



1. Little good intellectual brilliance does without moral goodness.
2. Everyone lives with mystery.

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*The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.*

*Deut. 29:29*

*We do not take an irrational leap of faith.*

*We trust God with mystery because he has shown himself to be trustworthy in history.*

“Christians believe in the virgin birth of Jesus.  
Atheists believe in the virgin birth of the universe.  
Choose your miracle.”

Glenn Shrivener

# Matthew 1

*A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers...*

*...and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.*

*Knowing your genealogy won't change your life but  
knowing Jesus the Messiah can.*

...and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife.

# STAR WARS™

*A long time ago,  
in a galaxy far,  
far away....*

*A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

Gospel = A “news” report of what has happened.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about...

Not “Once upon a time in Bethlehem”

But, “This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came  
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