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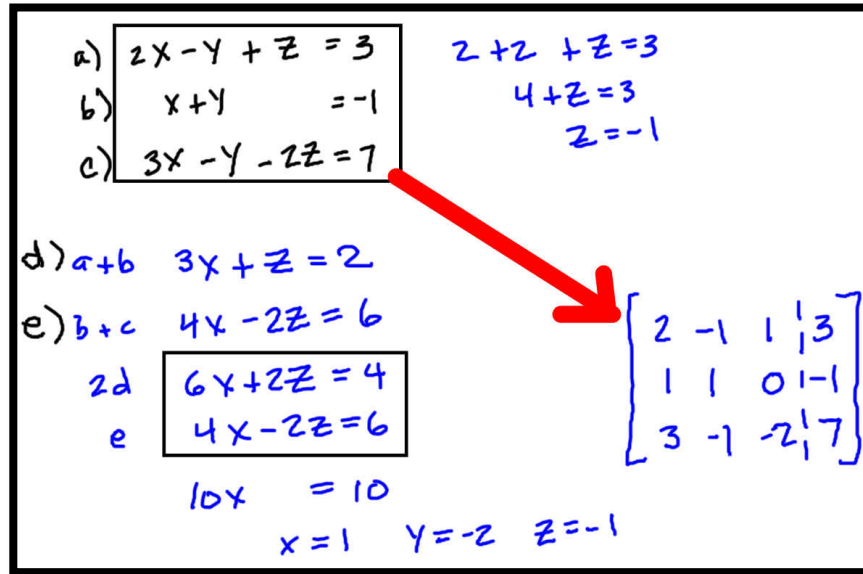
“The Burden of Proof”

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**This is not a
laboratory**

"The Burden of Proof"



Handwritten algebraic work showing a system of equations and its solution:

a) $2x - y + z = 3$
b) $x + y = -1$
c) $3x - y - 2z = 7$

2 + 2 + z = 3
4 + z = 3
z = -1

d) a+b $3x + z = 2$
e) b+c $4x - 2z = 6$

2d $6x + 2z = 4$
e $4x - 2z = 6$

10x = 10
x = 1 y = -2 z = -1

Augmented matrix:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

A red arrow points from the boxed system of equations (a, b, c) to the augmented matrix.

**This is not
algebra class**

“The Burden of Proof”



This **is life's most
important
question**

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different **kinds of proof**

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Gallon
of milk

“The Burden of Proof”



Gallon
of milk



Yards of
distance

“The Burden of Proof”



Gallon
of milk



Yards of
distance



Degrees of
temperature

“The Burden of Proof”



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Life Questions:
**“The preponderance
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The greater weight of credible evidence

“The Burden of Proof”



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The greater weight of credible evidence
What is more likely than not

“The Burden of Proof”

Kinds of Proof

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1. Direct evidence

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It's raining!

Kinds of Proof

1. Direct evidence



It's raining!

2. Circumstantial evidence

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1. Direct evidence



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The Evidence

The Evidence



People

The Evidence



People
(YOU!)

The Evidence



People
(YOU!)

- The “Golden Rule” atheist

The Evidence



People
(YOU!)

- The “Golden Rule” atheist
Morality – right / wrong

The Evidence



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(YOU!)

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The value of people

The Evidence



People
(YOU!)



The world



Genesis



Genesis

Mesopotamians



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Mesopotamians



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Gods subject to the world



Genesis

Mesopotamians



Gods subject to the world

Gods are part of world



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Gods subject to the world

Gods are part of world

People relieve tired gods



Genesis



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Something came
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All is mass and energy
(where is meaning?)

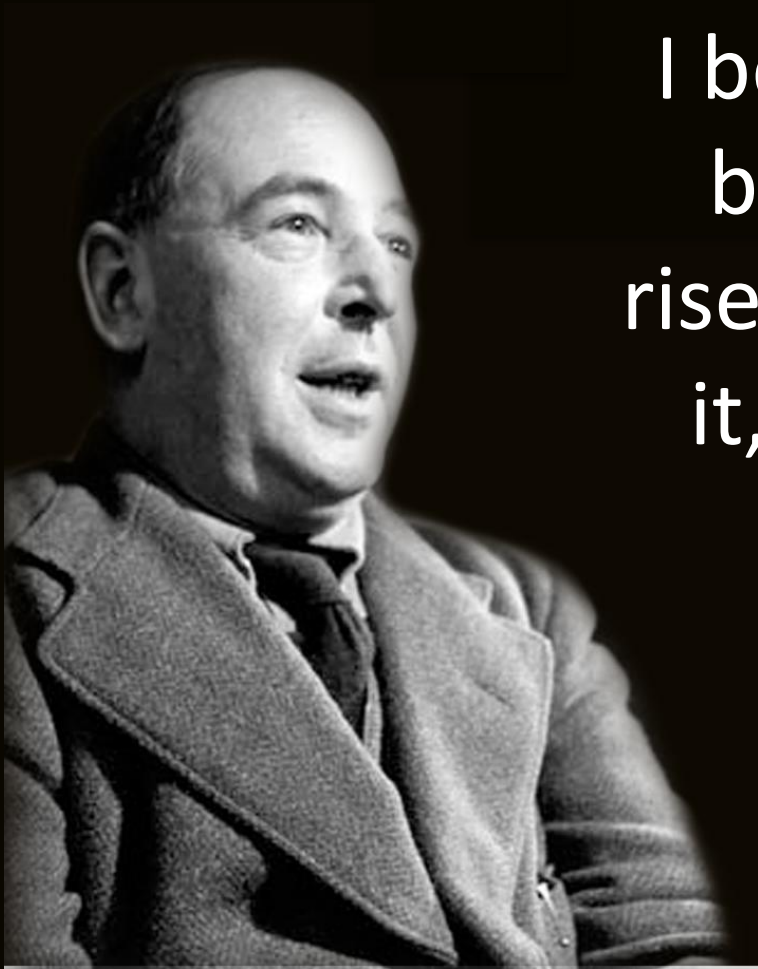
The Evidence



People



The world



I believe in Christianity as I
believe that the sun has
risen: not only because I see
it, but because by it I see
everything else

C. S. Lewis



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A wide-angle photograph of a courtroom. The room features extensive wood paneling on the walls and ceiling. In the center, a judge's bench is elevated on a platform, flanked by two flags (the American flag and a blue state flag) and a large red curtain. Several red chairs are positioned around the bench. In the foreground, rows of wooden benches with red upholstered seats are arranged for the audience. The ceiling has recessed lighting and four circular pendant lights. The overall atmosphere is formal and solemn.