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## Maintaining a level of Professional Skepticism

*“The auditor plans and performs an audit with an attitude of professional skepticism recognizing that circumstances may exist that cause the financial statements to be **materially misstated.**”*



*“Professional skepticism is an attitude that includes a **questioning mind** and a **critical assessment** of audit evidence”*

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*“In God we trust, the rest we verify”*



*“...attitude that includes a questioning mind  
and a critical assessment of evidence”*

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**Assumes Fraud** – Proves it is not, but build on I/C or Audit approach on that assumption



**Missing Documents** – Assumes that the documents were removed from the files to hide something



**Invoice that lacks support** – Question why it was not returned to the vendor



**Does not assume accuracy** – Verifies supporting documents and control totals against other sources



**Listen to the answers** – Verifies the answers with other sources