

# THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS



B I B L E O V E R V I E W

# Sam Harris

“Atheism is not a philosophy; it is not even a view of the world; is it simply an admission of the obvious”



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# Faith makes sense of life and is supported by evidence...

1. There are things about life that don't seem to make sense without God
  - Existence
  - Meaning
  - Morality
2. God has shown himself in history in Jesus Christ



Atheism is not obvious;  
Christian faith is reasonable faith.



# Prof. Francis Collins



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# George Clooney

“I don’t believe in heaven and hell. I don’t know if I believe in God. All I know is that as an individual, I won’t allow this life – the only thing I know to exist – to be wasted”



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**'iworld'**  
*or*  
**'God's world'?**



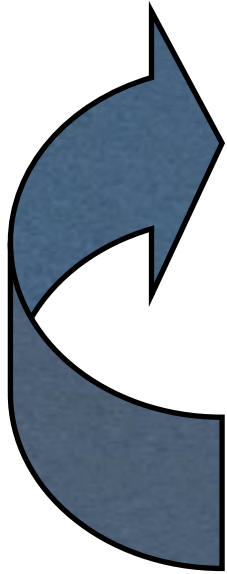
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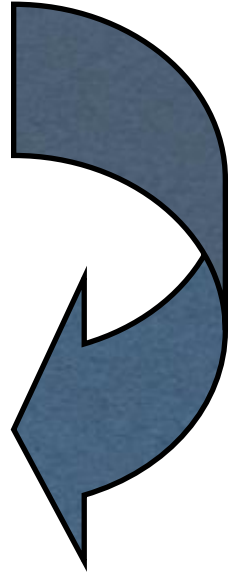
- We need to be led (the book of 'Judges')
  - "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit." (Judges 21:25)







- *Disobedience / Idolatry*
- *Judgement through their enemies*
- *Cry out to God.*
- *Provision of a Spirit-filled judge / deliverer.*
- *Peace*
- *Judge / deliverer dies.*



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(King Saul – 1 Samuel)



# Bob Dylan

“it may be the devil or  
it may be the Lord but  
you’re gonna have to  
serve somebody...”



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- *So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, 'You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.'* (1 Samuel 8:4-5)



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- The leader you can totally trust (2 Samuel 7)





# David's Son...

Will be King of an eternal Kingdom

*"Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."*

*(Luke 1:30-33)*



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*'Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body.'* (John 2:19-21)



# David's Son...

Will be King of an eternal Kingdom

Will build a temple (house) for God

Will be called the Son of God.

*“This is my Son whom I love; with him I am well-pleased”* (Matt 17:5)



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**Who is calling the shots  
in your life?**

