



# Apologetics' Session 1: Authority and Worldview

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# Purpose

**Purpose: In this session we shall see four points that we can learn from Jesus debate with His opponents in Luke 20:1-8 concerning the issue of authority in one's apologetics so that we would be able to handle attacks against the Christian faith today.**

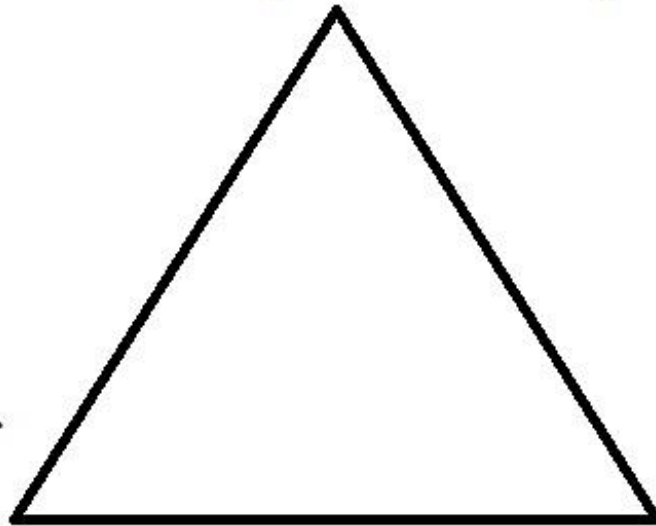
# Outline

- 1. Everyone has an authority and worldview**
- 2. We must begin our apologetics with the authority of God's Word**
- 3. Unbelievers will attack God's authority**
- 4. We must handle false authority like Jesus**

# Everyone has an authority and a worldview

Everyone has a worldview: Just ask the following questions:

What is your authority?



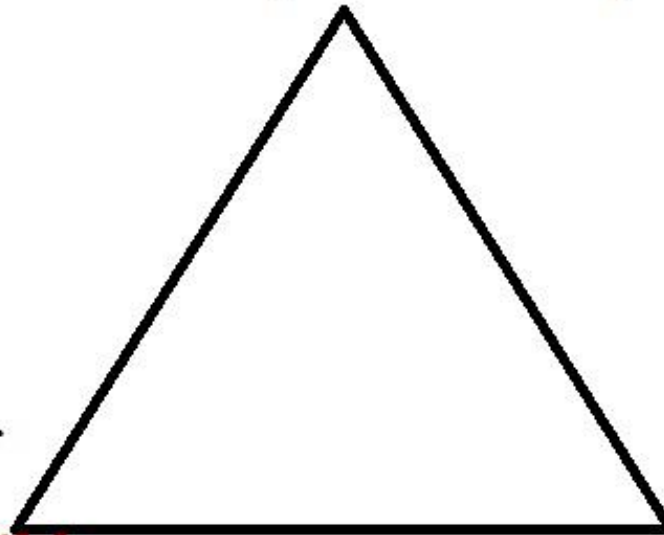
What is your view of reality?

How do you know?

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### The Christian Worldview

What is your authority? God



What is your view of reality? (What the Bible says)

How do you know? Bible

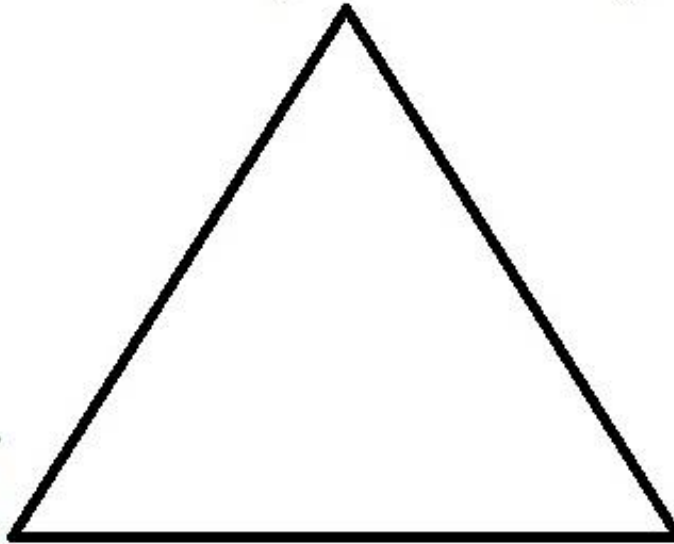
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### Jesus' Religious Opponents Authority

What is your authority? Jewish Religious Authority

What is your view of reality? Jesus Cannot be the Messiah

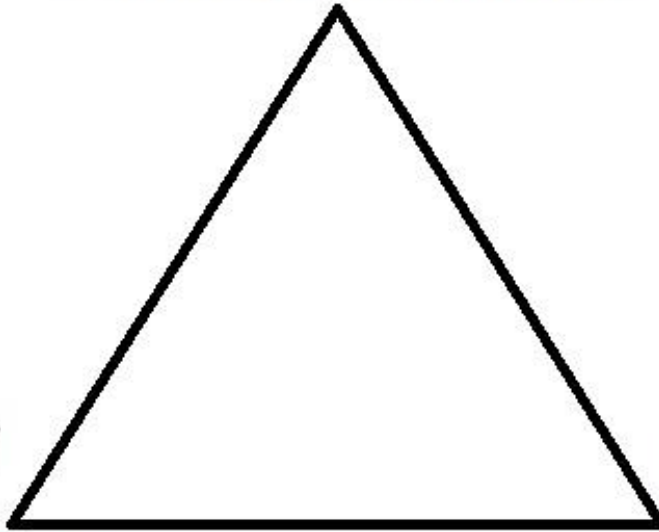
How do you know? Jewish Religious Traditions



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### An Atheist Worldview

What is your authority? Man



What is your view of reality? Materialism:  
Only the Physical  
Exist

How do you know?  
Empiricism:  
Five senses

# We must begin our apologetics with the authority of God's Word

## Why We should begin with the Bible

- ▶ The Word of God is Self-Evidencing
- ▶ God's Word as the highest authority cannot appeal to another higher authority
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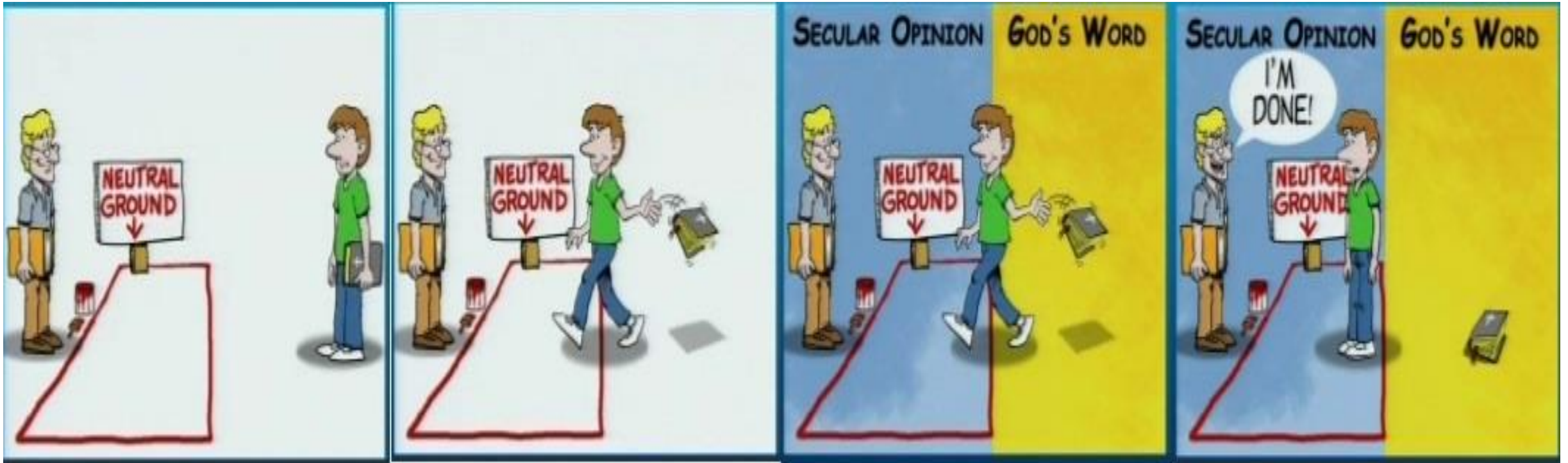
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- ▶ Prophecies shows its divine nature
- ▶ It is God's Word that produces faith

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- ▶ It does not please the Lord.
- ▶ The impossibility of neutrality
- ▶ Ultimately unbelief in God and God's Word reduces everything to irrationality

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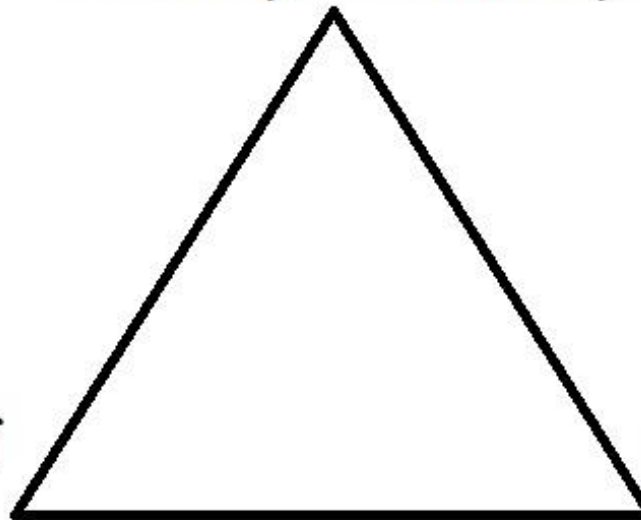
# We must handle false authority like Jesus

- 1. Ask counter-questions**
- 2. Challenge unbelieving authority and methods before giving evidences**
- 3. Reducing the nonbeliever's position to the point of absurdity**
- 4. Not casting pearls before swine**

# Example of Application

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- ▶ How do we know Jesus existed?