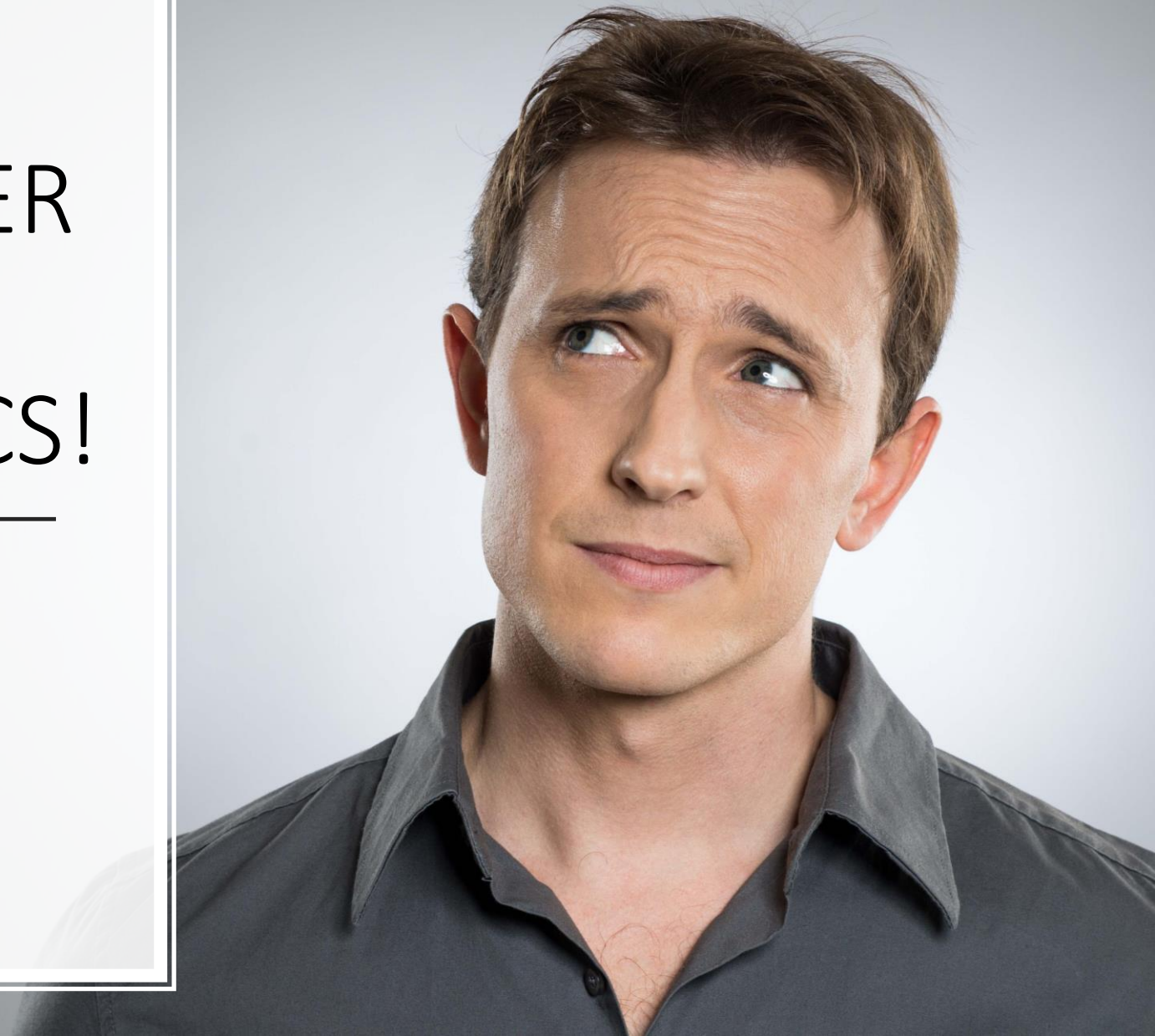


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Many folks are skeptical:

- God exists
- God communicates
- God is independent of/supreme over nature or science
- God has a plan
- God intervenes into human history
- God is good
- God has expectations and accountability for mankind

One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard. You, O God, are strong, and you, O God, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done. (*Psalm 62:11-12*)

SKEPTICAL LOGIC

1. I accept only proof ... no consideration or room for faith

*Return of Christ (*vs. 4*)

Because something has not yet happened, it therefore cannot and will not happen.

2. I am willing to ignore anything not agreeing with my own **preconceived idea**

*Return of Christ cf. Noah's flood (vs. 5)

It is convenient to forget that history is filled with "**first time ever**" events.

3. I only accept human reasoning, measurements, analysis, or explanations.

*Return of Christ ... promise vs. long wait (vs. 8-9)

God's methods, timing, goals, and purposes are often unfamiliar or even unfathomable to our human minds.

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God. How unsearchable his judgements, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever! (*Romans 11:33-36*)

Christ's return ... is a **promise**

- The “day and hour” was **purposely withheld** (intentionally omitted) from that promise
- How foolish to disbelieve when we have been told that we **do not** have all the **details**.

“But the day of the Lord will come LIKE A THIEF.” *(vs 10)*

- People whose home has never been vandalized still lock their doors based on the **possibility** of a thief. Those who say “It cannot happen because it has not happened” are quite foolish.

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