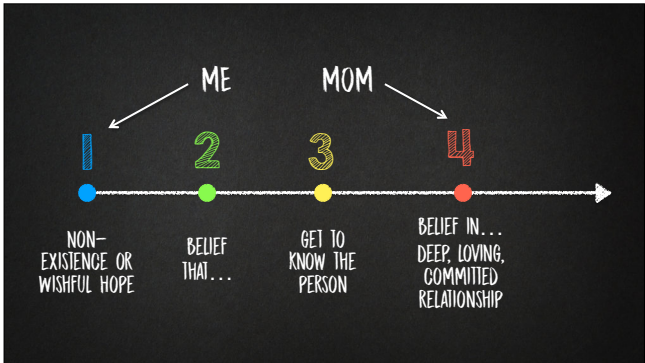


Everyone Has To Start Somewhere

Ryan Pauly

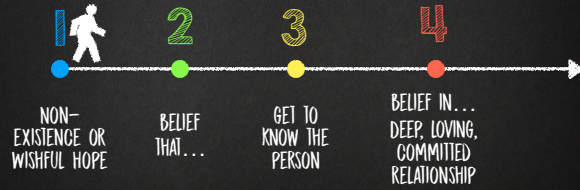








What would it take to move you
from position 1 to 2?



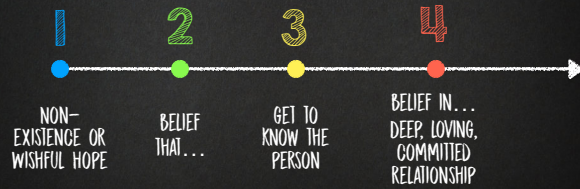
What would it take to move you
from position 2 to 3?



What would it take to move you
from position 3 to 4?



Which point are you at with God?



What would it take to move to the next level?



Shouldn't we just have faith?

"NOW JESUS DID MANY OTHER SIGNS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DISCIPLES, WHICH ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK; BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT BY BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME."

JOHN 20:30-31

Christ is the Foundation

"HE IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD, THE FIRSTBORN OF ALL CREATION. FOR BY HIM ALL THINGS WERE CREATED, IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE, WHETHER THRONES OR DOMINIONS OR RULERS OR AUTHORITIES—ALL THINGS WERE CREATED THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM. AND HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER."

COLOSSIANS 1:15–17

"FOR THE PHILOSOPHER TAKES HIS ARGUMENT FROM THE PROPER CAUSES OF THINGS; THE BELIEVER, FROM THE FIRST CAUSE—FOR SUCH REASONS AS THAT A THING HAS BEEN HANDED DOWN IN THIS MANNER BY GOD, OR THAT THIS CONDUCE TO GOD'S GLORY, OR THAT GOD'S POWER IS INFINITE."



Thomas Aquinas

CAUSE AND
EFFECT

LOVE

PURPOSE

MATH

INTELLIGENCE

REASON

CONSCIOUSNESS

LOGIC

INFORMATION

MORALITY

MIND

POWER

GOOD AND BAD

BEAUTY

SCIENCE

FREE WILL

TRUST

DESIGN

RIGHT AND WRONG

Causality

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NO ONE CREATED
SOMETHING OUT OF
NOTHING?

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POSSIBLE? WHERE
ARE THE LAWS OF
LOGIC?

Causality

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Information and Intelligence

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THINGS
INTELLIGENT?

Causality

Reason

Information and Intelligence

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WHERE DO RIGHTS
COME FROM?

Causality

Reason

Information and Intelligence

Morality

Evil

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HOW CAN A GOOD
GOD EXIST IF
THERE IS EVIL?

Does God exist?

Yes

BEGINNING OF THE UNIVERSE
FINE-TUNING OF THE UNIVERSE
CONSISTENT LAWS OF NATURE
REASON: LAWS OF LOGIC AND MATHEMATICS
INFORMATION AND INTENTIONALITY
LIFE
MIND AND CONSCIOUSNESS
FREE WILL
OBJECTIVE MORALITY
BEAUTY AND PLEASURE
OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY
LIFE AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS

No

EVIL

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Science

GOD MAKES
SCIENCE
POSSIBLE.

~~BELIEVING IN GOD IS A NON-ARBITRARY MYTH!~~

YOU CAN READ A BOOK AND BENEFIT FROM ITS
INFORMATION WHILE DENYING THERE IS AN AUTHOR,
BUT THE BOOK WOULDN'T EXIST IF THE AUTHOR DIDN'T
EXIST.

IN THE SAME WAY...

YOU CAN BELIEVE IN SCIENCE, MORALITY, BEAUTY,
TRUTH, LOVE, COMPASSION, ETC. AND DENY THE
EXISTENCE OF GOD, BUT THOSE THINGS WOULDN'T EXIST
IF GOD DIDN'T EXIST.



"LIFE ON THIS SIDE OF MY DECISION HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN EASY. IT'S BEEN NEARLY SEVENTEEN YEARS SINCE I FIRST TRUSTED JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR. I STILL STRUGGLE TO SUBMIT MY PRIDEFUL WILL TO WHAT GOD WOULD CALL ME TO DO. CHRISTIANITY IS NOT EASY. IT DOESN'T ALWAYS 'WORK' FOR ME.

J. Warner Wallace
LAPD Cold Case Detective




THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I THINK IT WOULD BE EASIER TO DO IT THE OLD WAY; EASIER TO CUT A CORNER OR TAKE A SHORT CUT. THERE ARE MANY TIMES WHEN DOING THE RIGHT THING MEANS DOING THE MOST DIFFICULT THING POSSIBLE. THERE ARE ALSO TIMES WHEN IT SEEMS LIKE NON-CHRISTIANS HAVE IT EASIER, OR SEEM TO BE 'WINNING'.

J. Warner Wallace
LAPD Cold Case Detective



IT'S IN TIMES LIKE THESE THAT I HAVE TO REMIND MYSELF THAT I'M NOT A CHRISTIAN BECAUSE IT SERVES MY OWN SELFISH PURPOSES. I'M NOT A CHRISTIAN BECAUSE IT 'WORKS' FOR ME. I HAD A LIFE PRIOR TO CHRISTIANITY THAT SEEMED TO BE WORKING JUST FINE, AND MY LIFE AS A CHRISTIAN HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN EASY.

J. Warner Wallace
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I'M A CHRISTIAN BECAUSE IT IS TRUE. I'M A CHRISTIAN BECAUSE I WANT TO LIVE IN A WAY THAT REFLECTS THE TRUTH. I'M A CHRISTIAN BECAUSE MY HIGH REGARD FOR THE TRUTH LEAVES ME NO ALTERNATIVE."

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Where are you?
What would it take to get you to the next level?



1 NON-EXISTENCE OR WISFUL HOPE

2 BELIEF THAT...

3 GET TO KNOW THE PERSON

4 BELIEF IN... DEEP, LOVING, COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP

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