

# 1 John Series

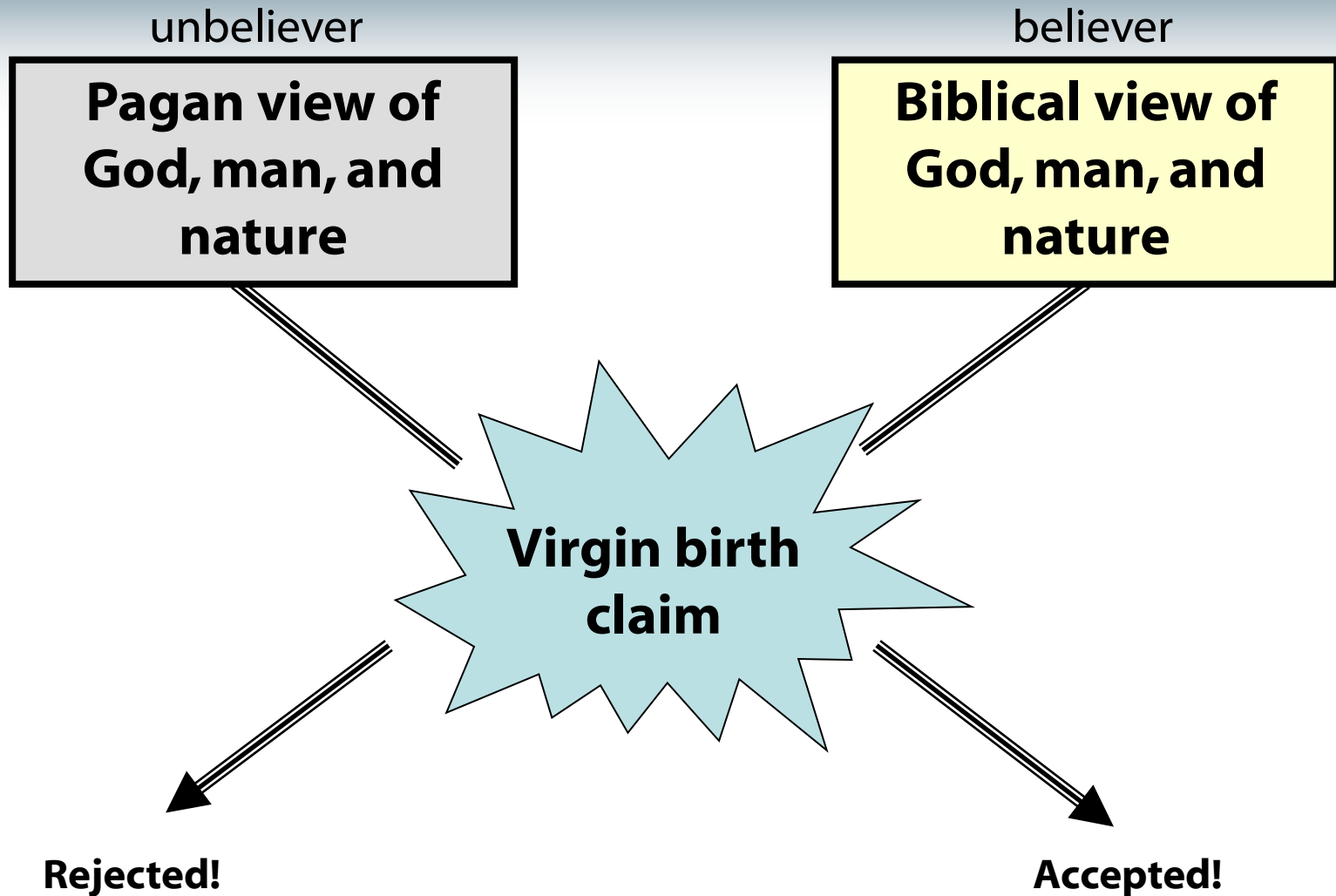
## Lesson 8

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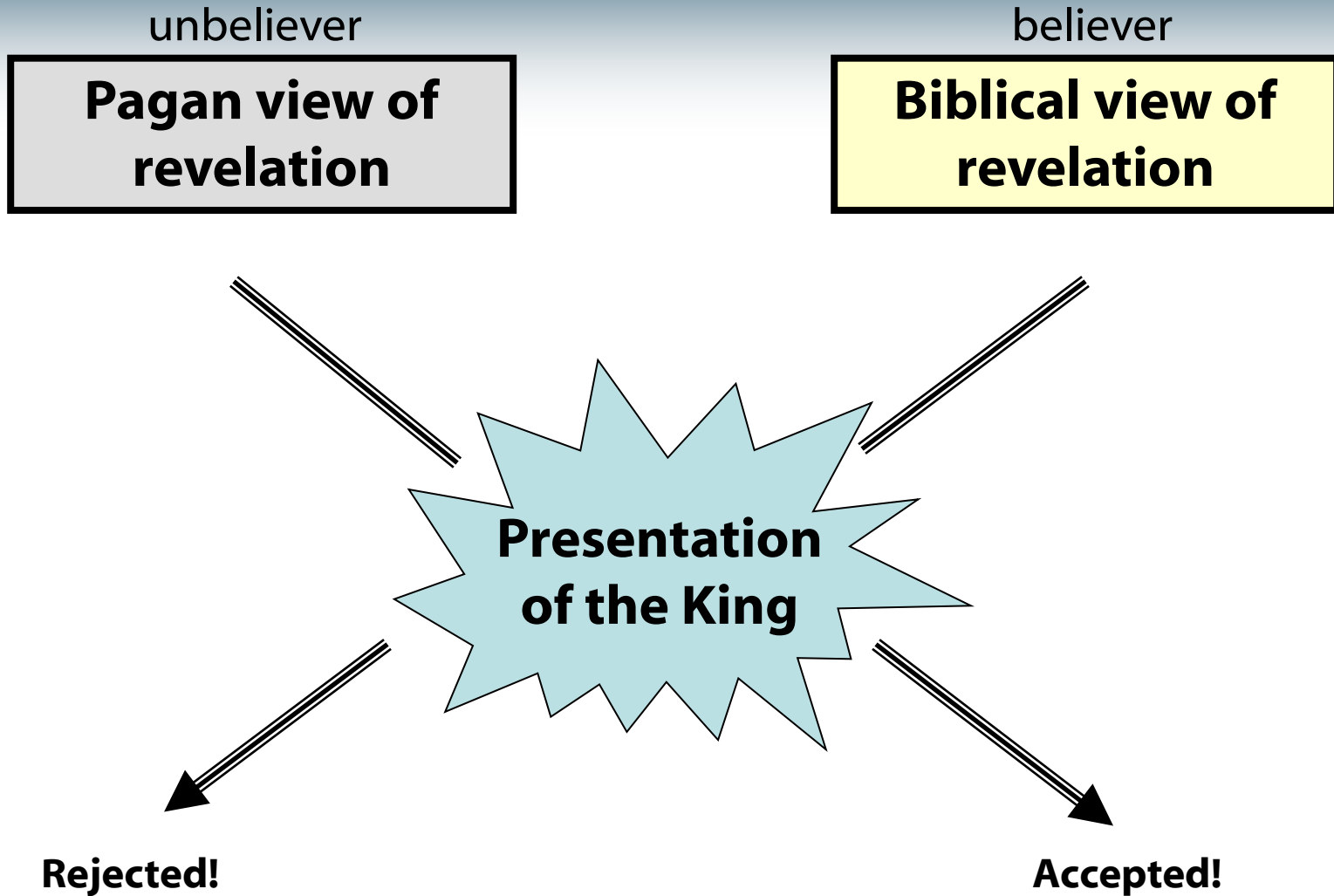
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# The Virgin Birth



# Presentation of the King



# 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

# Non-Biblical Answers to: “Who are you to tell me how to live?”

**1. Subjectivism (moral relativism):** *“Ethical judgments merely express an individual’s emotions or attitudes toward an action or object of evaluation.”*

## Arguments for:

**Circumstances & generational experience *differ* from person to person**

**Intolerant to impose *one’s* values on others**

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## Problems with:

**Says nothing about actions or objects themselves, *only autobiographical expressions* lacking basis for moral outrage over evil actions or belief in objective value.**

***Self-refuting* since every person inevitably experiences others' judgments of him or his labor to which he objects as “unfair.”**

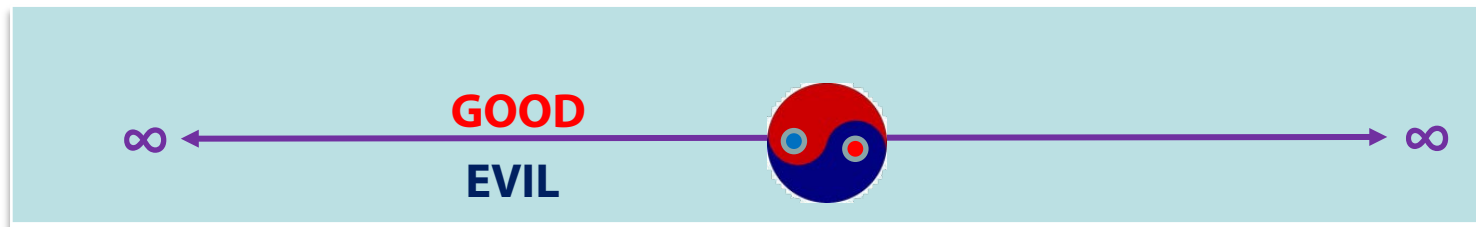
**Resulting anarchy *leads to totalitarian imposition* of the judgments of the stronger against the weaker to avoid social chaos.**

# Who has the REAL “Evil problem”?

**Christian: Good / Evil mix is “abnormal” and temporary**



**Pagan: Good / Evil mix is permanently “normal”**



# Our Relationship with the Father

<b>Text</b>	<b>Contrasting element</b>	<b>Individual detail</b>
<b>1:5</b>	<b>Light (+)</b>	<b>perfection of God</b>
<b>1:6</b>	<b>Darkness (-)</b>	<b>talk vs. walk</b>
<b>1:7</b>	<b>Light (+)</b>	<b>walk with cleansing for fellowship</b>
<b>1:8</b>	<b>Sin (-)</b>	<b>talk vs. real state-of-affairs</b>
<b>1:9</b>	<b>Cleansing from sin (+)</b>	<b>candid talk and cleansing</b>
<b>1:10</b>	<b>Sin (-)</b>	<b>talk vs. real state-of-affairs</b>
<b>2:1-2</b>	<b>Resolution of sin before the God of Light (+)</b>	<b>Throne room activity</b>



# *Aletheia = truth*

<b>1:6</b>	<b>something we live out</b>
<b>1:8</b>	<b>what we say fits reality</b>
<b>2:4</b>	<b>what we say fits reality</b>
<b>2:21</b>	<b>comprehended as consistency between word &amp; reality</b>
<b>3:18</b>	<b>real life action</b>
<b>4:6</b>	<b>Opposite to "<i>planes</i>" (planet = wandering)</b>
<b>5:6</b>	<b>Holy Spirit is the ultimate Truth, not just "true" [think here of creation agent]</b>