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Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.” Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God—the King of Israel!” Jesus asked him, “Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.” Then He said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.”

Truths for the Skeptic

1. Heroic faith isn't usually cognitive certainty. It's the willingness to be faithful in the face of uncertainty.
2. It's hard to grow in spiritual maturity without asking good questions.

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(8) Morehead

(3) Grayson

(7) Carrollton

(2) London

(6) Somerset

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How Skeptics Often Treat Christianity

1. They accept unfair caricatures.
2. They hold a grudge for church hurt.
3. No one has ever answered their hard questions.

John 1:1-3,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being ... And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Big Question

- What is the meaning of life?
- What is our reason for being here?
- What are humans made for?

logos - λόγος - word

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Why Men Won't Get Married

- Ball and chain!
- I love my bromances!
- Single problems > Married Problems
- I don't have enough money!
- I ain't ready!
- What if I find someone else?

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