

**GOOD**

**DOES**

**MAKE  
SENSE?**

**REASONS  
FOR  
OUR  
FAITH**



# THE CASE FOR faith

A Journalist Investigates the  
Toughest Objections to Christianity

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# **EMPIRICAL JUSTIFICATION**

**The information obtained through observation and documentation of certain behaviors and patterns or through an experiment.**



**WHAT EVIDENCE  
IS THERE  
THAT GOD EXISTS?**



# **THE DANGEROUS POSTURE**

Let me evaluate if God is real based on whether I am satisfied with the evidence.

# **GOD IS AN INFINITE BEING, WHILE WE ARE FINITE BEINGS**

## **Deuteronomy 29:29**

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.



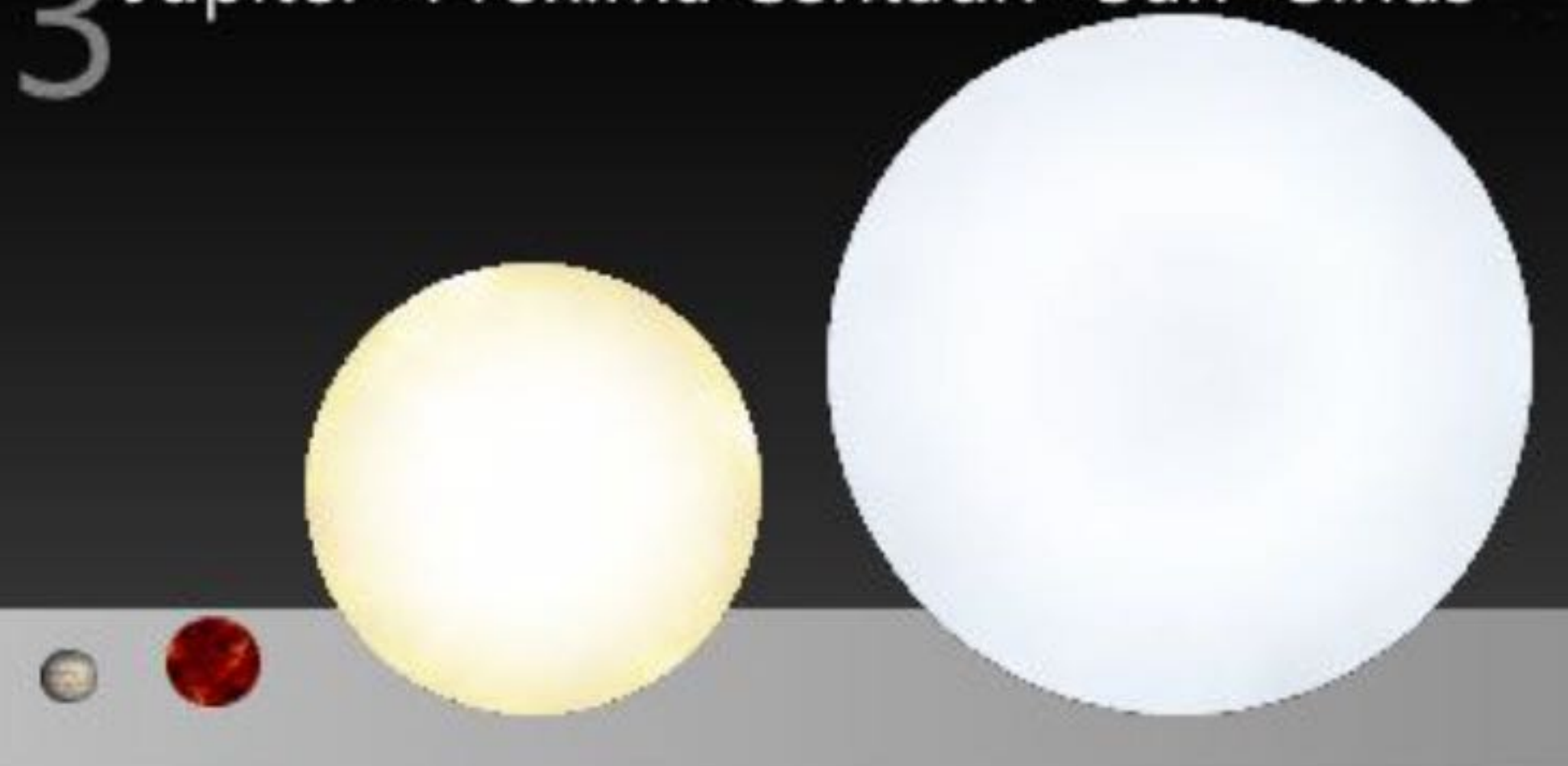
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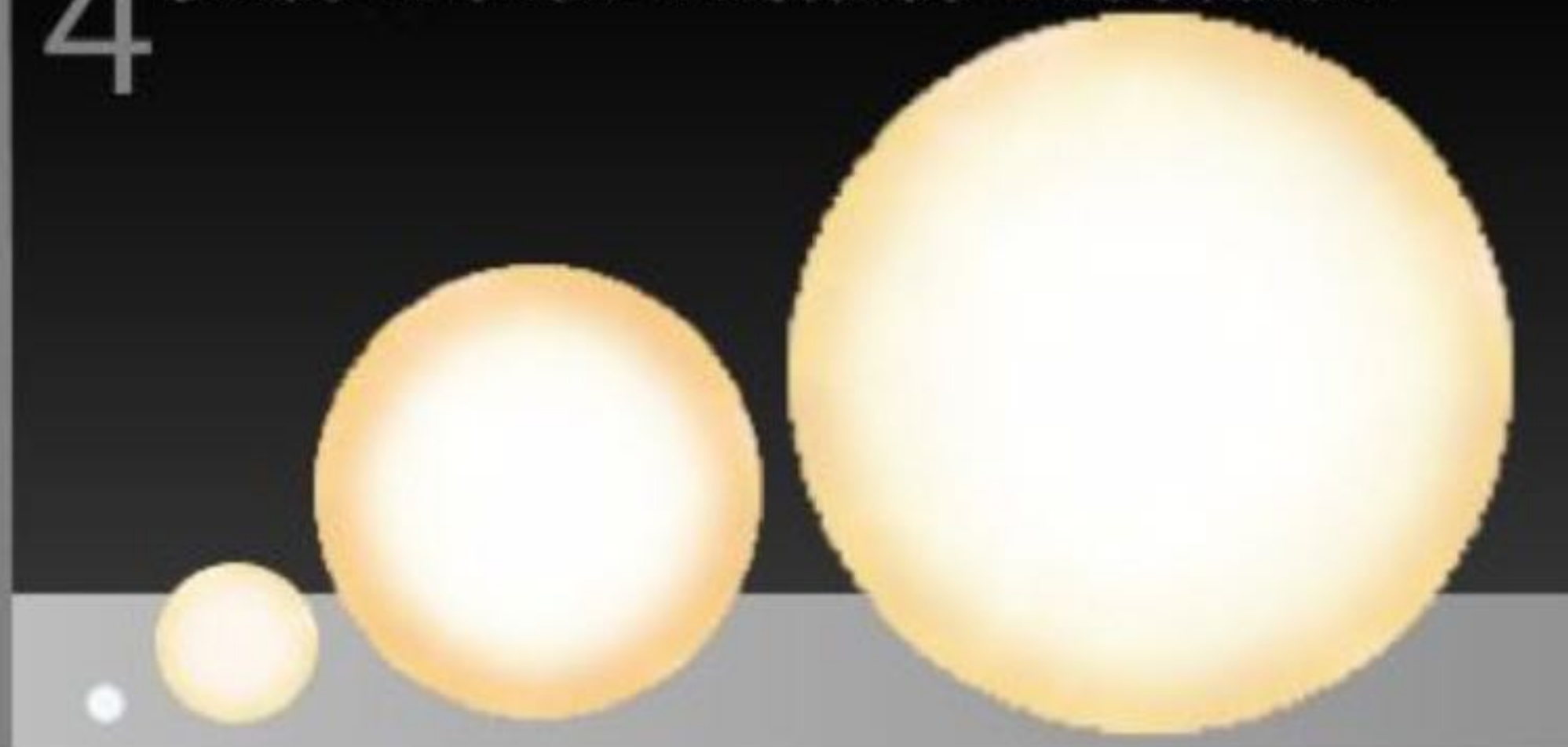
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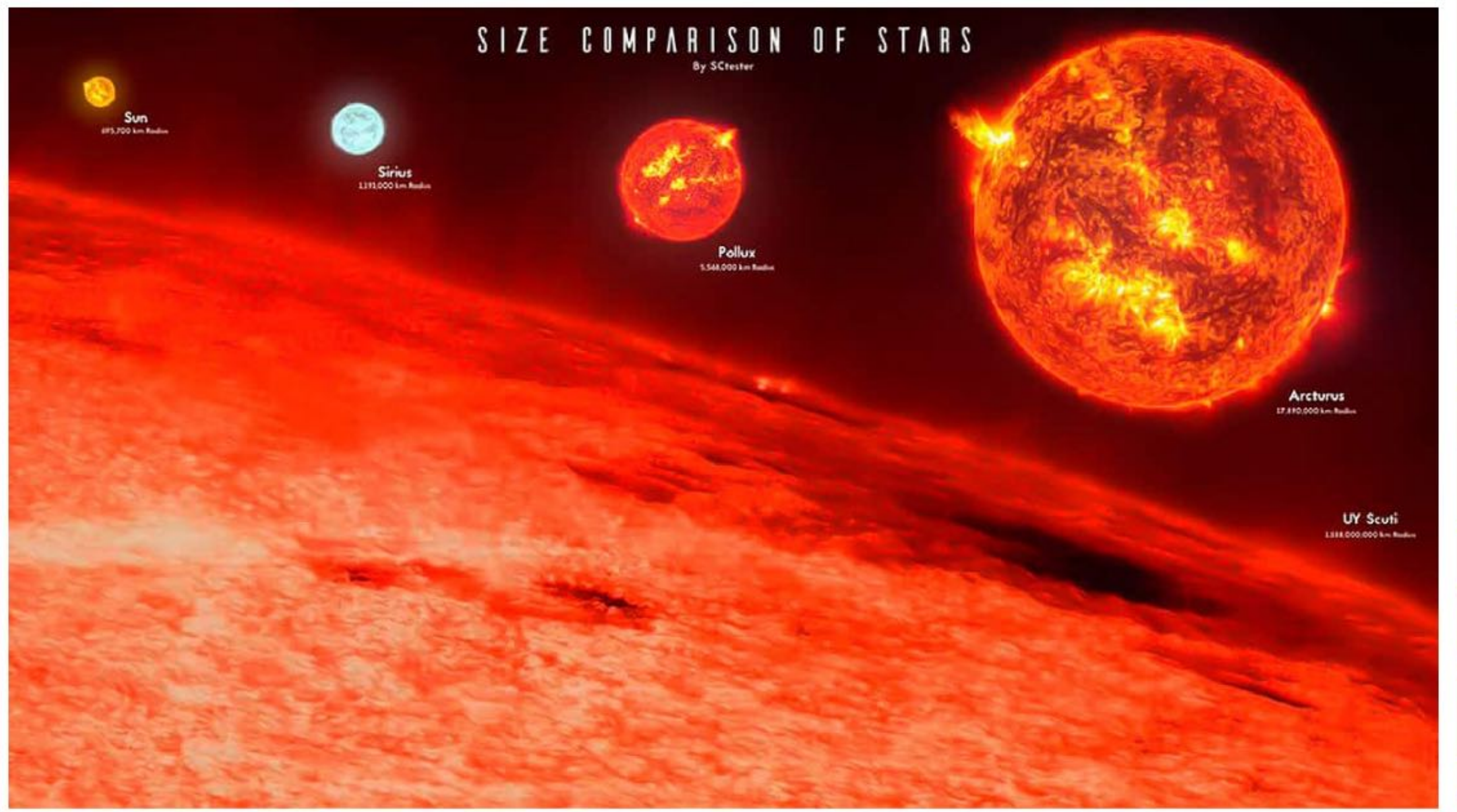
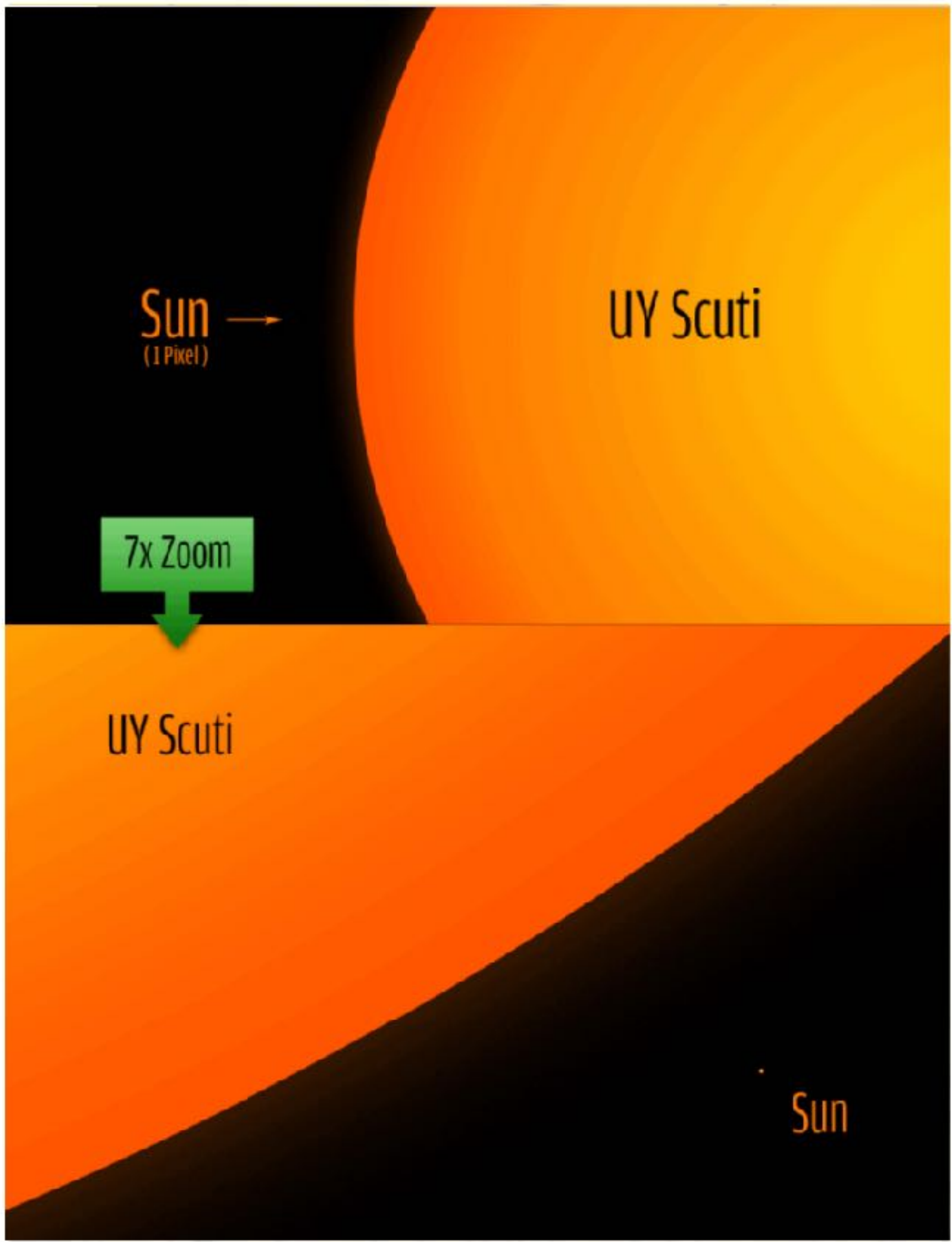
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# **SPIRITUAL THINGS CANNOT BE DISCERNED WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT**

## **1 Corinthians 2:14**

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.



# THE HEALTHY POSTURE

What God has revealed to us isn't everything about everything, but it is everything God deems necessary for me to be able to call upon Him.

**I want to discover what He wants to reveal to me!**



# GENERAL REVELATION SPECIAL REVELATION



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## Romans 1:18-20

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> **For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.**



# **1. NATURE**

## **Psalm 19:1**

**The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**







## 2. INNER SENSE

### **Romans 2:14-15**

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. **They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts.**



## 2. INNER SENSE

### **John Calvin:**

That there exists in the human mind and indeed by natural instinct, some sense of Deity [sensus divinitatis], we hold to be beyond dispute, since God himself, to prevent any man from pretending ignorance, has endued all men with some idea of his Godhead... this is not a doctrine which is first learned at school, but one as to which every man is, from the womb, his own master; one which nature herself allows no individual to forget...



# **SPECIAL REVELATION**

## **1. Historical Events**



<sup>29</sup> At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock.

## **EXODUS 12**





<sup>14</sup> “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

<sup>17</sup> And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt.

**EXODUS 12**





# **SPECIAL REVELATION**

- 1. Historical Events**
- 2. Incarnation of Christ**



<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain

**1 CORINTHIANS 15**





**IF IT IS PROVEN THAT  
JESUS DID NOT DIE ON THE CROSS  
AND RESURRECT AFTER 3 DAYS,  
CHRISTIANITY HAS BEEN DISPROVED.**

**IF JESUS DID ACTUALLY  
RISE FROM THE DEAD,  
IT IS THE STRONGEST EVIDENCE  
THAT **GOD IS REAL.****



# **MINIMAL FACTS THEORY**

**The Death of Jesus by Crucifixion**

**The Empty Tomb**

**The Post-Resurrection Appearances**

**The Origin of the Christian Faith**



# ALTERNATE THEORIES

The Swoon Theory

The Theft Theory

The Hallucination Theory

The Wrong Tomb Theory

The Resurrection Theory



# GOOD THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION LEADS TO WORSHIP

## Romans 11

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup> “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been  
his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup> “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen.