

**5. A Creator God's knowledge of the cosmos will trump scientific insight into the natural world. Furthermore, a Creator God who engineered human language and mental faculties will possess total command of these elements.**

If any religious claims to divine revelation are true, then they carry the potential to reveal far more than empirical evidence alone. What science *can* do is give us a closer look at the material evidence of our world as we evaluate claims and theories in light of that evidence.

Revelation could come in a number of forms: written communication, verbal communication, innate knowledge, dreams, visions, etc. Counterfeit revelation, no matter how compelling or how cleverly contrived, can only mimic the genuine article. Authentic revelation will exhibit the trademarks discussed in point #3: logical consistency, coherency, external correspondence, explanatory power, and an insider's (and therefore accurate) view, thereby safeguarding us from counterfeits.

Some examples of insider knowledge: detailed knowledge of the past and future, explanations of profound mysteries, and a progressive flow of revelation that spans multiple eras and cultures. A God or prophet could also back his revelation with demonstration of supernatural power.

Some may argue that the ultimate truths of our world are scattered among a variety of religions and that no religion has a monopoly on the truth. If this were true, no finite individual(s) would be in a position to identify the true bits. Revelation would need to be preserved and intact in order for us to make use of it.

*CONSIDER: The approach of many religionists can be compared to that of a detective who hastily examines the crime scene, interviews an eyewitness, and takes the eyewitness' word for what occurred.*

Some argue that revelation from God would be unclear due to the ambiguous nature of language itself, making uncertainty an inescapable reality. However, if a God engineered human language and mental faculties and desired to communicate with us, then it can be taken as granted that this God would have the upper hand in such an exchange and would be capable of communicating in a way that is adequate for our comprehension.

*CONSIDER: Those who claim that one cannot possibly know whether God exists can be compared to a crime scene detective who unequivocally states that a particular crime cannot be solved. For the detective to sufficiently support this claim, he would need to demonstrate that every possible avenue to the solution has been exhausted and ruled out and that no one exists who can shed further light on the case.*

"TRUTH, OF COURSE, MUST OF NECESSITY BE STRANGER THAN FICTION, FOR WE HAVE MADE FICTION TO SUIT OURSELVES."

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