

Holding fast in a sea of change



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Because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood
²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God
through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. ²⁶ Such
a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless,
pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

Hebrews 7:24-26



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¹ Now the main point of what we are saying is this:

We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being. Hebrews 8:1,2



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For if there had been nothing wrong with that **first covenant**, no place would have been sought for another. Hebrews 8:7

*Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the **works of the law**; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.* Romans 3:20



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But **God found fault with the people** Hebrews 8:8

The Lord says: *"These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but **their hearts are far from me.** Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.*

Isaiah 29:13



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But **God found fault with the people** and said: *"The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ⁹ It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. Vs. 8,9*



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¹⁰ *This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.* ¹¹ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. ¹² For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." ¹³ By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear. Hebrews 8:10-13



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Chapter 8:1

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I. Jesus came to end all religion.

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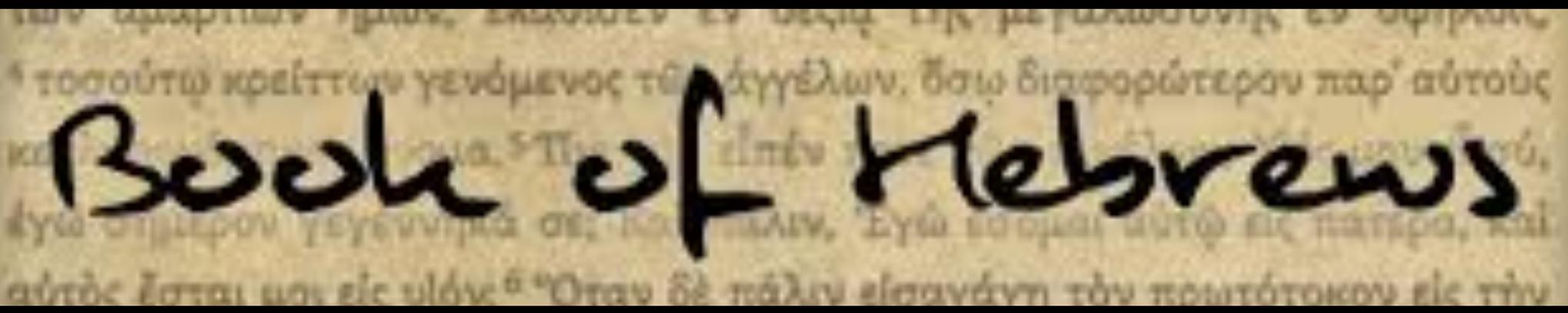
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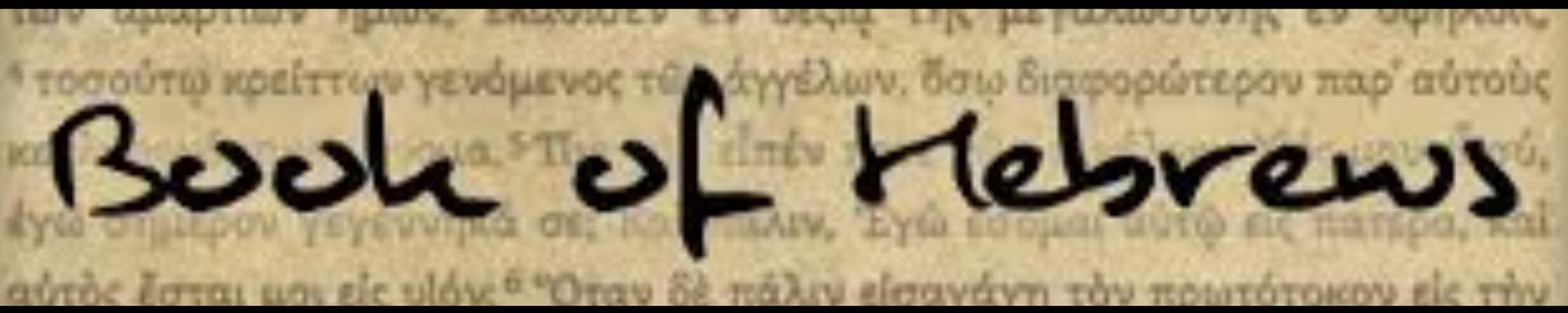
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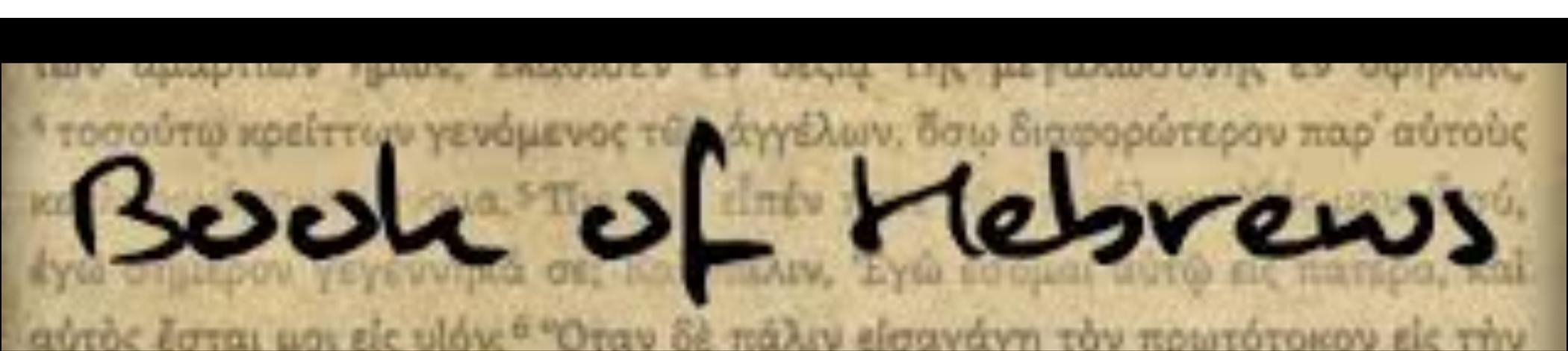


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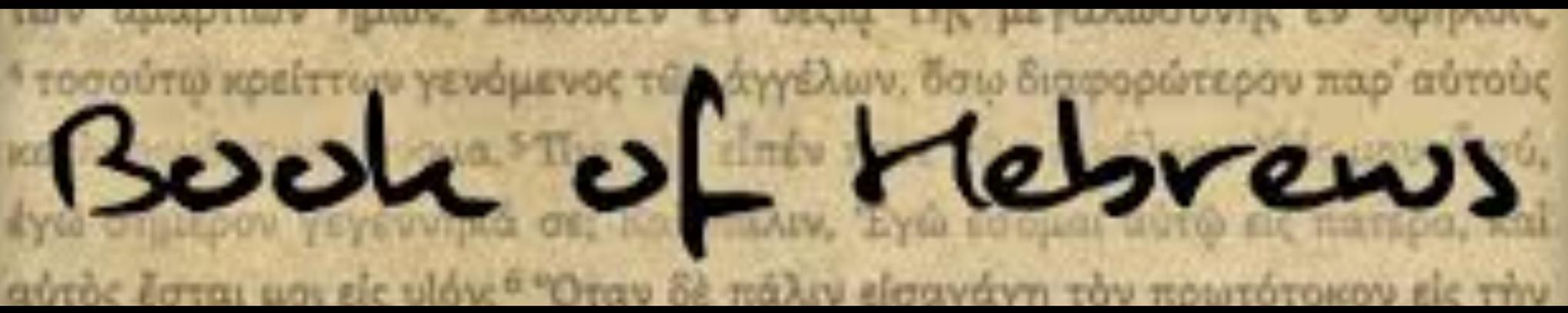
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What is religion?

All religions believe that there is some gap between us and that greater reality.



What is religion?

All religions differ greatly as to how that gap is bridged.

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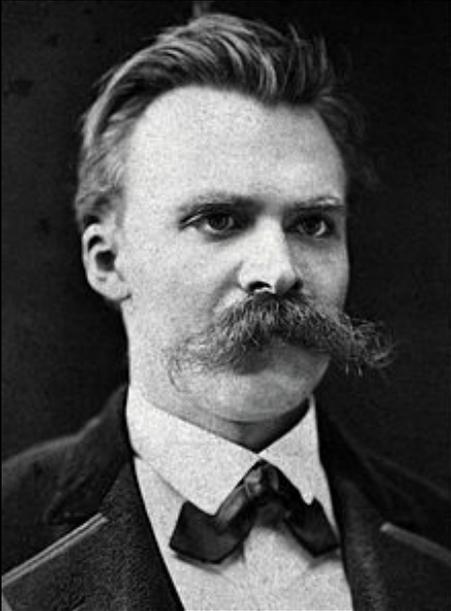


Defends science as something worth pursuing but criticizes using science to debunk values because even the value of science itself is also debunked.

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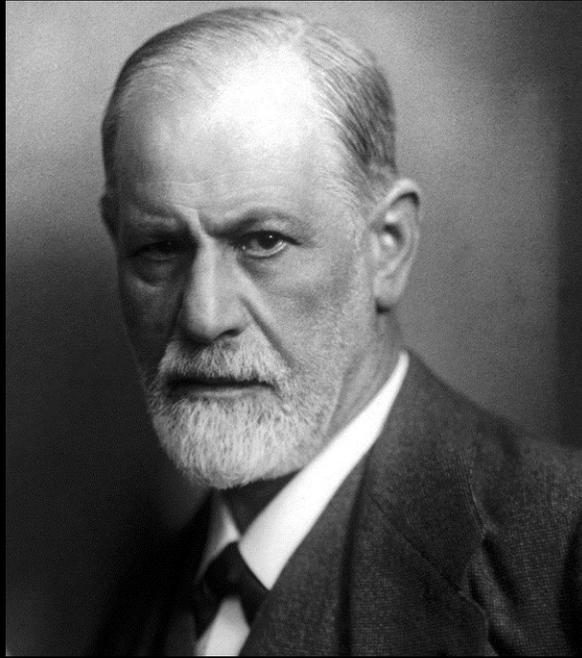


“But you cannot go on ‘explaining away’ for ever: you will find that you have explained explanation itself away.”



Friedrich Nietzsche

“All claims of transcendent truth and God are really just power plays,”



Sigmund Freud

“All claims of absolute truth and God are really just psychological projections dealing with your guilt and insecurity,”

When evolutionary
biologists say,

“When your brain tells you there’s a God
and there’s absolute truth, that’s really
just a hardwired brain chemical response
designed to pass on your genetic code.”

"And not through the blood of goat and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. Hebrews 9:12



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1. Jesus is the ultimate reality on the other side of this gap.

"Jesus, who made the universe, is the radiance of God's glory and the very exact image of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word."

Hebrews Chapter 1:3



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2. Jesus is also the bridge over this gap.

"Once you were alienated from God. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's body through death to present you perfect in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation." Colossians 1:21,22



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II. Jesus came to initiate a new covenant relationship with God.

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"The law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith."
Galatians 3:24



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face away from them.*

Hebrews 8:9



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He took the cup after they eaten saying, 'This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.'"

Luke Chapter 22



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