

Defending God's Truth – Part 3 of 6

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13. When the full truth is told, a 3% difference is equivalent to ____ million differences!
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