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Under such a thought process, you might decide to determine the number of fingers on your hand. You'd first have to prove that you have a hand. "Oh," you say, "I know I have a hand because I'm looking at it." But how do you know your eyes are working correctly? In fact, how do you know you have eyes? You might reply, "I know I have eyes because I can see." But how do you know that what you see isn't just a hallucination?

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to know, fellowship with, and trust God. Early in man's existence, he lost life, faith, and fellowship through disobedience. This has introduced misery and death into the human race ever since. Actually, without faith in God, man is left in a dark, bleak vacuum of un-provable existence. By rejecting faith in God's existence and intelligence, man has been forced to construct bizarre alternative theories of creation. These are based upon the non-intelligent processes of random chance and evolutionary natural selection. However, evolutionary theory is inconsistent with the scientific principles man claims to believe. These principles (including physics, thermodynamics, and mathematical probability theory) present irreconcilable challenges to man's theory of evolution.

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