

1 John Series

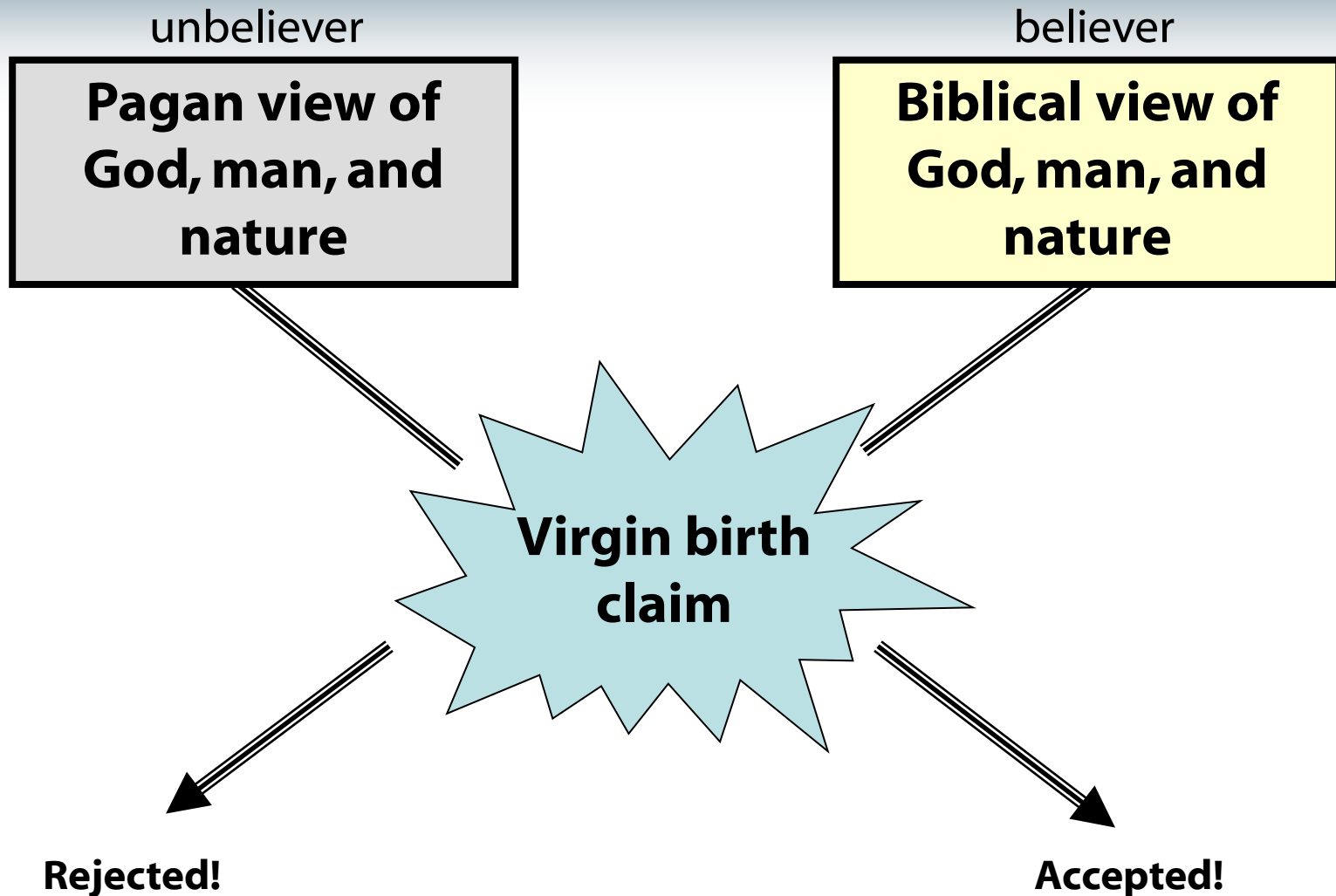
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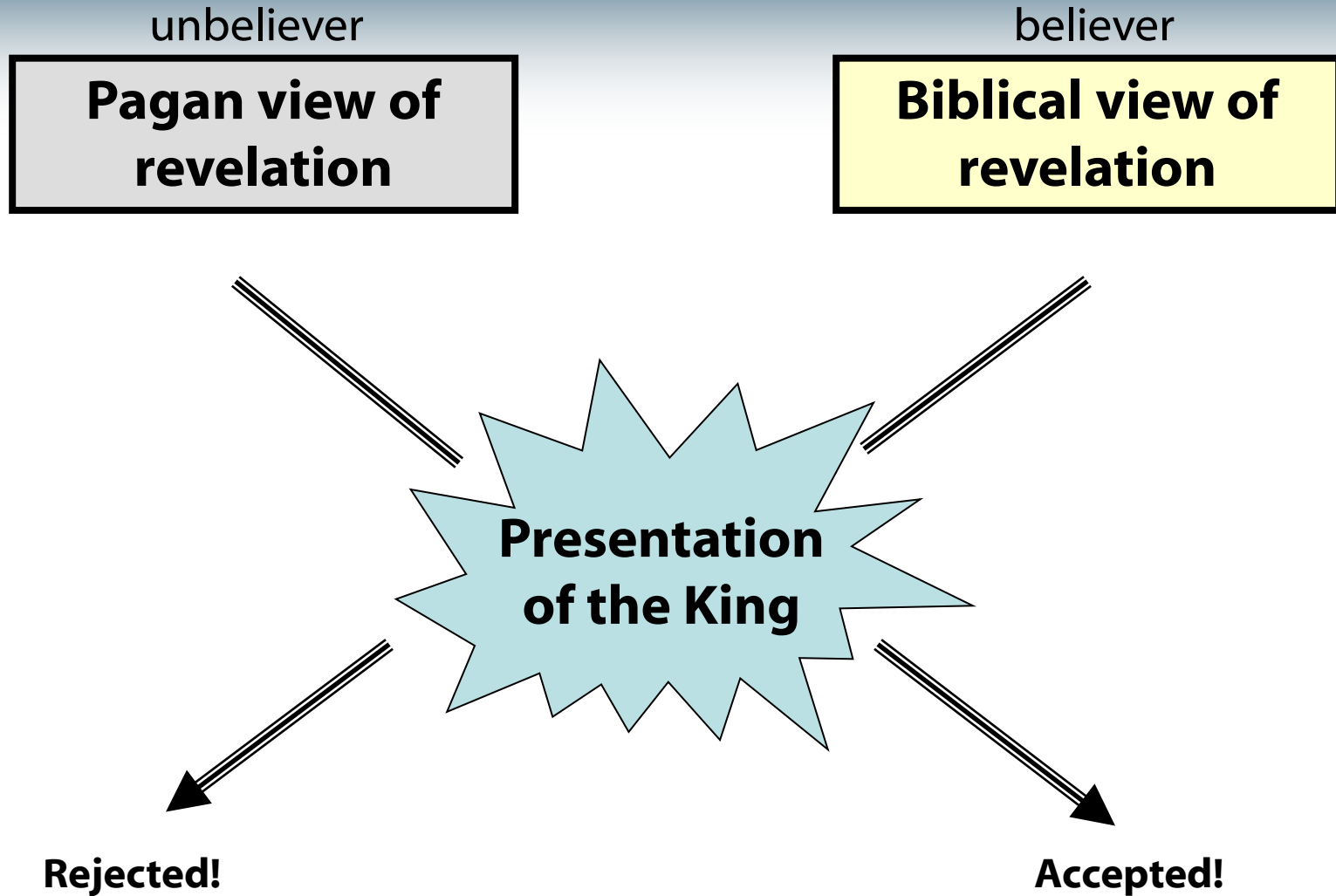
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The Virgin Birth



Presentation of the King



Shall I Bow to My Creator?

- **YES!**

- ancient monotheism
- ancient Israel
- Bible
- fundamentalism

- **CREATOR/creature**

- God || man | nature
- everlasting distinctions

- **PERSONAL SOVEREIGN**

- ultimate responsibility

- **NO!**

- ancient myths
- eastern religions
- western philosophy
- modern theology

- **Continuity of Being**

- nature > gods > man
- transmutation / evolution

- **IMPERSONAL FATE & CHANCE**

- ultimate victimization

Non-Biblical Answers to: “Who are you to tell me how to live?”

1. Subjectivism (moral relativism): *“Ethical judgments merely express an individual’s emotions or attitudes toward an action or object of evaluation.”*

Arguments for:

Circumstances & generational experience *differ* from person to person

Intolerant to impose *one’s* values on others

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Problems with:

Says nothing about actions or objects themselves, *only autobiographical expressions* lacking basis for moral outrage over evil actions or belief in objective value.

***Self-refuting* since every person inevitably experiences others' judgments of him or his labor to which he objects as “unfair.”**

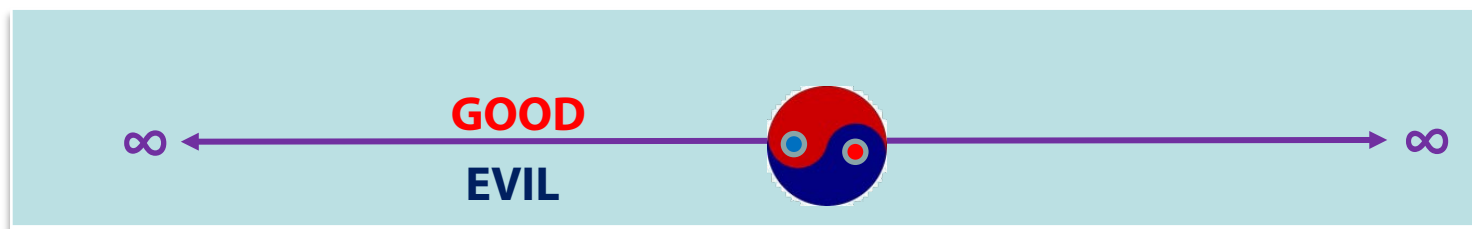
Resulting anarchy *leads to totalitarian imposition* of the judgments of the stronger against the weaker to avoid social chaos.

Who has the REAL “Evil problem”?

Christian: Good / Evil mix is “abnormal” and temporary



Pagan: Good / Evil mix is permanently “normal”



The Trinity (3)

Trinity	Nature, Person, and Personality
(1)	There are no more nor less than 3: back of the person a nature, merging into the lives of others a personality. One is not a personal being unless all three elements are present. ... each one of the three factors in man is so distinct that no one of the three can be either one of the others.
(2)	Each of the three factors is inevitable to the others. Without the person there is no nature or personality. Without the nature there is no person, no personality. And there is no person, no nature, without personality as a consequence. ... They are so much one that each is the whole man.
(3)	The three factors in personal human life ... are manifestly three things which man <i>is</i> ... not three things that he does. ... They are three modes of being.
(4)	<i>Nature is first</i> , the source of all that you are. <i>Person is second</i> , embodying the nature. <i>Personality is third</i> , proceeding from the nature through the person.
(5)	The person is begotten continually from the nature. ... The person sends out his personality. He sends out his personality ... from his inner nature.
(6)	The unseen nature reveals itself in the person. He who has really seen and known the person has seen the nature. The person is the visible embodiment of the whole being. The personality reveals the person and his nature.
(7)	There is the point of view of my essential, true nature. There is the simple, personal point of view—of me, the <i>person</i> . There is the point of view of me as <i>related to others</i> .

Our Relationship with the Father

Text	Contrasting element	Individual detail
1:5	Light (+)	perfection of God
1:6	Darkness (–)	talk vs. walk
1:7	Light (+)	walk with cleansing for fellowship
1:8	Sin (–)	talk vs. real state-of-affairs
1:9	Cleansing from sin (+)	candid talk and cleansing
1:10	Sin (–)	talk vs. real state-of-affairs
2:1–2	Resolution of sin before the God of Light (+)	Throne room activity

Three Responses to the Light

1:8 Unresponsive to the light

**1:9 Response to enlightenment of
specific sin(s)**

1:10 Denial of specific sin(s)

John's Frequent Use of “*ginosko*” (to perceive, to come to know)

**25 occurrences
within 21 verses**

2:3	2×	that we know the Son
2:4		false claim
2:5		that we are “in” Him
2:13	2×	the Father
2:14		the Father
2:18		that this age is the “last hour”
2:29		that the Son is righteous
3:1	2×	World can recognize neither Jesus nor us
3:6		the Son
3:16		love of God
3:19		that we are of the Truth
3:20		God knows all things
3:24		that God abides in us
4:2		the Spirit of God
4:6	2×	God; the spirit of truth and the spirit of error
4:7		God
4:8		God
4:13		that we dwell in Him and He is us
4:16		the love that God has toward us
5:2		that we love the children of God
5:20		the Son