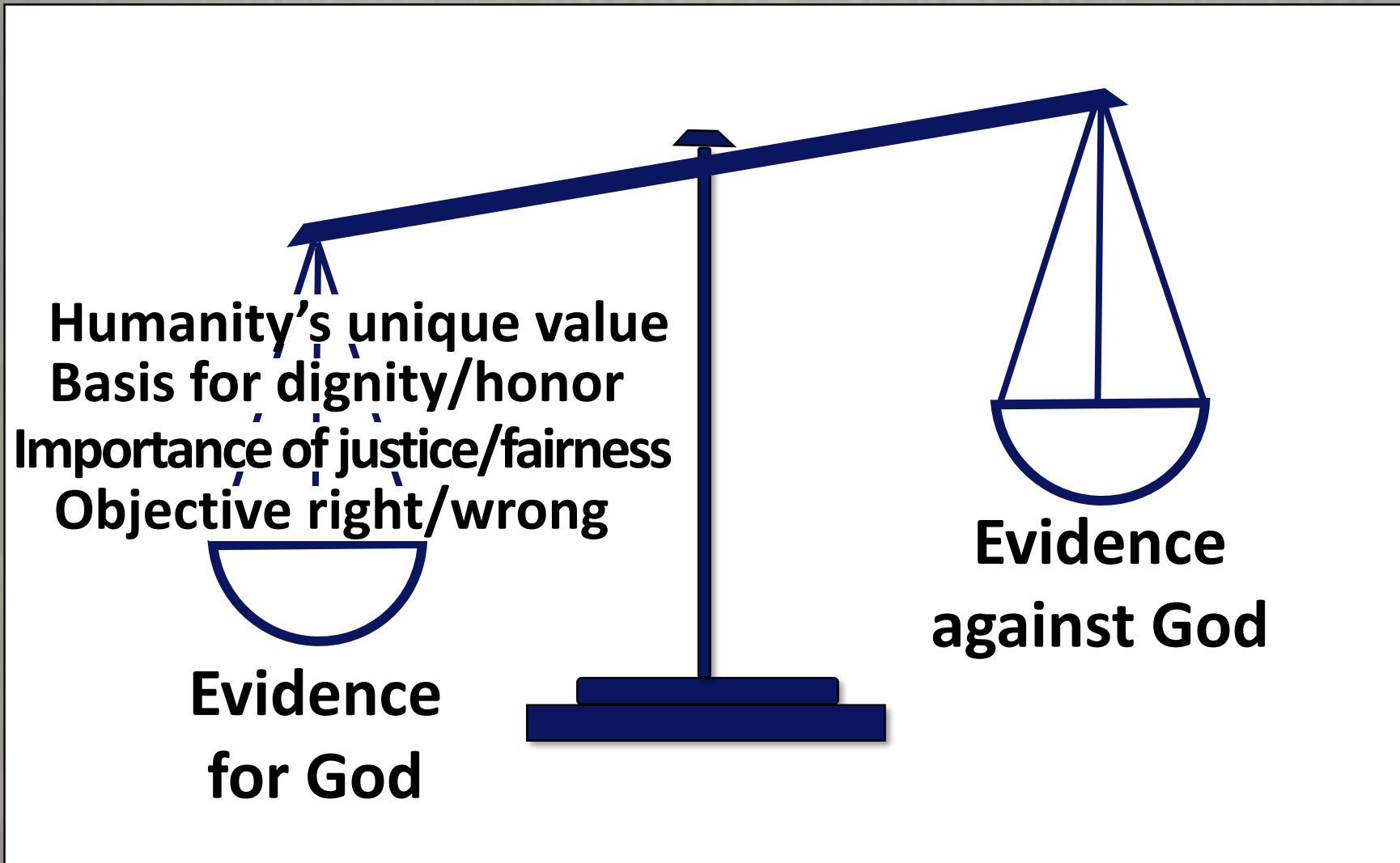
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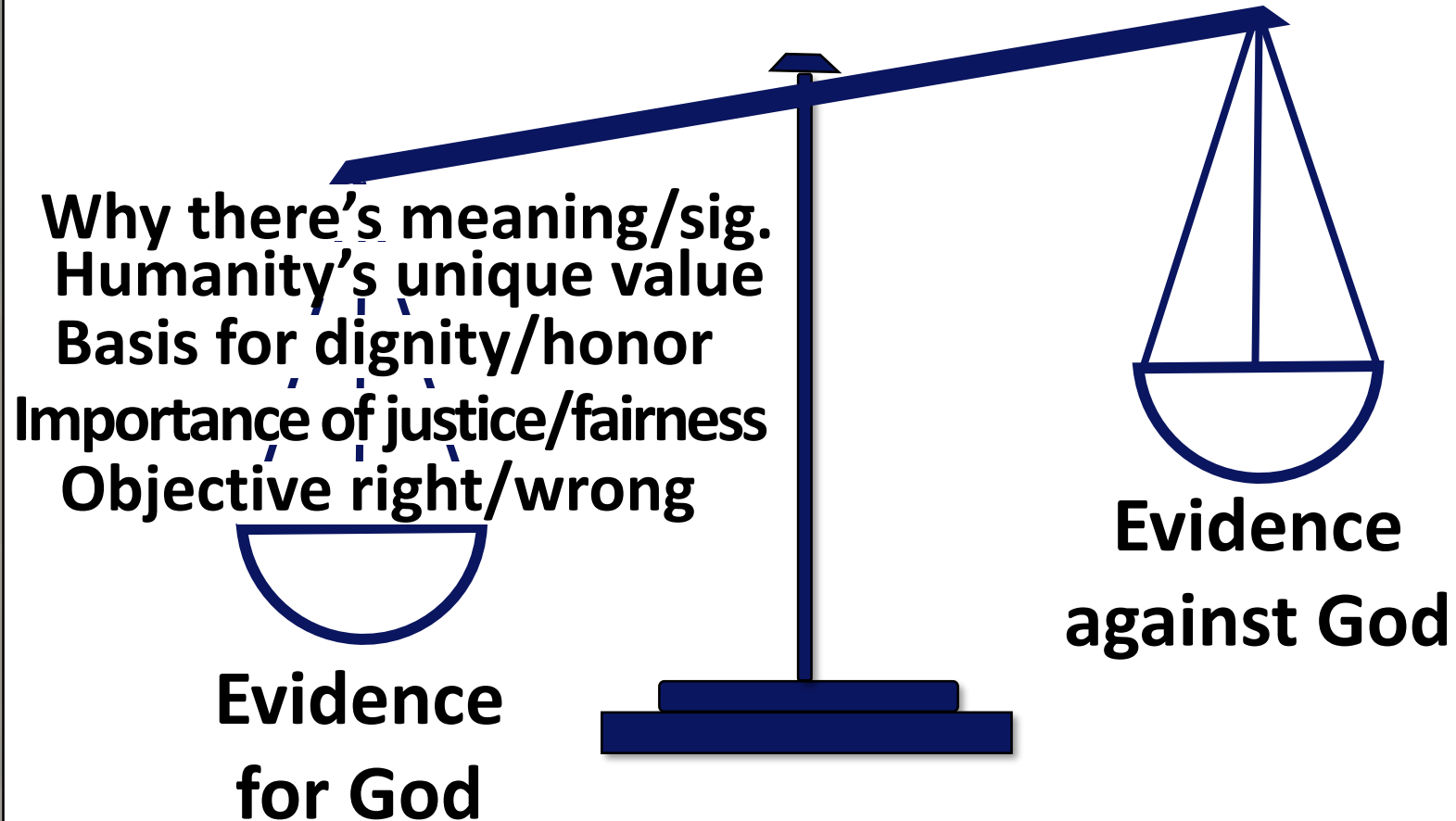
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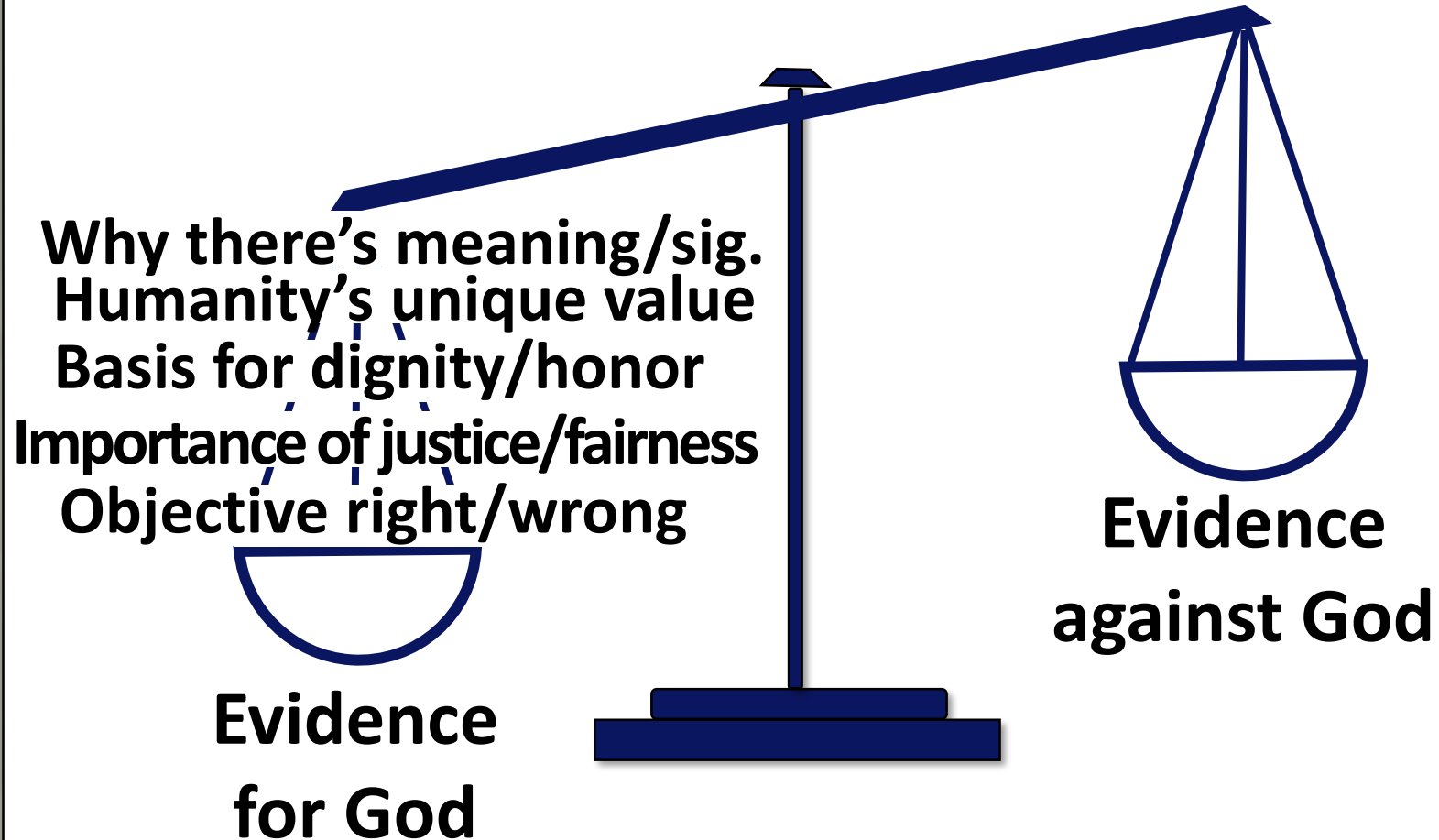
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I want the truth!

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I want to show the
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With God, life has
purpose and meaning.
I want to walk in it.

Why I'm NOT ...

~~Atheist~~

Agnostic

Hindu

Muslim

~~Buddhist~~

Jewish/
Christian

