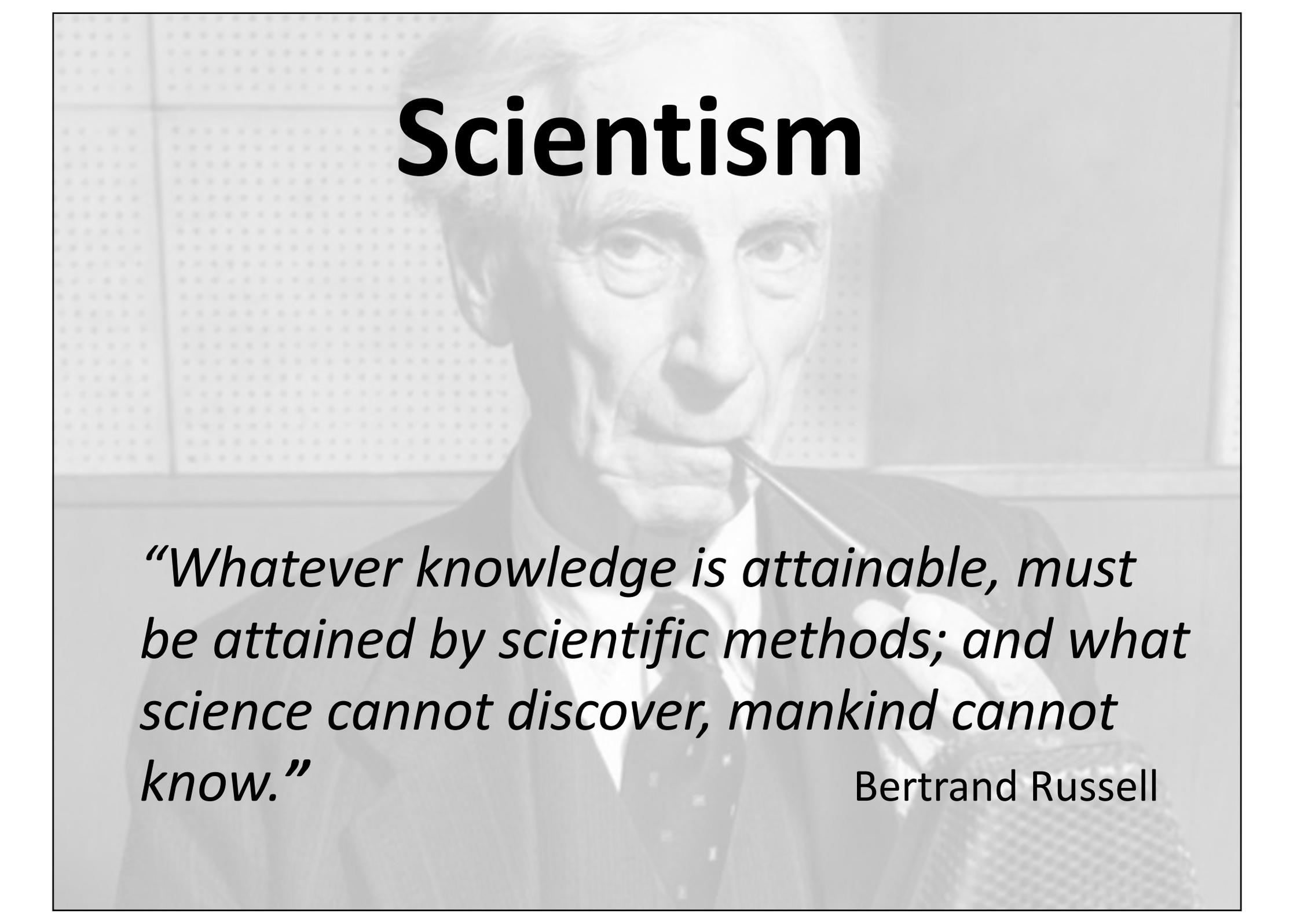


***Can Science Answer all
of Life's Questions?***

Dr. Sharon Dirckx

Scientism

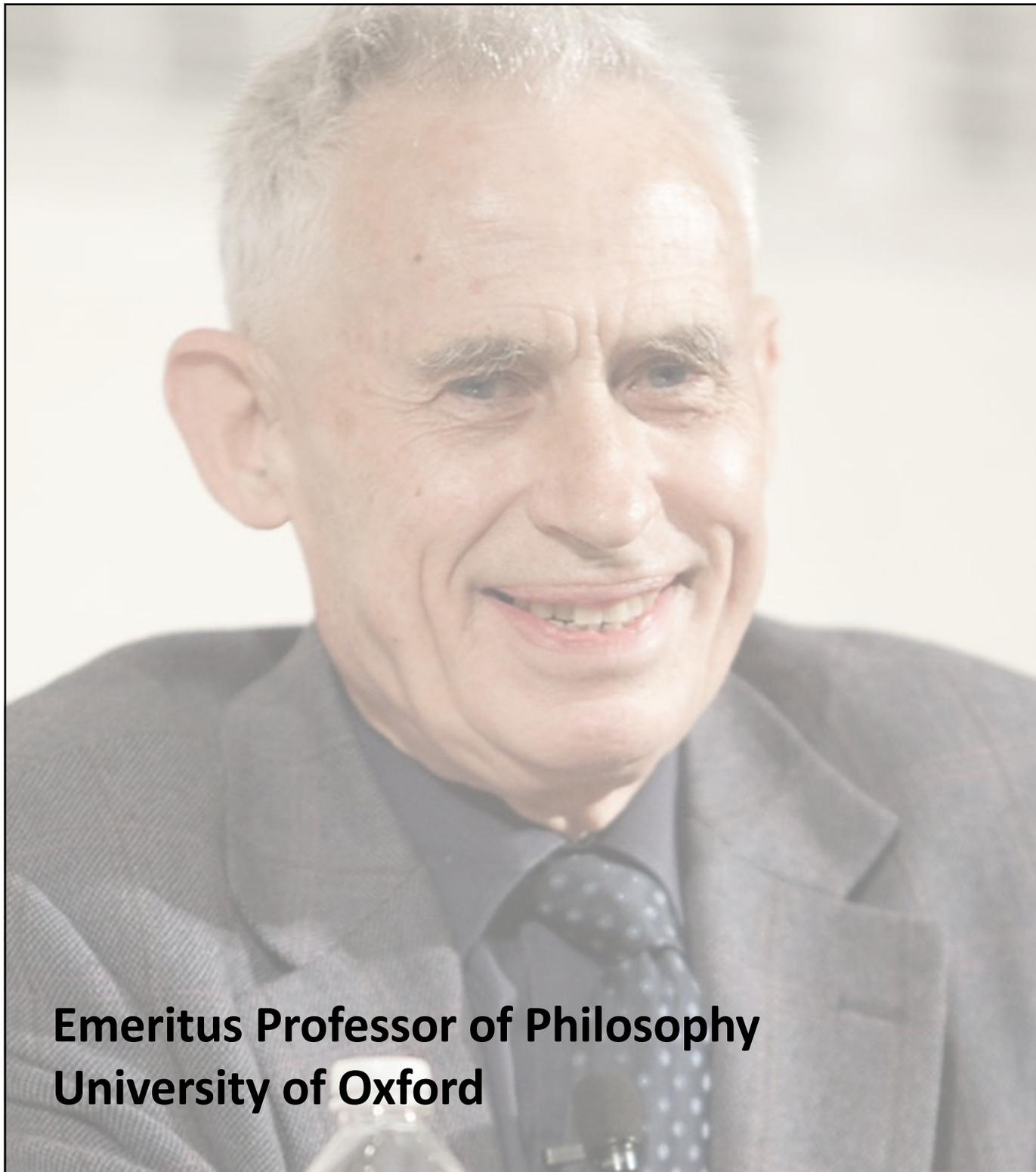


“Whatever knowledge is attainable, must be attained by scientific methods; and what science cannot discover, mankind cannot know.”

Bertrand Russell

***1) Can science tell us
why science works?***





I am postulating a God to explain *why science explains*; I do not deny that science explains, but I postulate God to explain why science explains.

Richard Swinburne
Is There a God? 1996

Emeritus Professor of Philosophy
University of Oxford

God or Science?



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def add5(x):
    return x+5

def dotwrite(ast):
    nodename = getNodename()
    label=symbol.sym_name.get(int(ast[0]),ast[0])
    print '  %s [label="%s' % (nodename, label),
    if isinstance(ast[1], str):
        if ast[1].strip():
            print '= %s];' % ast[1]
        else:
            print ''
    else:
        print ''
        children = []
        for n, childnumerate(ast[1:]):
            children.append(dotwrite(child))
        print ', ' % ast[0] -> (' % nodename
        for n, namechildren
            print '%s' % name,
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A Faulty Dilemma

The Big Bang or God?

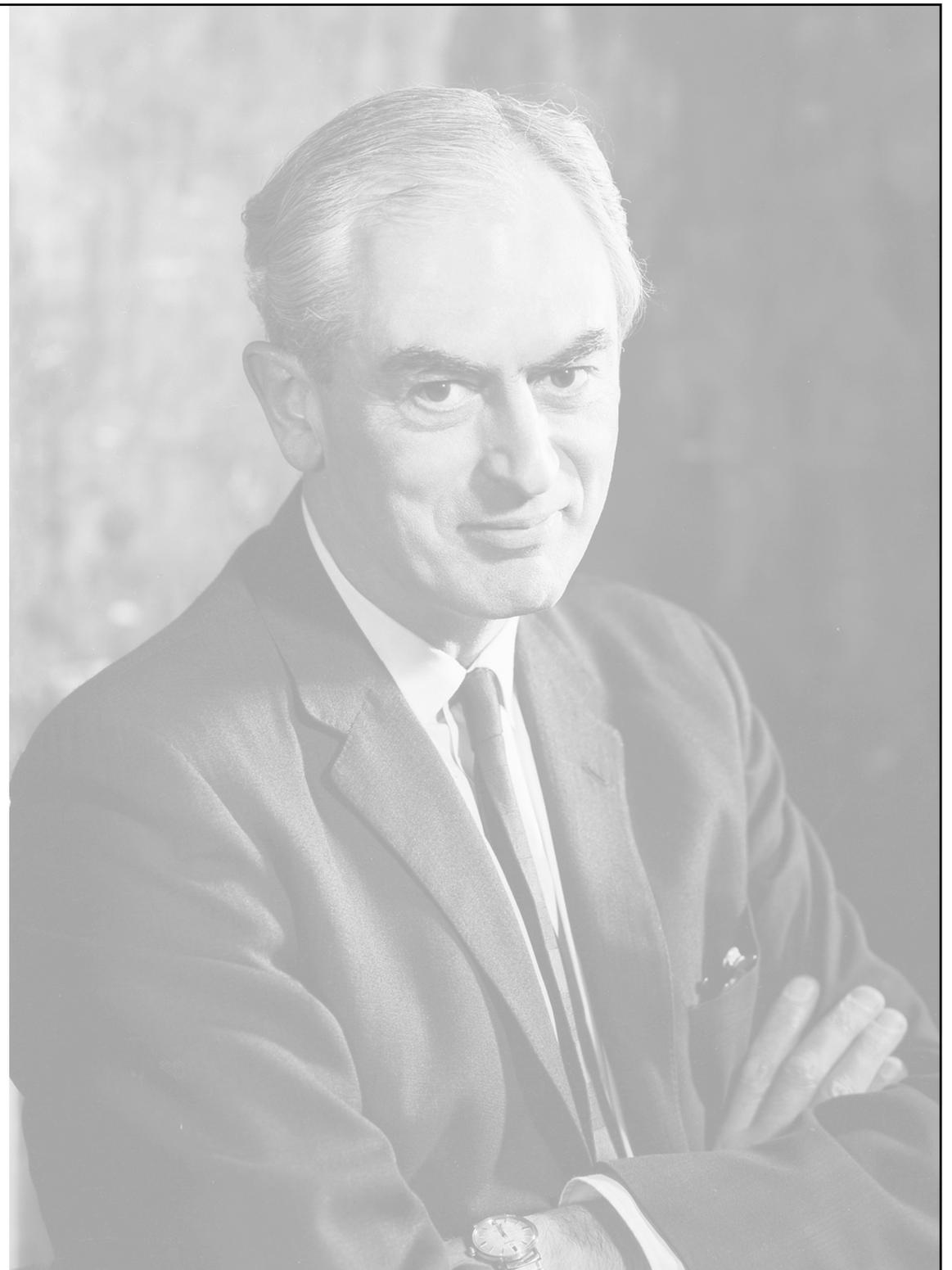


***2) Can science answer
our biggest questions?***



The existence of a limit to science is, however, made clear by its inability to answer childlike elementary questions having to do with first and last things – questions such as “How did everything begin?”; “What are we all here for?”; “What is the point of living?”

**Sir Peter Medawar,
*Advice to a Young Scientist (1979)***



**Scientifically speaking we are very insignificant indeed
And yet we live as though our lives are significant
Why?**



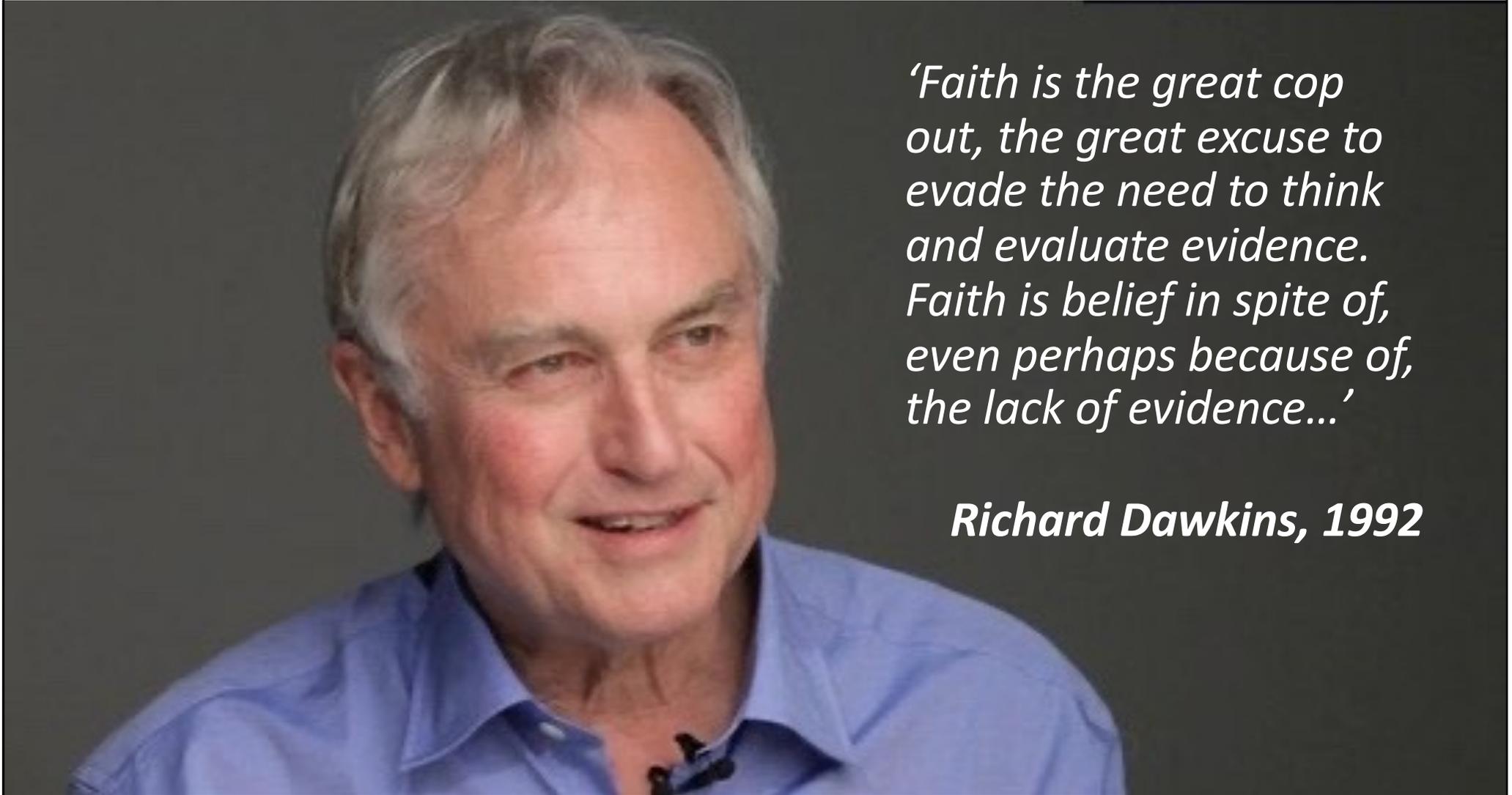
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

Psalm 8 : 3-4

***3) Can science answer
the God question?***



Is Faith Irrational?



'Faith is the great cop out, the great excuse to evade the need to think and evaluate evidence. Faith is belief in spite of, even perhaps because of, the lack of evidence...'

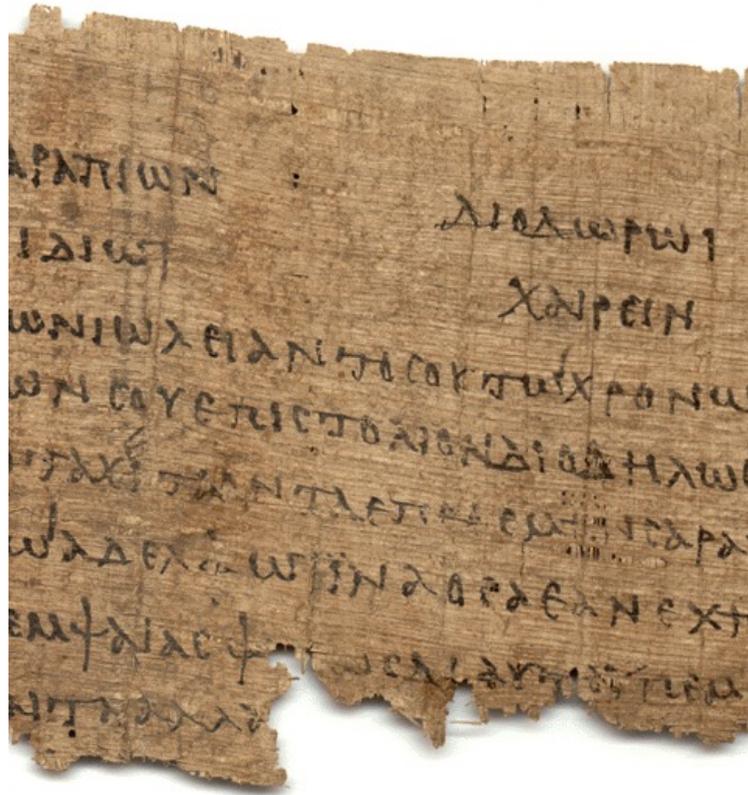
Richard Dawkins, 1992



faith (*noun*)

1. complete trust or confidence in someone or something.

**Faith in a
person
based on
evidence**



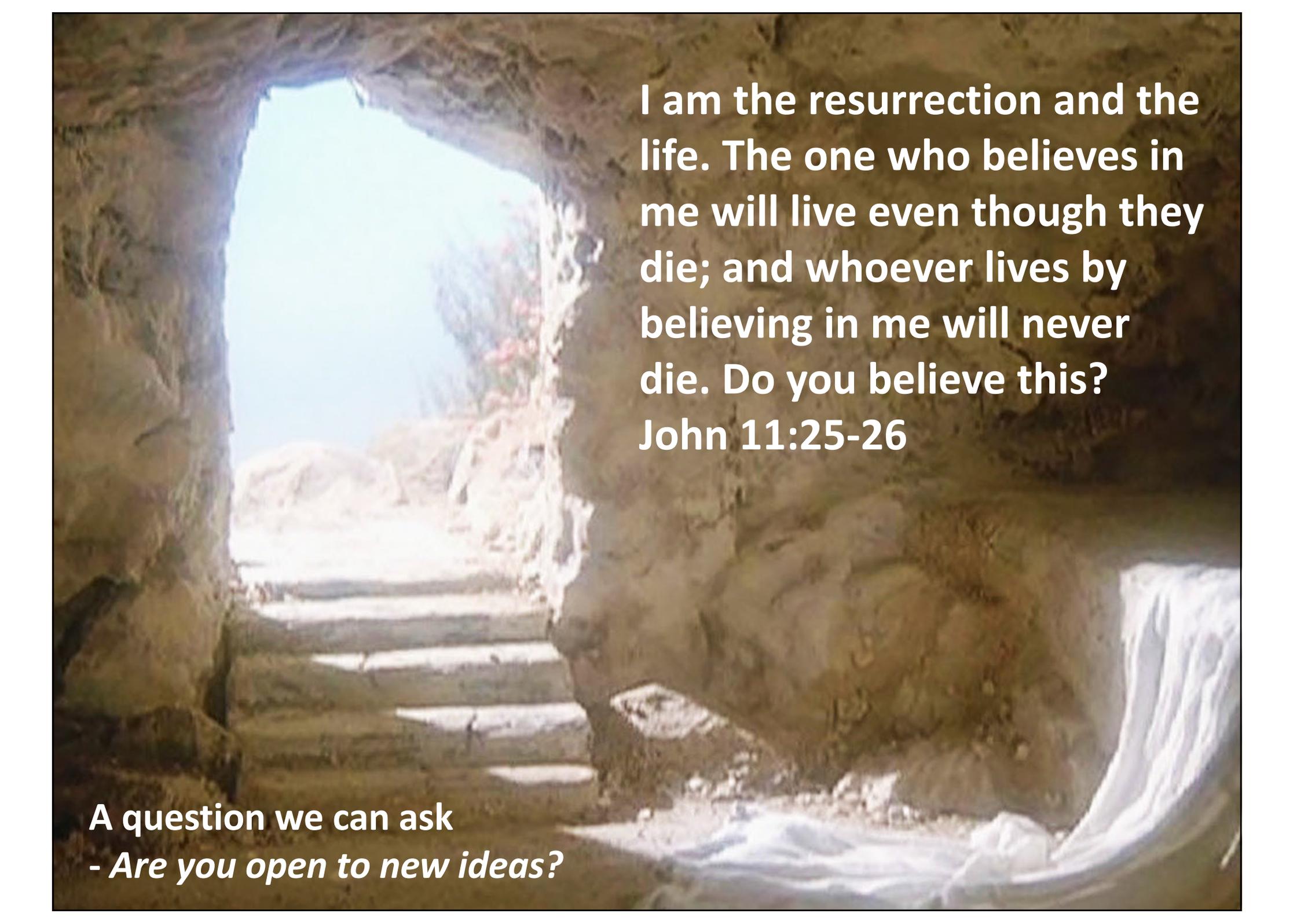
**A question we
can ask:**

***Have you
examined the
evidence for
yourself?***



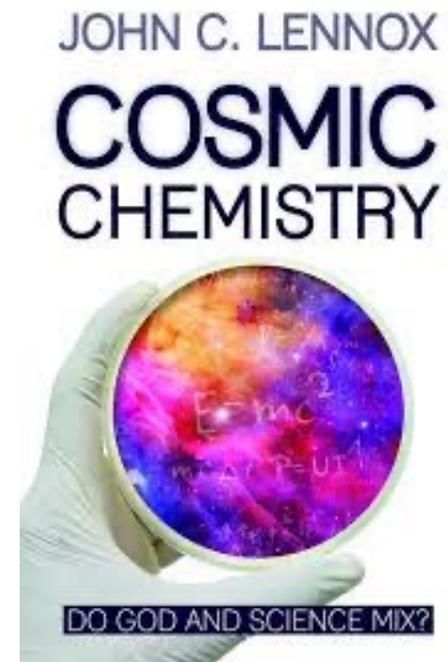
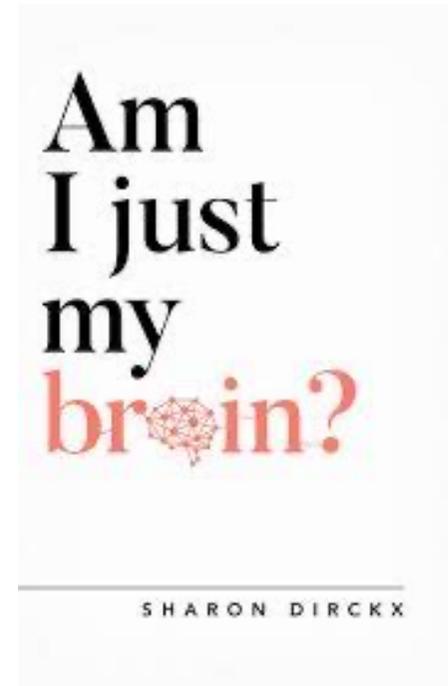
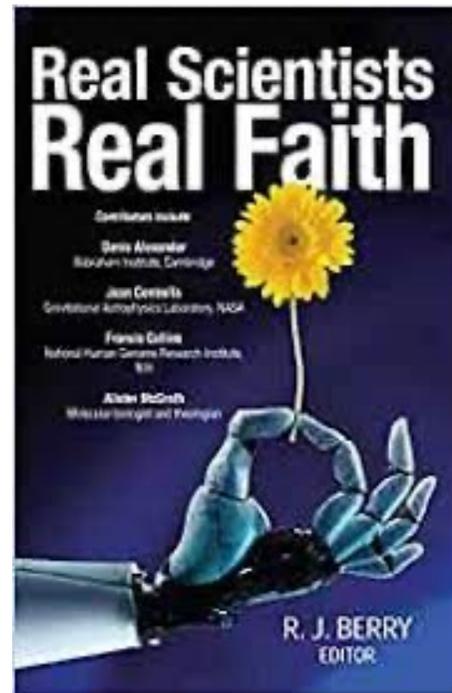
***4) Can science tell us if
this life is all there is?***





I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?
John 11:25-26

A question we can ask
- *Are you open to new ideas?*



Helpful Books

Questions for groups

What kinds of questions on science and God have you encountered in the past?

What questions has this session raised for you?