

1 John Series

Lesson 1

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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

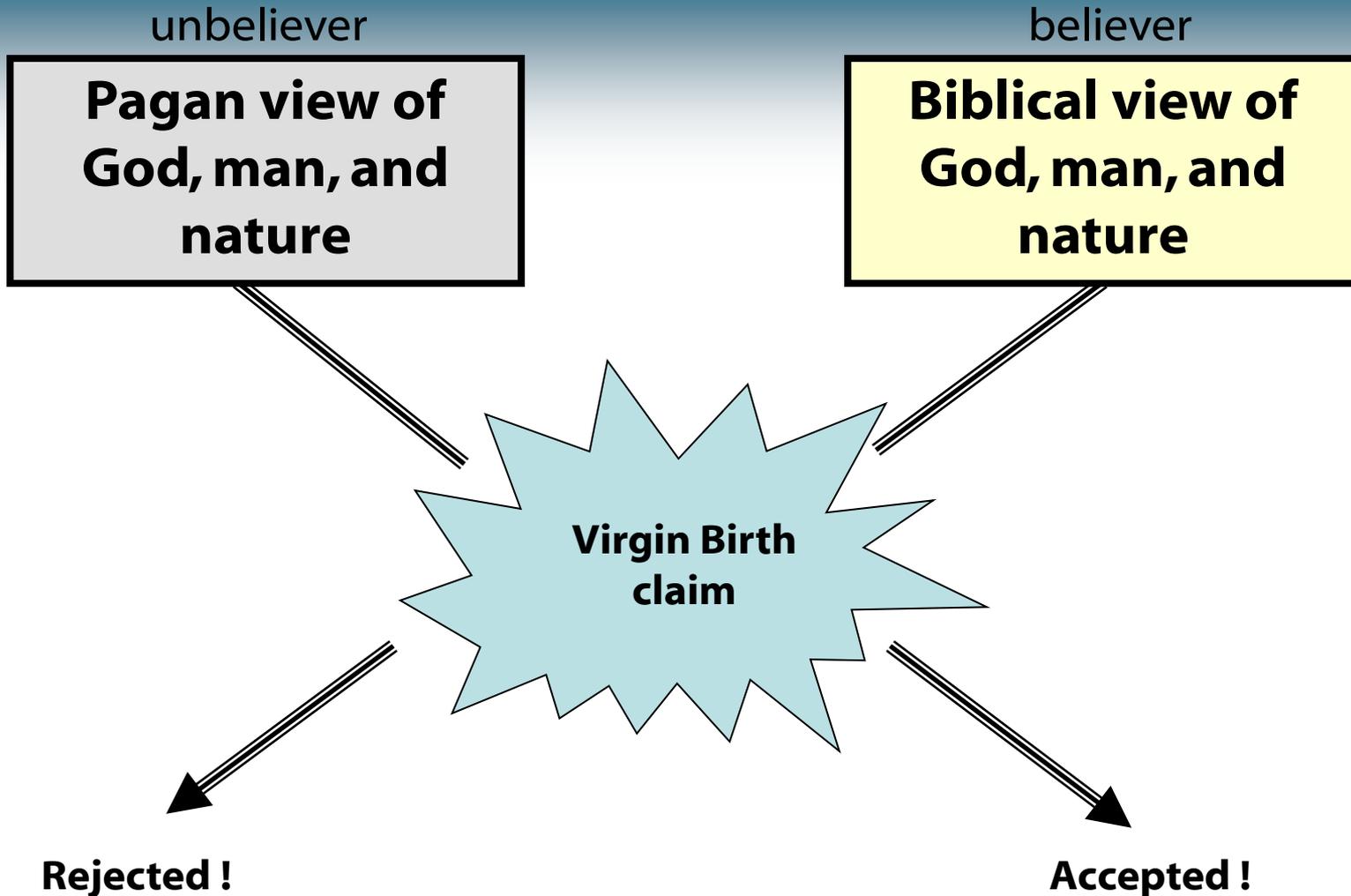
- **Continuity of Being**

- nature > gods > man
- transmutation / evolution

- **IMPERSONAL FATE & CHANCE**

- ultimate victimization

The Virgin Birth



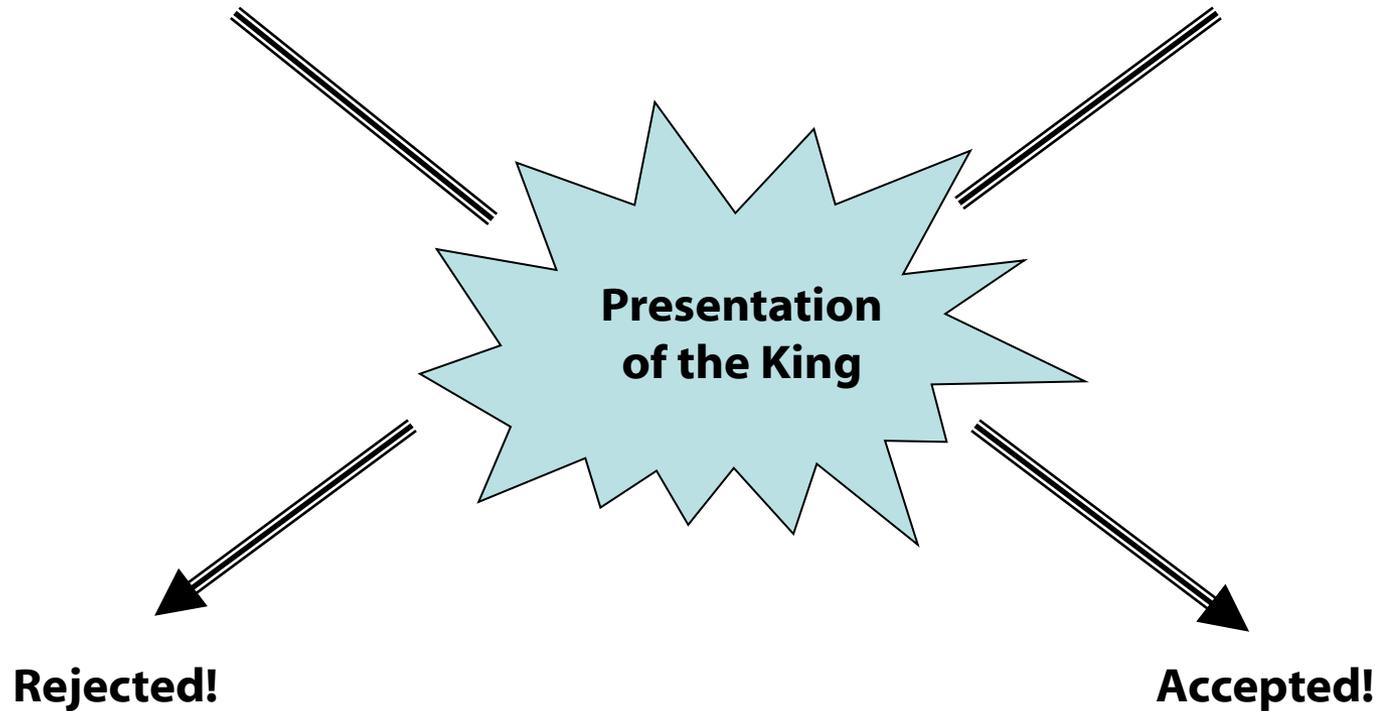
Presentation of the King

unbeliever

**Pagan view of
revelation**

believer

**Biblical view of
revelation**



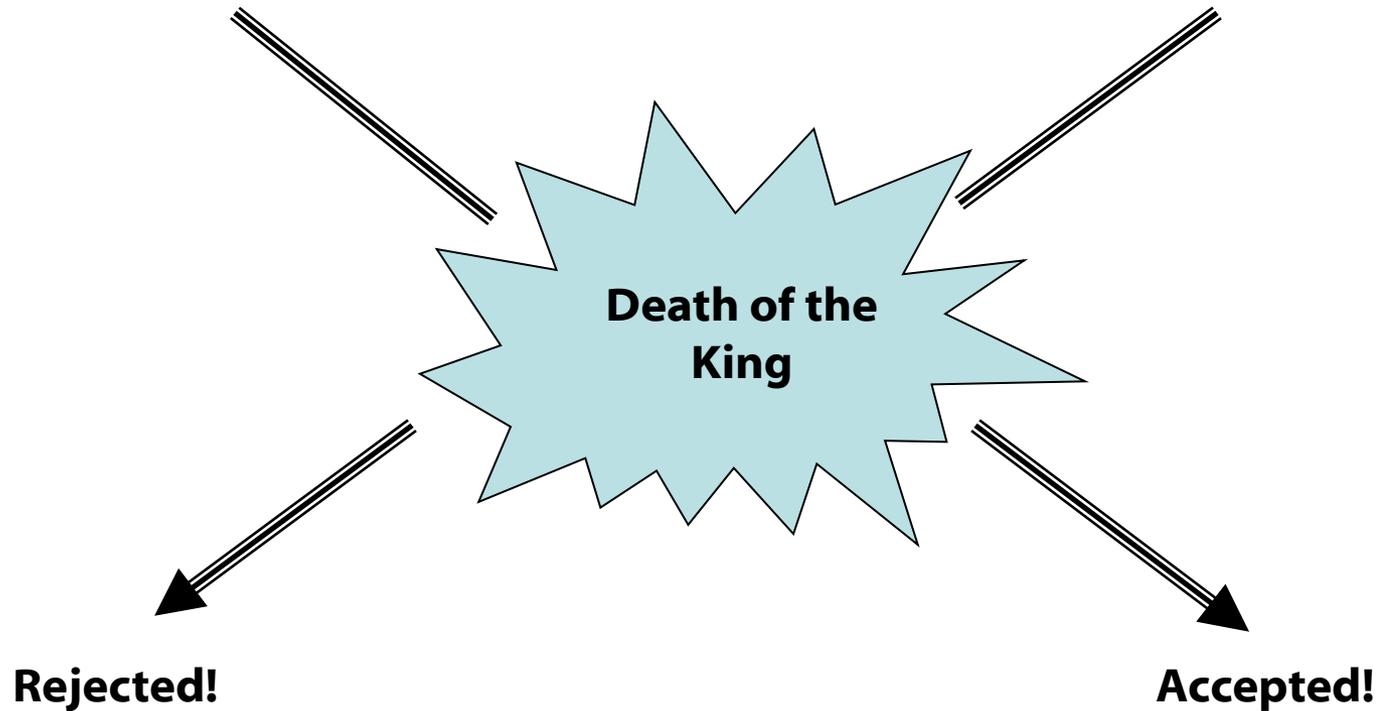
Death of the King

unbeliever

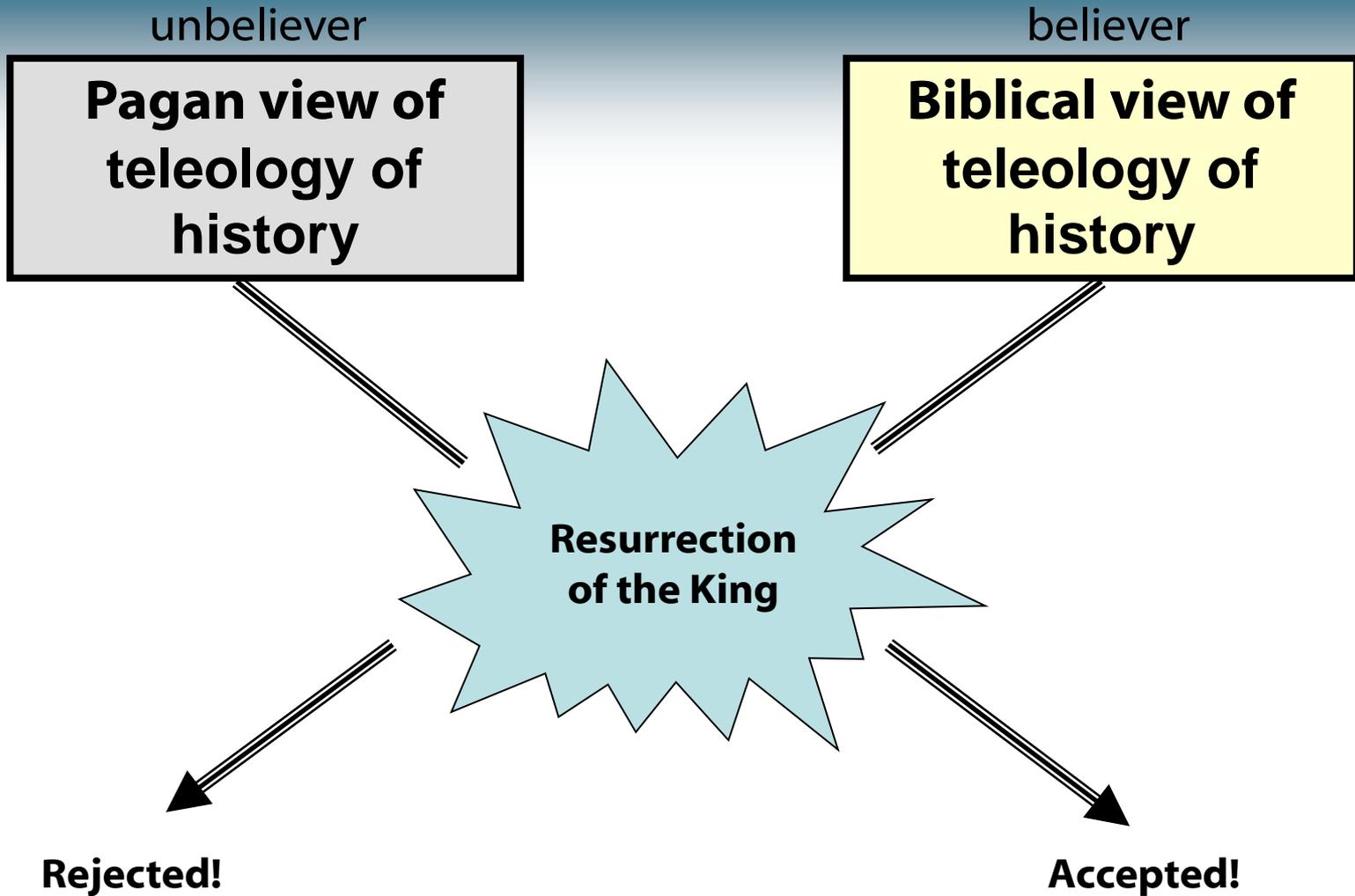
**Pagan view of
Justice**

believer

**Biblical view of
Justice**



Resurrection of the King



Either Verbal Revelation from the Creator or This

“That Man is the product of *causes which had no prevision* of the end they were achieving; that his origin, his growth, his hope and fears, his loves and beliefs, are but the *outcome of accidental collocations of atoms*; that no fire, no heroism, no intensity of thought and feeling, can *preserve an individual life beyond the grave*; that all the labours of the ages, all the devotion, all the inspiration, all the noonday brightness of human genius are *destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system*, and that the whole temple of Man’s achievement must inevitably be *buried beneath the debris of a universe in ruin* – all these things, if not quite beyond dispute, are yet so nearly certain, that no philosophy that rejects them can hope to stand. Only within the scaffolding of these truths, only on the firm foundation of unyielding despair, can the soul’s habitation henceforth be safely built.”

Bertrand Russell, “A Free Man’s Religion” (1903) essay in *Mysticism and Logic* (1917) pg. 45-46.

Characteristic	Matthew, Mark, Luke	John
Repent	16	0
Believe	34 (~11 per gospel)	98
Kingdom of God	47+	3
Contrast	Present/Future	Darkness/Light
Jesus' birth	Yes	No
Jesus' baptism	Yes	Yes
Jesus at Mt. of Transfiguration	Yes	No
Jesus' Olivet Discourse	Yes	No
Eternal life	9 (future attainment)	16 (present offer)
"Ego eimi" I AM	12 (~4 per gospel) all 'normal speech'	24 (21 are titular)
Style	Only Mt 11:25-30 appears like John-type discourse	John 3 may be the key: John picked up Jesus' oral style that he used on critical occasions