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Can an all-powerful God
make a rock so heavy that
he himself cannot lift it?

Faith: Today

- 1 Pe 5:8 – Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary is the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.
- Eph 6:16 – Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

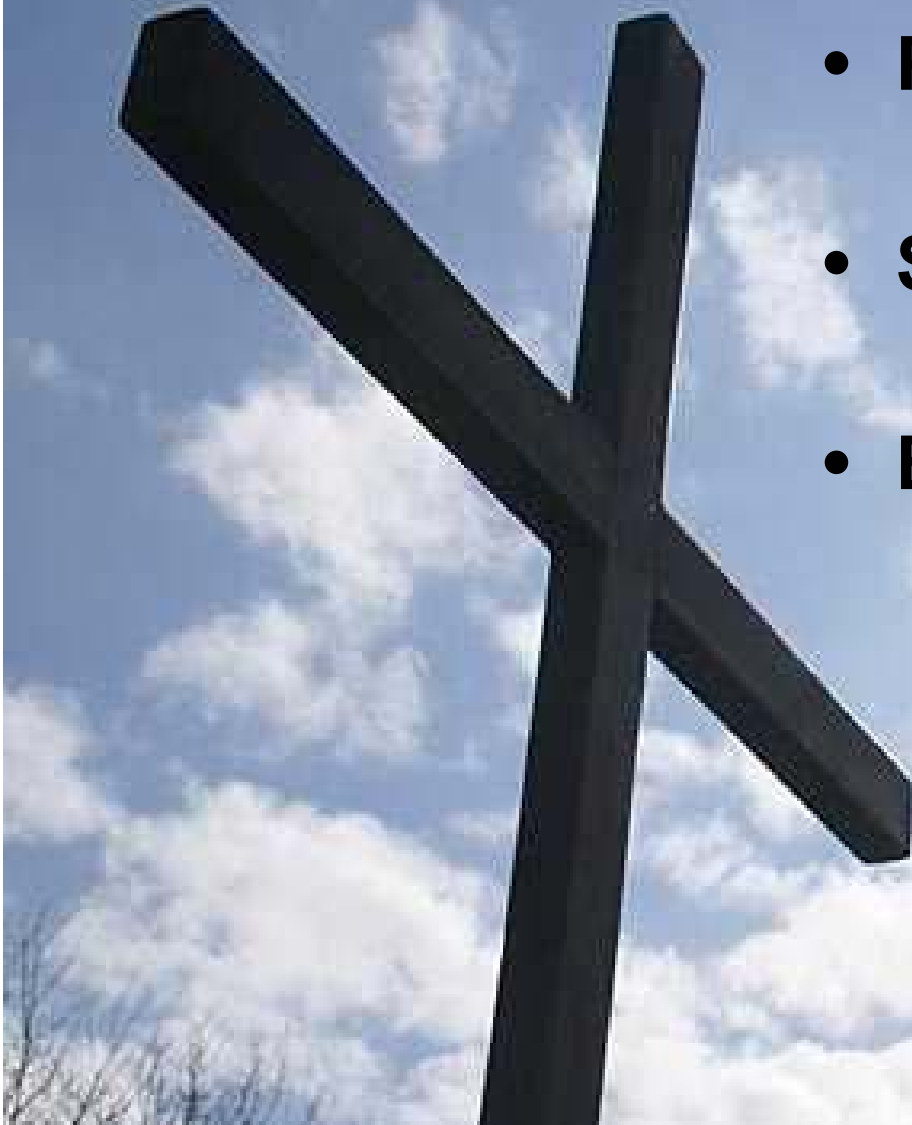
The World's Challenge

- Temptation
 - 1 Peter 5:8
- Tribulation
 - James 1:2-3
- Atheological arguments



Our God: Delusion?

- **Philosophical perils**
 - The heavy rock problem
- **Scientific suggestions**
 - The Big Bang, Evolution
- **Bible bantering**
 - Credibility




Our God: Delusion?

- **Logical fallacy**
 - Omnipotence
- **TBBT**
 - Cells
 - Eukaryotes
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 - Consciousness
- **Evolution**
 - Natural selection
- **1Co 1:20**
- **Councils?**
- **Letters?**

Bible Bantering

- **Council of Jamnia (97AD)**
- **Council of Hippo (390AD)**
- **Apostles received the word from the Lord**
 - 1Th 2:13
- **Peter referred to Paul's epistles as Scripture**
 - 2Pe 3:15-16
- **Paul's letters were to be circulated**
 - Co 4:16
- **We receive Jesus by receiving those he sends**
 - Jn 13:20

Building faith

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- ✓ **Faith: the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen**
 - He 11:1
 - ✓ **Faith: the shield of the Christian armor**
 - Ep 6:16
 - ✓ **Faith: Sheer belief or Firm belief?**
 - Tale of two pigs
 - Fulfillment of prophecies, historical accuracy, doctrinal uniqueness

Building Faith

1. **Prepare for the World's challenges**
 - Jn 15:19
2. **Engage in the Lord's service**
 - Ja 2:17
3. **Turn to the Lord**
 - Mk 9:22-24



Having Faith in God

- **Just and True – Rev 15:3**
- **Good and Upright – Ps 25:8**
- **Provider – Mt 6:33**
- **Savior – Jn 3:16-17**
- **Gracious – 2Co 4:15**
- **Faithful and Righteous – Ps 143:1**
- **Unchanging – Ja 1:17**
- **Merciful – 1Jn 1:9**

A large, black, three-dimensional cross stands against a bright blue sky filled with soft, white clouds. The cross is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its vertical beam extending towards the bottom and its horizontal beam extending towards the right. The background is a clear, vibrant blue sky with scattered, fluffy white clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and uplifting.

Take Ownership of your Faith

1Pe 3:15 - But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
and *be* ready always to *give*
an answer to every man
that asketh you a reason of
the hope that is in you with
meekness and fear