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"Natural Revelation & the Reliability of the Bible"

The Immediate Knowledge of God that Comes with Human Consciousness in the World

"That which is known about God is evident within them"

Romans 1:19-21

- The message of the Bible "fits" what we experience in the world

- "Invisible attributes" (v. 20) translates ἀόρατα which means "invisible things" - things about God that are invisible. These are "evident" (v. 19), because God has "made it evident" (v. 19).

My existence in the world confronts me, as soon as I am conscious of it, with:

- A single Originator of all that is
- One who is totally self-sufficient with no dependence on anything outside of Himself to be all that He is
- One without beginning or ending or progress from worse to better, and therefore absolute and perfect
- One on whom I am dependent moment by moment for all things, none of which I deserve, and who is therefore beneficent
- One who is Personal and accounts for transcendent personhood in human beings
- One who accounts for the intelligent design manifest in the macro (galaxies) and micro (molecules and cells) universe
- One who knows all
- One who deserves to be revered and admired and looked to for guidance and help
- One who sees me as guilty for failure in not rendering Him what He deserves, and who thus gives ultimate explanation to universal bad conscience
- One who might save me, but would need to do it in a way that overcomes my evil impulse to resist Him, and would have to make a way for his honor to be sustained while not punishing me for treason.

....No answer in nature as to how that can be done.
Which leads us to the Bible.