

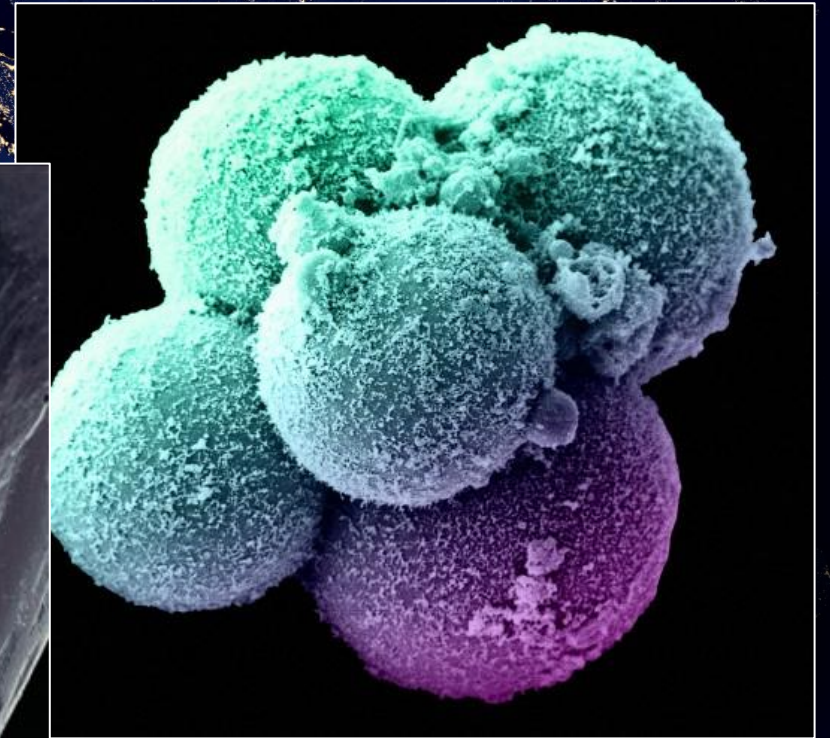
The Significance of

A VIRGIN BIRTH



The Miracle of Birth

HERE you are at 3
days old, 16 cells that
will become 75 trillion
cells. Enough to reach
to the moon and back
178,000 times.



Therefore the Lord Himself
will give you a sign:
Behold, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a Son,
and shall call His name
Immanuel.

~ Isaiah 7:14



...If you will not believe,
surely you shall not be
established.

~ *Isaiah 7:9*



Ask a sign for yourself
from the Lord your God;
ask it either in the depth or
in the height above.

~ *Isaiah 7:10*



An offer to increase faith



But Ahaz said, “I will not
ask, nor will I test the
Lord!”

~ Isaiah 7:12



Stubborn Ahaz wanted the help of Assyria not God

Then he said, “Hear now, O
house of David! Is it a
small thing for you to
weary men, but will you
weary my God also?

~ *Isaiah 7:13*



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“Behold, the virgin shall be
with child, and bear a son,
and they shall call His
name Immanuel,” which is
translated, “God with us.”

~ *Matthew 1:23*



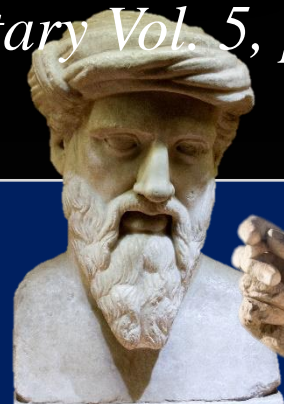
73% of Americans believe
in the virgin birth

*Pew Research Center
December 25, 2013*



The critics point to the fact that pagans attributed the greatness of such men as Alexander, Pythagoras, Plato, and Augustus to descent from the gods and to supposed virgin birth.

Bible Commentary Vol. 5, p 285



Other Bible critics dispute the claim due to the lack of corroboration in the gospels of Mark, John, and the Pauline epistles.



Old Testament

Virgin from the
Hebrew word Almah
which means
marriageable age.

almah: a young woman, a virgin

Original Word: אַלְמָה

Part of Speech: Noun Feminine

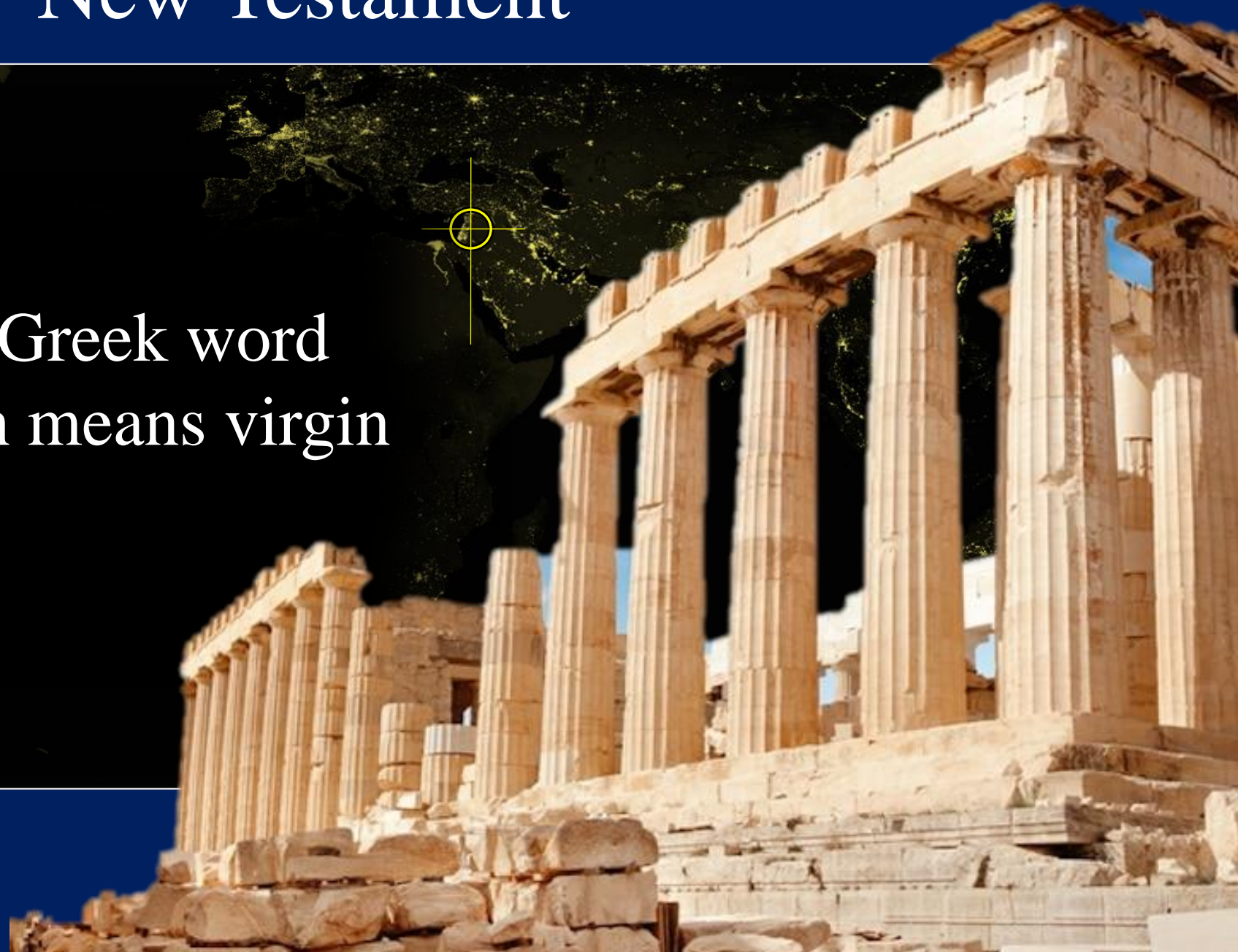
Transliteration: almah

Phonetic Spelling: (al-maw')

Definition: a young woman, a virgin

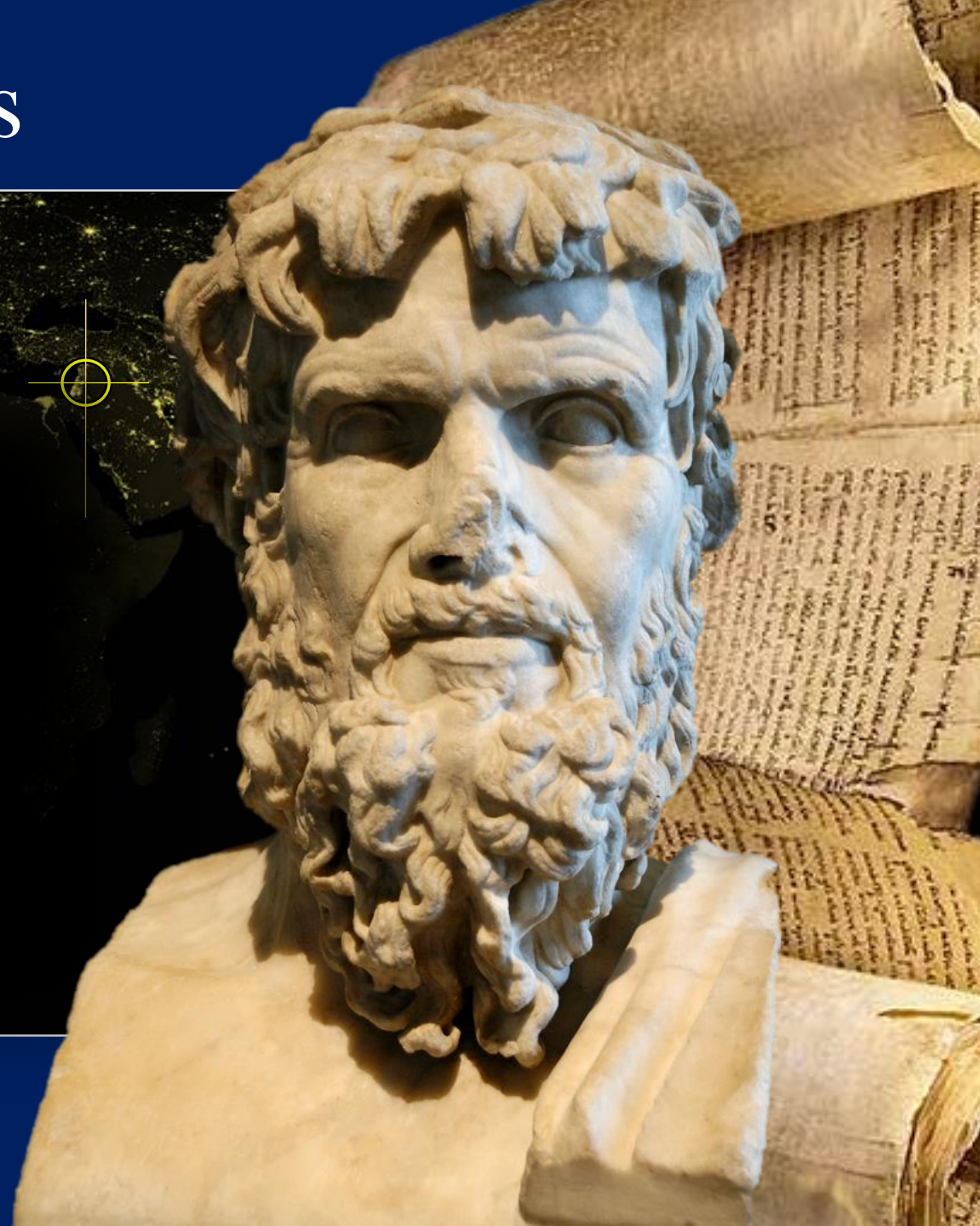
New Testament

Virgin from the Greek word
Parthenos which means virgin



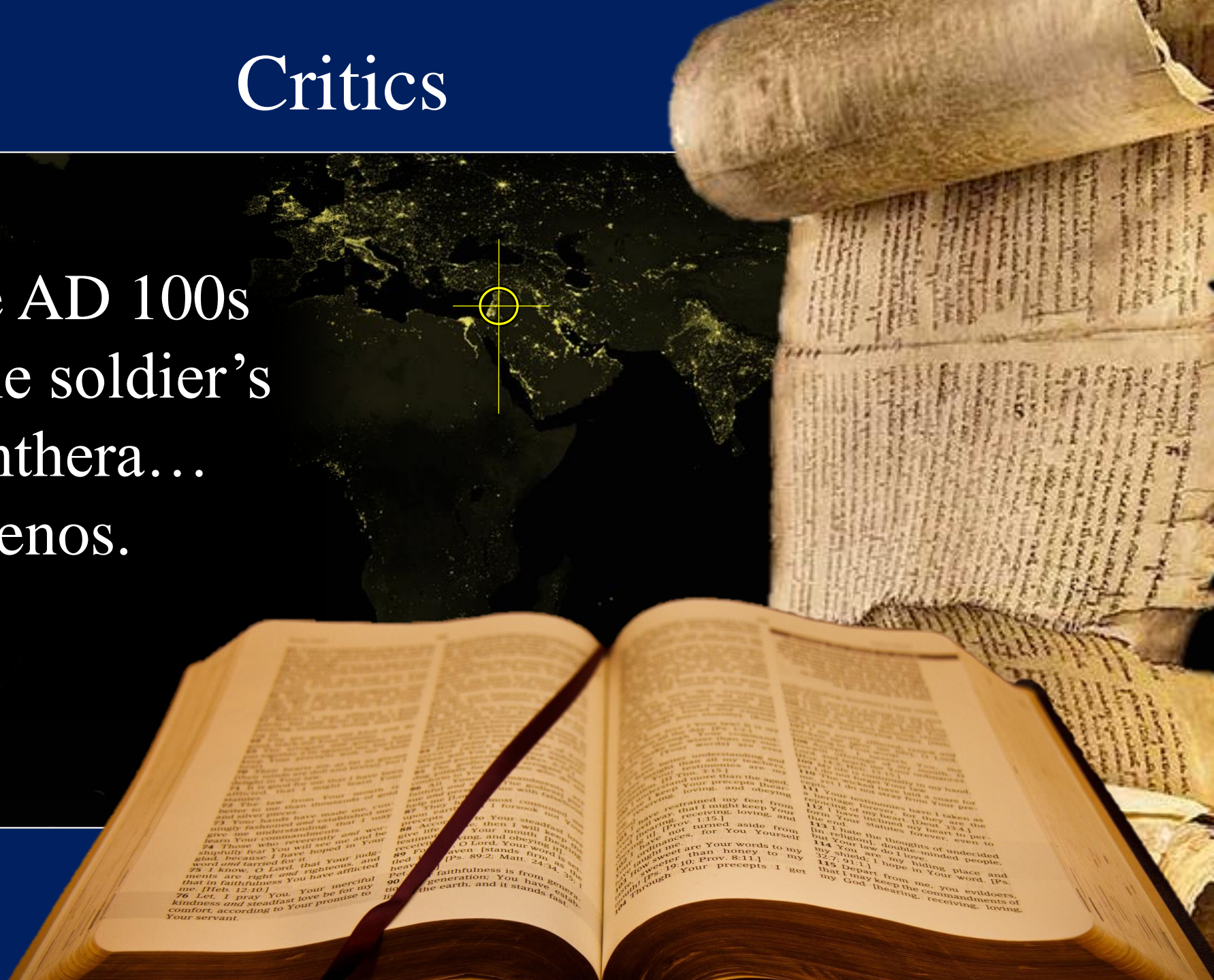
Critics

Jesus was the son of a Roman soldier, according to Celsus, the Egyptian philosopher who may have been Christianity's first scholarly critic.



Critics

Writing in the AD 100s
Celsus said the soldier's
name was Panthera...
close to Parthenos.



Biblical proof

Then Mary said to the angel,
“How can this happen? I am
a virgin.”

~ *Luke 1:34*



Biblical proof

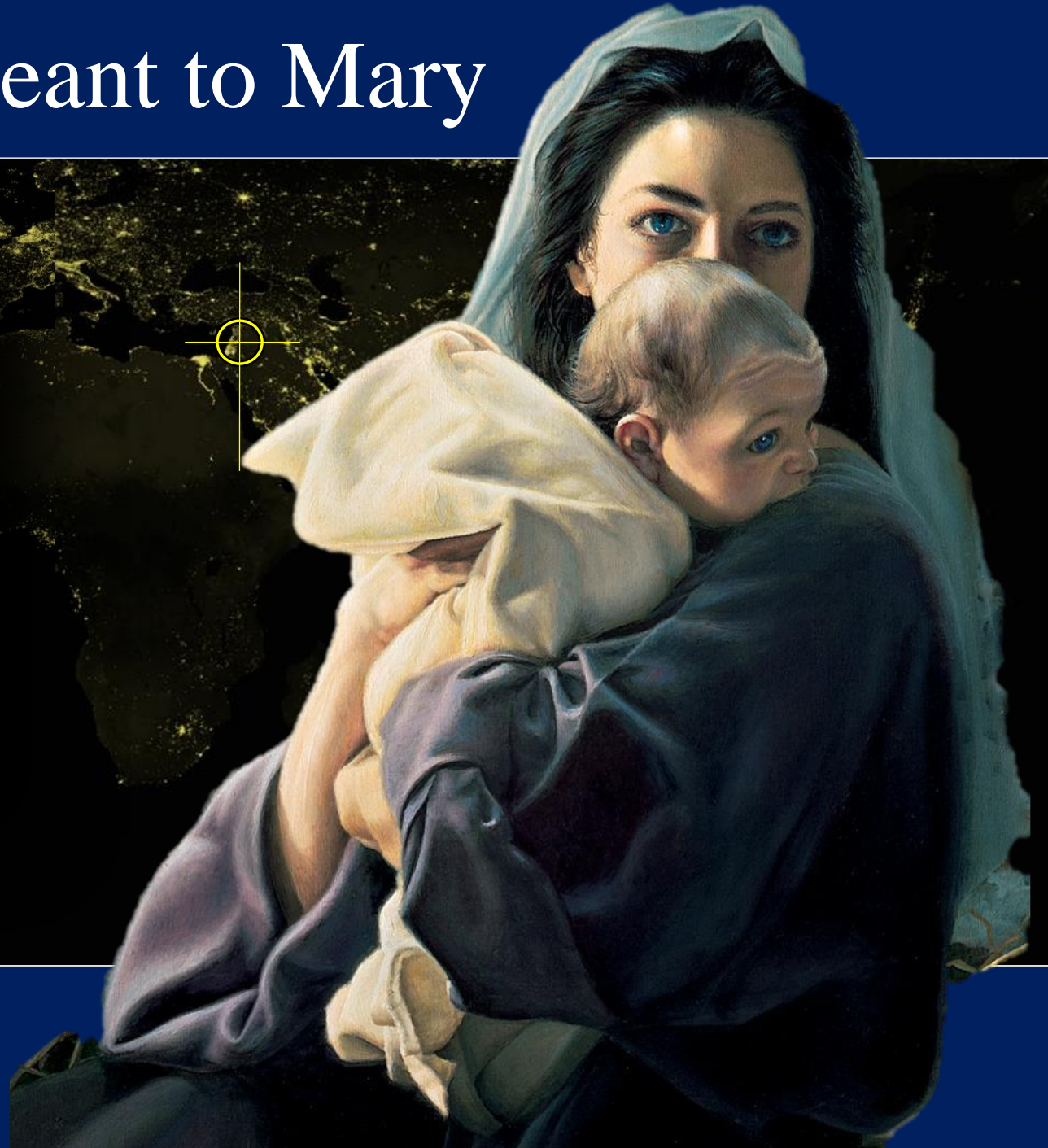
But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.”

~ *Matthew 1:20*



What it meant to Mary

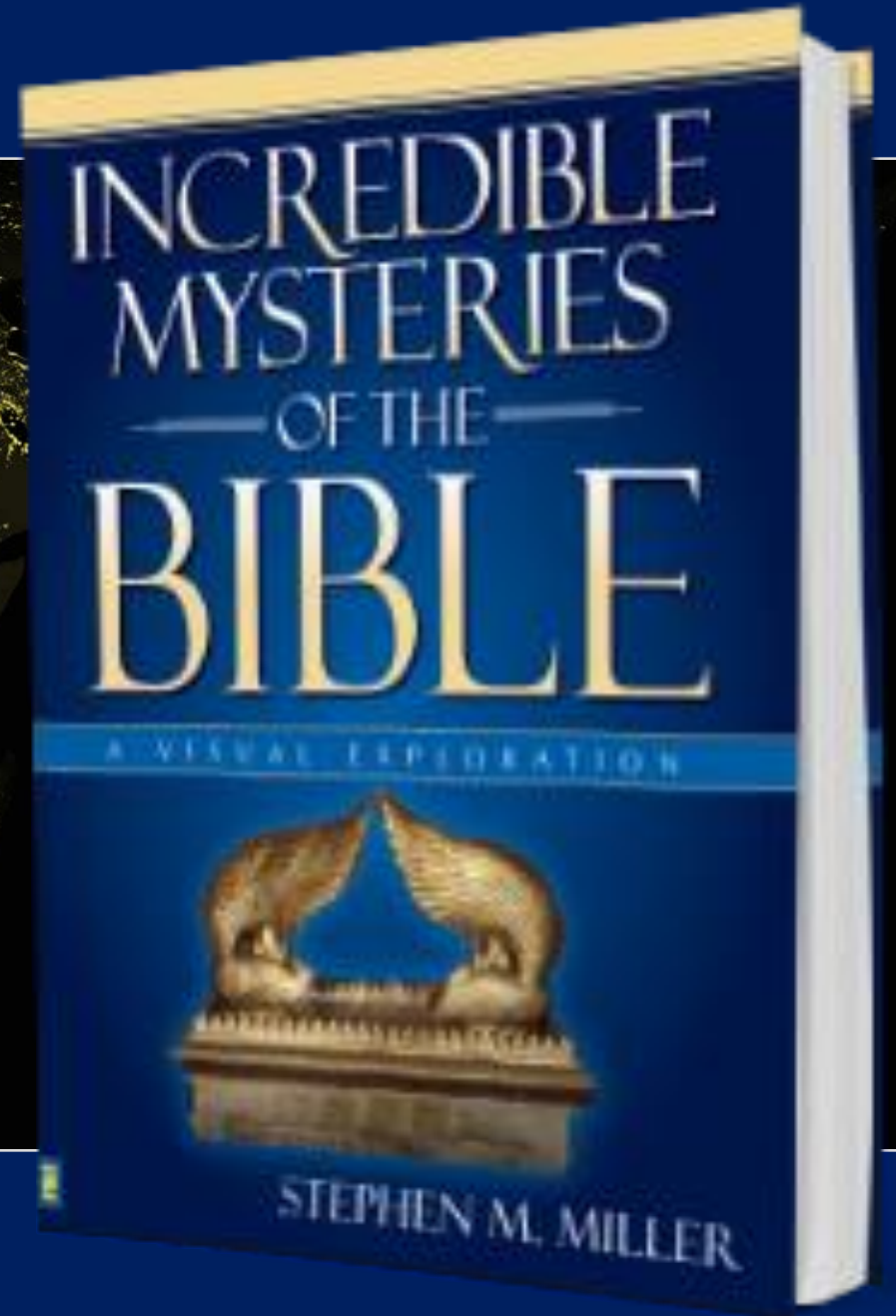
- Social outcast
- Possible death penalty
- Impossible expectations
- Abortion



MARY'S AGE

Young women typically were engaged after their first monthly period started and married about a year later.

*Incredible Mysteries
of the Bible p. 57*



Not without support

Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

~ *Luke 1:36*





And I will put enmity
between you and the
woman, and between your
seed and her Seed; He shall
bruise your head and you
shall bruise His heel.

~ *Genesis 3:15*



Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

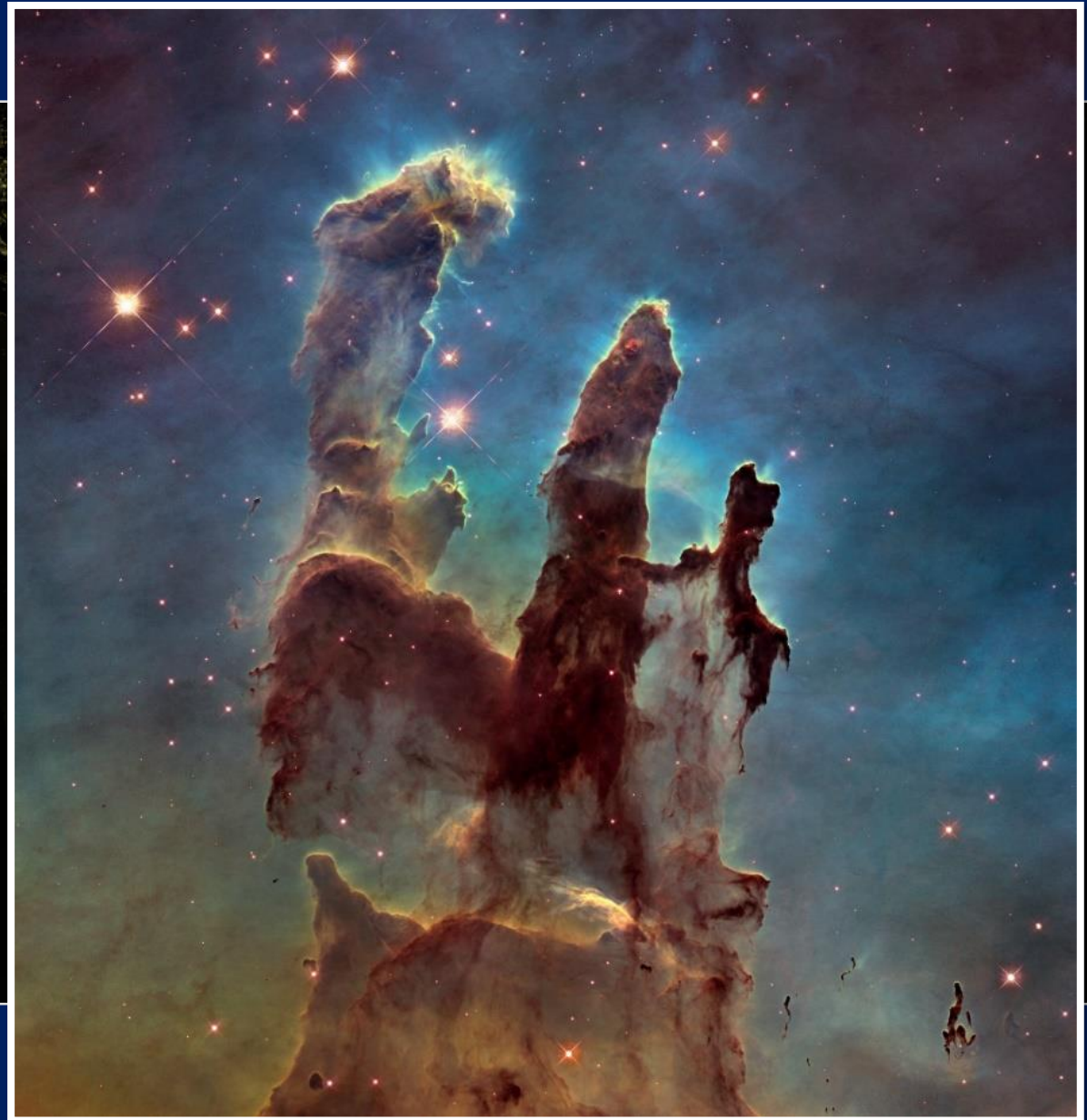
~ 1 John 4:7

The Pillars of Creation – Hubble Space Telescope 1995



He who does not love
does not know God, for
God is love.

~ 1 John 4:8



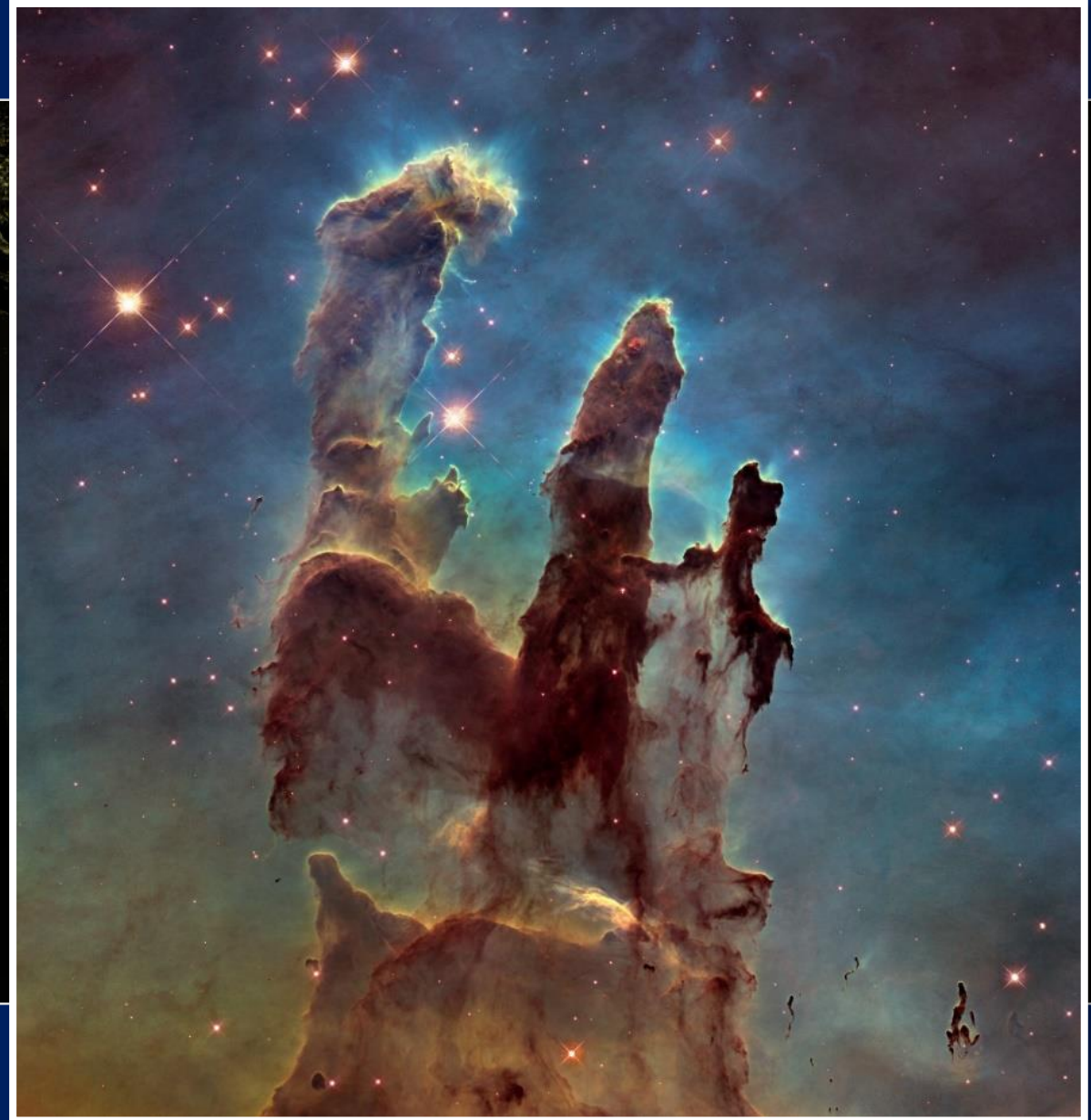
In this the love of God was
manifested toward us, that
God has sent His only
begotten Son into the world,
that we might live through
Him.

~ 1 John 4:9



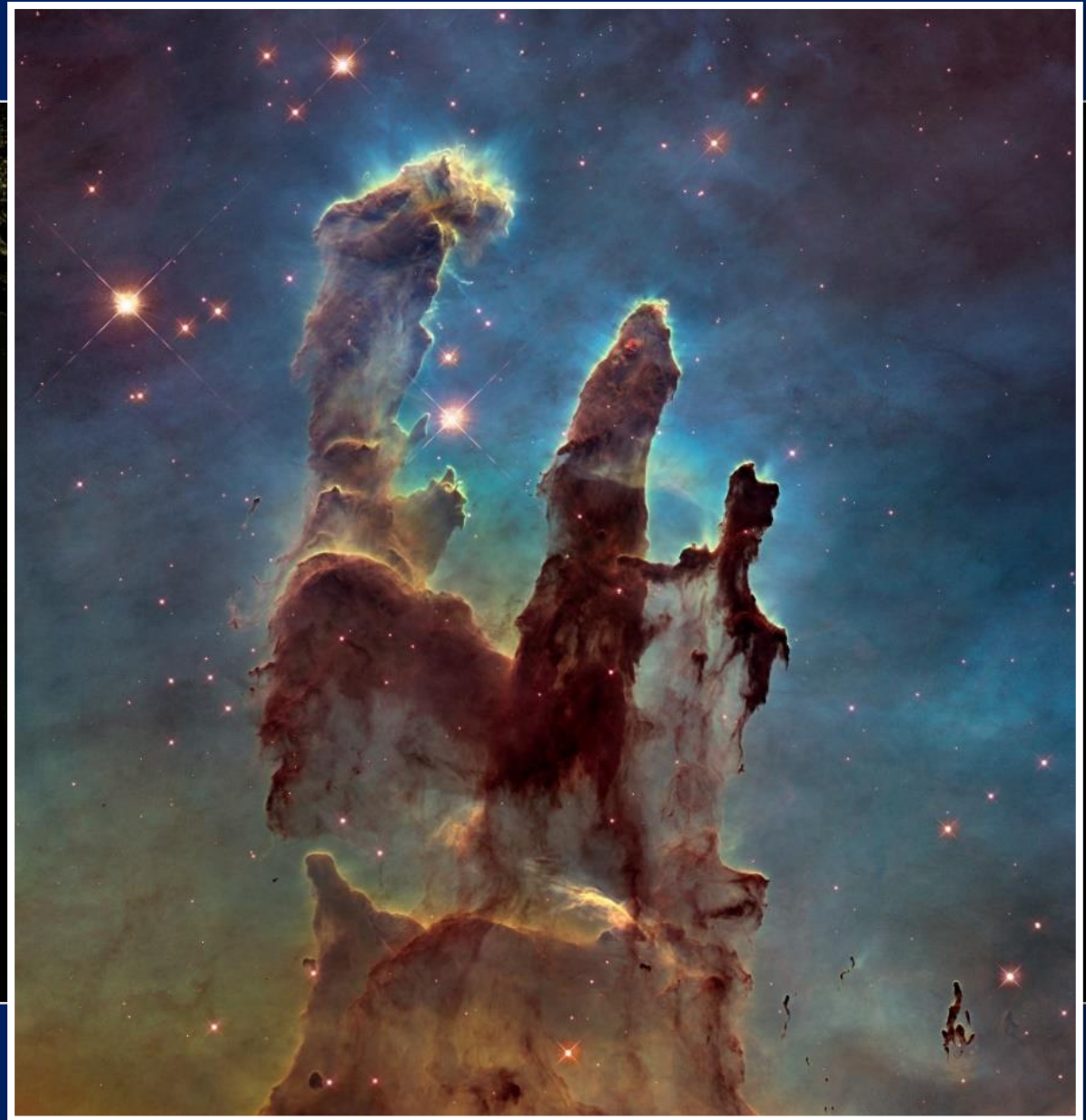
In this is love, not that
we loved God, but that
He loved us and sent His
Son *to be* the propitiation
for our sins.

~ *1 John 4:10*



Beloved, if God so loved
us, we also ought to love
one another.

~ 1 John 4:11



The Significance of:

The Product of
LOVE & FAITH

