

Trust-ability
Trust Issues Pt. 3

Small Group Questions:

1. Read the quote from Henry Cloud above. How have you seen someone's ability in a specific context help or hurt trust throughout your life?
 2. Look at the 4 proofs for God above. As a group can you explain how each category contributes to God's "trust-ability"?
 3. Which category would be easiest for you to explain to another? Why? In which category would you like to enhance your understanding? Why?
 4. Read Colossians 1:15-20. How does this passage summarize the trust-ability of Jesus? Where do you see the capacity of Jesus clearly stated in the passage?
 5. Read John 4. Can you see the first 3 aspects of trust building in the text? How so?
 6. What ability could you grow in that will build trust in one important relationship? How would this ability contribute to your 'trust-ability'?
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TRUST-ABILITY: the link between trust and **CAPABILITY**.

5 Parts of Trust:

1. Understanding
2. Intent
- 3. Ability**
4. Character
5. Track Record

Ability: the capacity to deliver on a specific need.

*People make big trust decisions because they already trust someone in many ways. The person is caring, honest, works hard, has good values, and is understanding and pure-hearted, smart, and creative... Usually they really like the person, are already close friends, or have had great experiences with them, and these dynamics also make them trust the person. But this is a mistake because the person doesn't have the ability needed to be trusted-at least not in the specific way or context in which they are about to be trusted. **Henry Cloud***

It's worth it to look for **PROOF** of trustworthiness before trusting.

John 14:11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

Is there proof that God can be trusted, they can be trusted, and this can be trusted?

The best evidence for a God who acts must be **SUPERNATURAL** acts of God.

4 Proofs For God:

1. Cosmology
2. Miracles
3. Resurrection
4. Prophecy

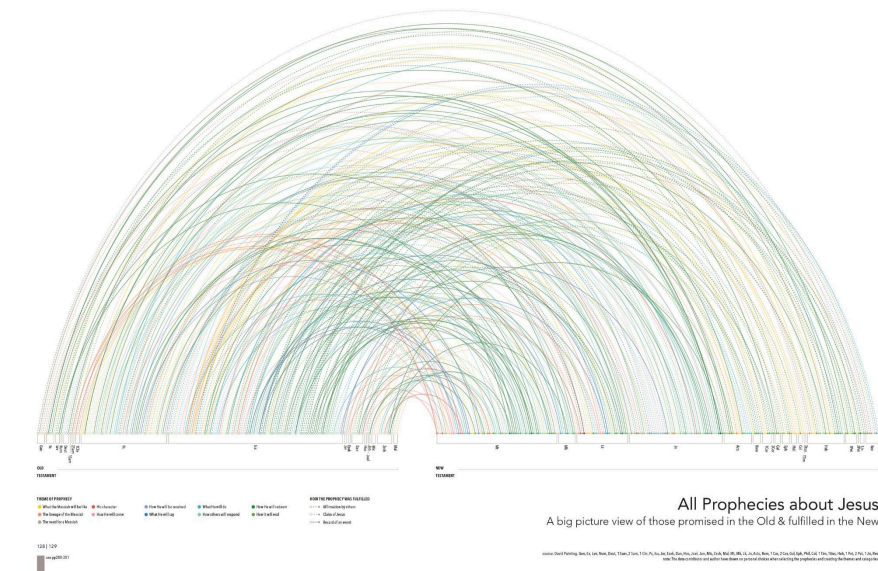
The universe is just there, and that's all. Bertrand Russell

Scientists can no longer hide behind a past eternal universe. There is no escape, they have to face the problem of a cosmic beginning. Alexander Vilenken

Psalm 19:6-9 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. **7** He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. **8** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. **9** For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

John 2:11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the **signs** through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

PROPHECY is a way to verify supernatural claims.



Colossians 1:15-20 *The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

Jesus' sovereignty is **PROOF** of capacity that leads us to trust Him for all **ETERNITY**.

John 4:16-20 *He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." 17 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." 19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem... 28 then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him.."*

With God: God has delivered on our specific needs for sovereignty, victory and glory.



With Others: Because ability can grow we might withhold it now but offer it later after proof of growth.

With Church: Before trusting a church look for proof of delivering on our specific needs for Biblical teaching, equipping, reaching, and leading.

Bottom Line: Trust accordingly based on **ABILITY**. Grow in ability to be trusted **ACCORDINGLY**.