WHY ARE THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE?



Here are some **great questions** *which science, philosophy, and theology can provide echoes of the deep answers found in the God Story!*

Who are we?

How does a person get a handle on the essence of the nature and identity of humanity?How can we define and answer the key questions concerning our origins, finding meaning, and our ultimate destinies?What makes mankind unique among creatures? (reason? image of God?)How is a person to achieve a satisfied mind in light of our relatively short life-span?

Why are we here?

How do we find satisfying purpose? What are the things which give our lives true meaning? Is there a master or guiding plan?

Why are static conditions the way they are?

While many things are covered by our personal choices, there are many outside of our control. Facing the impact of the inevitability of death. Why is there entropy? The realities of cause and effect - why are we born into a world at war?

Why is there so much suffering in the world?

Is God manipulative or even mean? Is our ultimate nature one of good and goodness? Is there such a thing as original sin and how does it impact us? Why do bad things happen to good people? Why are there so many shared and divergent constructs in humanity? location/gender/ethnicity/choices/timeframes etc.

Bad people phenomena: such as lack of love, manipulation, oppression and attrocities

How does a person select a satisfying construct?

We must care. We must search diligently. We must be convinced of the orthodoxy of our choice(s). We must search the God Story for anchored answers.

Pure Revealed Purpose (how do these reflect upon our topic?) *Check these out for discussion next time we are together!*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9/Matthew 22:34-40

Acts 17:22-31

Colossians 1:15-20

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Revelation 22:1-5