

### III. SUPPORT FOR THE BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW BY APPEALING TO THOUGHT AND REASONING:

- **SHOW ME THE EVIDENCE:**  
Evidence: “Testimony, writings, material objects, or other things presented to the senses that are offered to prove the existence or nonexistence of a fact.” Black’s Law Dictionary.
- In Courts, a jury is not asked to decide with 100% certainty what the true facts are.
- Preponderance of the evidence: “A standard of proof (used in many civil suits) which is met when a party’s evidence on a fact indicates that it is ‘more likely than not’ that the fact is as the party alleges it to be.” Black’s Law Dictionary. Under this test, it does not require 100% certainty.
- Beyond a reasonable doubt: The standard used in criminal cases. Even under this stricter test, it does not require 100% certain.
- When someone is convicted or held liable for damages, there is no certainty that the decision is correct. And, the law does not require certainty; only a weighing of the evidence. Juries and Judges have to take a leap of faith to reach a decision.
- All exercise faith. To reach a belief or decision on anything, faith fills in where evidence ends.
- When you sit down, you are exercising faith that chair will hold you—there is no certainty. You don’t have 100% of all facts about that chair. It requires the exercise of some faith.
- Atheists have faith. I do not have enough faith to be an atheist. Consider the order of the world and universe. Consider the intricacy of the eye.
- Attorney story: I had an agnostic attorney friend. We once were eating in a restaurant under a beautiful painting. My friend was admiring the painting. And I said to him, “to believe that all things we see around us just happened without a creator is like saying that painting happened without an artist.
- Sir Isaac Newton created a machine that accurately portrayed the rotations of the planets. You would use a hand-crank to wind up the machine and the various planets would start moving around the sun circularly in their proper orbits. While he was still working on the invention, and before he introduced it to the world, one of his atheist friends dropped in, saw the ingenious contraption, began turning the crank and was amazed. When Sir Isaac Newton walked into the room, the atheist friend proclaimed, “Sir Isaac, who created this marvelous machine? And with a twinkle in his eye, Newton answered his atheist friend, “Oh, no one created it, it just happened one day.”
- Wrist Watch example: If I were walking along the beach and happened upon a wrist watch washed up on the shore, would it be logical (based on probabilities) for me to believe that the sand, wind, waves, and long passage of time all worked together to create the wrist watch? Or, would I naturally presume (based on evidence that is evident) that the wrist watch was created by a watch-maker. If it is logical to believe that a watch is made by a watch-maker isn’t it just as logical to believe that an eye (much more complex than a watch) is made by an eye-maker?

- No one should the Biblical worldview to a less or greater standard of proof than for anything else we judge in life. We do not have to reach certainty to believe in anything. But we should look carefully at the evidence and then measure it against probabilities (just as in a criminal or civil case). Show me the evidence.