
JOSHUA PROJECT
GENESIS ACADEMY
APPLIED APOLOGETICS
Discovery & Discussion

OUR JOURNEY

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- ✓ **THE IMMATERIAL**
- ✓ **SCIENCE, DESIGN & PROOF**
- ✓ **HUMAN DISTINCTIVES**
- ✓ **WORLDVIEWS & APPLICATION**

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REVIEW: EXISTENCE OF GOD

THE CREATOR MUST BE:

- THE UNCAUSED 1ST CAUSE
- LIVING & SELF-SUSTAINING
- OUTSIDE OF THE UNIVERSE
- ETERNAL AND OUTSIDE OF TIME
- SUPER INTELLIGENCE: DESIGNER & LAWS
- IMMATERIAL, UNEFFECTED LAWS & ENTROPY

BEYOND MATERIAL:

- LOVE
- FUTURE
- PURPOSE
- MEANING
- BELONGING
- RIGHT & WRONG

REVIEW: ABSOLUTE TRUTH

ABSOLUTE TRUTHS ARE ALWAYS:

- TRUE, NEVER FALSE
- UNCHANGED BY TIME
- APPLICABLE ANYWHERE
- UNAFFECTED BY OPINION
- THERE, EVEN IF UNKNOWN
- DISCOVERED, NEVER INVENTED
- PROVEN BY LOGIC AND REASON

APOLOGETICS: THE AUDIENCE

"So God created man **in His own image**;
in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."
GENESIS 1:27

- ✓ **MIND: LOGIC** *LEADS TO* **TRUTH**
- ✓ **BODY: EVIDENCE** *LEADS TO* **TRUST**
- ✓ **SPIRIT: REFLECTION** *LEADS TO* **MEANING**

TRAILS OF EVIDENCE: THE IMMATERIAL

ANSWER THE QUESTION:

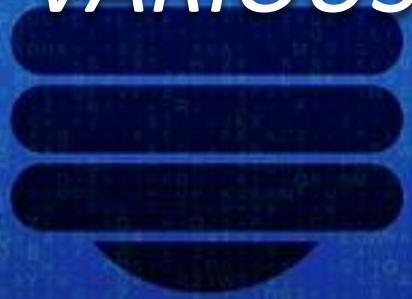
APOLOGETICS: WHY, HOW, WHEN & WHAT

10 MINUTES:

DISCUSSION IN GROUPS

REVIEW KEY LEARNINGS TOGETHER

THOUGHTS FROM VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES?



TRAILS OF EVIDENCE: GOD

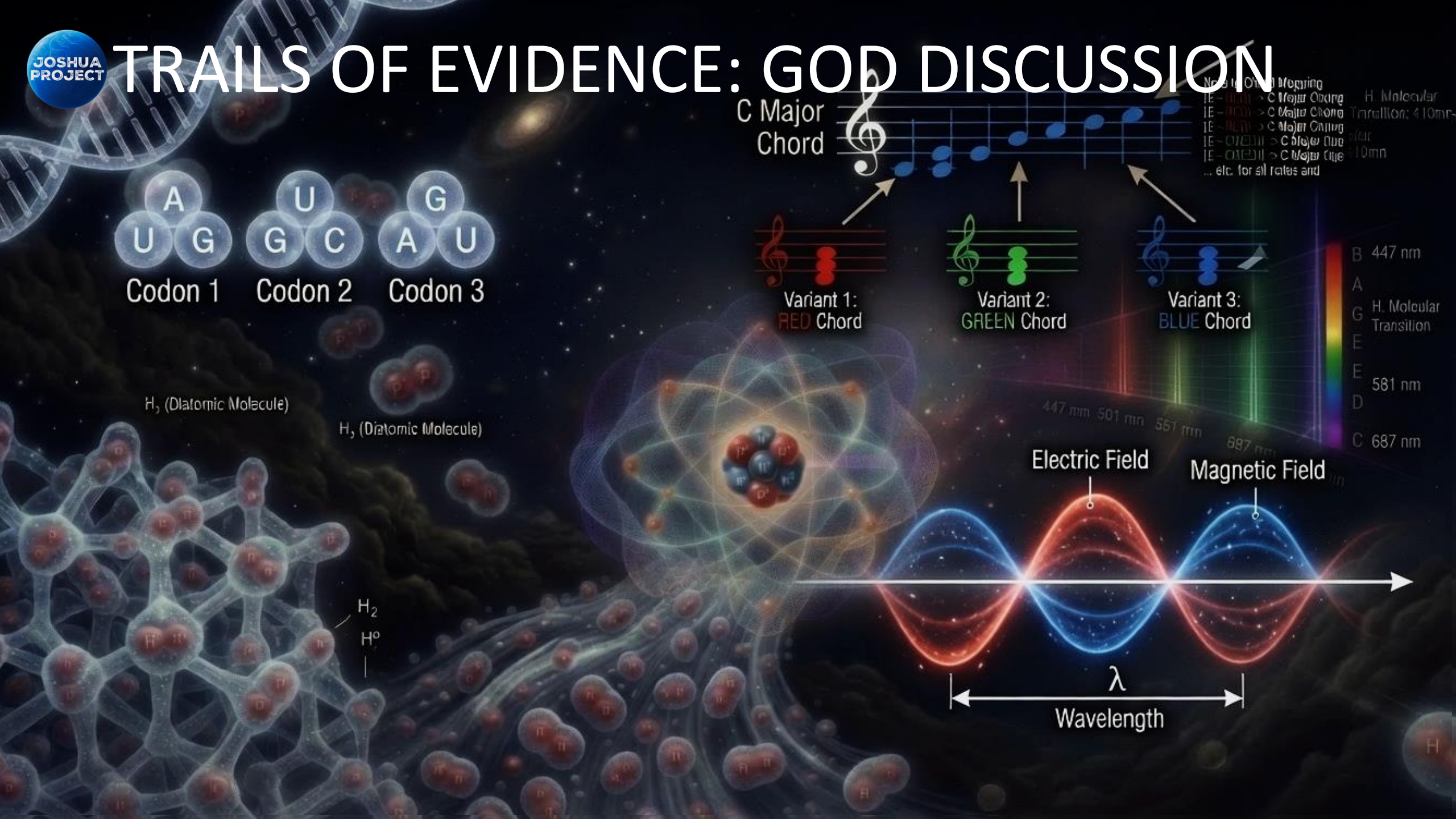
DOES GOD HAVE A DESIGN PATTERN?

"If the universe and all that is in it were the product of random chance, would we expect to see perfect mathematics, etc. and patterns in all things?"

ARE THERE PATTERNS IN THE UNIVERSE?

"The universal forces have not only been created, but then tuned perfectly for existence and life. He has embedded specific, discoverable "Trails" of Himself in and through all creation. "

TRAILS OF EVIDENCE: GOD DISCUSSION



TRAILS OF EVIDENCE: GOD

The Theistic Case is Far More Reasonable

"Nothingness creating everything can never reasonably explain a First Cause, life, love, morality, thought, consciousness, mathematics or the fine-tuned Universal Laws. Let alone our desire to know meaning."

Why is this Such Strong Evidence for GOD?

- **ONLY an Eternal Living GOD** can provide life as "The First Cause".
- **ONLY an Super-Intelligent GOD** could write perfect Universal Laws.
- **ONLY an Personal GOD** would intentionally communicate He's there to you.

TRAILS OF EVIDENCE: GOD & MATH



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"TO UNDERSTAND THE UNIVERSE, WE MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE IN WHICH IT IS WRITTEN, THE LANGUAGE OF MATHEMATICS."

Galileo Galilei

TRAILS OF EVIDENCE: GOD & LOGIC

Greek philosopher Aristotle 384 to 322 BC
Discovered the three ***Laws of Logic*** *and wrote about them in his book Metaphysics. He also proposed there must be a First and Prime Mover of the universe.*

1. Law of Identity
A thing is itself, A=A and it cannot = anything else.
Example: A cat is a cat. If something is true, it is true.
You can't change what a thing is just by calling it something else.

2. Law of Non-Contradiction
Something cannot be both true and false at the same time.
Example: You can't say "It is raining" and "It is not raining" at the same moment and place *since both cannot be right.*

3. Law of the Excluded Middle
A statement is either true or false—there's no third option.
Example: Either it is raining right now, or it is not raining, *there's no "sort of raining in a way that is neither."*

TRAILS OF EVIDENCE: GOD & MOTION

Sir Isaac Newton discovered The three Laws of Motion and formulated them in his 1687 classic work “Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica”. These laws form the foundation of classical mechanics describing relationships between the motion of any object and the forces acting upon it.Newton was amazed at the universal design and said:

“He who thinks half-heartedly will not believe in GOD;
But he who really thinks, has to believe in GOD.”

1. First Law (Law of Inertia)

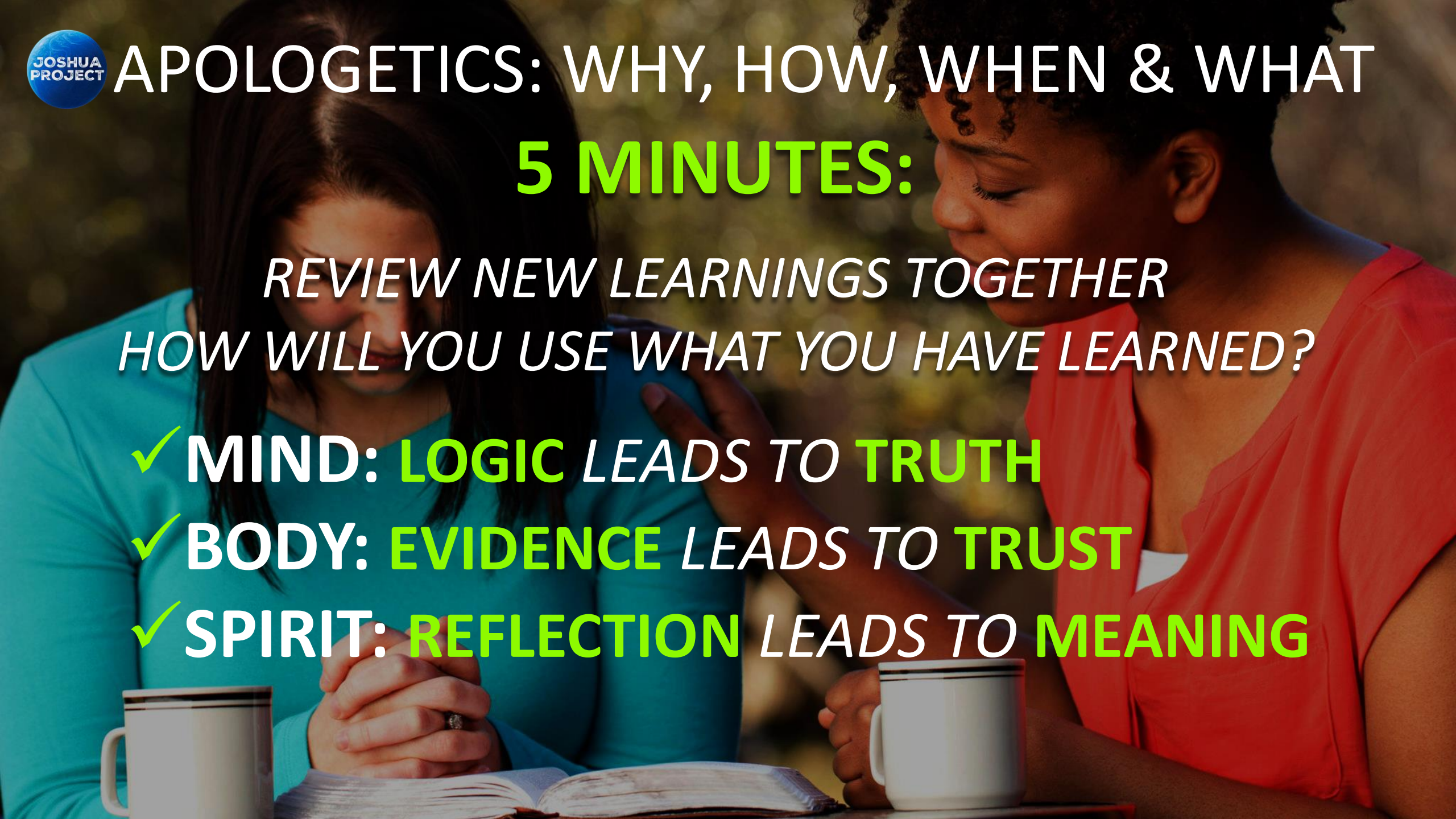
An object at rest remains at rest, and an object in motion continues in uniform motion and in a straight line, *unless acted upon by an external force.*

2. Second Law (Law of Acceleration)

The acceleration of an object is directly proportional to the net force acting upon it and *inversely proportional to its mass.*

3. Third Law (Action-Reaction)

For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. When one body exerts a force on a second, *the second simultaneously exerts a force equal in magnitude and opposite in direction on the first.*


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HOW WILL YOU USE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED?
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WHAT ENCOURAGED YOU?
WHAT WAS IMPORTANT TO YOU?
QUESTIONS & THOUGHTS?

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THANK YOU !

ROMANS 1:20-23

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and they exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible mankind and birds, four-footed animals, and crawling creatures.

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