



## Theistic Supernaturalism: One Story

**A Story:** An old timer watches from the ridge, his supper cooking on a small camp fire, while below him the entire town mourns his death and celebrates his passing with a massive wake! What's he going to do now?

- We all love a good story. Stories hook us for many reasons.
- The worldview we are considering today, theistic supernaturalism, holds that there is one God and He is the Author of one massive, compelling, progressing, eternal story.
- The Process for Making Sense of our World: **My worldview** (the “glasses” through which I make sense of the world) colors my **interpretation** of the **data** that comes to me and thus controls the **actions** I take and finally impacts the **outcomes** I experience in life.

**Theism:** This worldview holds the belief that there is one God.

- God exists beyond and in the world.
- The world was created out of nothing. (ex nihilo)
- Miracles are possible at all times and have indeed occurred.
- Man is made in the image of God.
- There is a moral law.
- Man is immortal.
- Man will be rewarded or punished in eternity.
- The most outstanding truth of the theistic worldview is the unique and perfect God.

**Supernaturalism:** This incredible God actually breaks into human history, into time and space, into our very lives to meet needs, interrupt behavior, and perform miracles.

- This personal God is with us. John 1:14
  - Jesus was with the people, gave tangible help, and explained the truth.
- This personal God is for us. Romans 8:31 and Jeremiah 29:11-14 and John 3:17
  - His stance toward us is one of aching for our good. He is not out to get us.
- This personal God shows up to help us. Genesis 16:13, 14 and Genesis 50:19, 20
  - In His time and in His way and for our good God arrives and helps.
- This personal God delights in us. Zephaniah 3:17
  - God delights in each one of us like a grandparent scooping up a grandchild.

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# Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking with Christ and pursuing God through  
obedience, reflective living, and community.

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Please take some time each day this week for "spiritual recalibration" by thinking through the following ideas and questions related to having "eternity in our hearts:"

- **Today:** What if the God of eternity and creation really is with you—with you personally?
- **Monday:** What if the God of eternity and creation really is for you—for you personally?
- **Tuesday:** What if the God of eternity and creation really shows up for you—for you personally?
- **Wednesday:** What if the God of eternity and creation really delights in you—in you personally?
- **Thursday:** What if the God of eternity and creation really intends good for you—for you personally?
- **Friday:** What if the God of eternity and creation really brings good out of evil for you—for you personally?
- **Saturday:** What if the God of eternity and creation really sees you—you personally?

**Bonus Question at no additional charge:** What are the specific ways that you need: ...to think differently if all the above are true? ...to feel differently if all the above are true? ...to act differently if all the above are true?