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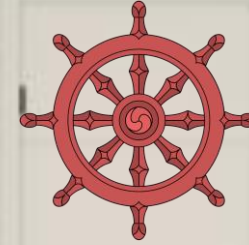
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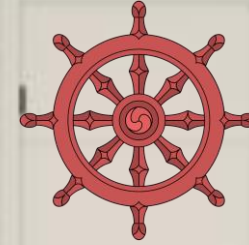
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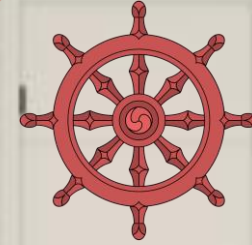
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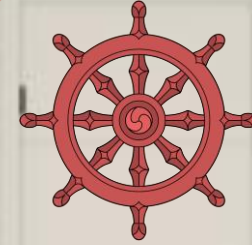
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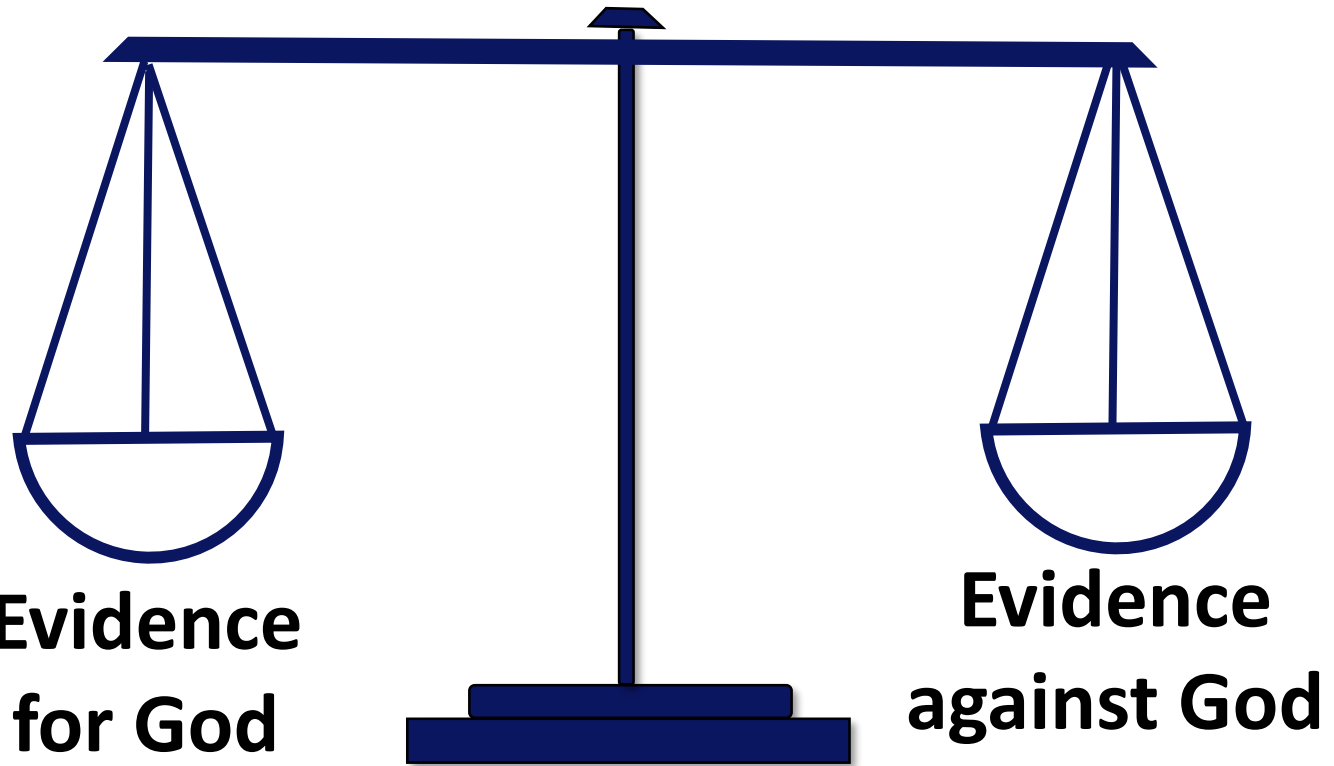


Agnostics don't believe in God, but aren't ready to say they are certain there is no God.

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Words matter because
they express ideas

Weighing the Evidence



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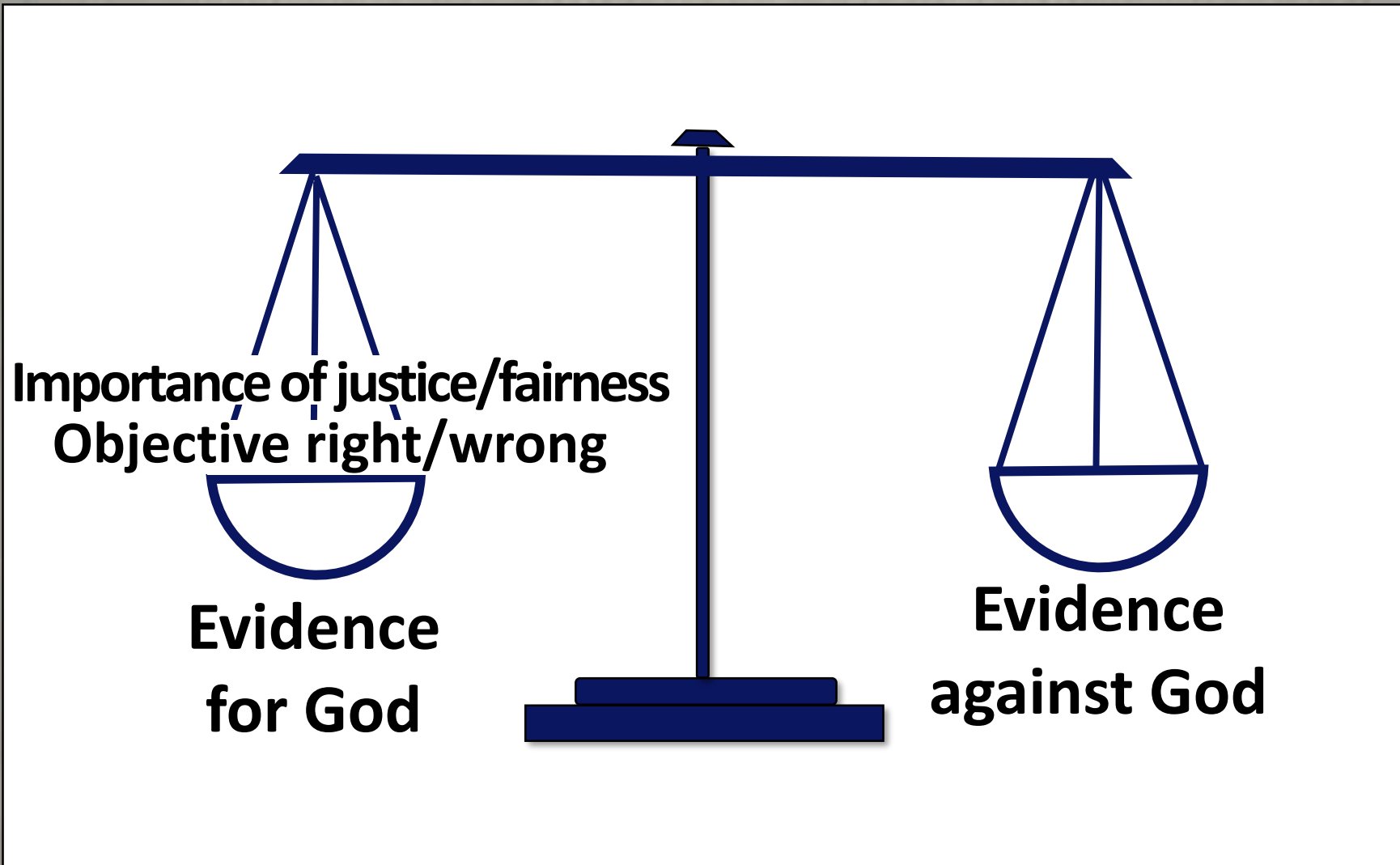
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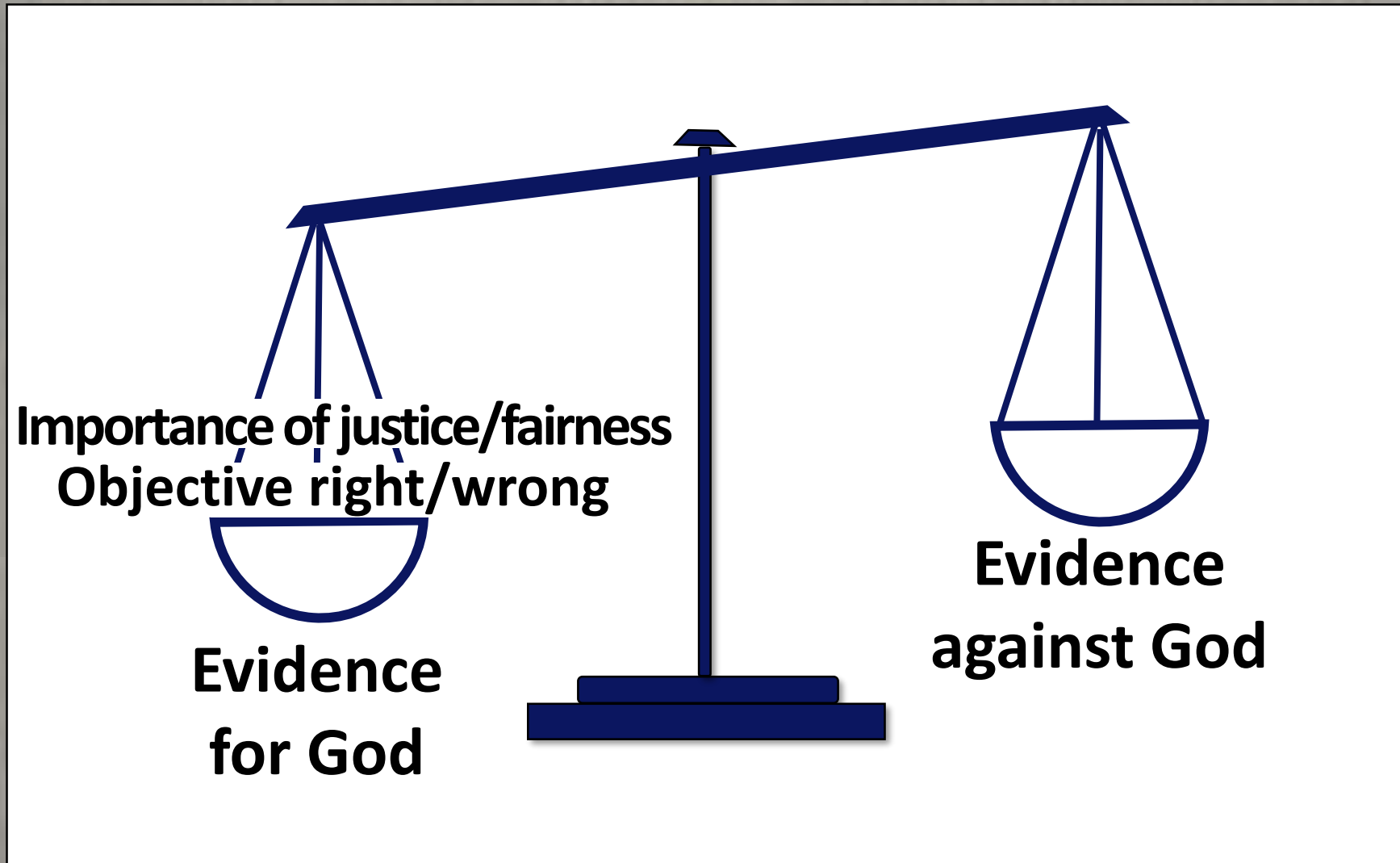
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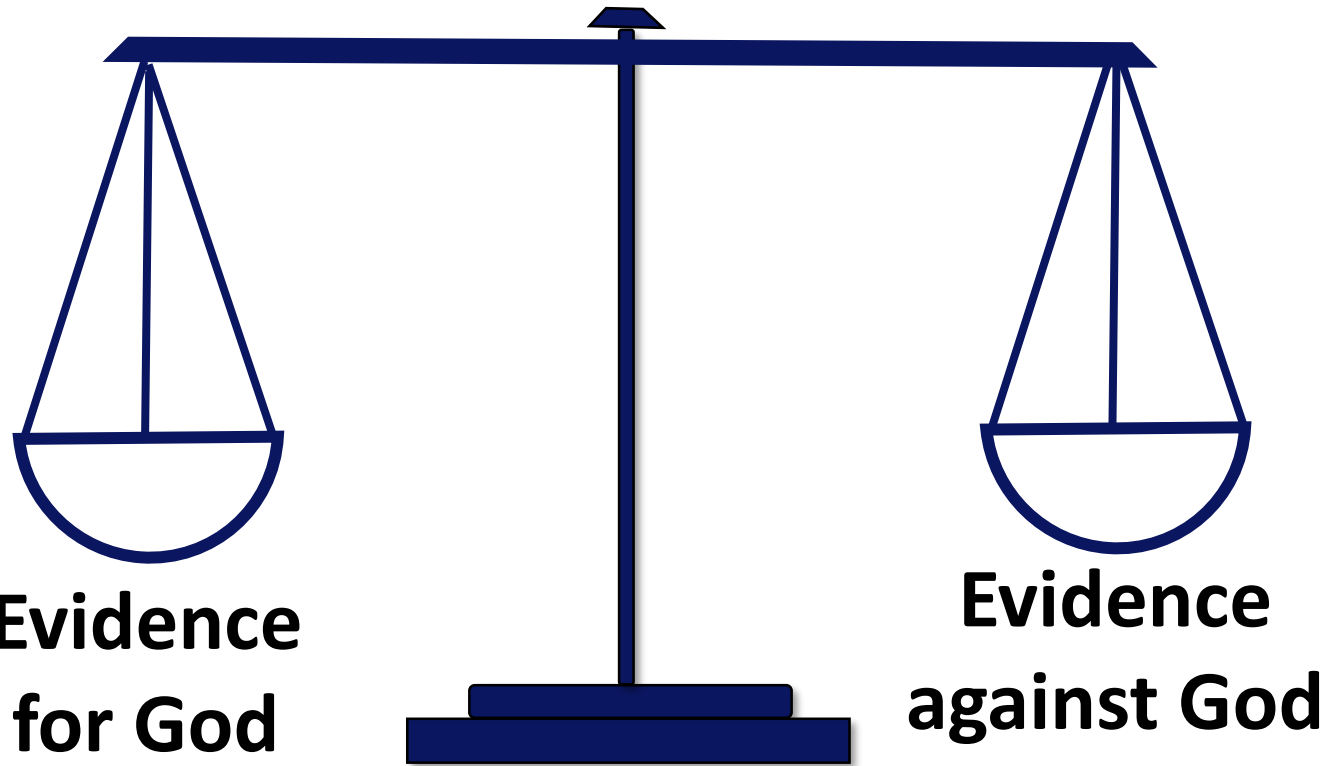
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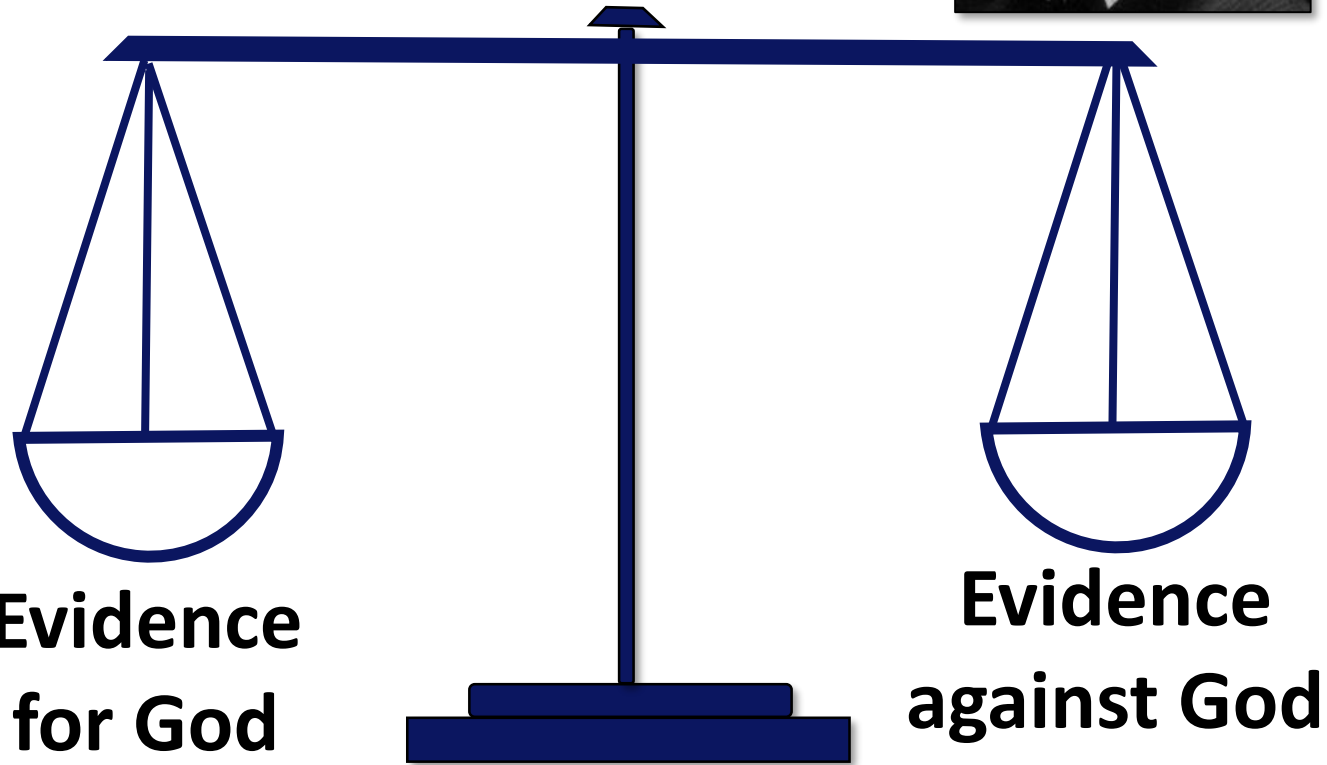
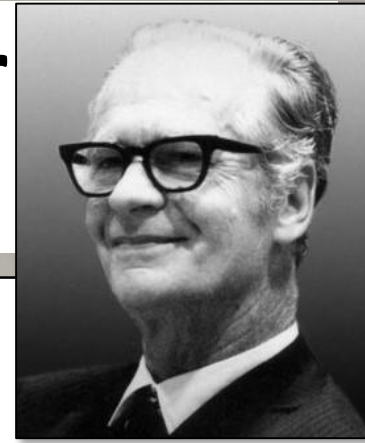
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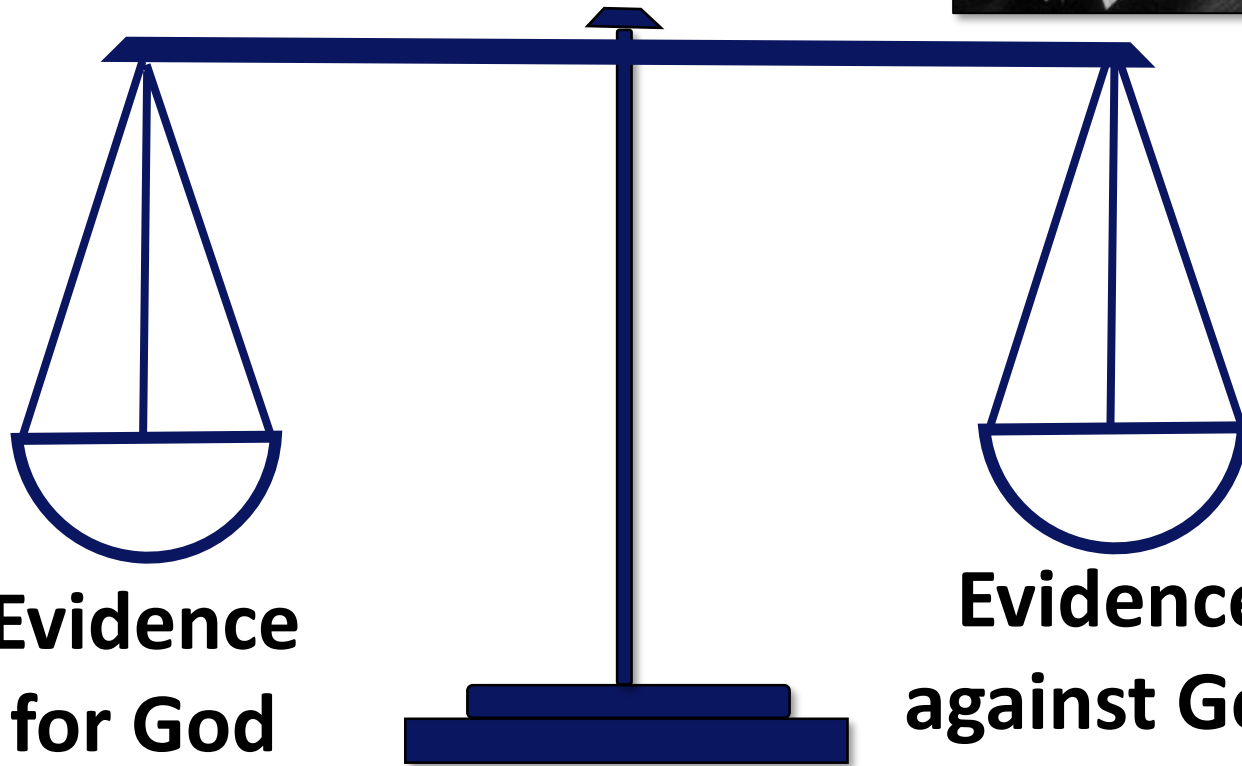
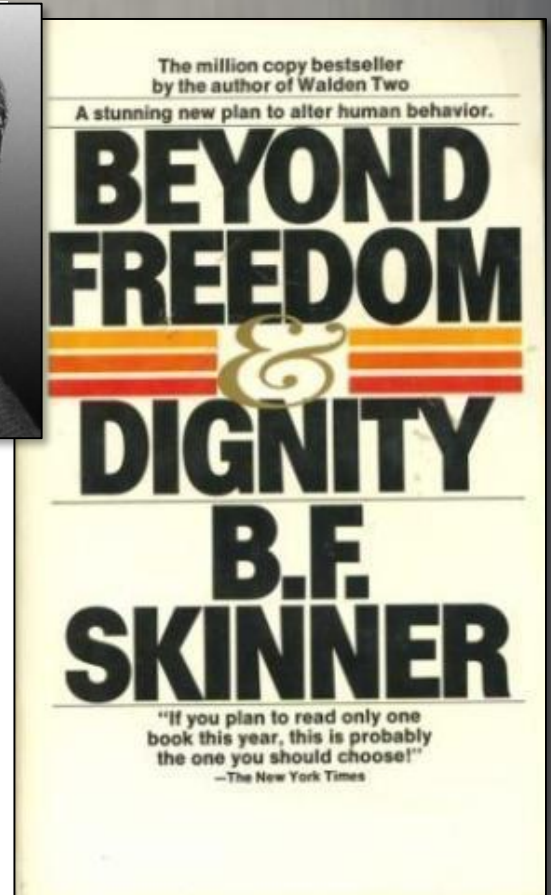
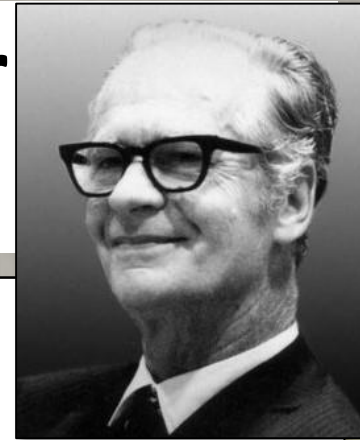
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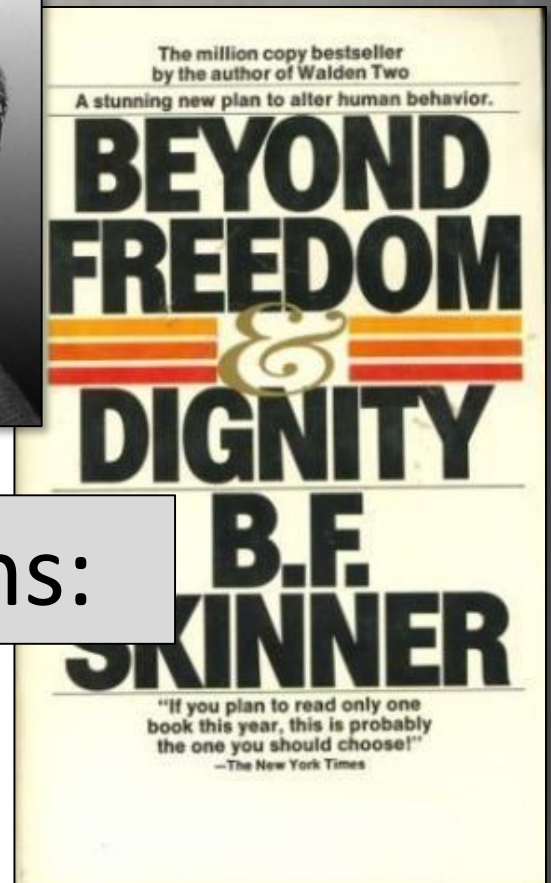
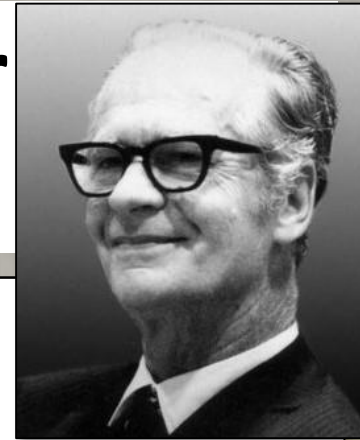
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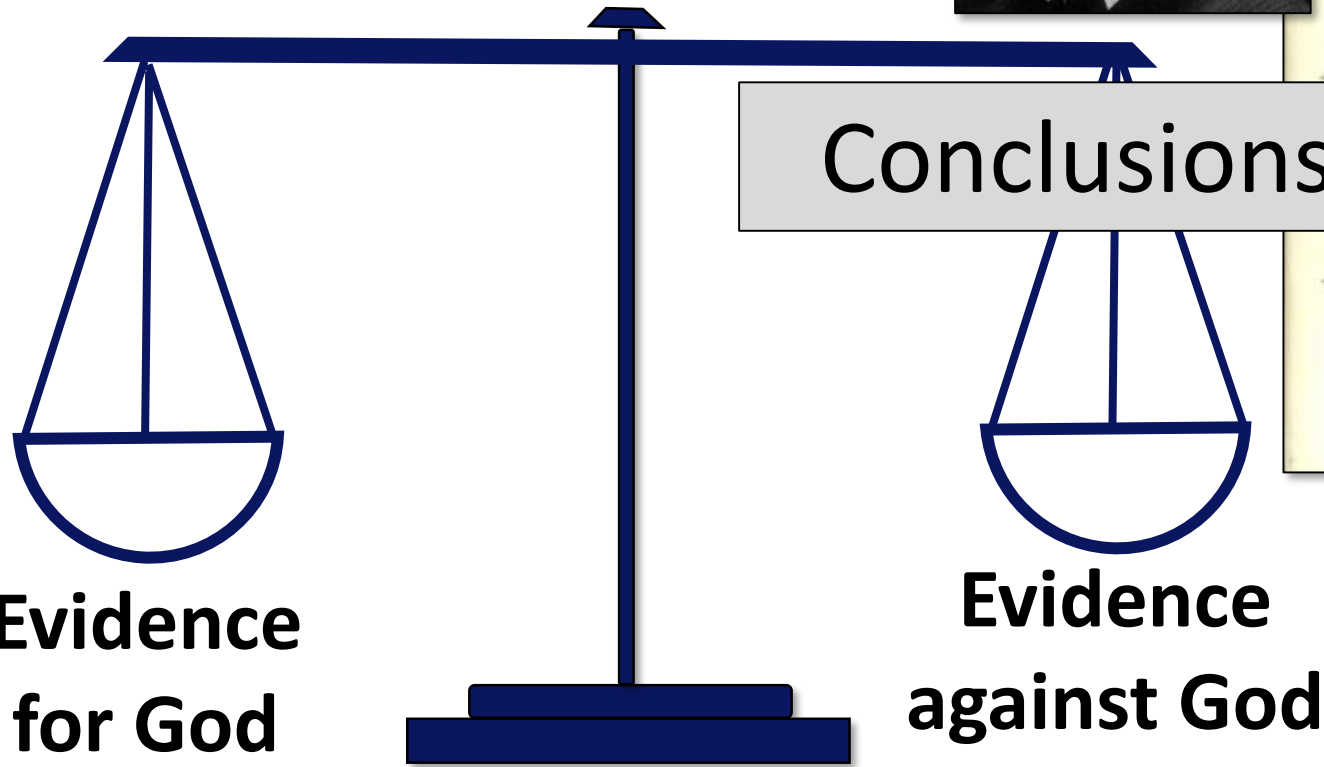
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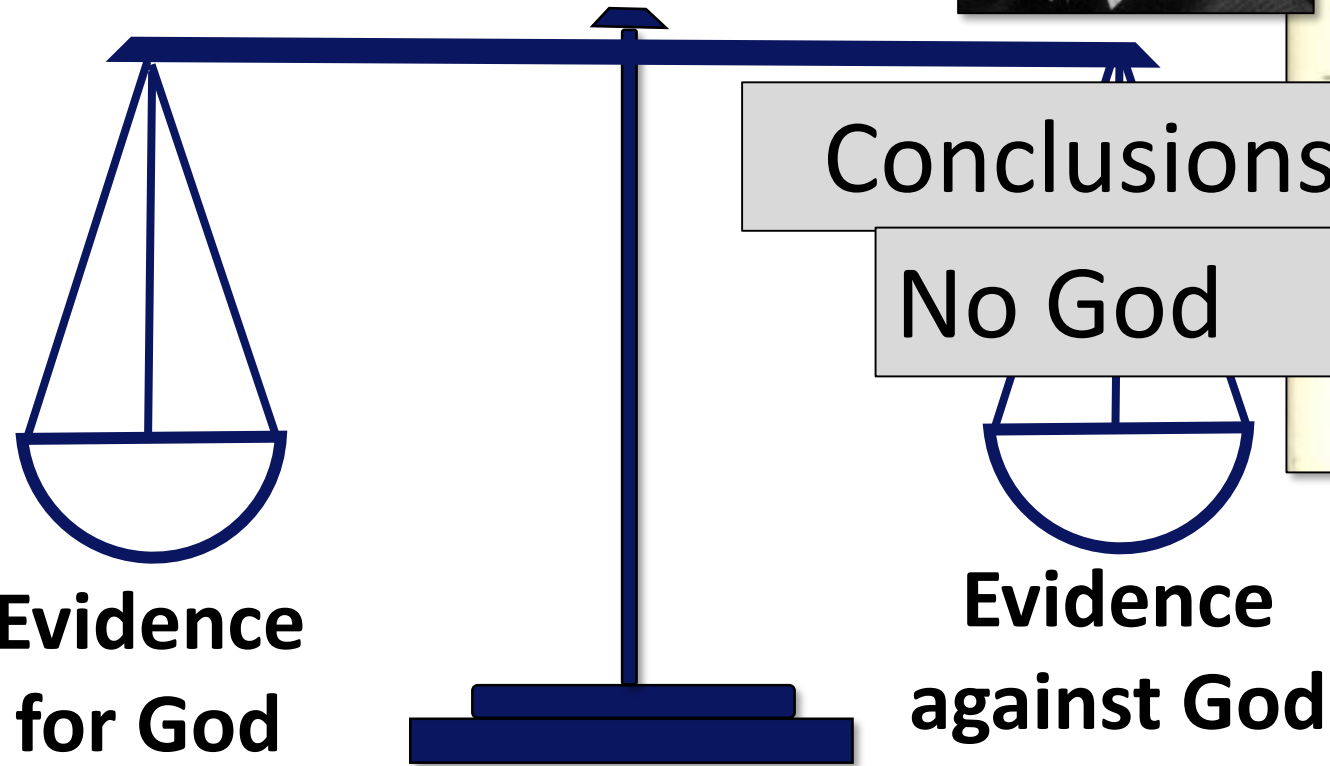
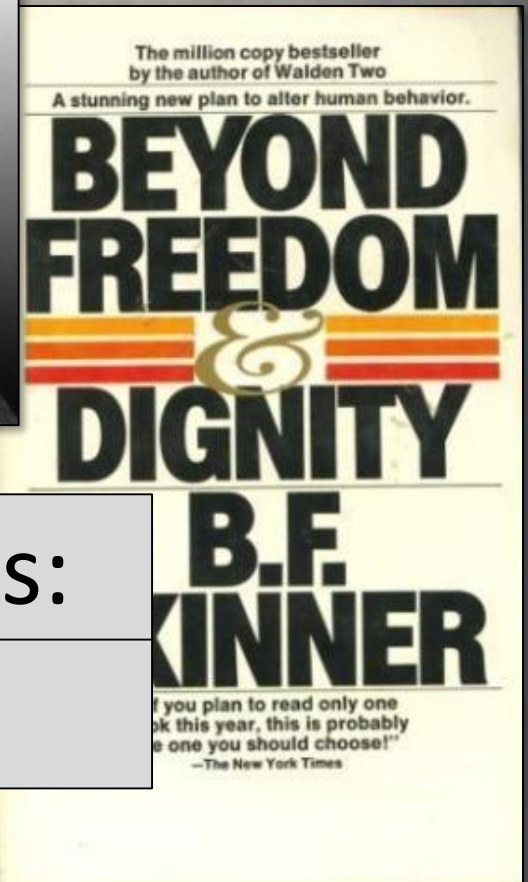
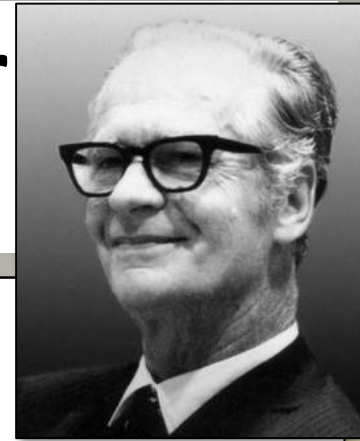
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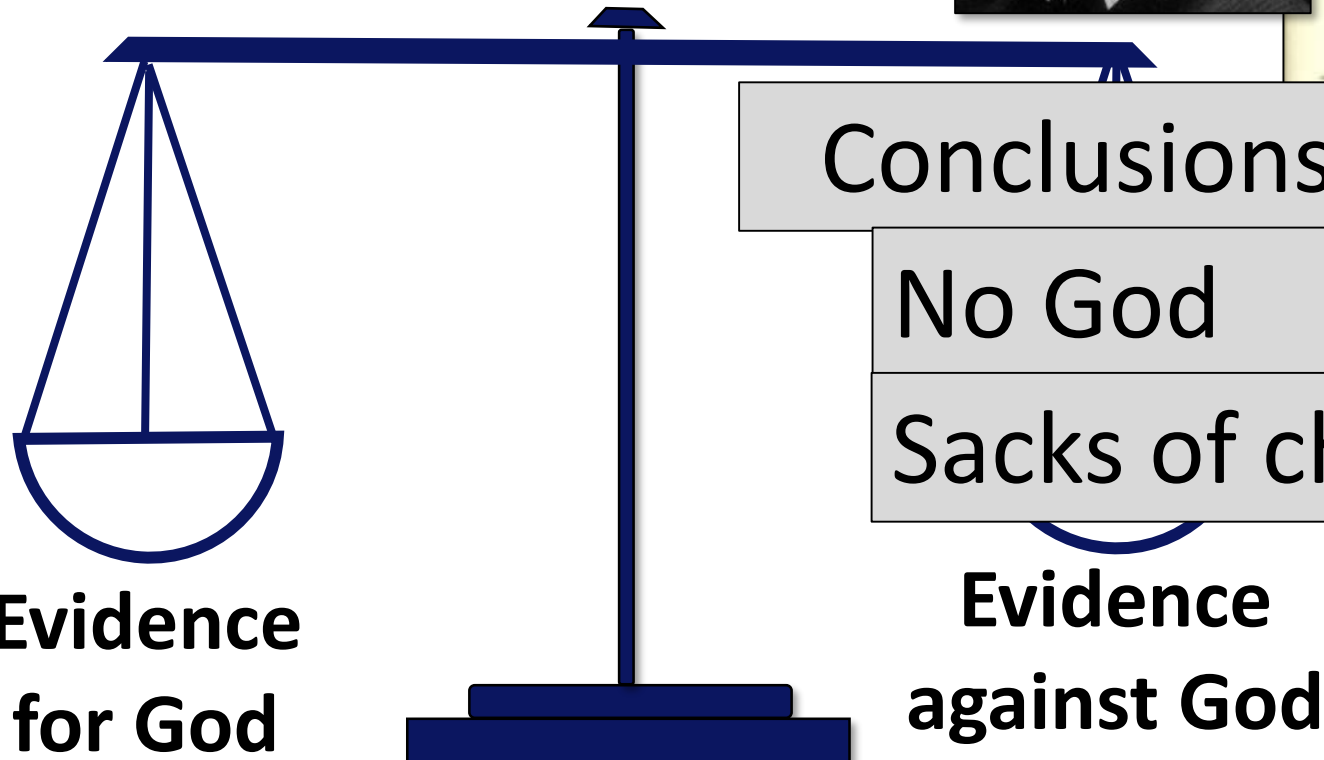
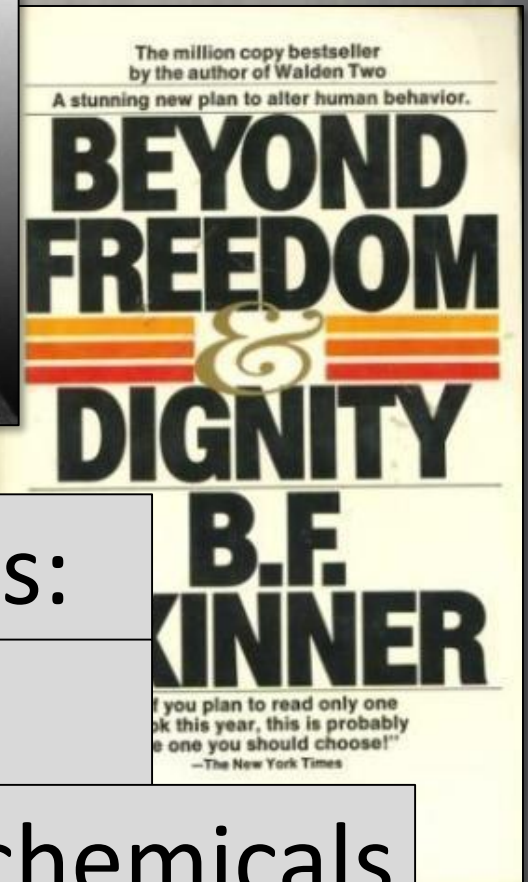
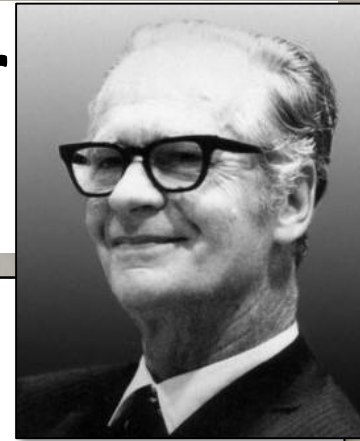
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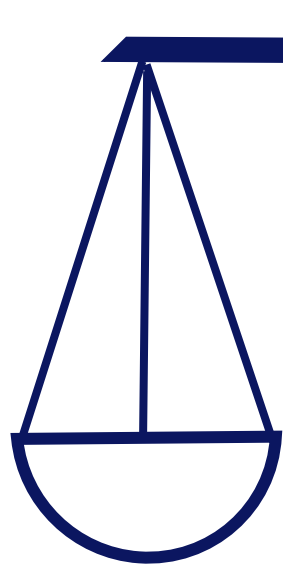
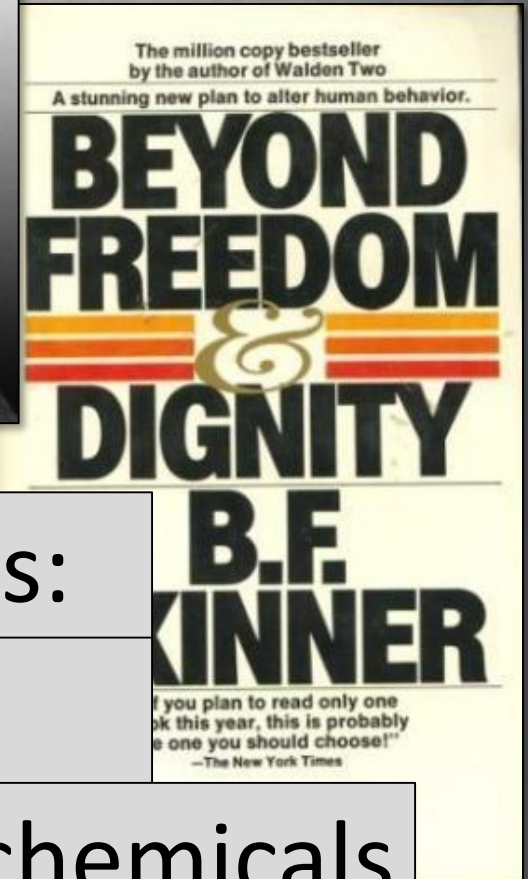
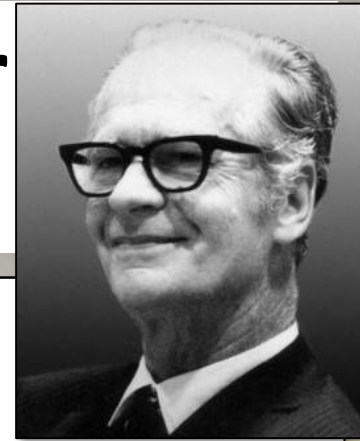
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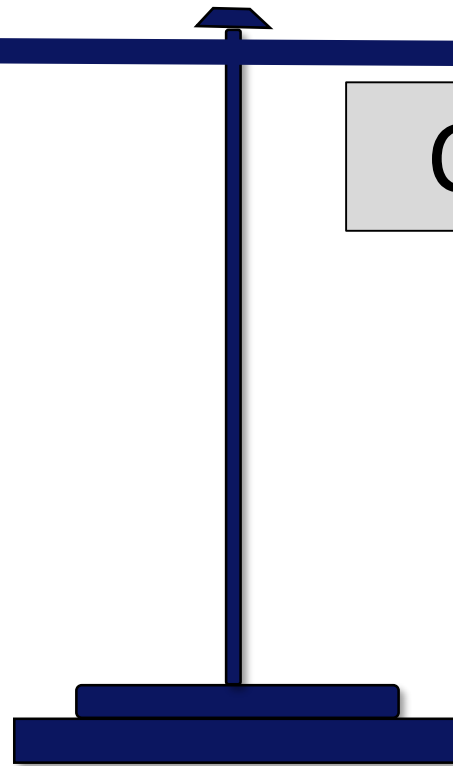
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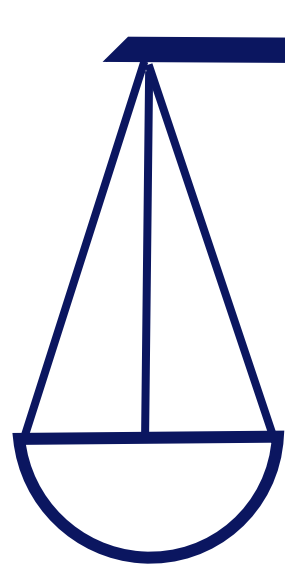
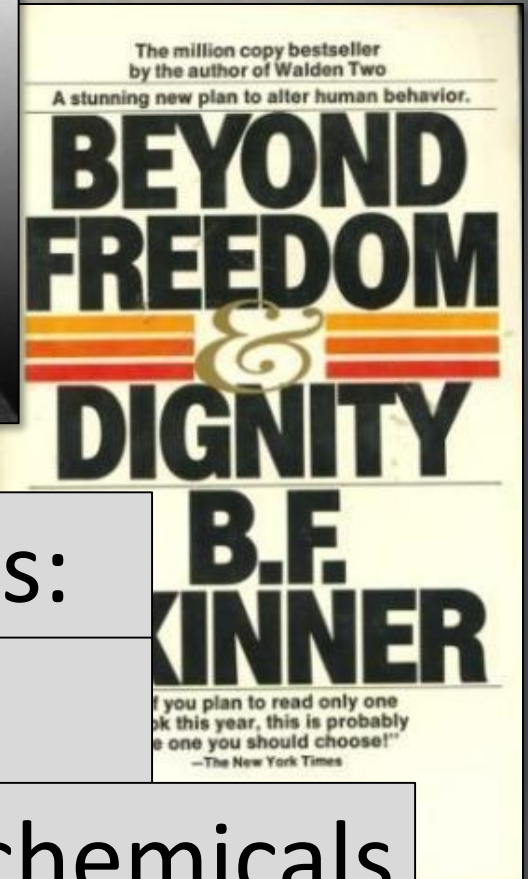
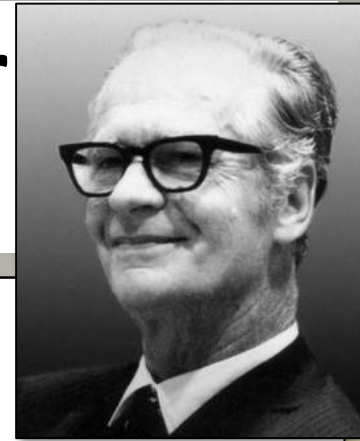
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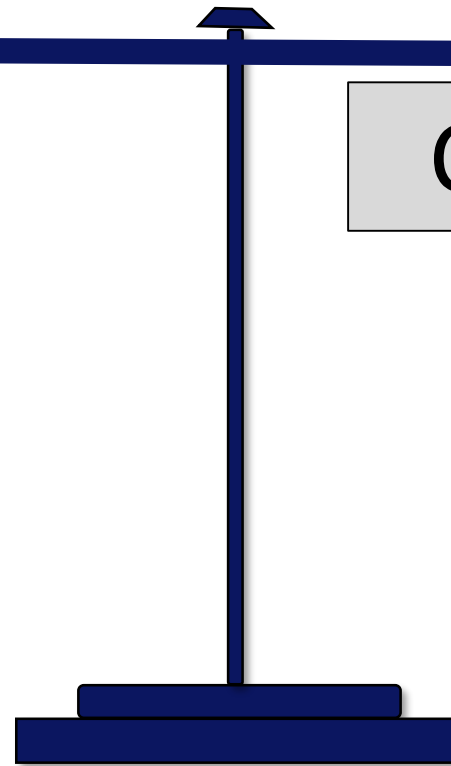
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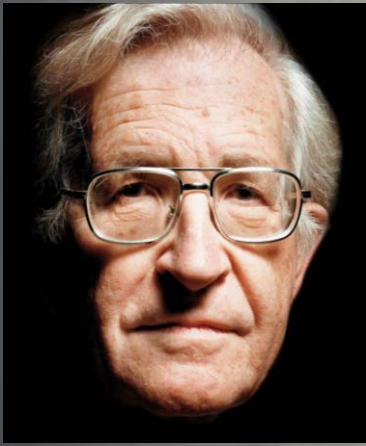


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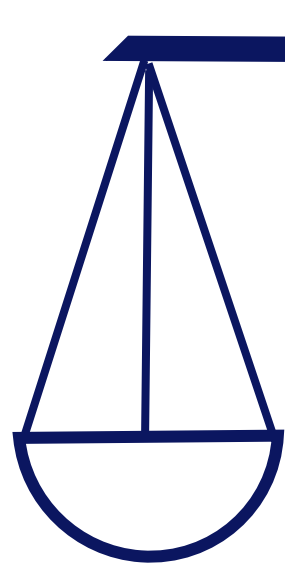
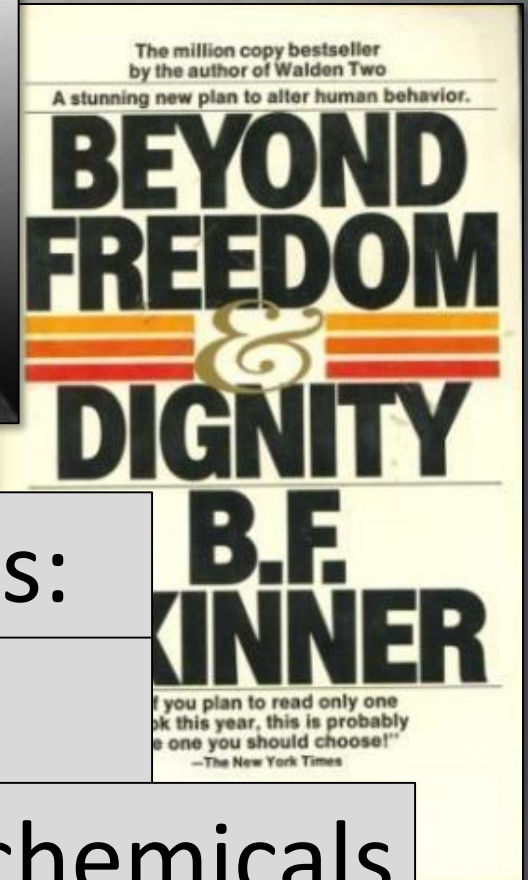
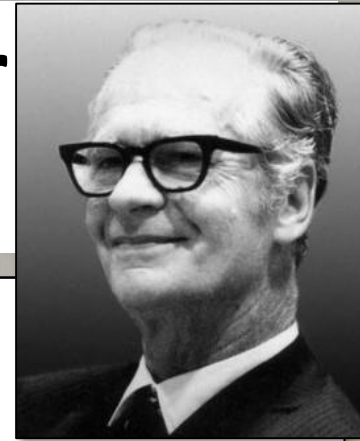
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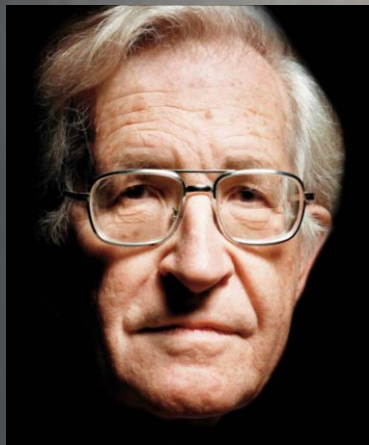
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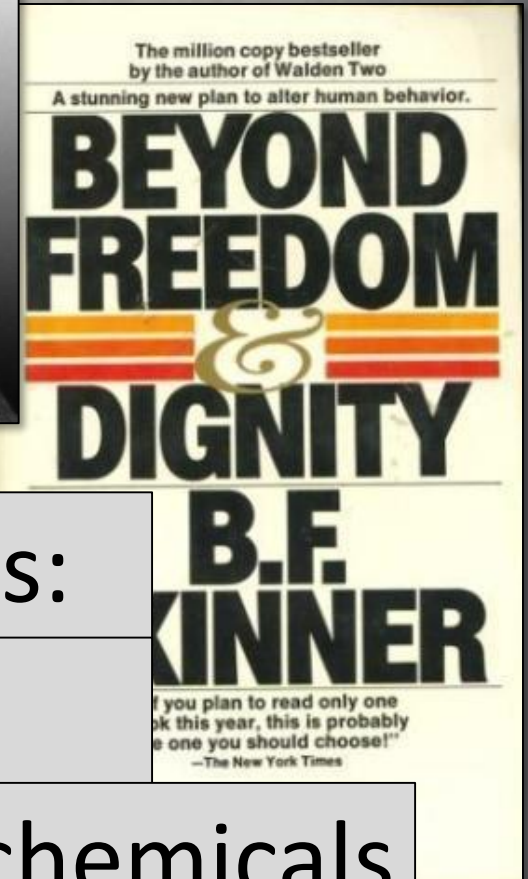
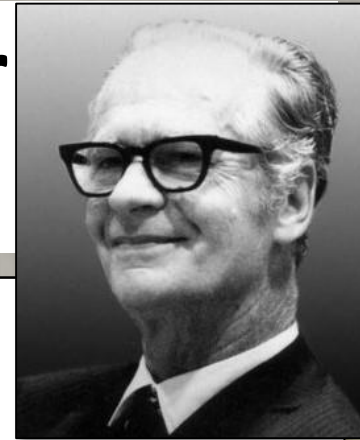
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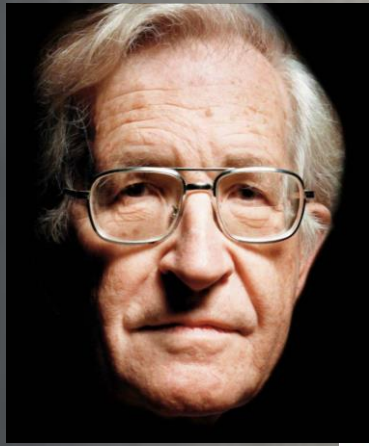


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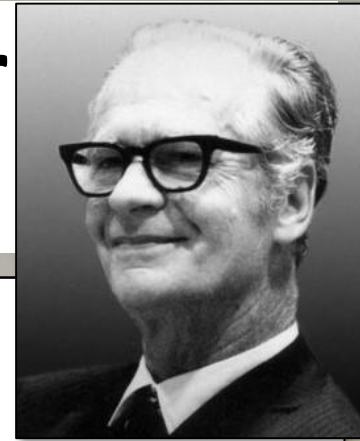


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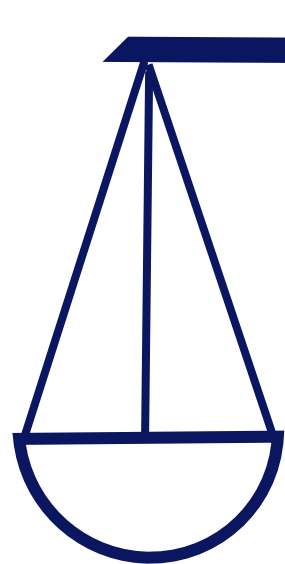
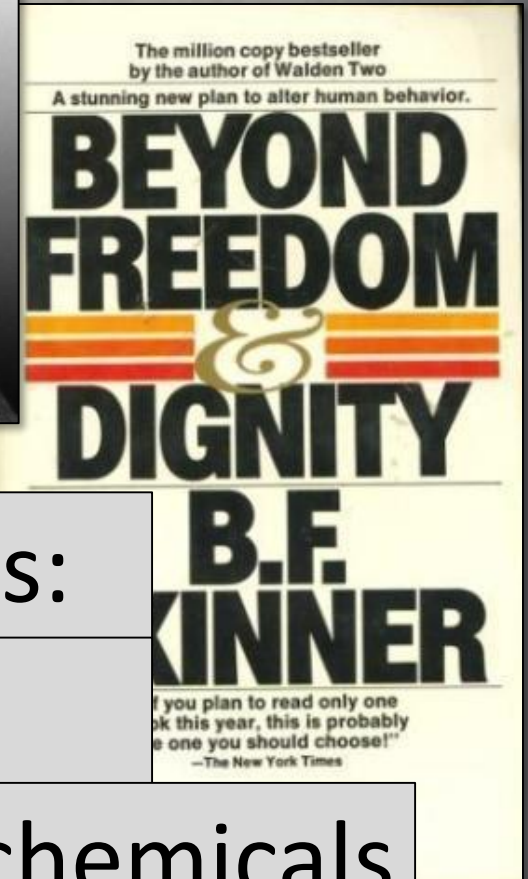
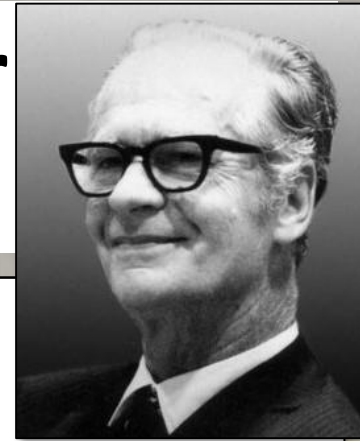


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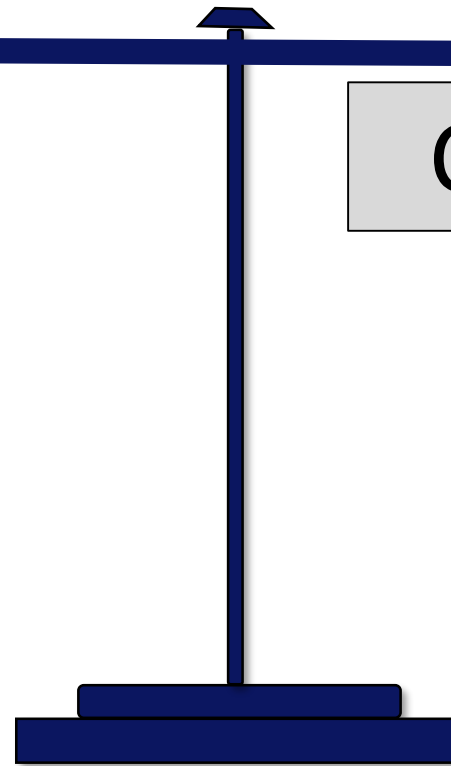
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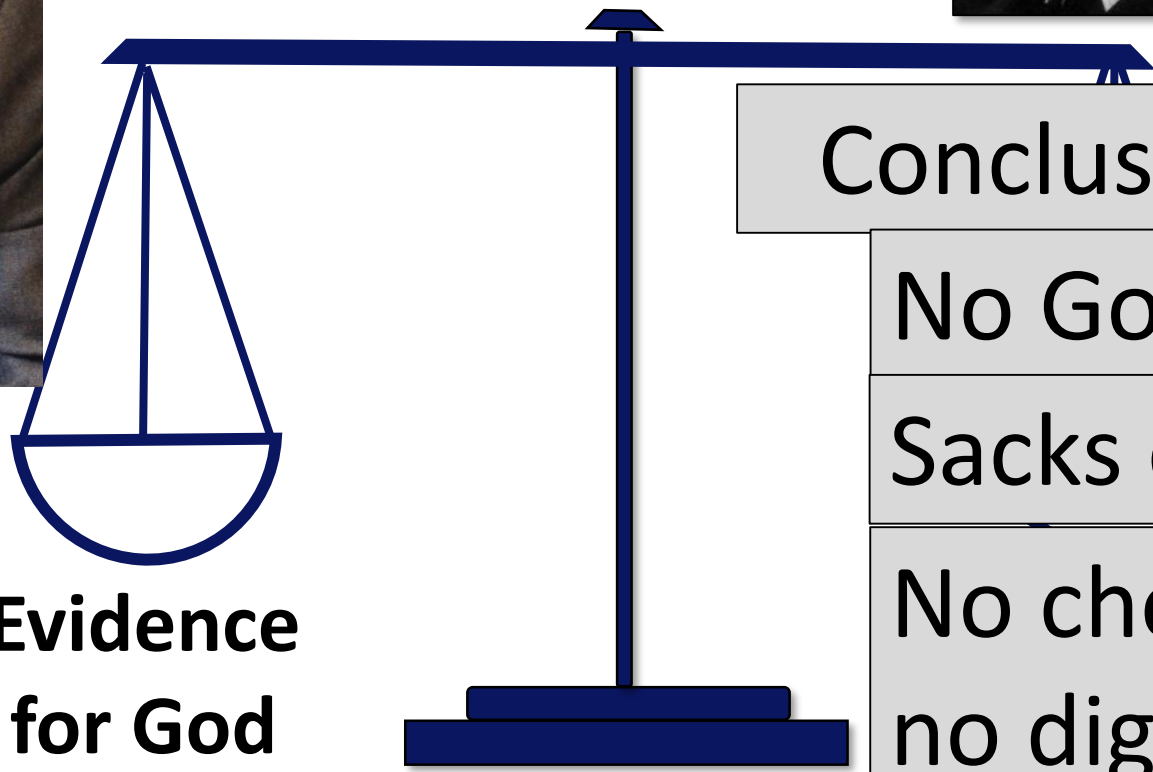
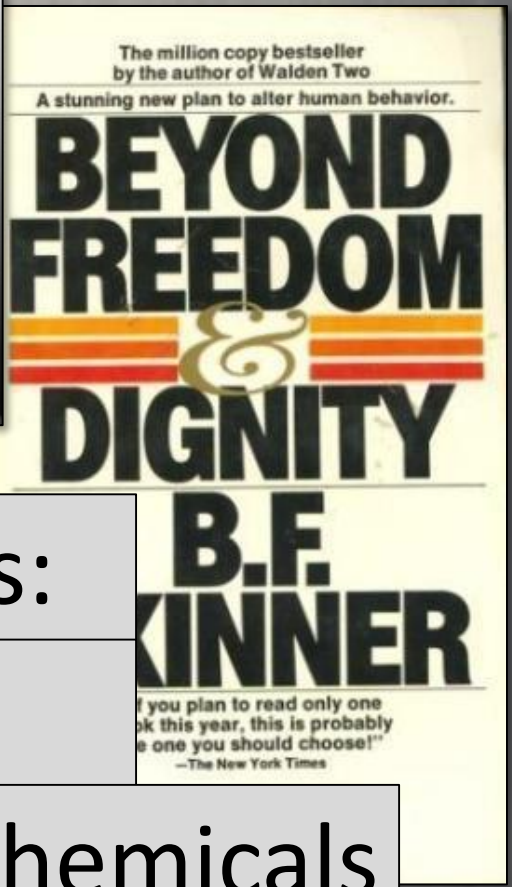
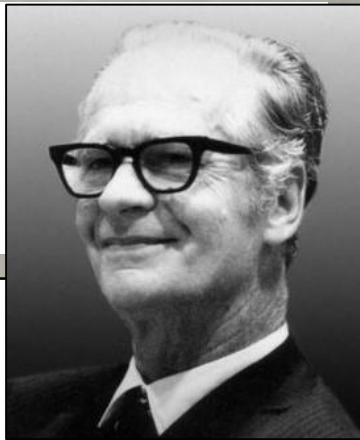
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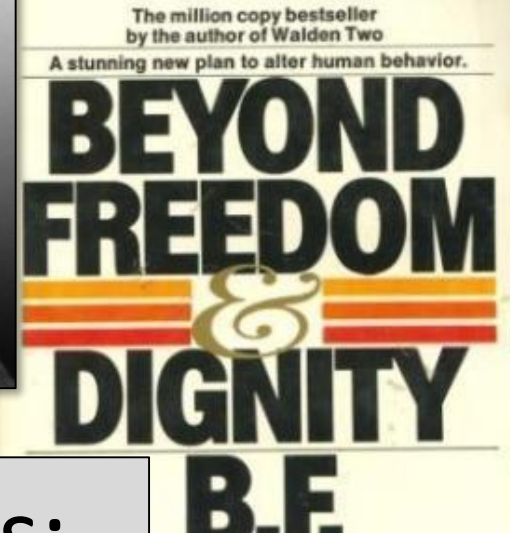
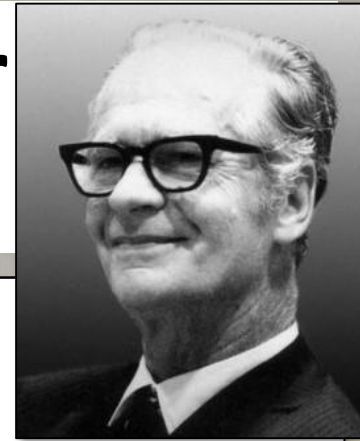
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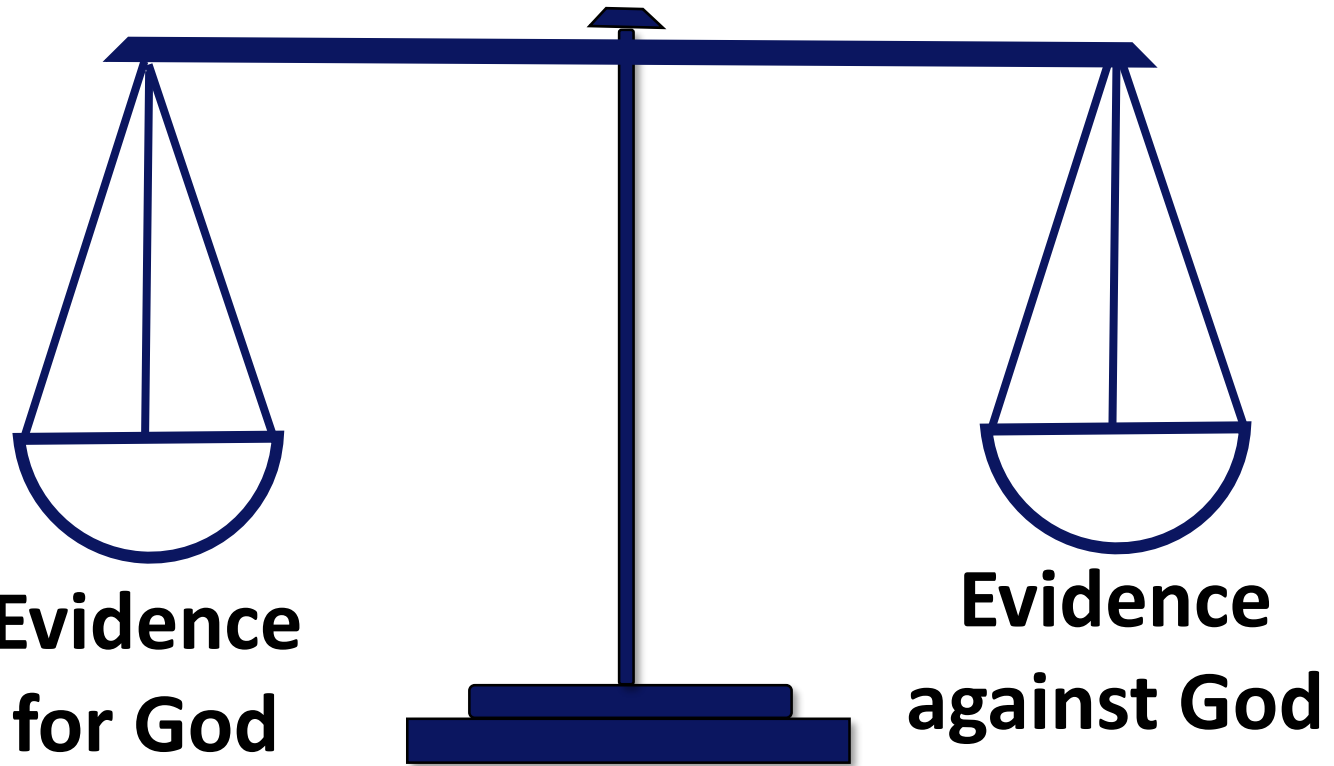
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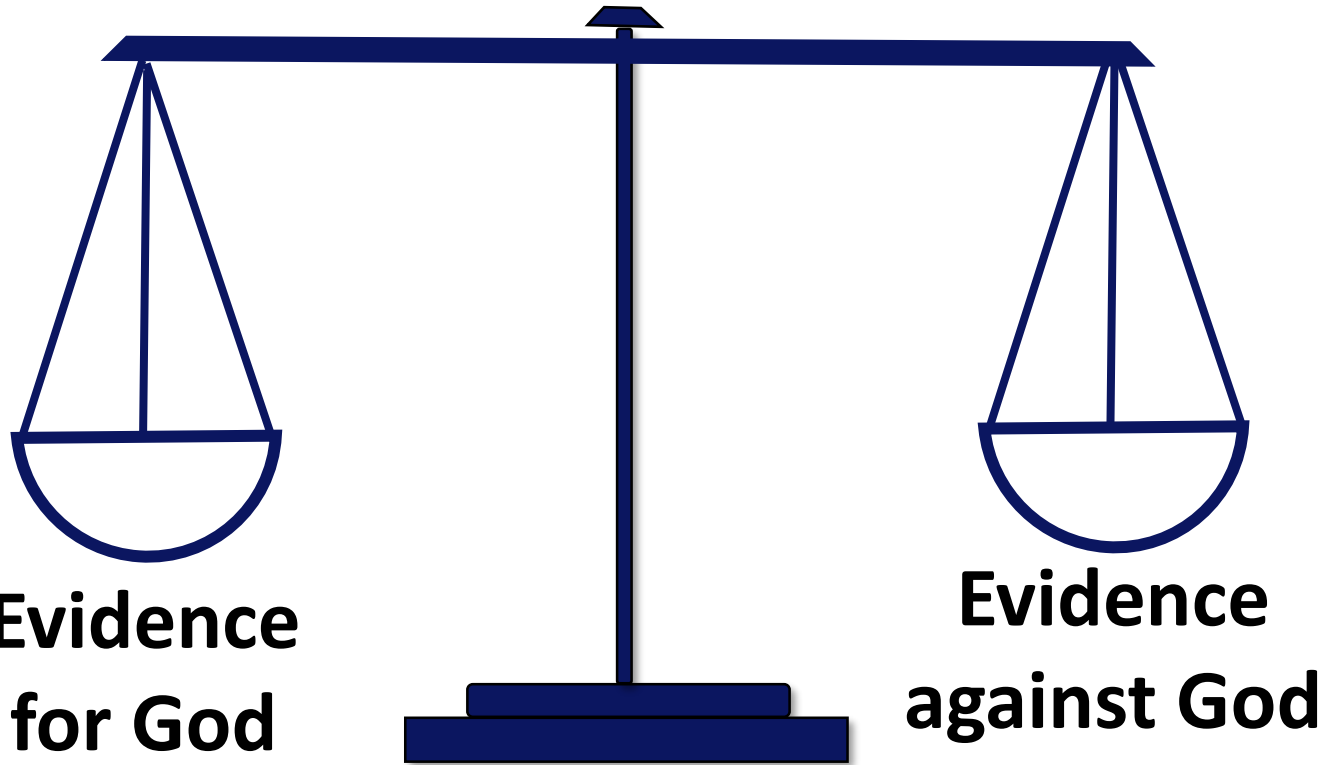
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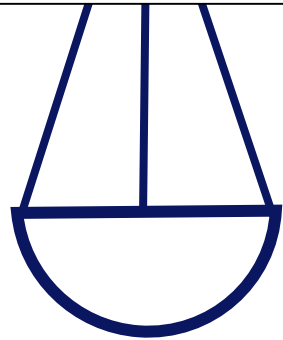
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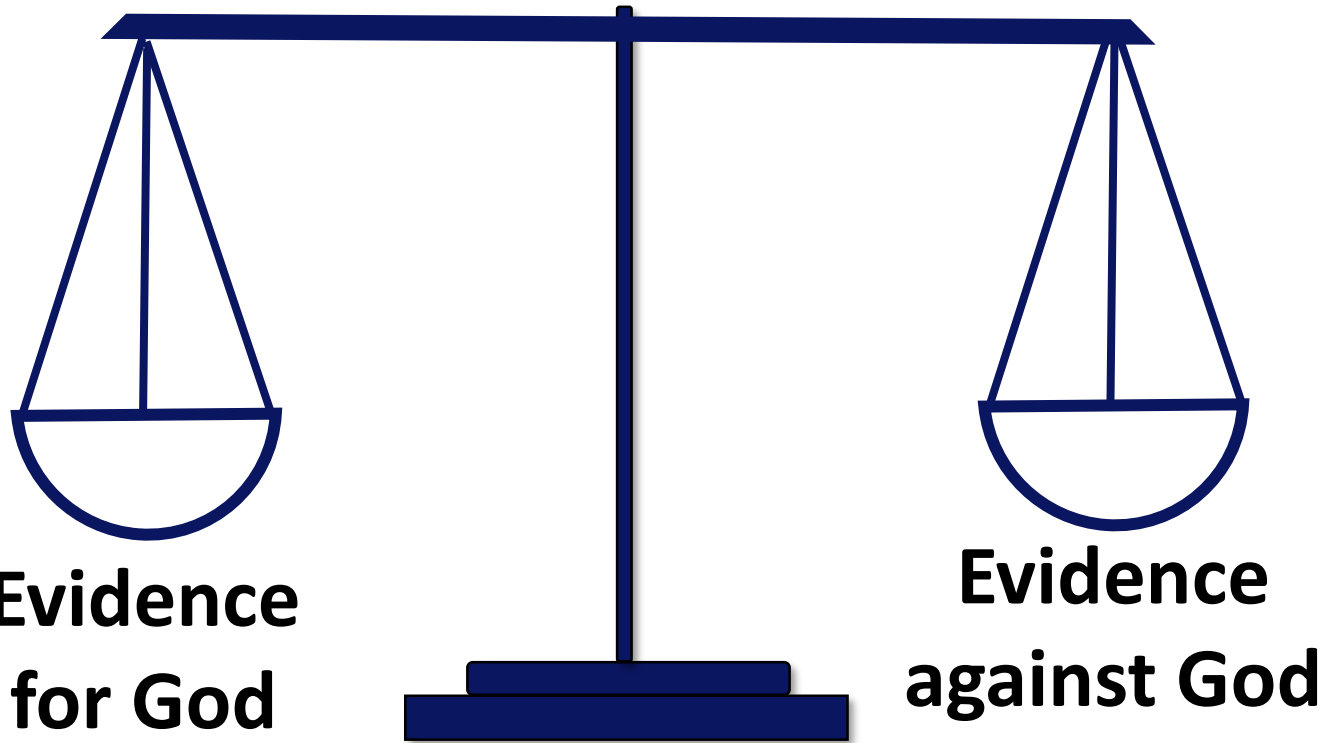
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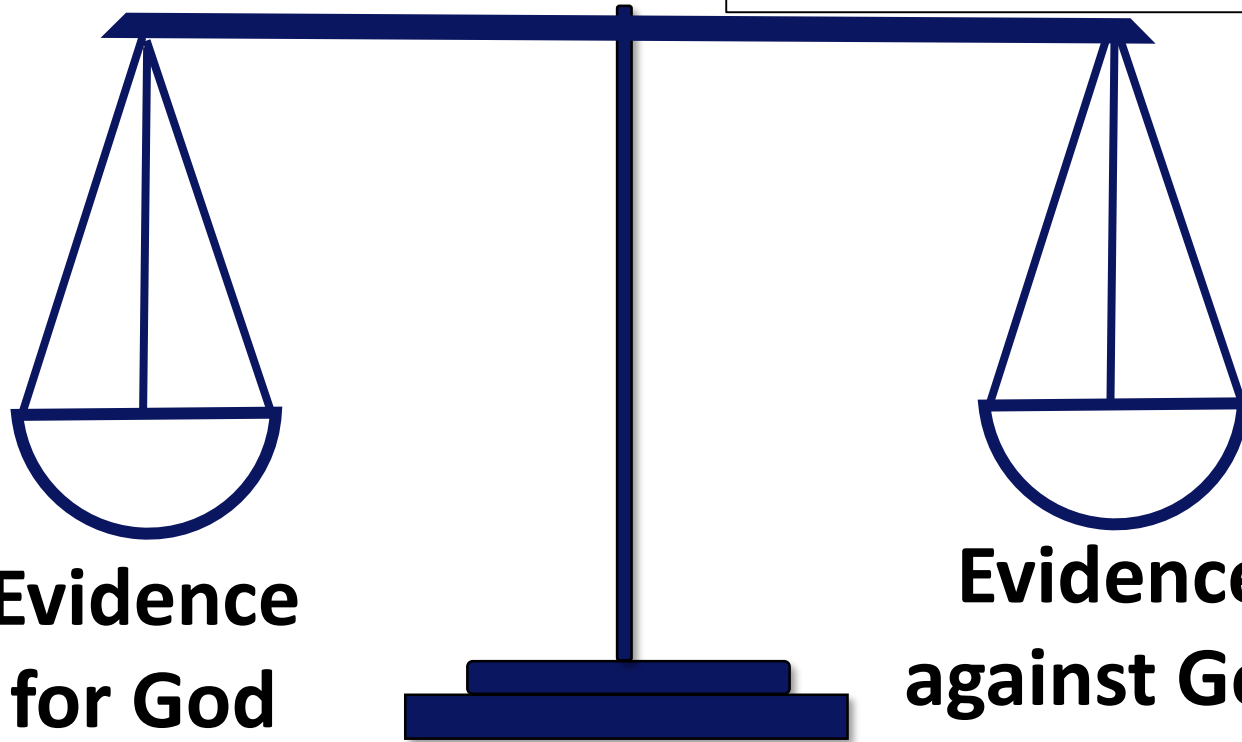
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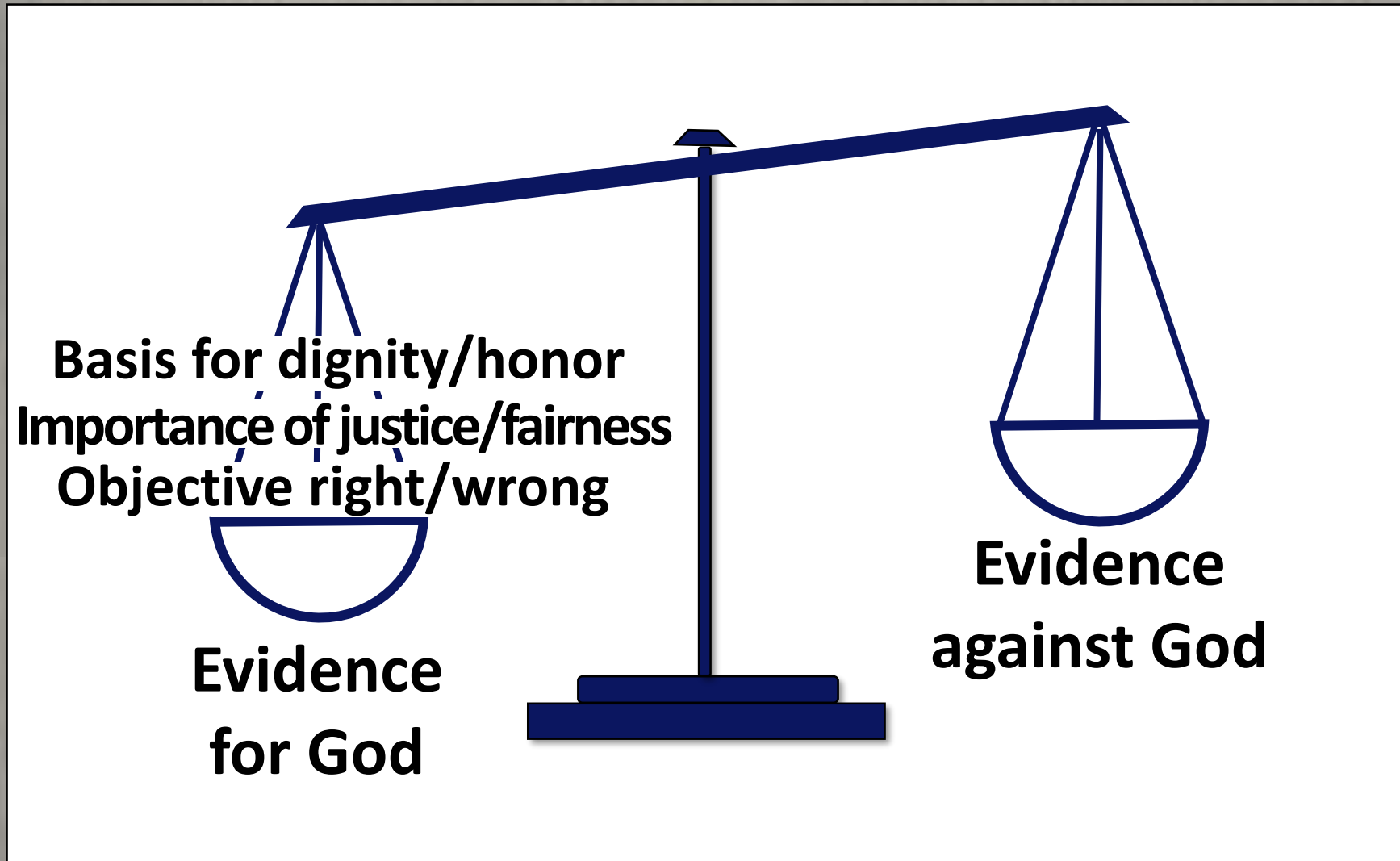
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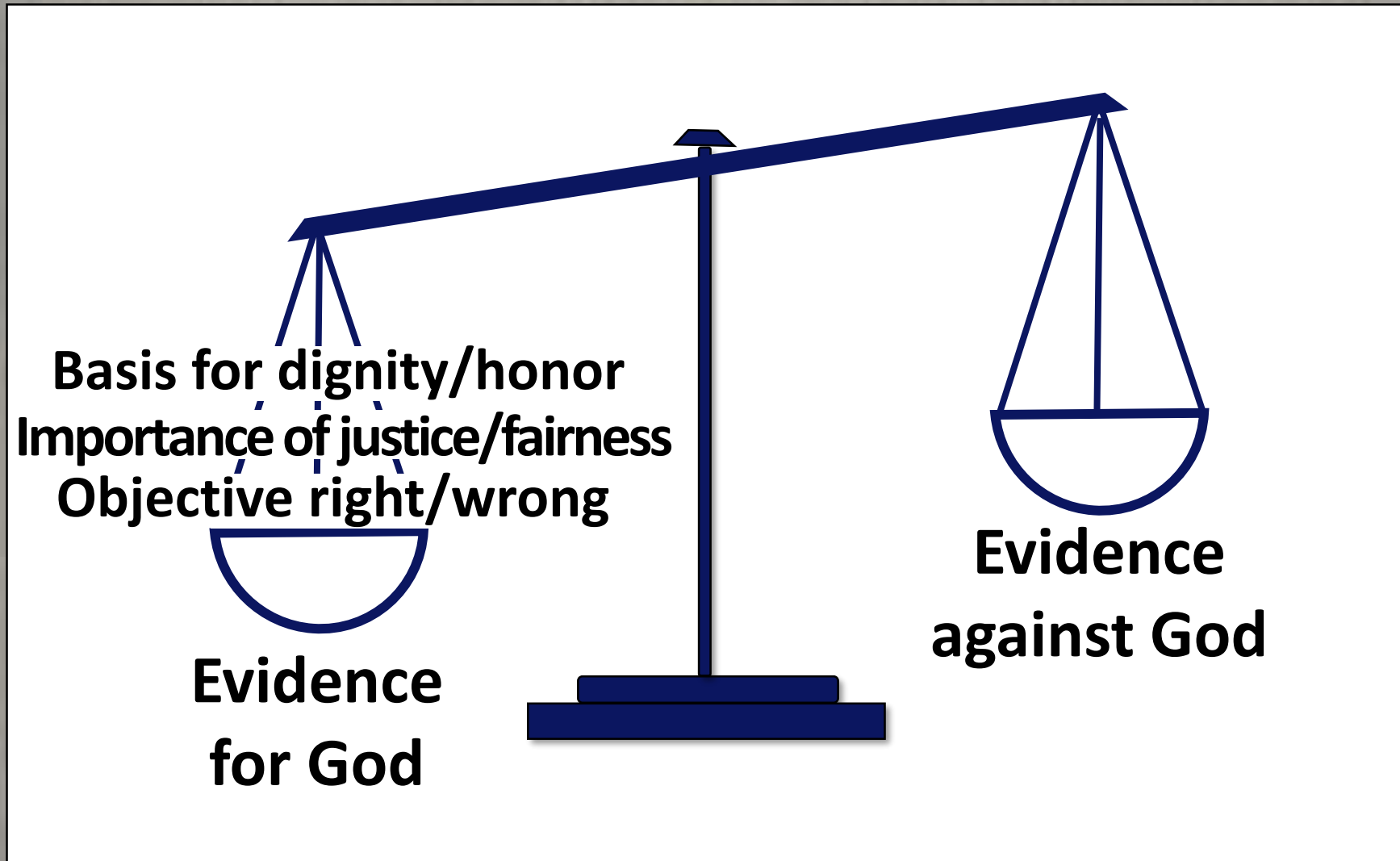
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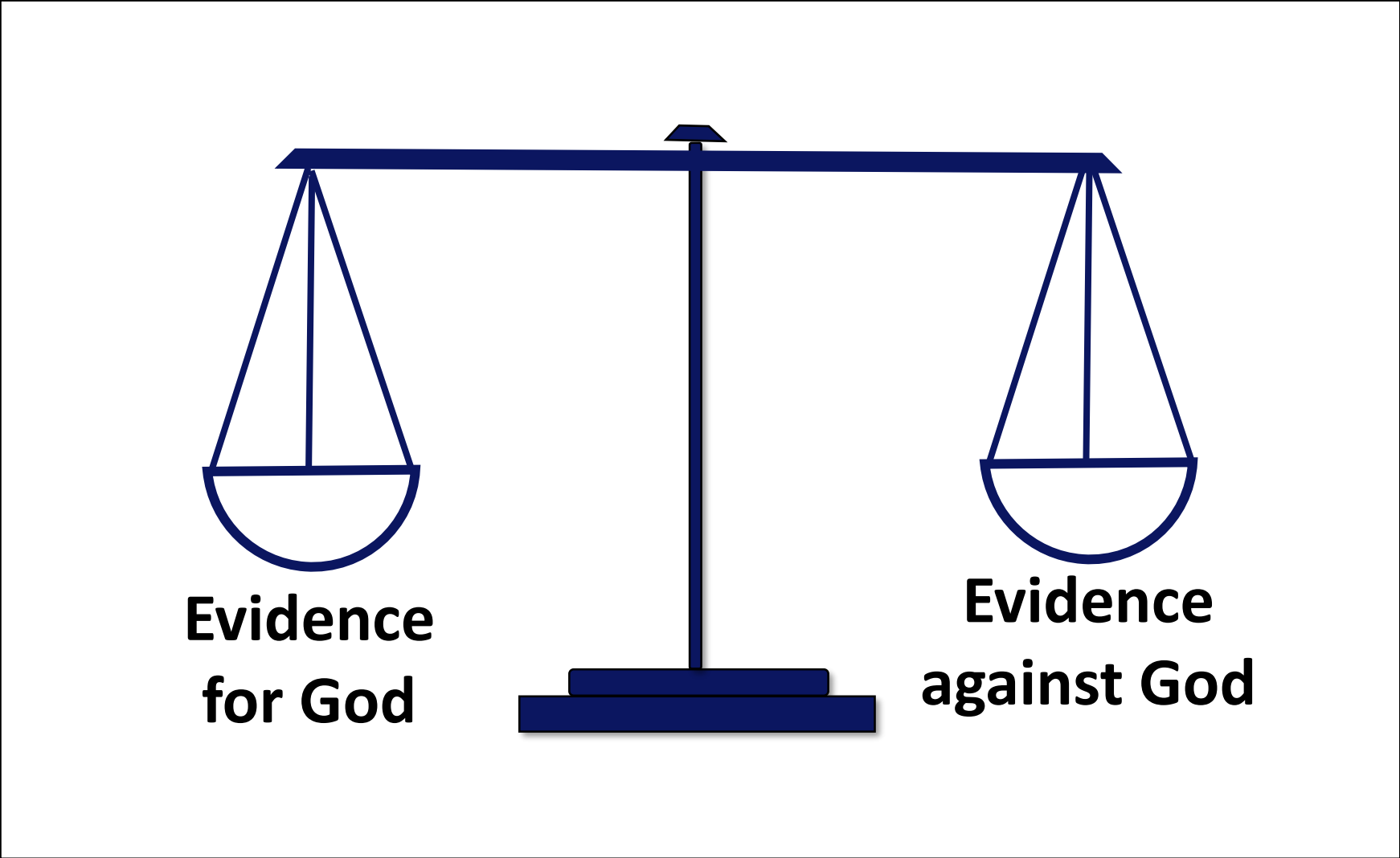
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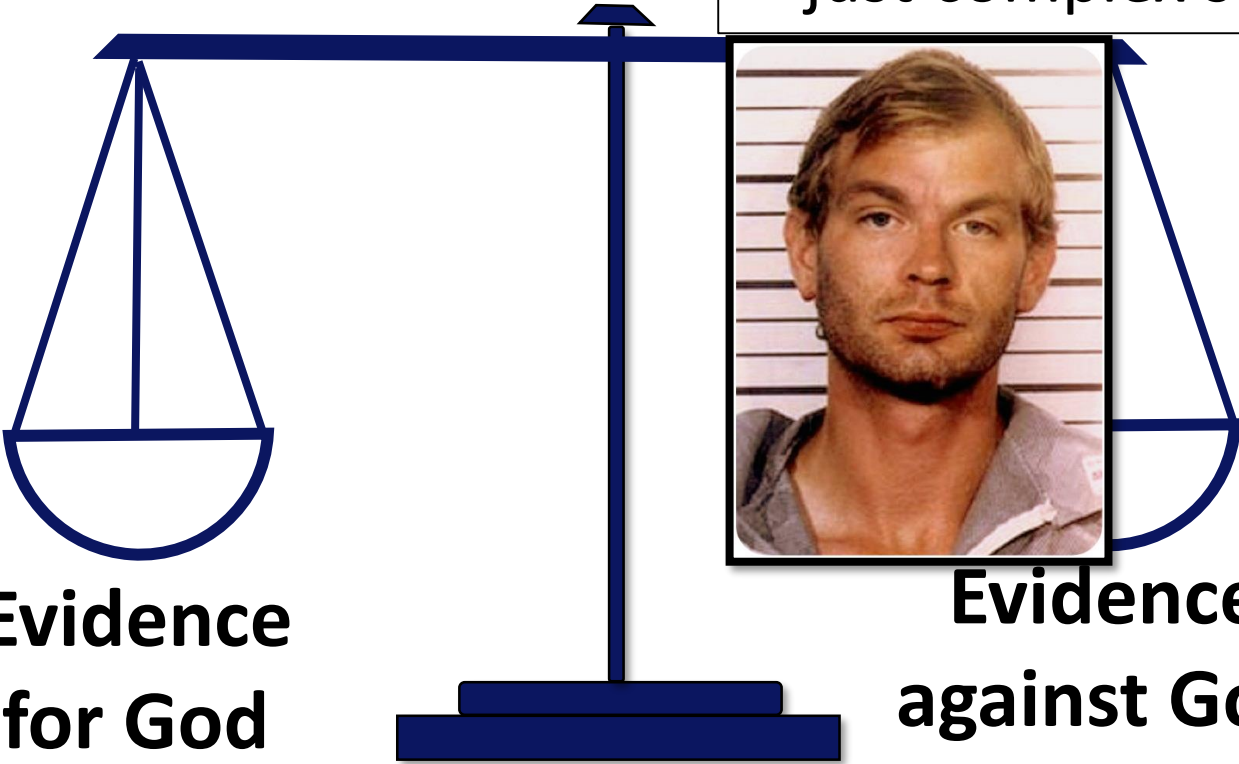


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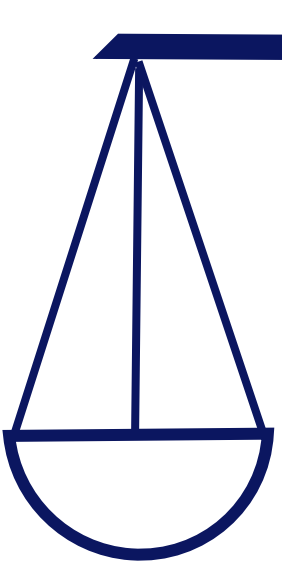


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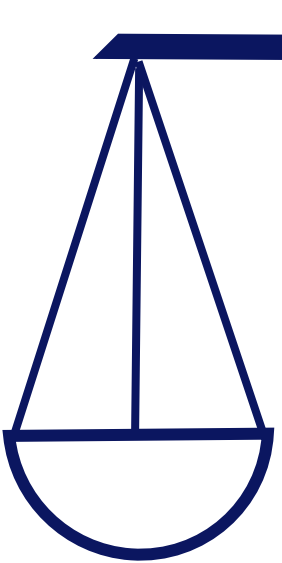


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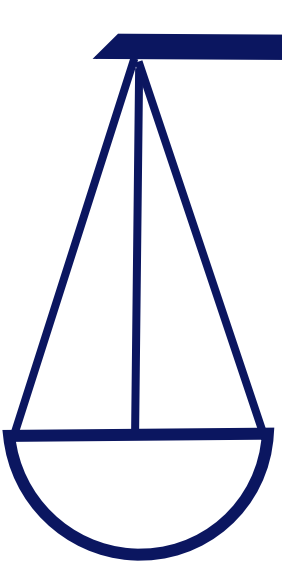
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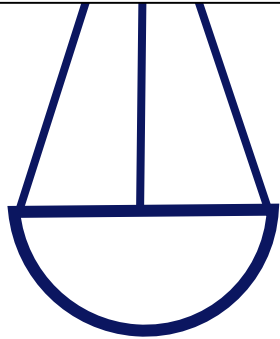
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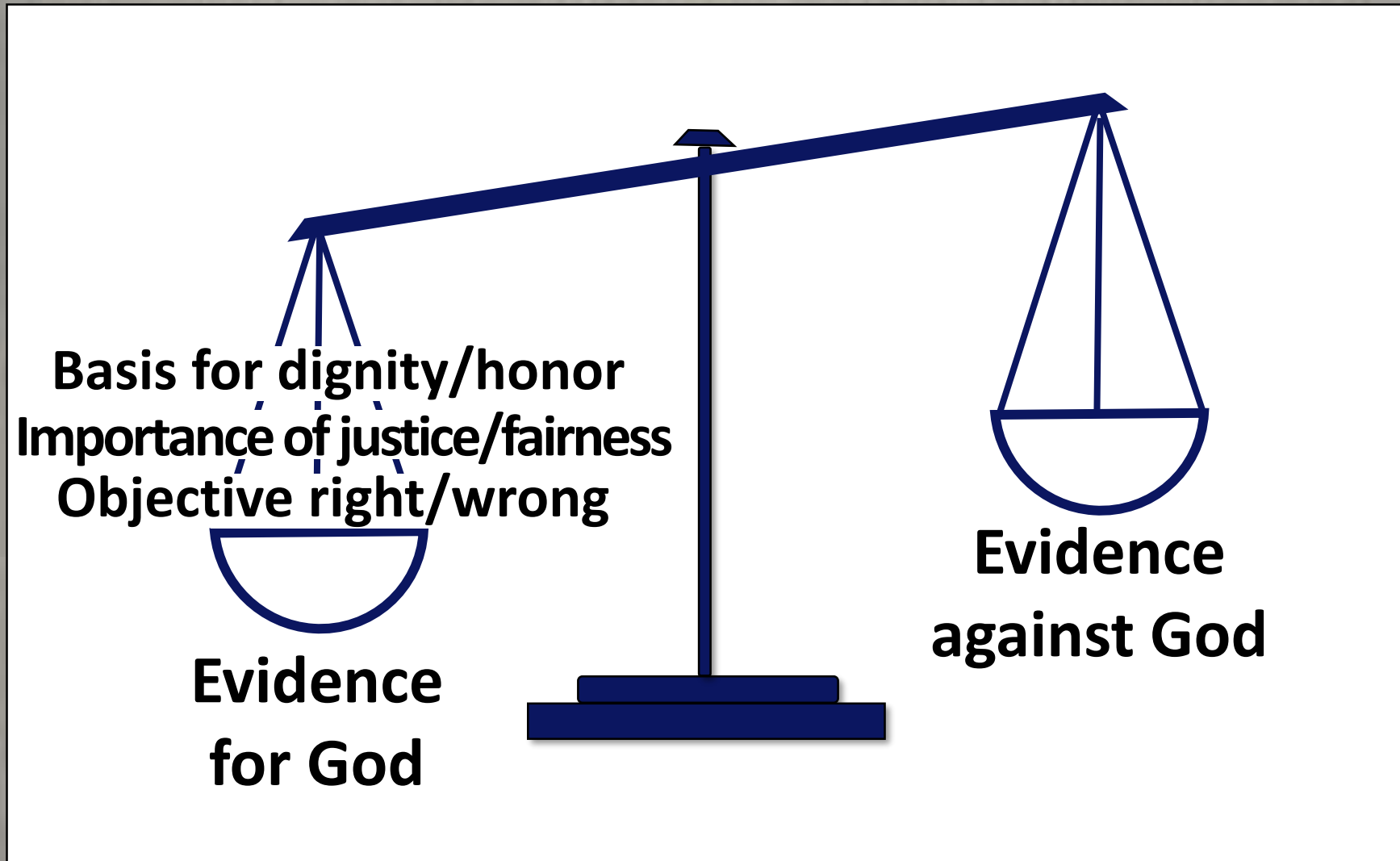
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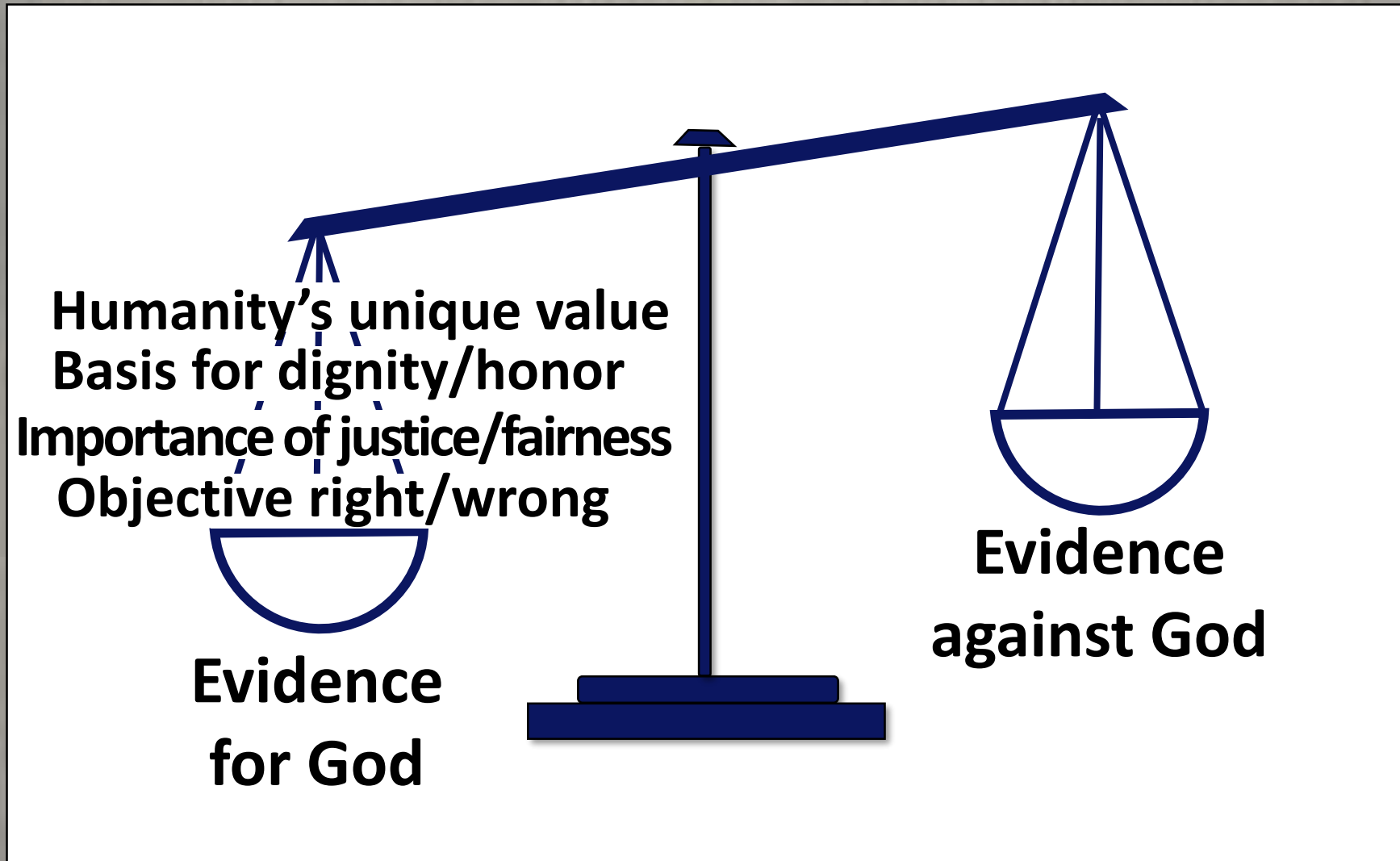
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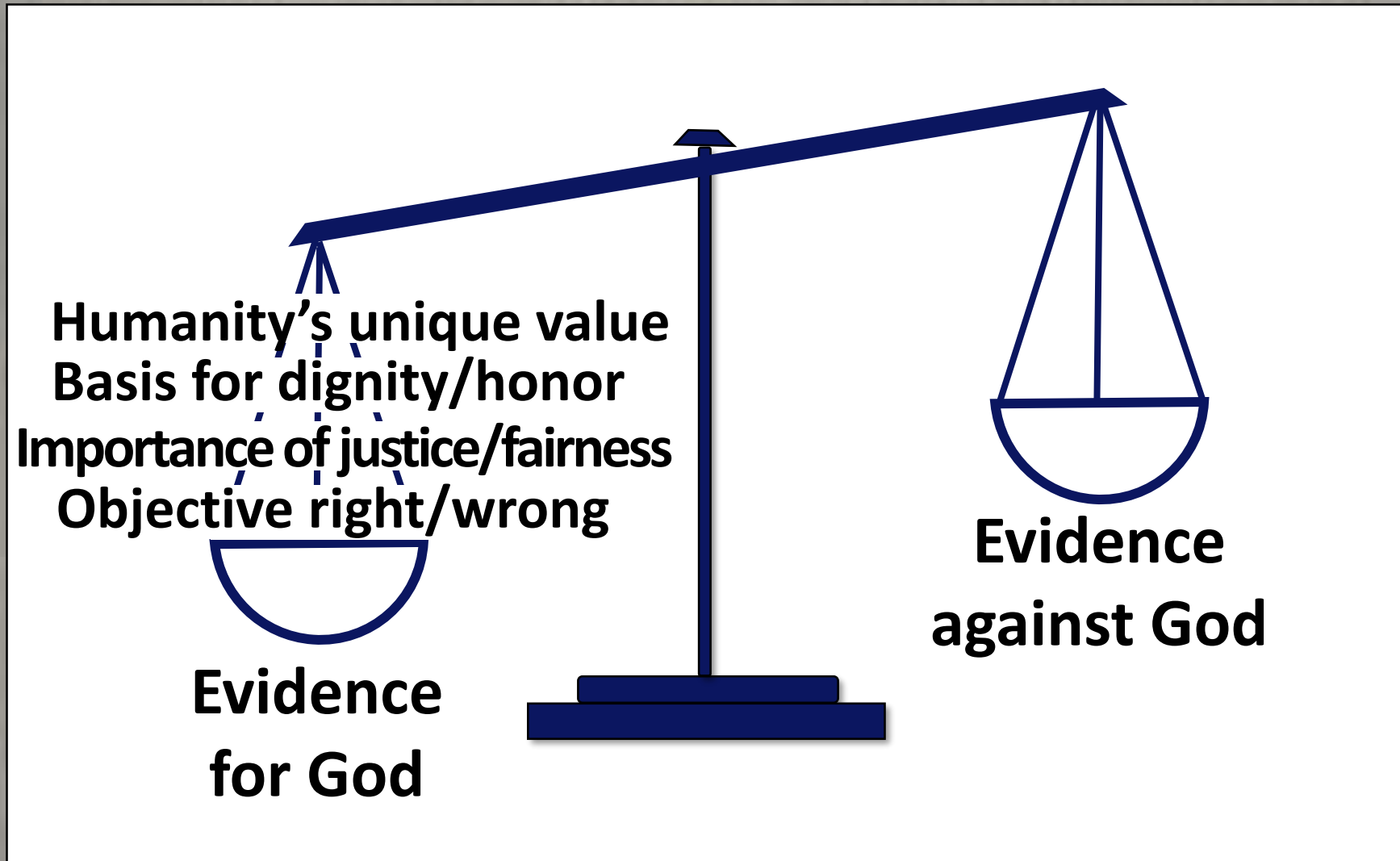
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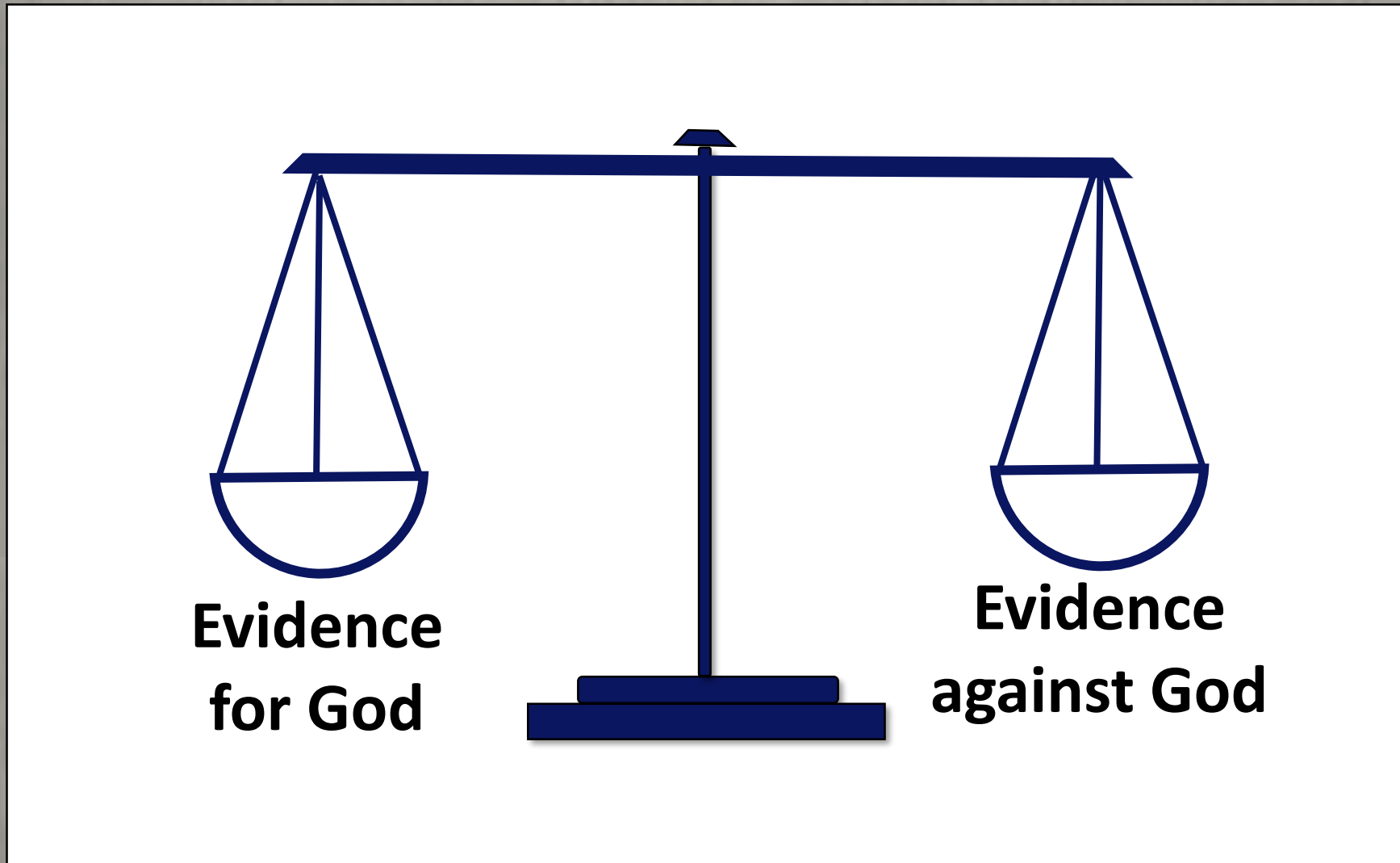
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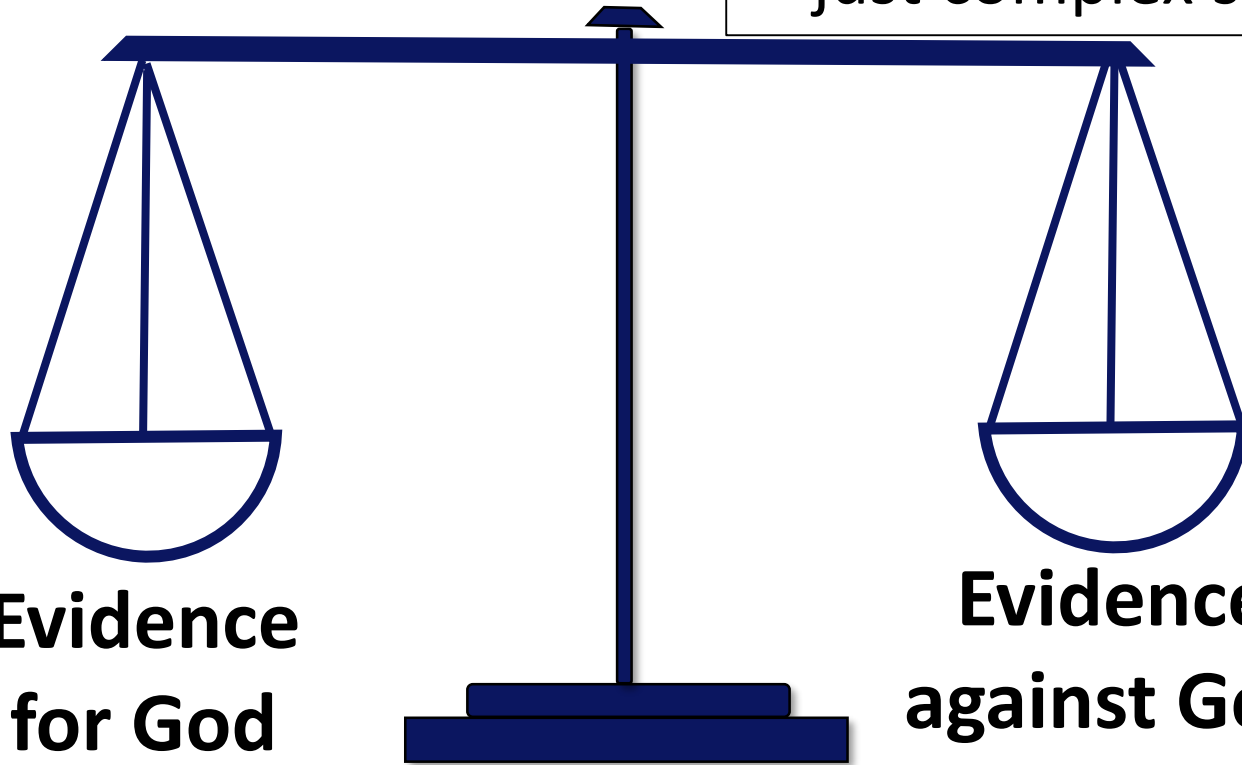
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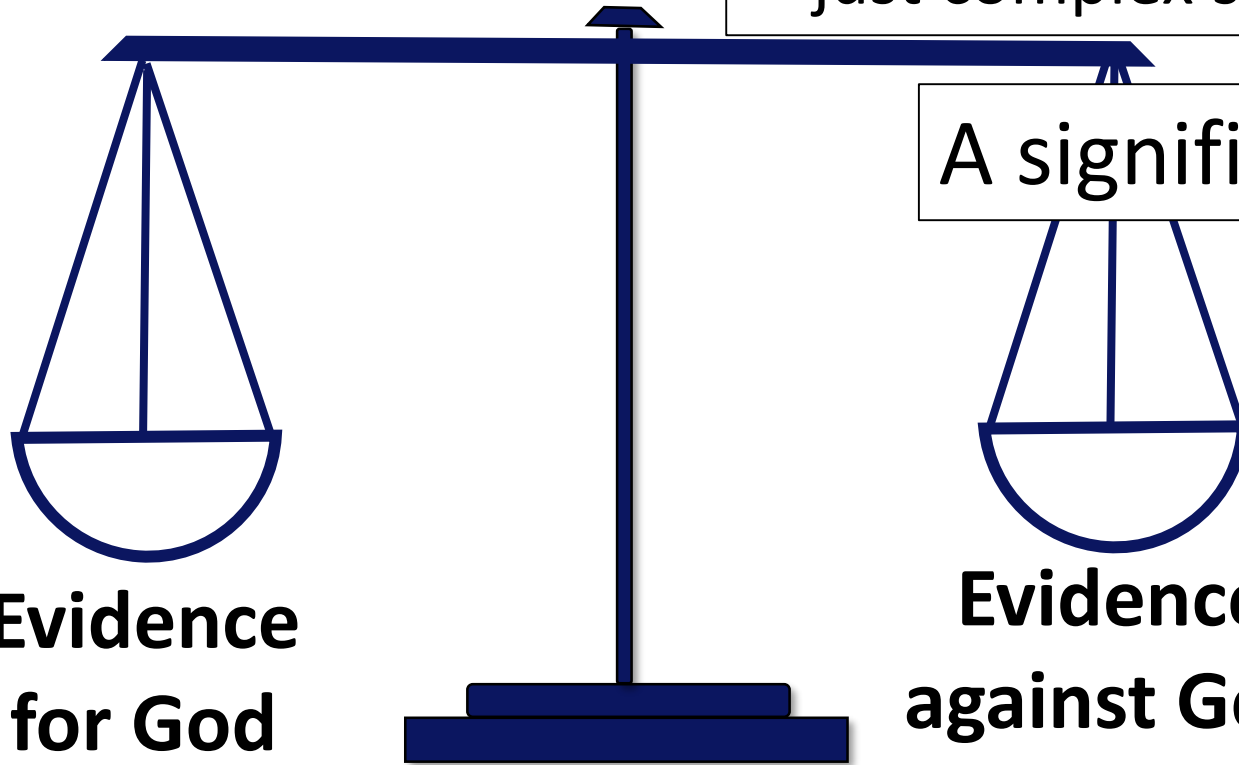
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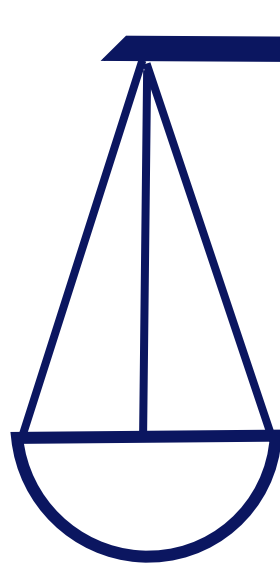
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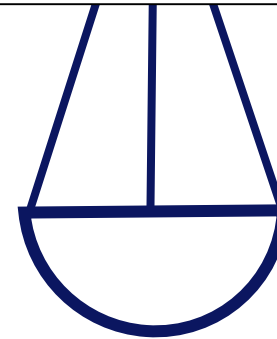
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is restless until it finds rest in you.

- Augustine

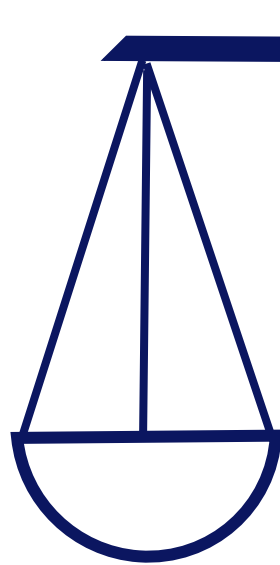
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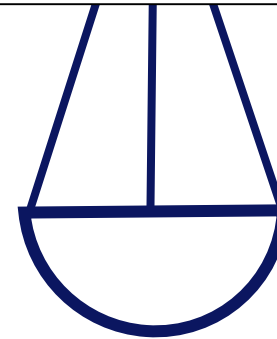
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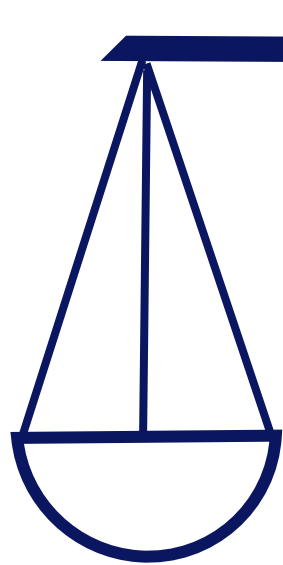
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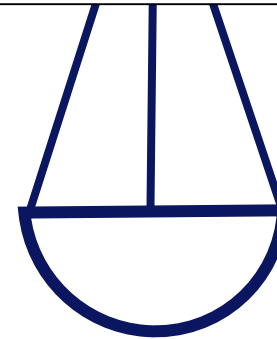
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He only is our true good, and since we have forsaken Him, it is a strange thing that there is nothing in nature which has not been serviceable in taking His place; the stars, the heavens, earth, the elements, plants, cabbages, leeks, animals, insects, calves, serpents, fever, pestilence, war, famine, vices, adultery, incest. And since man has lost the true good, everything can appear equally good to him, even his own destruction, though so opposed to God, to reason, and to the whole course of nature.

Some seek good in authority, others in scientific research, others in pleasure. – Blaise Pascal

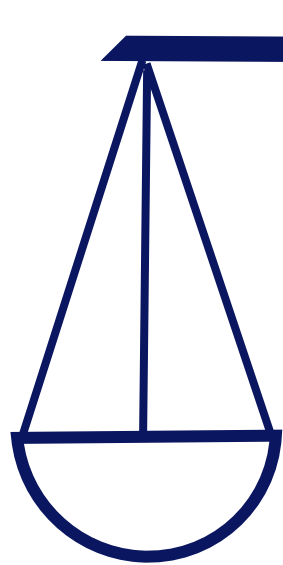
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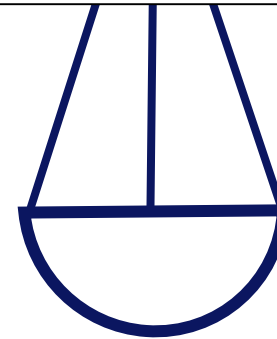
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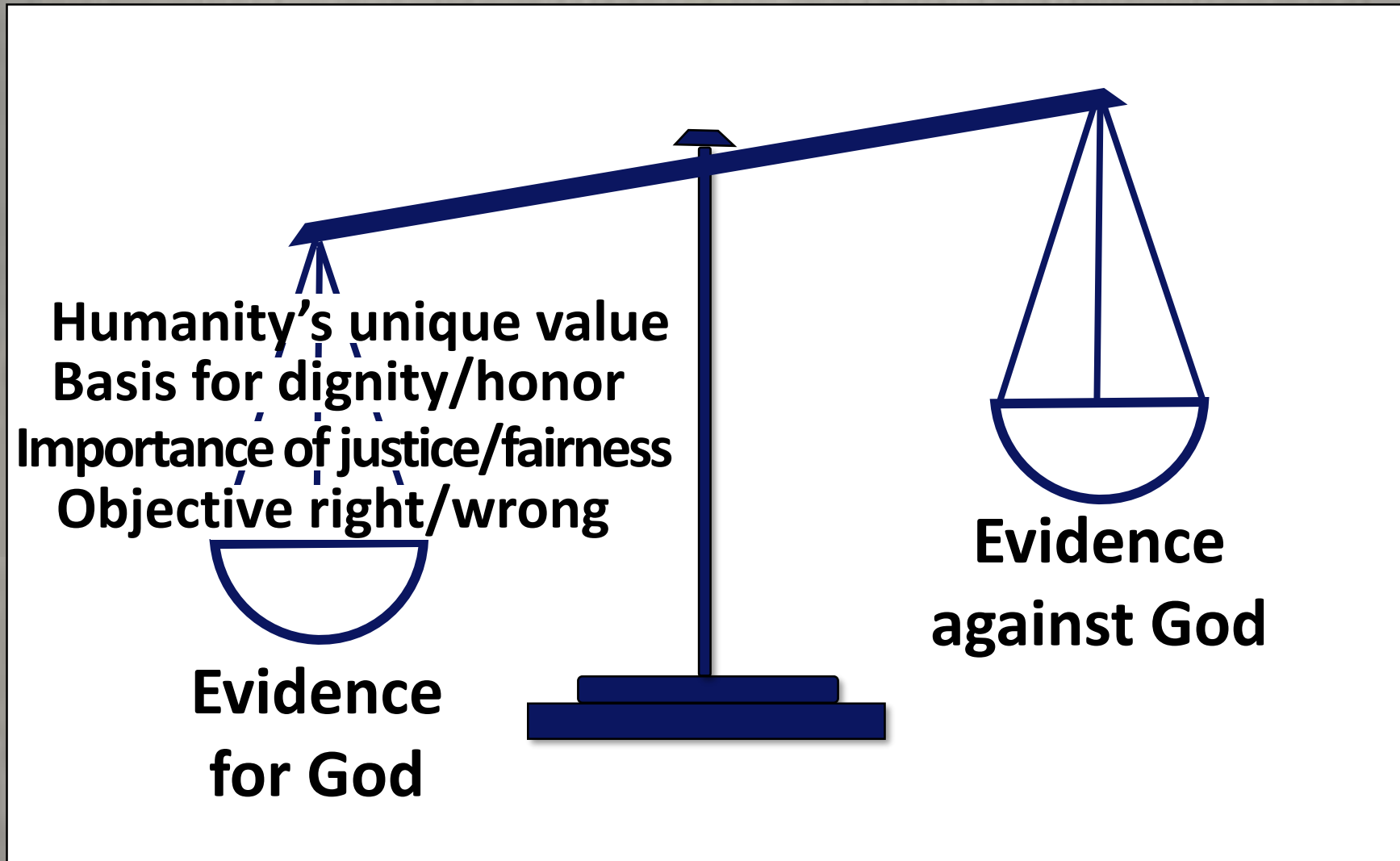
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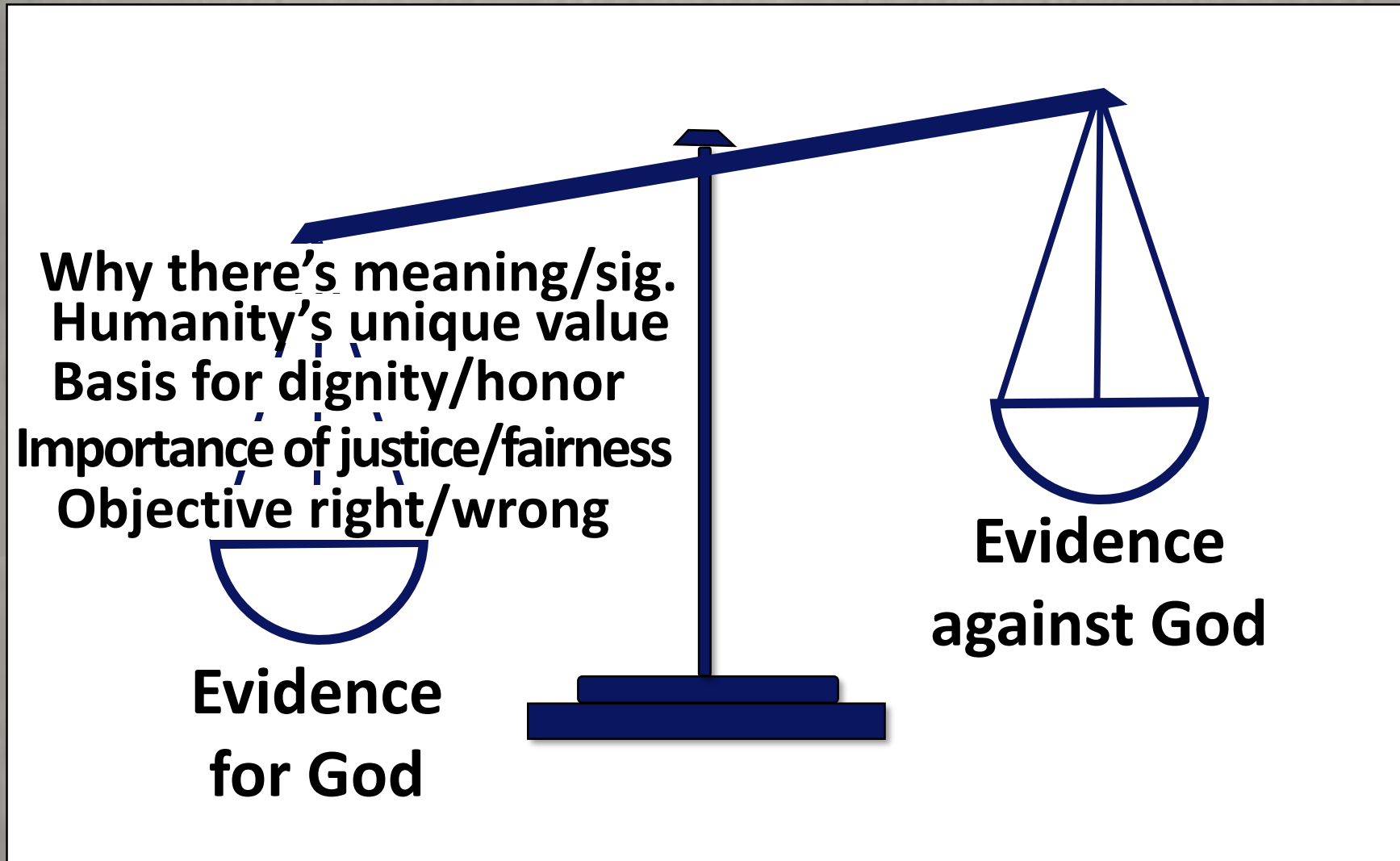
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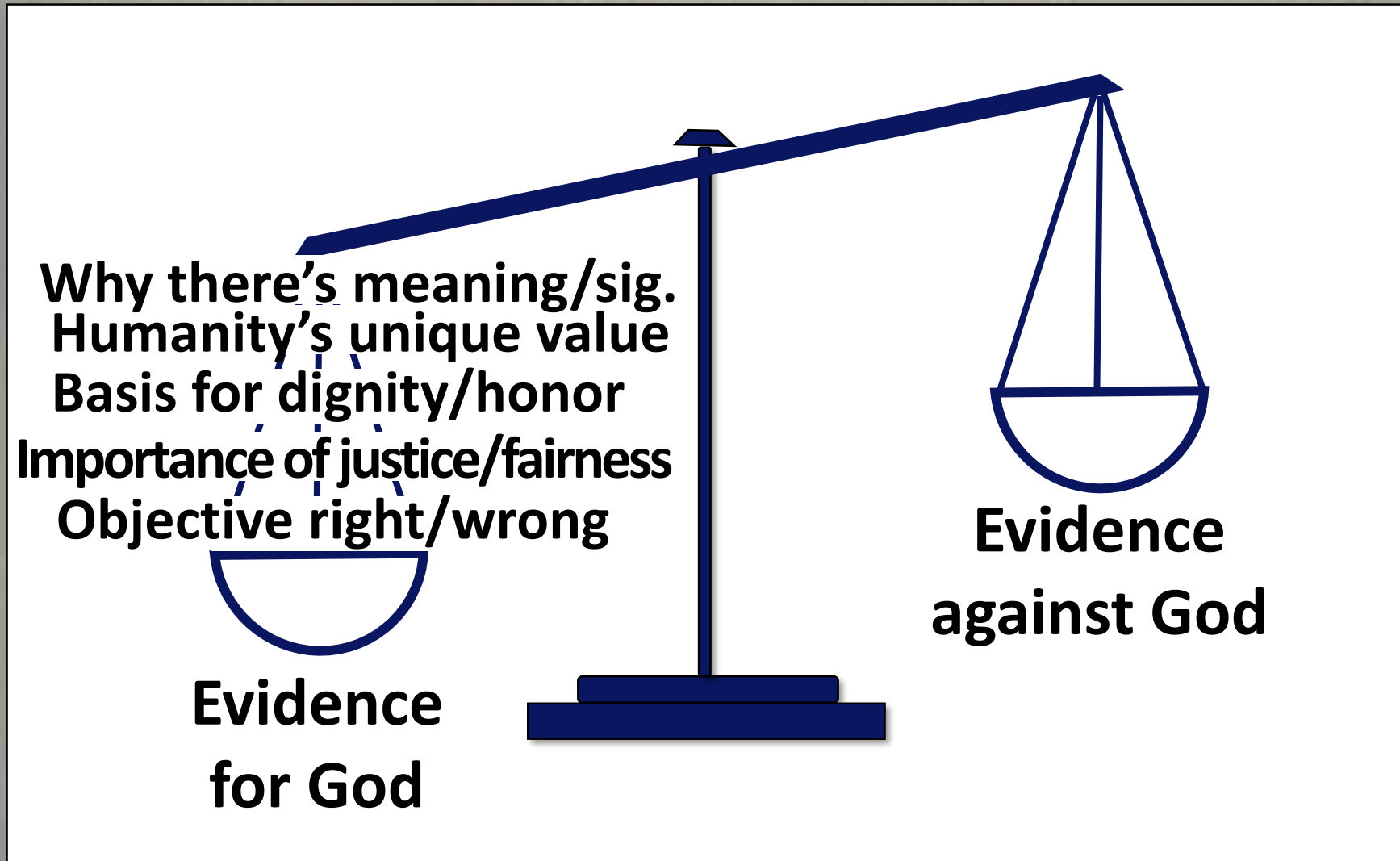
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I want to show the value of people by how I treat them

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With God, life has purpose and meaning. I want to walk in it.

Why I'm NOT ...

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Agnostic

Hindu

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~~Buddhist~~

Jewish/
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