

The Battle for the Mind

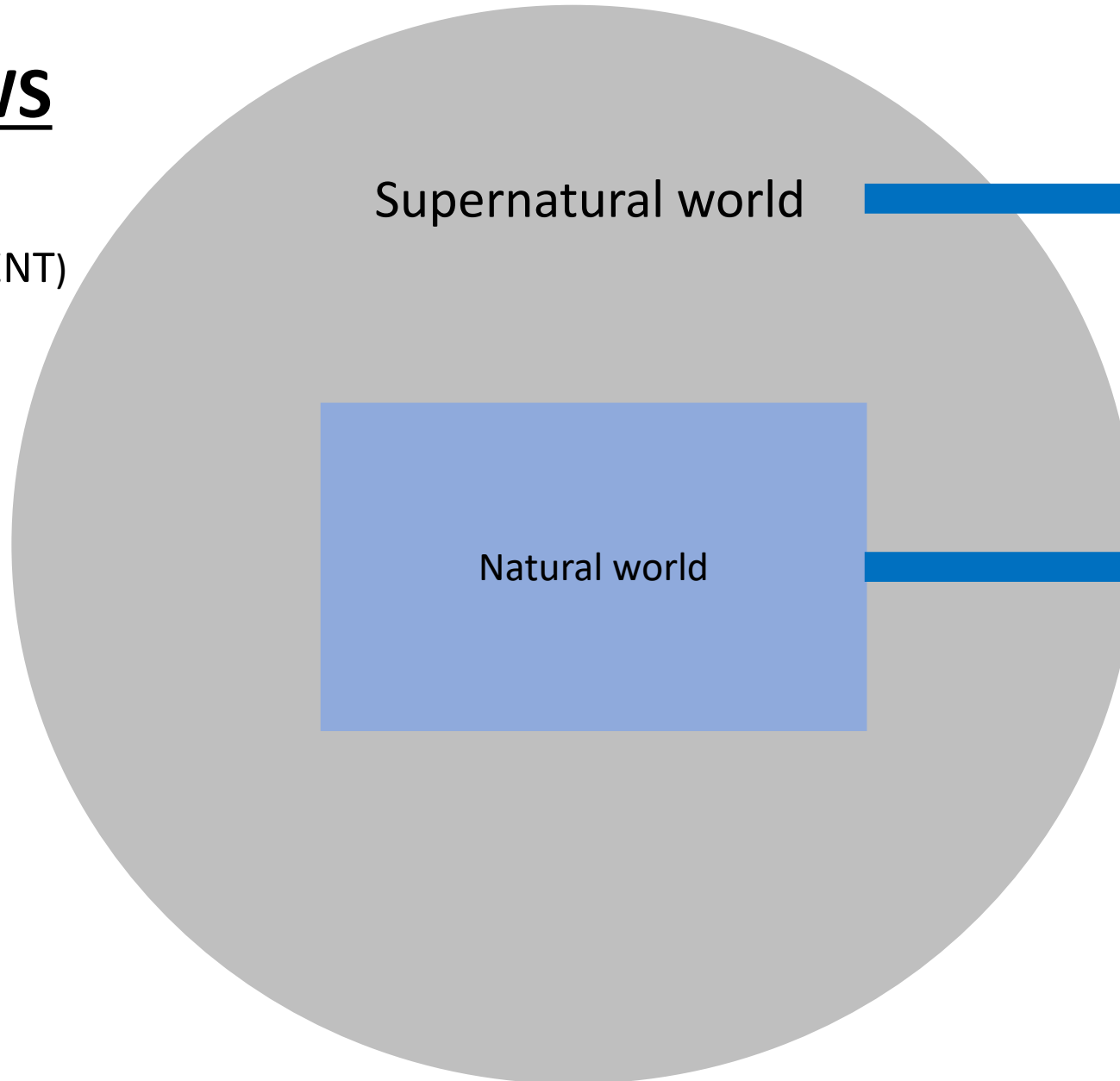
Romans 1:18-32

Isaiah 26:3-4



WORLDVIEWS

GOD (UNCAUSED AGENT)



Supernatural world

Can only be known through
Revelation

Natural world

Can only be known through empirical Enquiry
(Scientific & Historical and Philosophical)

General & Special Revelation

General Revelation - Psalm 19

*¹ The heavens tell of the glory of God;
And their expanse declares the work of His hands.*

*² Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night
reveals knowledge.*

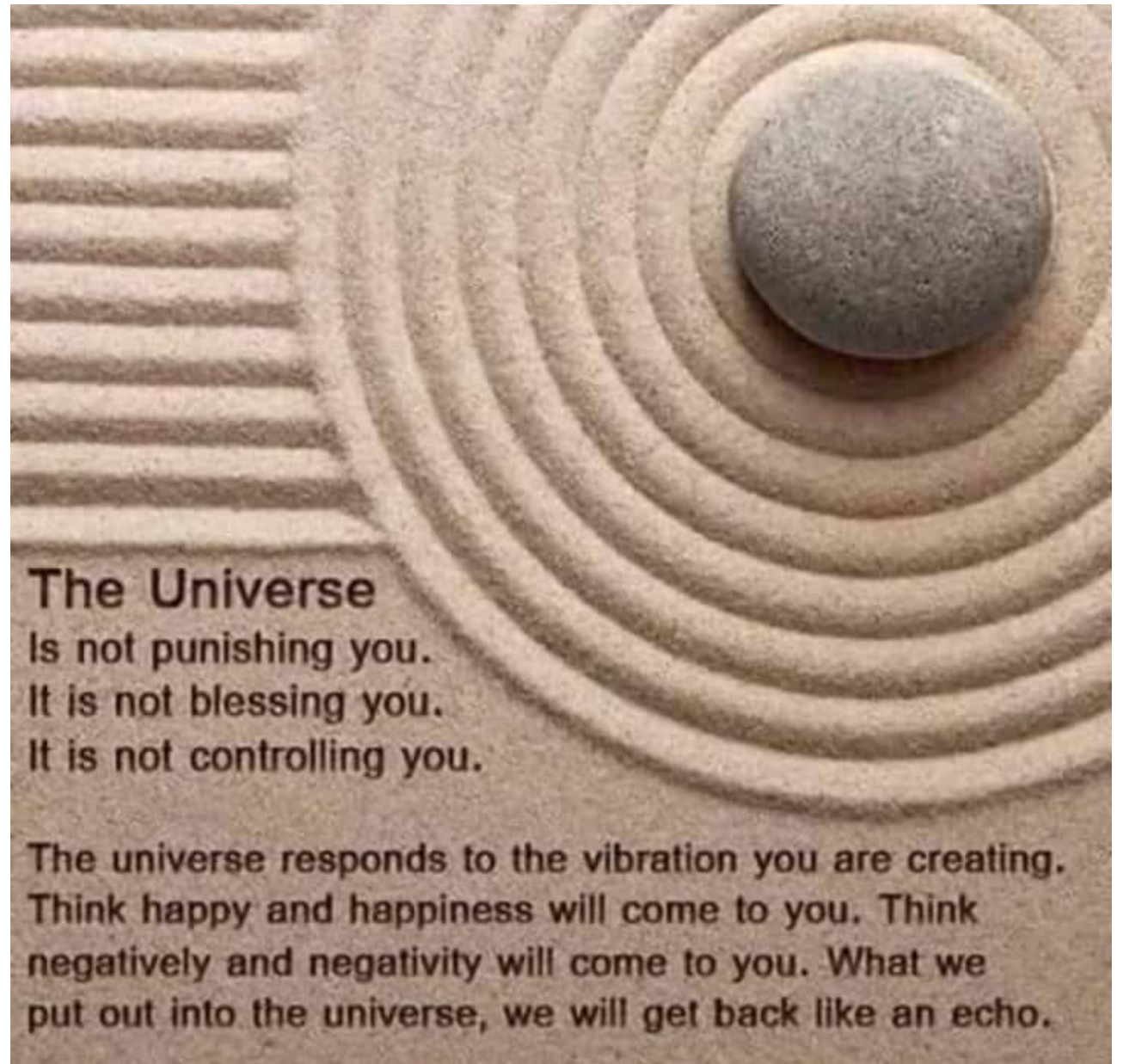
*³ There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is
not heard.*

Special Revelation - Psalm 19

*⁷ The Law of the LORD is [\[d\]](#)perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the
simple.*

*⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the
eyes*

| Worldview Statements



Myth 1 - Scientism

A Faith based position

Only Empirical Scientific evidence counts
towards truth claims

Reductionism – Simple to the complex

Matter/Energy primary – Mind Secondary

Emergent properties

Myth 1 – The Consequences

A limited Worldview

Explores the 'How' and 'What' but not 'Who' and 'Why'

Discounts the possibility of Revelation

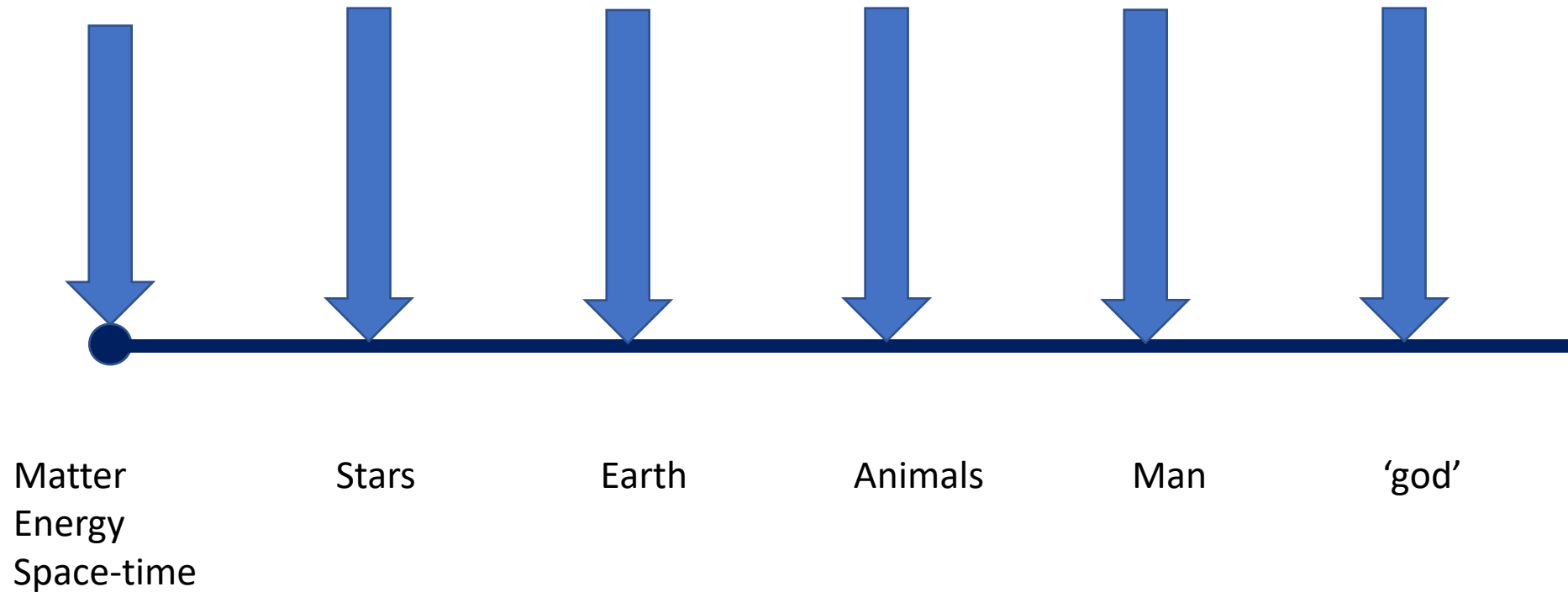
Makes 'god of the gaps' arguments – confuses mechanism with Agency

Limits acceptable evidence

Redefines Terms and descriptions and manipulates language

Discounts the possibility of Miracles

Myth 2 – Continuity of Being



Myth 2 – The Consequences

Created gods

Diminishes God, elevates and devalues man and
elevates nature/creation

God is replaced by the Universe

Category breakdowns of God's Divine Institutes

Terms defined and language manipulated

Romans 1:18 –23

The Causes

Did not acknowledge God

Entertained **Futile speculations**

Exchanged the **incorruptible** for the **corruptible**

Exchanged the **Truth** for a **Lie**

Worshiped **Creation** rather than the **Creator**

Romans 1:24-32 Consequences

God gives them over to a depraved mind

A numb conscience

Sexual impurity results (natural replaced by the unnatural)

Breakdown of God's instituted Categories - Gender Fluidity

Misrepresentation and understanding of Gods nature, man's nature and creation and their relationship to each other

BIBLICAL Worldview	UNBELIEVING Worldview
Transcendent God	Created gods
Eternal Uncaused God	Universe/Force
Nature & Revelation	Nature is all there is
God, Man and Creation - Boundaries Defined	God, Man and Creation – Boundaries fluid
Expanded Evidence	Evidence constrained
Agency and Mind Primary	Matter/Energy Primary
Miracles Possible	Miracles Denied

Isaiah 26:3 - 4

*³ The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,
Because he trusts in You.*

*⁴ Trust in the LORD forever,
For in [\[a\]](#)GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock*

Steadfast Mind/Mind of Christ	ISAIAH 26:3-4
Cultivating a Biblical Worldview	Renewing our minds daily in the Word
Focus on Pursuit of Truth	Christ is Truth personified
Trust in Him will lead to perfect peace	Not a trust in Mans wisdom, our mind or heart

Social Trends

Conflict with the Biblical Value system

Merging of Western naturalism and Eastern Mysticism
(New age – Mindfulness, wellbeing)

Breakdown of Categories and Gods Divine Institutes

The elevation of creation and the environment

The Devaluing of God

The Deification of man

Laws - Persecution and Intolerance

Pursuit of perfection (Utopia) without Christ

| Engaging our Culture

Worldview awareness

The real enemy

Love and Truth

Know and share the Truth – Biblical perspective

Character (sanctification) always trumps knowledge