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From man’s finite (limited) perspective, man cannot prove that things absolutely exist, that there is absolute morality (real right and wrong), or that he can know anything for sure. So man, with his finite mind is sunk when it comes to knowing anything absolutely. If man only has his finite mind to figure out what is going on in the universe, he is doomed to failure in all fields of philosophy because he can only appeal to his own relative experiences.

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- 1. Idealism**—the idea that things may only exist if some finite mind is experiencing them, so they may not absolutely exist.
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Since the problem here is the limitation of man’s intelligence, the only thing that would get man out of this dilemma is information from an infinite mind. The question is, has any such information ever come to man?

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Thus, through the Bible, man can find the absolutes necessary to deliver him from his relativism. Because the Word of God gives us God’s perspective, an infinite perspective, on the universe, it answers man’s basic philosophical questions. In the Bible we can find the information necessary to establish:

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We have all rebelled against God and thus separated ourselves from Him. But God, in His great love, provided a way for all men to return to Him and re-establish a loving relationship with Him.

You too can enter into a new life with God if you come to Him, meeting these simple conditions:

- 1. Acknowledge that you have rebelled against God.** ("All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23)
- 2. Turn away from your lifestyle of selfishness.** ("Repent for the forgiveness of your sins." Acts 2:38)
- 3 Commit yourself to living the way God commands you to live—loving God, and loving others as yourself.** ("Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:30, 31)
- 4. Ask God's forgiveness for your sins.** ("If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." I John 1:9)
- 5. Take your hands off your own life and allow Jesus to be your master.** ("If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Rom. 10:9, 10)

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