

# Naturalism vs. Christian Theism

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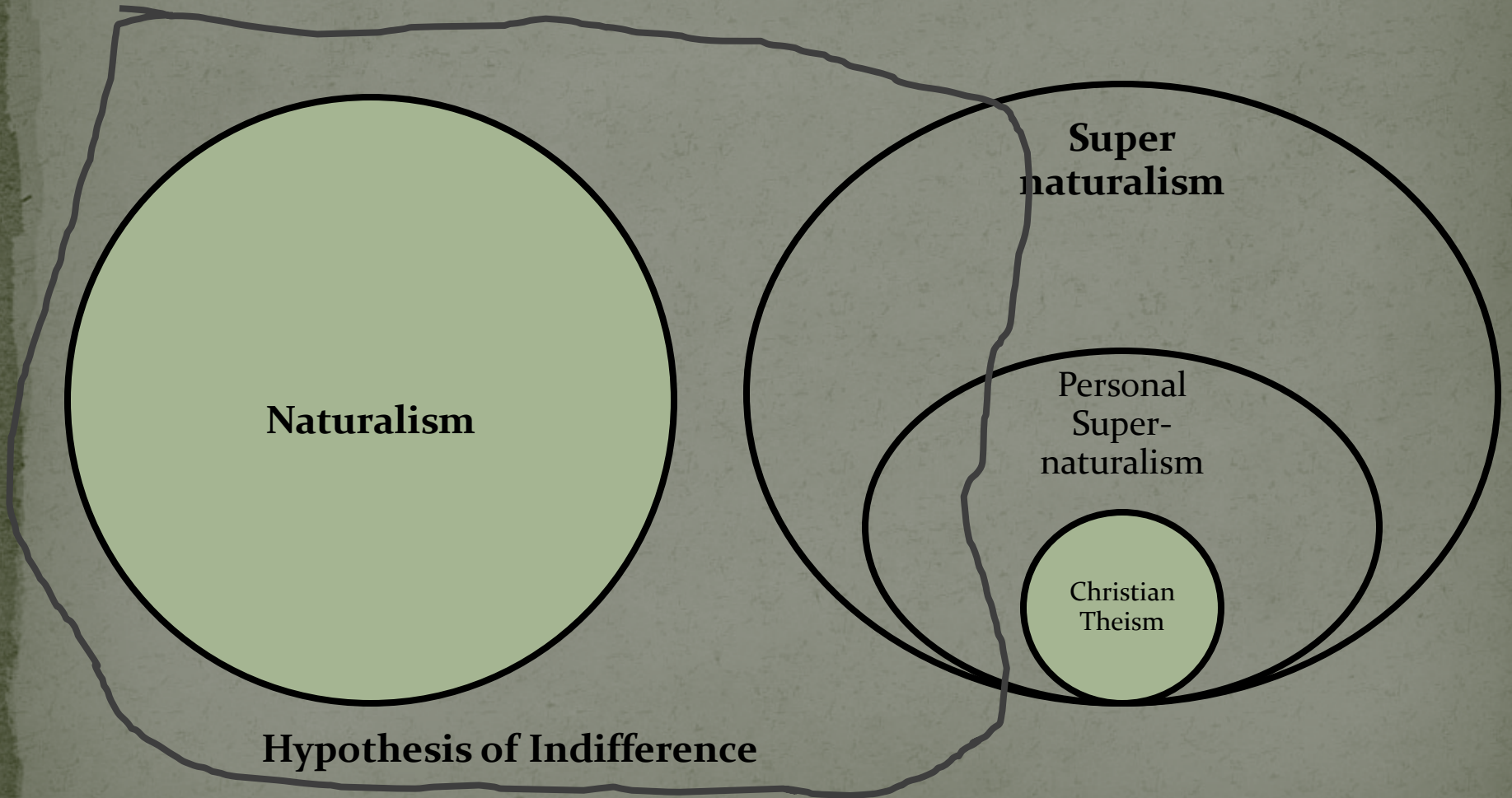
Which Way Does the Evidence Point?

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# 1. Naturalism is Simpler





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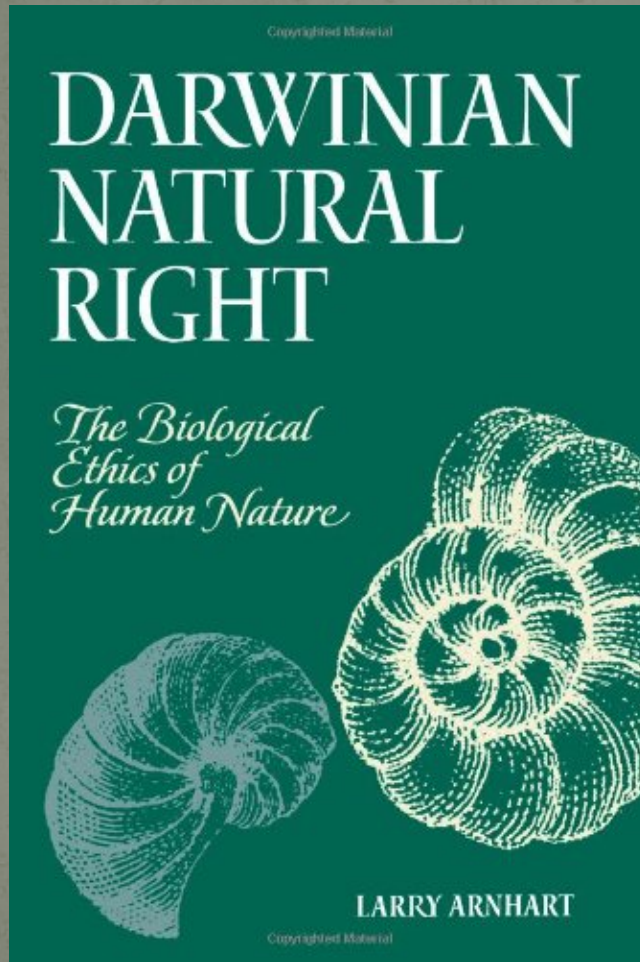
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Freedom	If LFW, more limitations on freedom	If LFW, less limitations on freedom	Variety and frequency of conditions that severely limit our freedom



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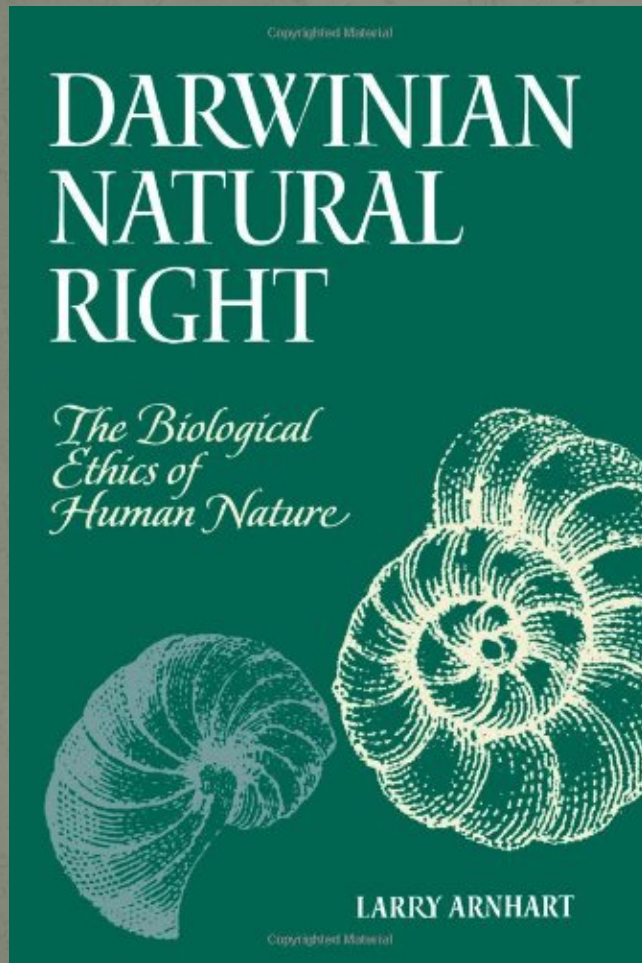
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1. A complete Life
2. Parental Care
3. Sexual Identity
4. Sexual Mating
5. Familial Bonding
6. Friendship
7. Social Ranking
8. Justice as Reciprocity
9. Political Rule
10. War



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Triumph and Tragedy	Resilience & Worthwhile	Resilience & Worthwhile	Resilience & Worthwhile



“My advice to other disabled people would be, concentrate on things your disability doesn't prevent you doing well, and don't regret the things it interferes with. Don't be disabled in spirit as well as physically.”

Stephen Hawking, cosmologist and atheist



# *Christian* Theism Scorecard

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Resurrection	Jesus is dead	Jesus is alive	

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- (2) Jesus was dead.
- (3) Therefore, prior to investigation, it is 99.999,...,999% probable that *God wills* that Jesus does *not* rise from the dead.



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