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## Review

### Kalam Cosmological Argument

- First, everything that \_\_\_\_\_ to exist has a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Second, the universe \_\_\_\_\_ to exist
- Third, therefore the universe has a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Is There a King?

- Given the Abundance of non-biblical information on Jesus, it almost seems to be willful \_\_\_\_\_ to deny his actual existence. - William D. Mounce
- If Jesus did rise from the grave, then we need an explanation for how this was possible. The most plausible answer to that question is that what Jesus proclaimed about God and about himself was actually true.

## Is The Bible Reliable?

- The bible is one of the most if not the most \_\_\_\_\_ historical text.
- "If the New Testament were a collection of secular writings, their authenticity would generally be regarded as beyond \_\_\_\_\_." -F.F. Bruce
- Ultimately the reliability of the bible comes down to \_\_\_\_\_ rather than accuracy

### Common Rebuttals

- Problems with Oral Tradition (Telephone Game)
  - Oral tradition, also called orality, is the first and still most widespread mode of human \_\_\_\_\_ Far more than "just talking," oral tradition refers to a dynamic and highly diverse oral medium for evolving, storing, and \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge, art, and ideas. - Encyclopedia Britanica
- Translation of a Translation
  - The bible was translated directly from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
    - All three languages are well understood in modern times
- No Original Texts
  - The multitude of manuscripts allows us to reconstruct the original language and use them to check and correct each other.
  - There are \_\_\_\_\_ textual variants of the New Testament.
  - The fewer that 1 percent of the variants that are meaningful and viable do not affect or call into question a single \_\_\_\_\_, cardinal or otherwise. -Bill Mounce

**Four Factors of Belief**

- **Factor 1: Plausibility**
  - If God does exist, it is \_\_\_\_\_ that this God had the power to give his word through inspired writers and preserve his Word throughout the generations
- **Factor 2: Messiness**
  - "Maybe the Bible's messiness corresponds to our messiness, making it the perfect revelation to get us out of our mess. Perhaps its use of various genres corresponds to our complex nature – the intellectual, emotional, volitional, social, and physical components of our personhood." - Randy Newman
- **Factor 3: Reality**
  - "We can demonstrate that reality (verified by archeology, history, eyewitness accounts, literary criticism, etc.) overwhelmingly supports the claims of the Bible. The multiplicity of manuscripts, the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ support from without, and the presence of authenticating material from within point to accurately recorded history." -Randy Newman
- **Factor 4: Need**
  - Isn't it possible that being a person (a human being who exists in time) means having a narrative nature? Having a chronological beginning (birth) and end (death), we respond better to stories – which have a beginning and an end – than to ahistorical proclamations of dogma. - Randy Newman
  - Biblical Story
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
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**Conclusion**

- The reason we care about the trust worthiness of the bible is not just to get our facts straight.
  - We believe in the trustworthiness of the bible because it is the word of the living God.
- Ultimately, we care about the trustworthiness of the bible because God's word is the key that unlocks salvation in the human heart
  - Romans 10:14-17
- "The Word of God is like a lion. You don't have to defend a lion. All you have to do is let the lion loose, and the lion will defend itself." - Charls Spurgeon