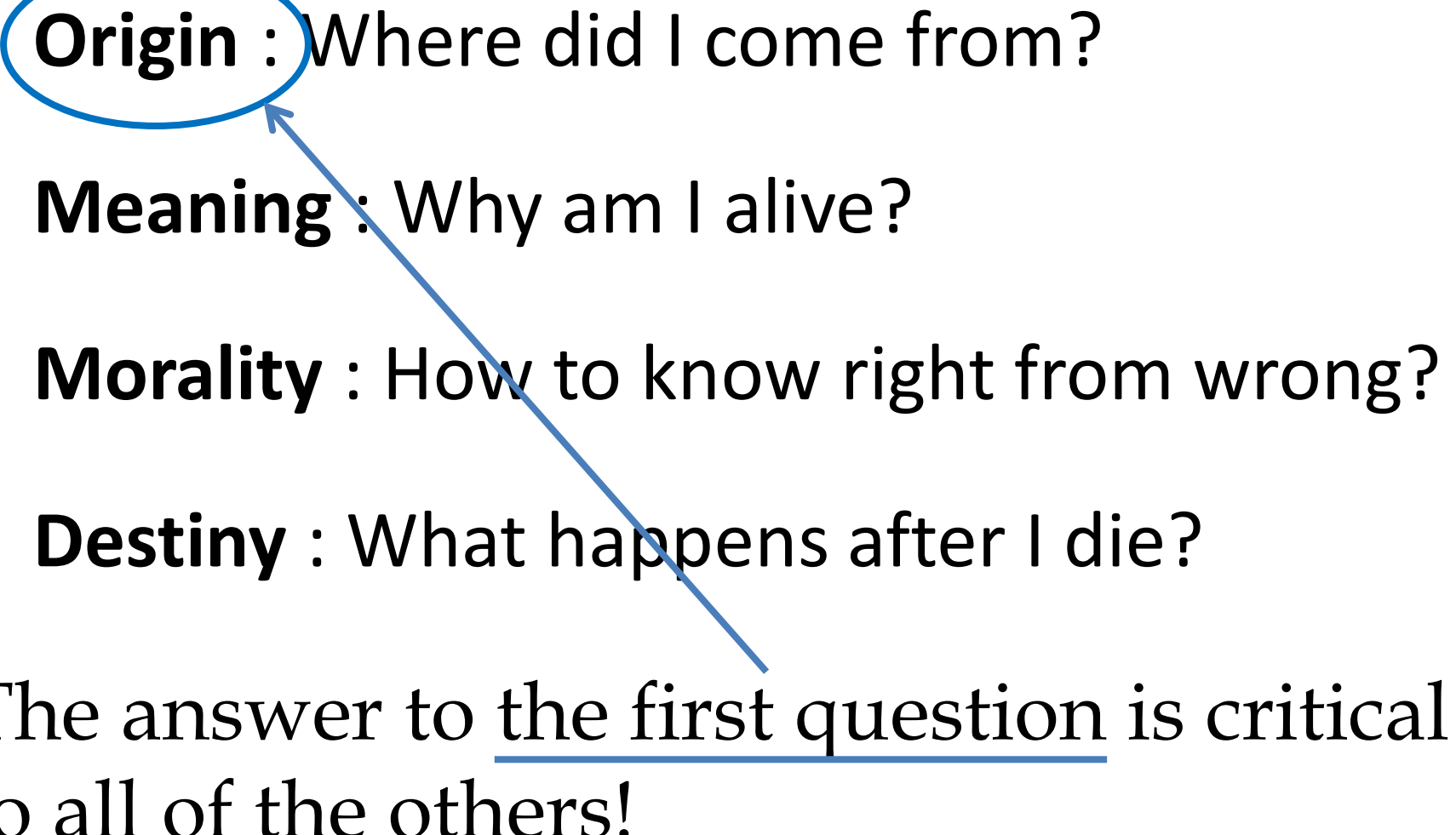




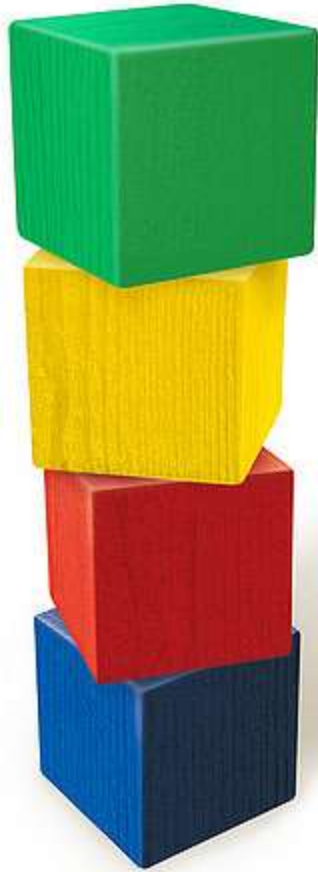
Did God Create the World?

A very important question...

Some Very Important Questions

1. **Origin** : Where did I come from?
 2. **Meaning** : Why am I alive?
 3. **Morality** : How to know right from wrong?
 4. **Destiny** : What happens after I die?
- ✓ The answer to the first question is critical to all of the others!
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If you saw some blocks stacked on a table, what would you think?



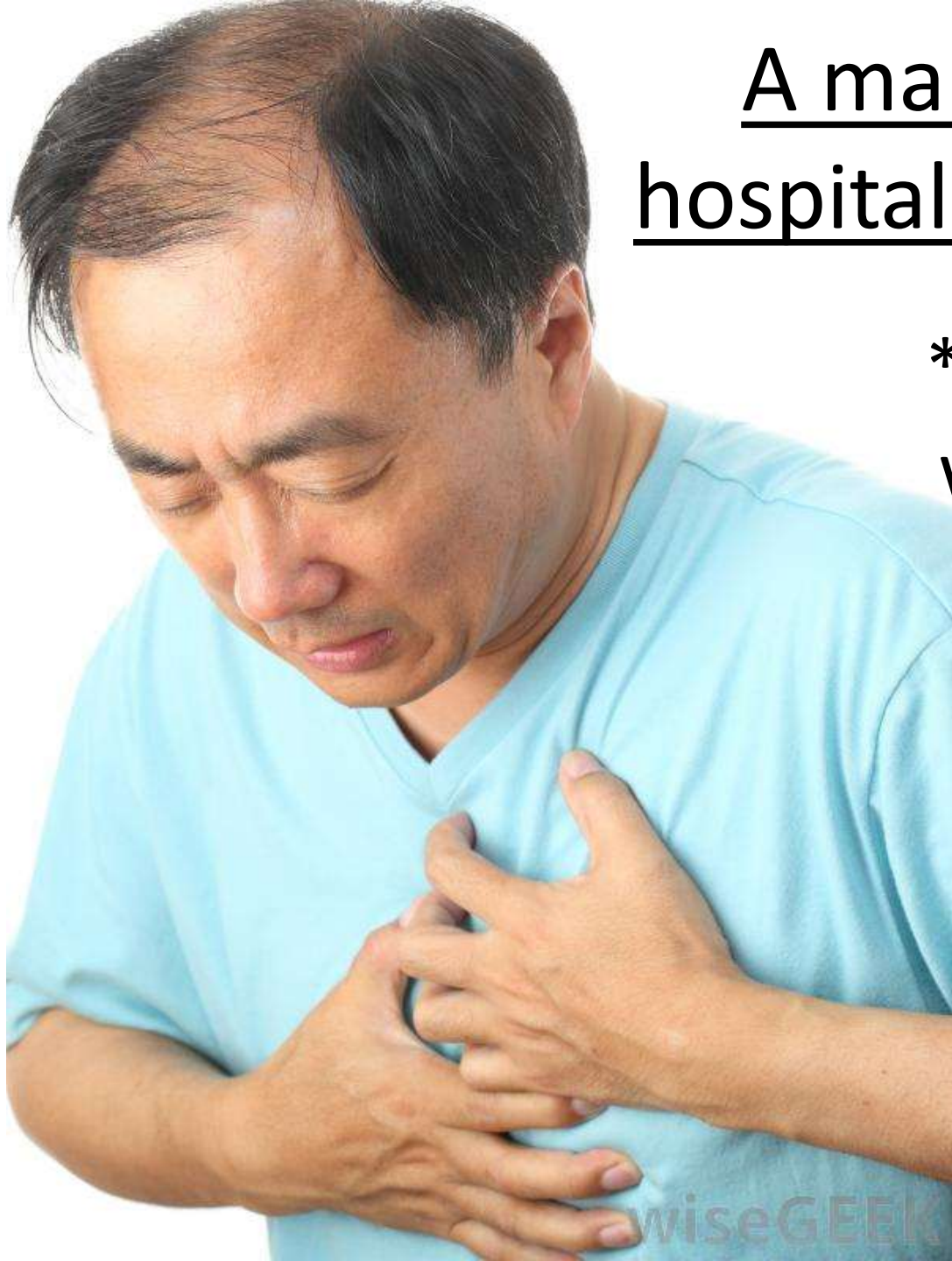
- Where did they come from?
- How did they get stacked up like this?
- Are you 100% certain?

A man comes to the hospital with chest pain...

* The doctor decides what the problem is and what to do.

* Is the doctor 100% certain?

* What would you do?



100% Certainty Is Rare

- We often choose between two options based on “**most probable.**”
- We **don't** have enough time to get **perfect** information.
- Life requires choices – sometimes, with very important results

You decide which is most probable

- Evolution and Creation can both be studied by science, but both require faith (believing unseen events from the past).
- We have been taught that evolution is fact proven by science. This is NOT true.
- Be open to think for yourself.
- Life requires choices – sometimes, with very important consequences!

Where did everything come from?

Two Ideas:

Evolution

Everything came from nothing

Life began by accident

Complex creatures developed by a series of random accidents

Claim: “Scientific Fact”

Creation

A powerful Creator made everything

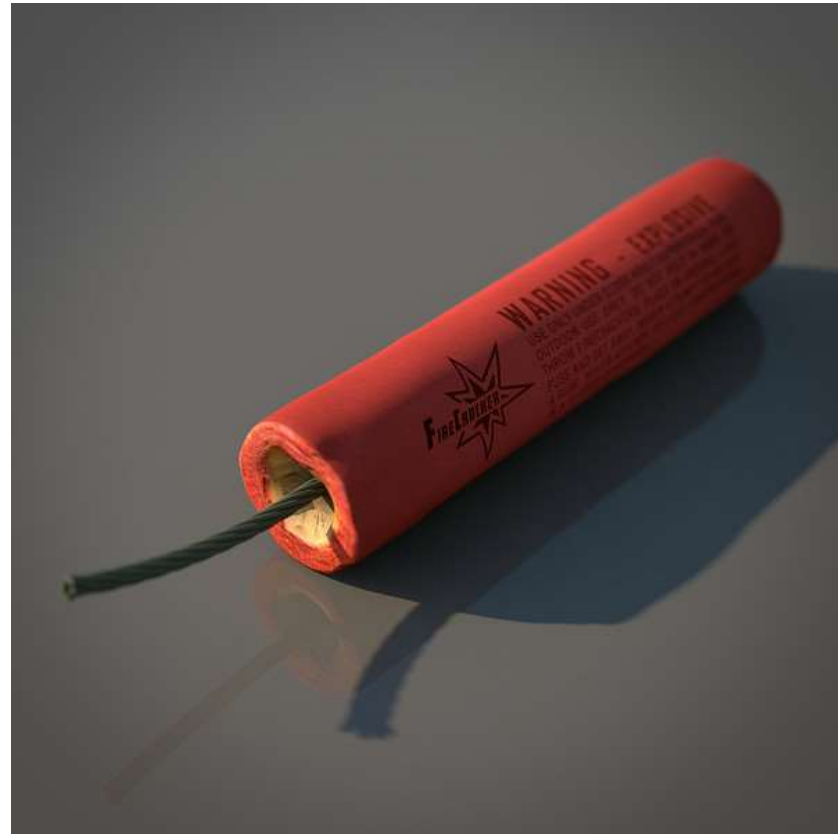
Life was created

Each living creature was designed and made by their Creator

“Non-scientific religion”?

If you hear a loud **“BANG,”**
which is the **most probable** cause:

OR



If you have an **uncontrolled explosion**,
what is the **most probable result**:



OR

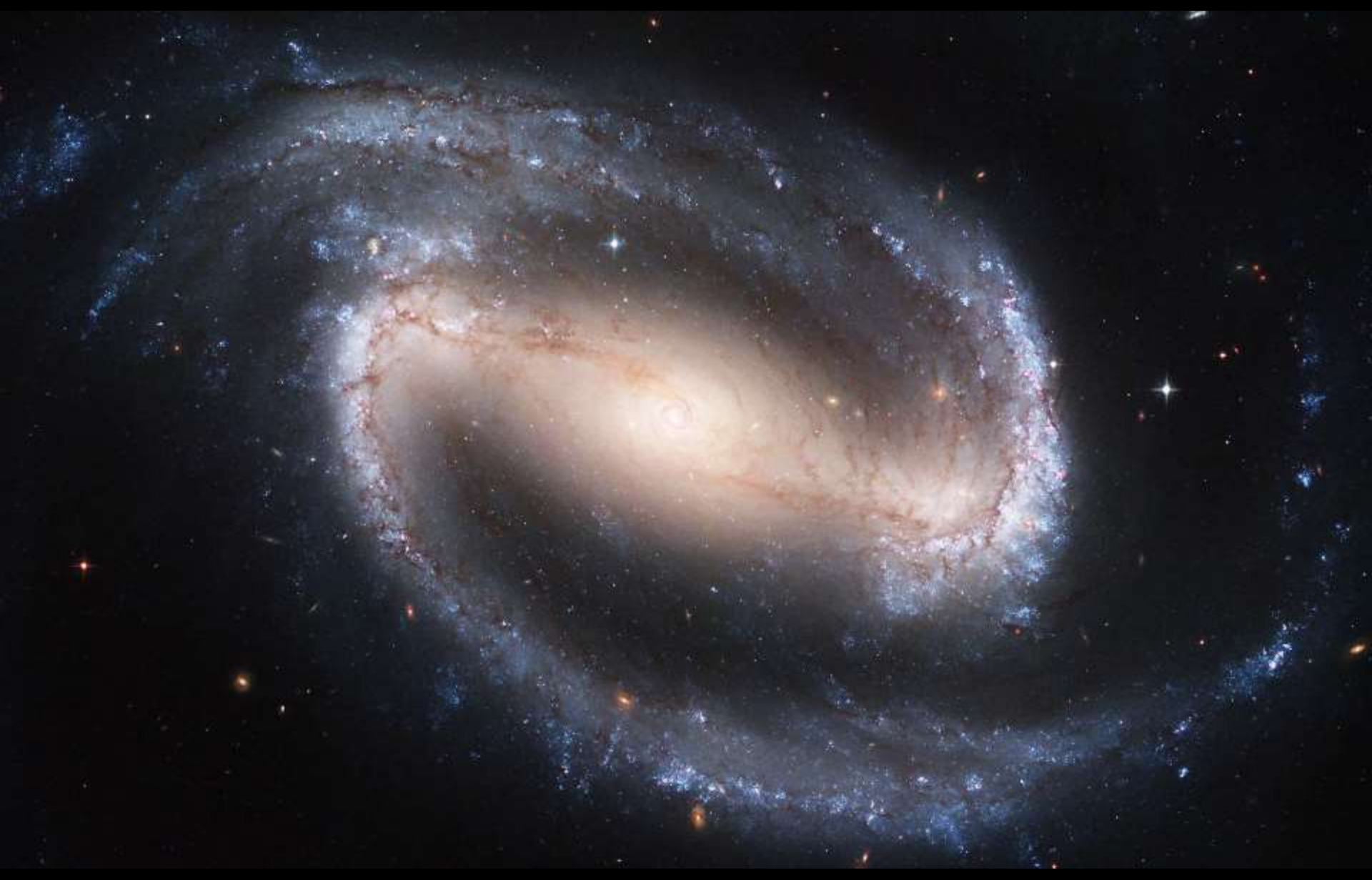


Two realities of science:

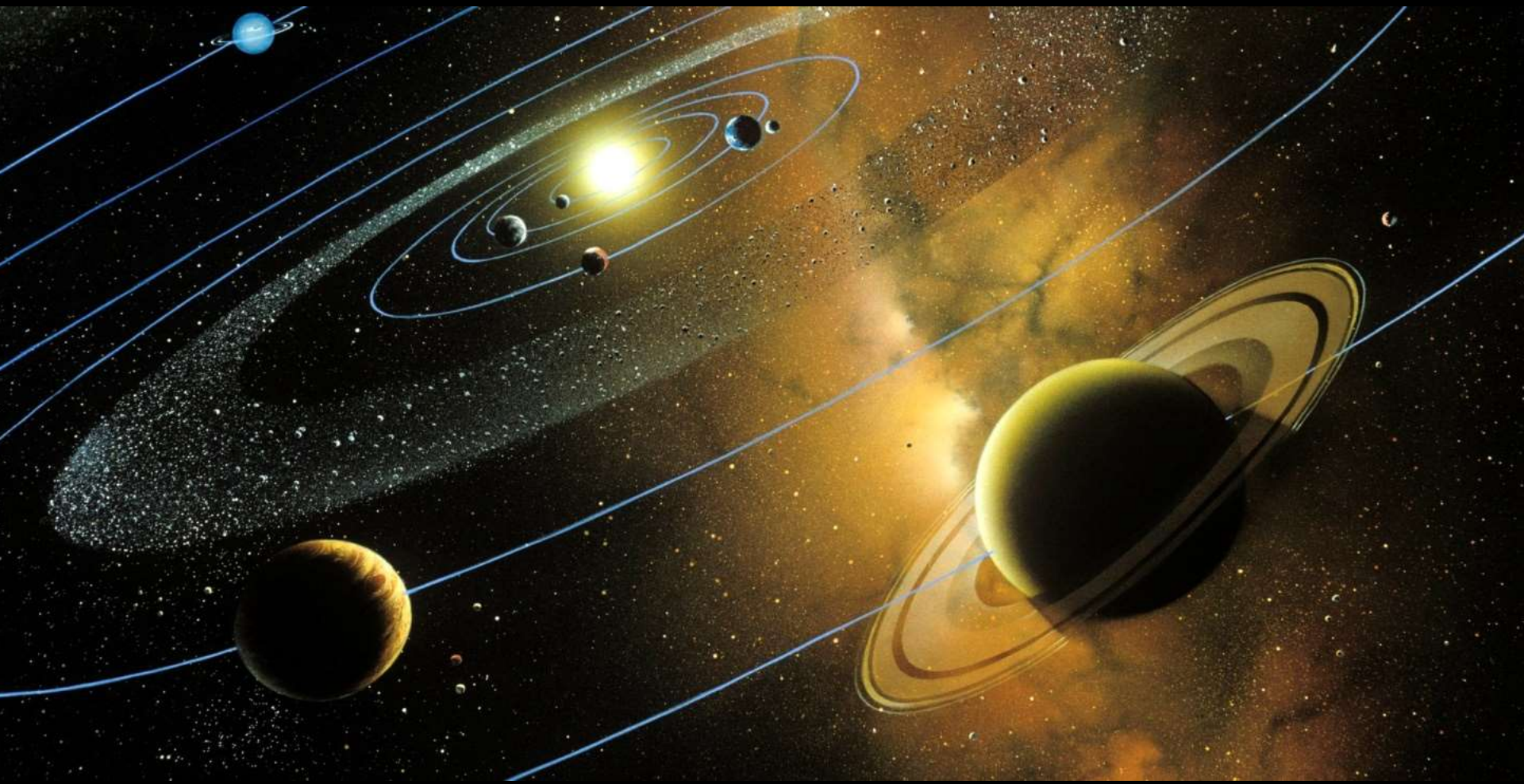
1. Something doesn't come from nothing
(first law of thermodynamics)

2. Intelligent designs do not arise by accident
(statistical information theory)

Did this come from nothing?



Did this design arise by accident?



Was this planet designed for life?



You decide – which is most probable?

Evolution

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Creation

A powerful Creator made everything

What is the difference?



You need

this

and

this

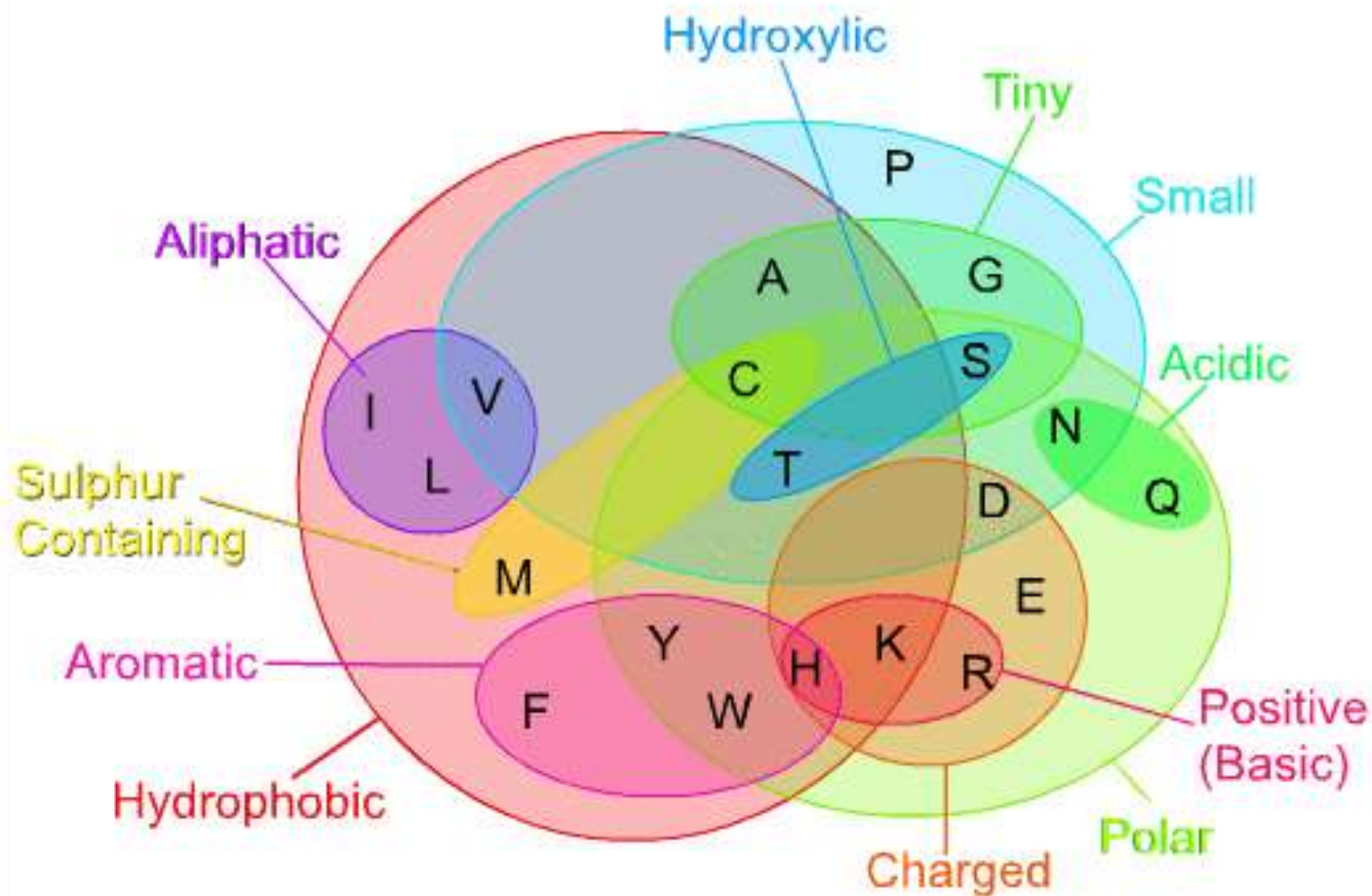


The Right Pieces,
(66 pieces / 19 types)

a Design,

and a Process

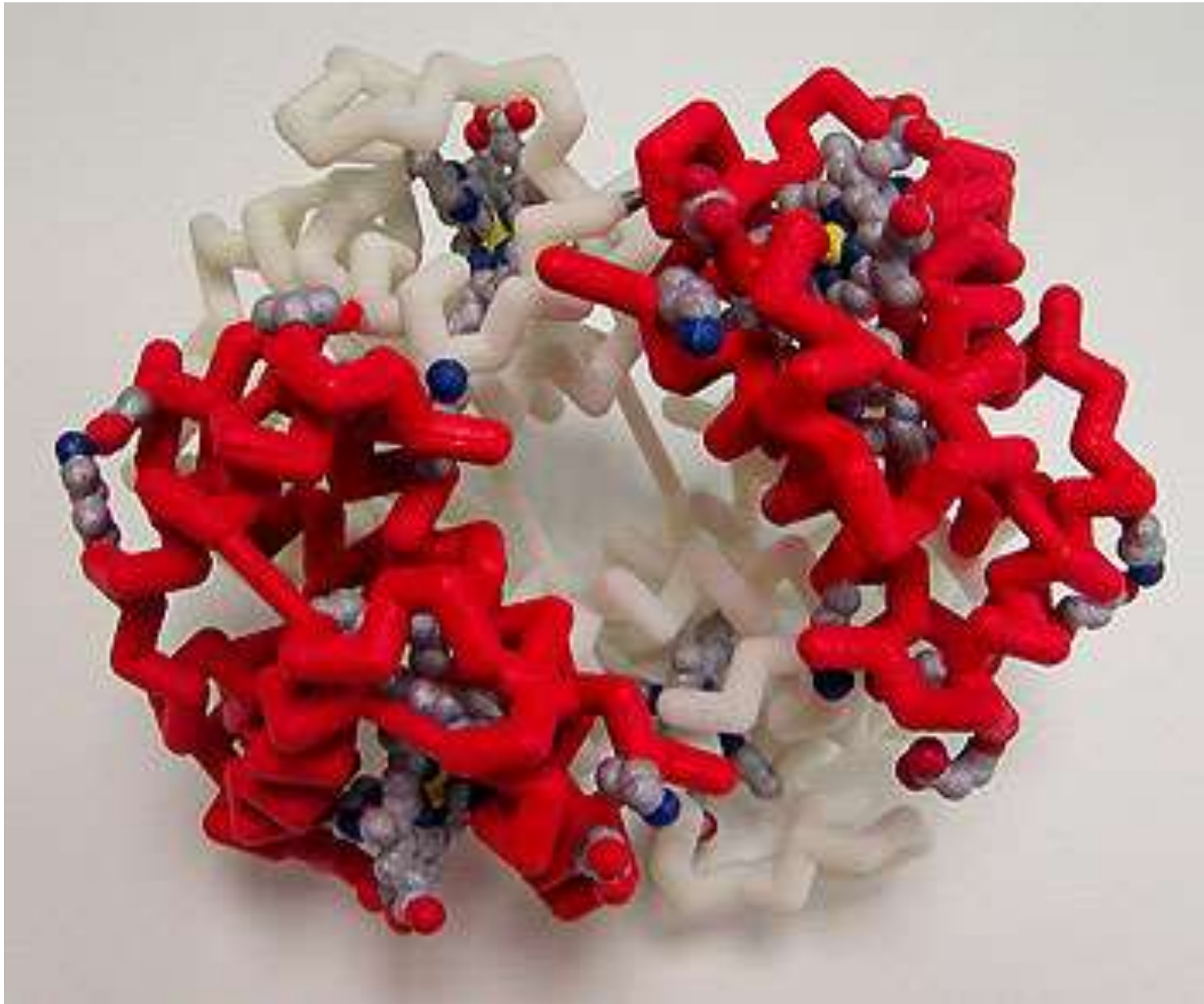
Proteins, the “building blocks of life” are made from **Amino Acids**



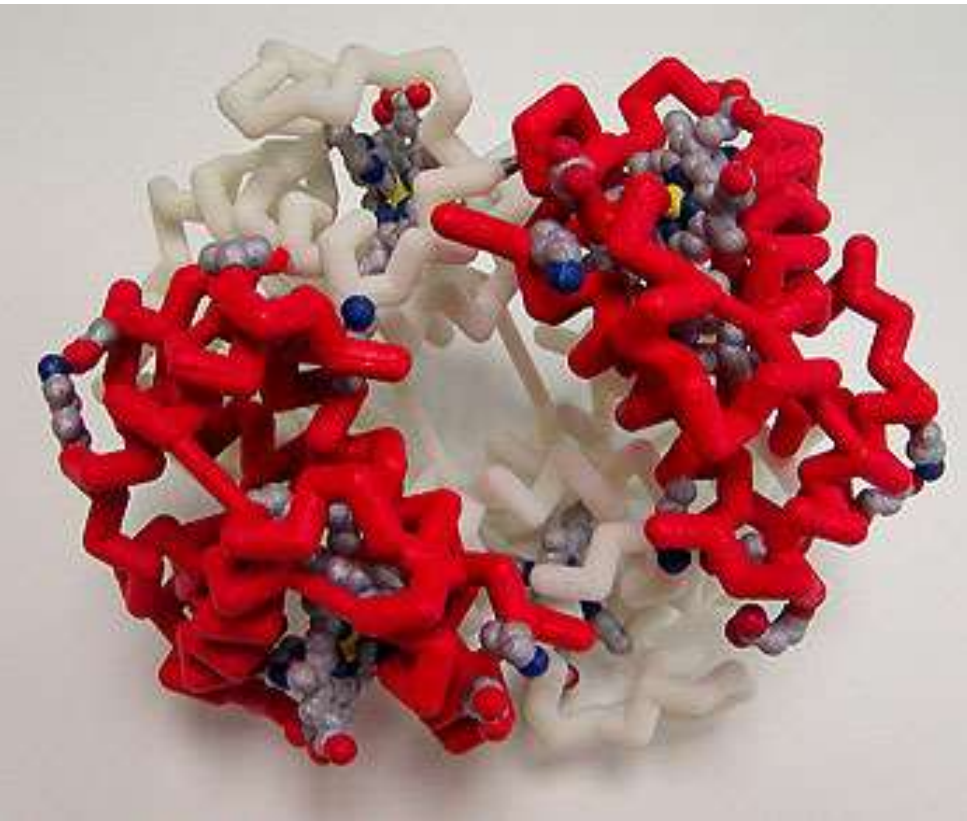
Amino Acids

- A** alanine (ala)
- R** arginine (arg)
- N** asparagine (asn)
- D** aspartic acid (asp)
- C** cysteine (cys)
- Q** glutamine (gln)
- E** glutamic acid (glu)
- G** glycine (gly)
- H** histidine (his)
- I** isoleucine (ile)
- L** leucine (leu)
- K** lysine (lys)
- M** methionine (met)
- F** phenylalanine (phe)
- P** proline (pro)
- S** serine (ser)
- T** threonine (thr)
- W** tryptophan (trp)
- Y** tyrosine (tyr)

Hemoglobin, essential for life



What is the difference?



Not much!

Similar number of parts

Must be assembled in exact order to work

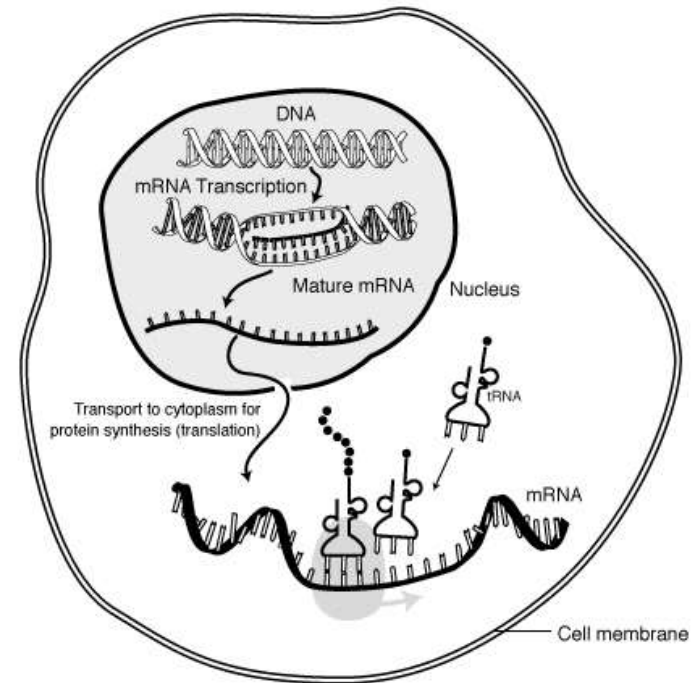
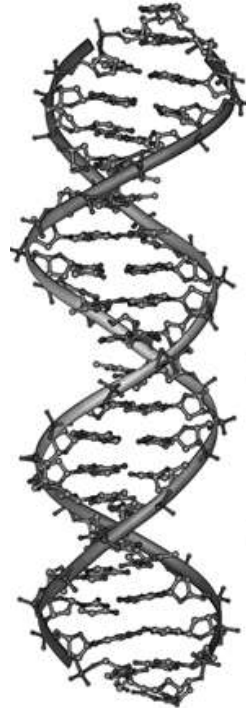
You need

this

and

this

Amino acid	Number in hemoglobin	Amino acid	Number in hemoglobin
Alanine	11	Leucine	17
Arginine	3	Lysine	12
Asparagine	5	Methionine	3
Asparatic acid	8	Phenylalanine	8
Cysteine	1	Proline	4
Glutamic acid	4	Serine	11
Glutamine	8	Threonine	10
Glycine	13	Tryptophan	3
Histidine	7	Tyrosine	2
Isoleucine	4	Valine	13



The Right Pieces,
(148 pieces / 20 types)

the Design, and a Process

You decide – which is most probable?

Evolution

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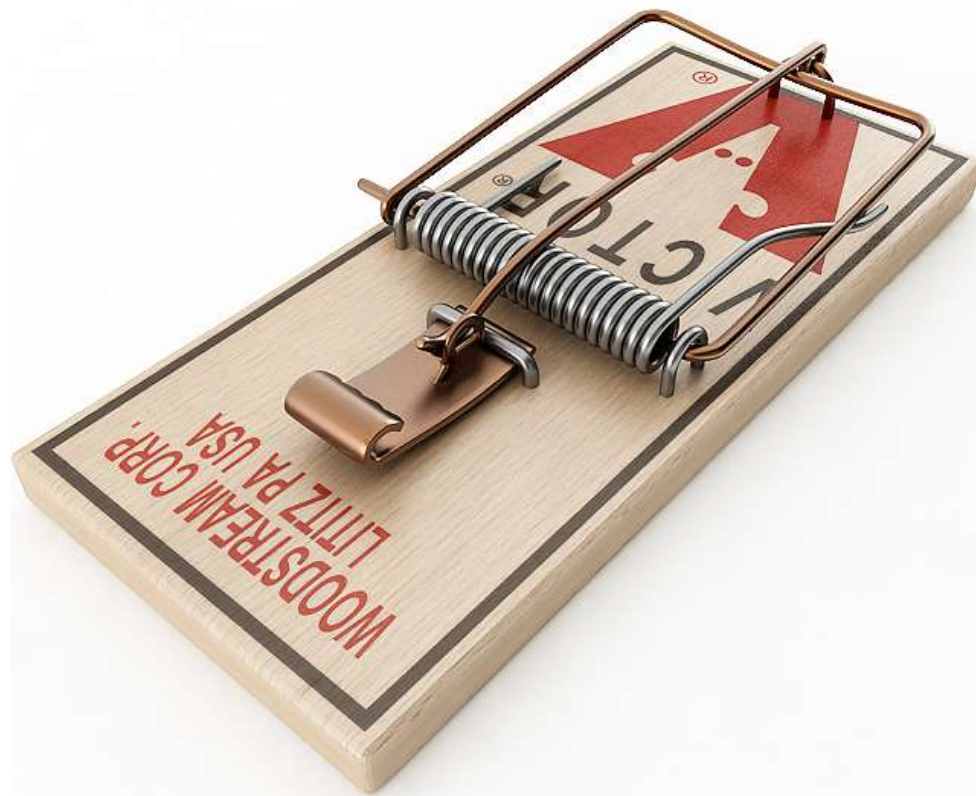
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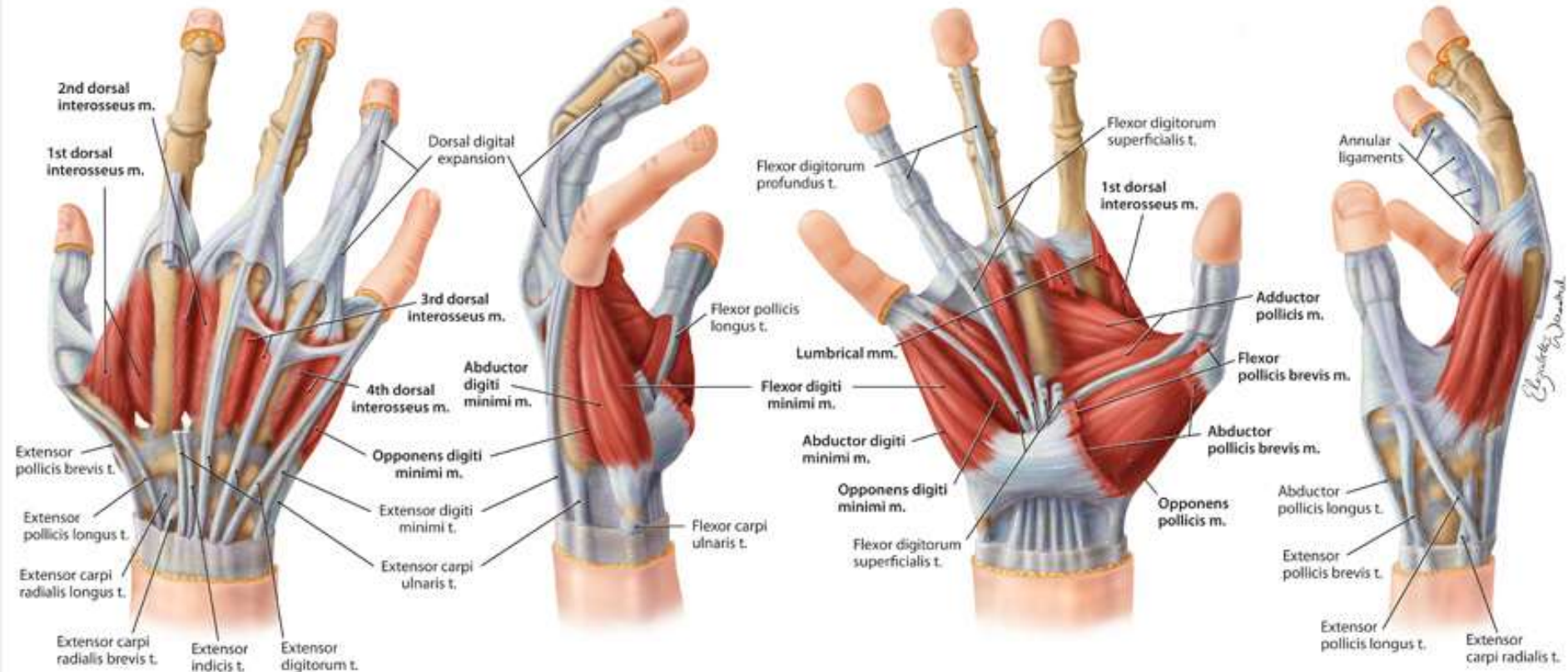
Evolution requires unguided, step-by-step improvements



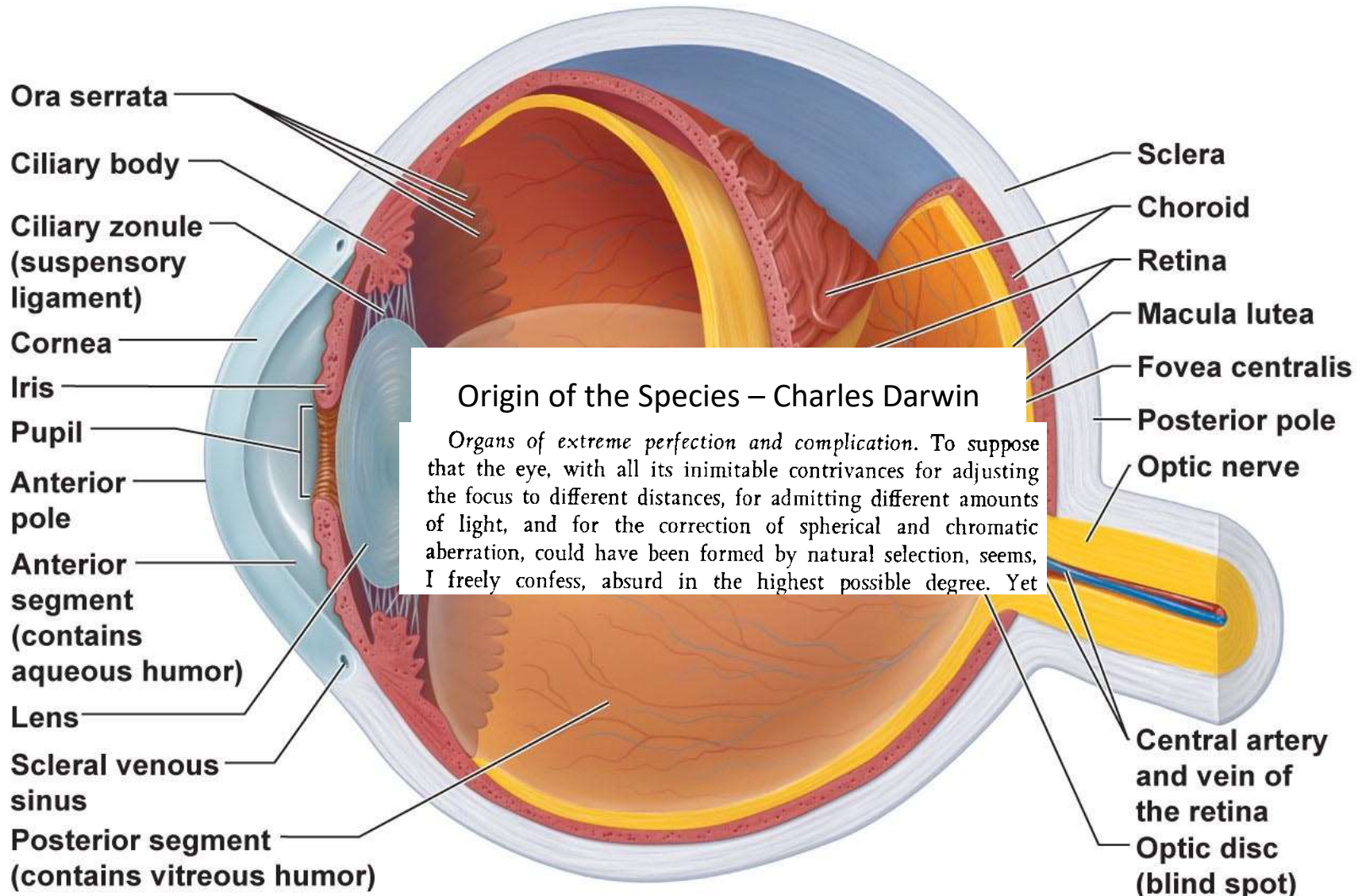
But even simple machines do not work without all of the pieces in the right places

What does this look like to you?

Design or Random Accident?



Your eye – a very complex machine



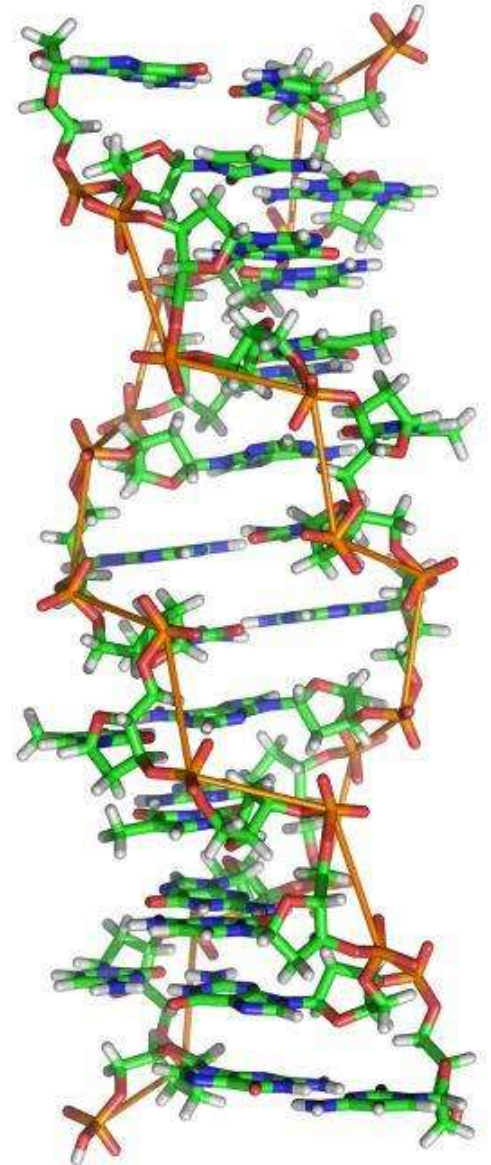
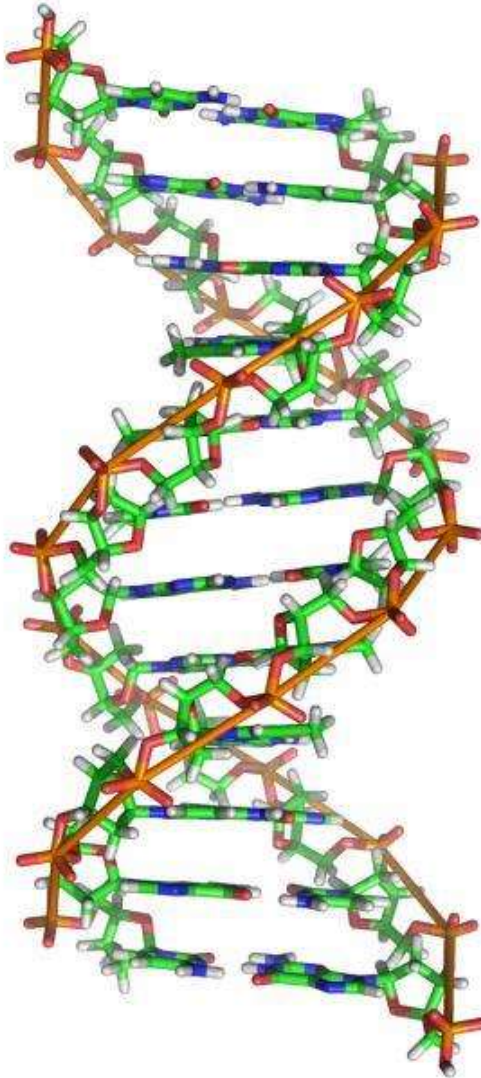
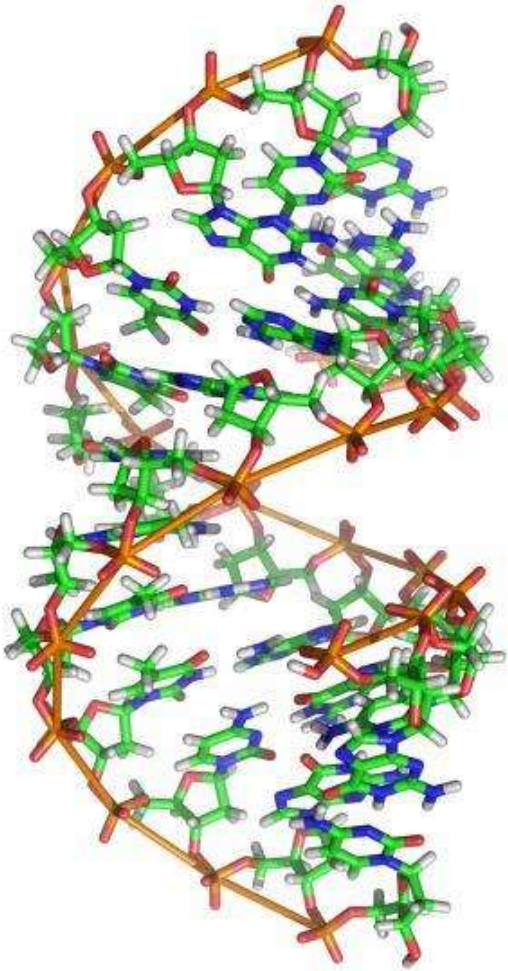
(a) Diagrammatic view. The vitreous humor is illustrated only in the bottom part of the eyeball.

Every complex thing starts with a **plan and design**



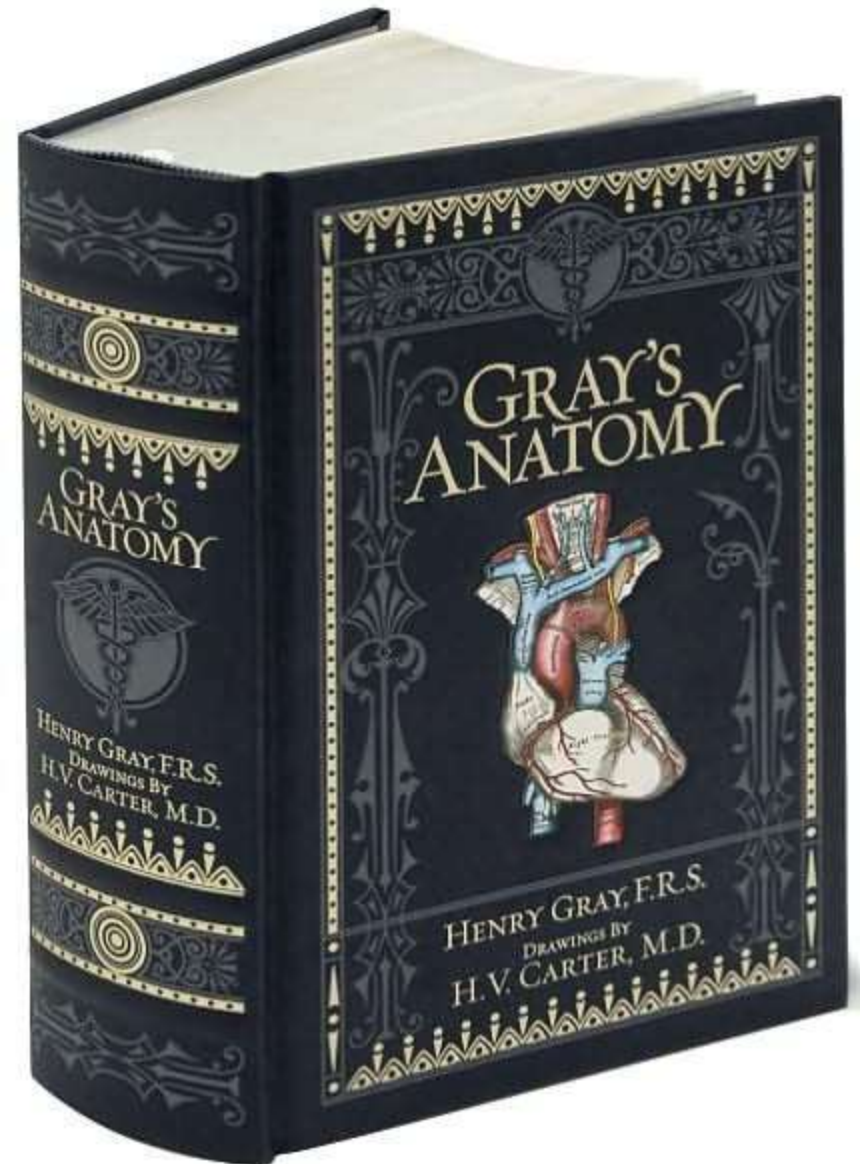
No design = No house

The design of life : DNA



Is it reasonable
to think this
book could
emerge by
accident?

How about the
human body it
describes?



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From the Bible

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

1. The universe had a beginning
2. Before the beginning, God existed
3. God chose to create everything

What is Faith?

Faith : believing something that you cannot see
(everyone has faith in something)

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Hebrews 11:3

The Story of Creation – Genesis 1

1. Light (v.3-5), separated light / dark to make day / night.
 2. Atmosphere (v.6-8), oxygen and clouds
 3. Dry land and plants (v.9-13)
 4. Sun, moon, and stars (v.14-19)
 5. Fish and birds (v.20-23), reproduce after their own kind.
 6. Animals (v.24-25) and People (v.26,27)
- Each time God created something, He said, “**It is good.**”
 - **Romans 1:20** – in the beauty of creation, we see the power and “fingerprints” of God.

Made in His Image

- How can physical people be **made in the image** of a spiritual God? God gave us:
- **Mind** – Intellect (Gen 2:19,20)
 - To hear and understand God's words
- **Emotions** – Deep Feelings (Gen 2:23)
 - To respond to God with love
- **Will** – Ability to Choose (Gen 2:16,17)
 - To choose to follow God
- **Authority** – Rule over the Earth (Gen 1:28)
 - Responsibility to serve Him

Period of Time – Why?

What is the physical reason for each of these?

- One year
- One month
- One day
- One week

(Genesis 2:2,3)

Made in God's Image – Very Special

- God gave us **His breath of life** (Genesis 2:7):
“then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.”
- He gave us an **eternal destiny** (Ecclesiastes 3:11)
“He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart,”

We live on a very good planet

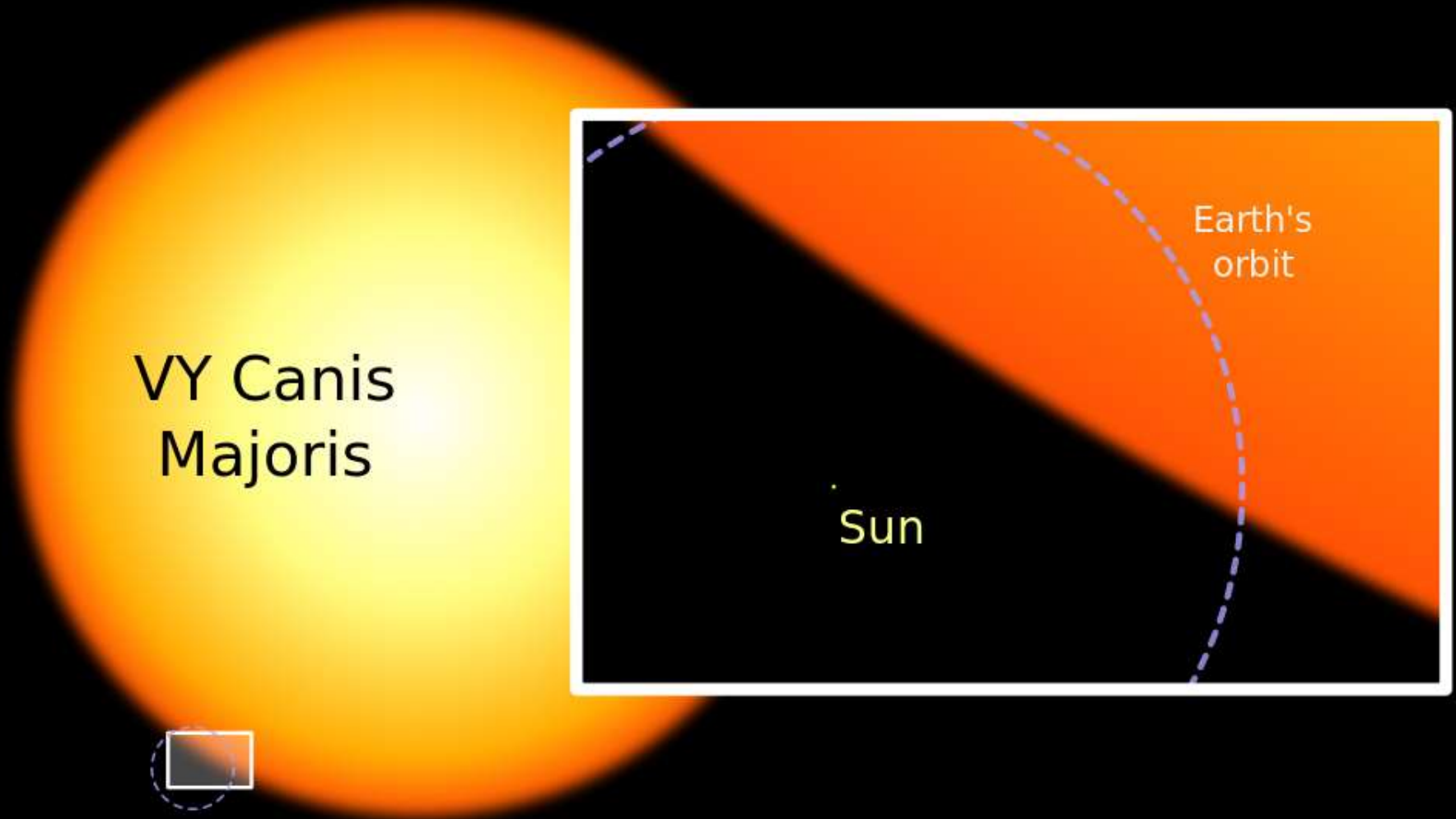


Genesis 1:31

But we are small !

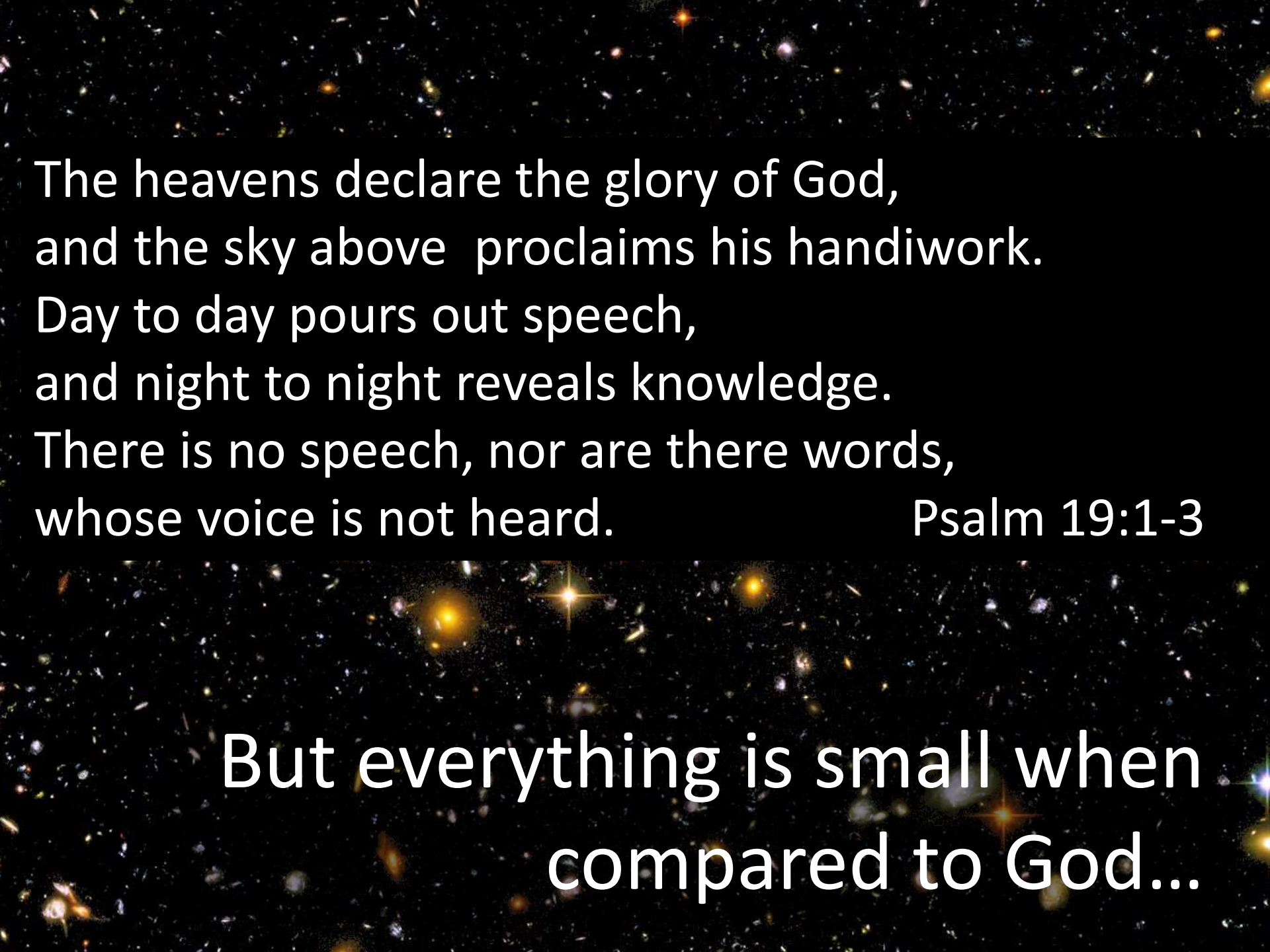


We are very small !



We are very, very small !

...in a Very
Big Universe!



The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

Psalm 19:1-3

But everything is small when
compared to God...

Why do people choose Evolution?

- It is NOT because of what they see through the telescope or the microscope
- It is NOT based on scientific evidence
- It is a choice from the heart:

“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.” (Romans 1:21,22,25)

Study Plan

- ~~1 Is the Bible Trustworthy?~~
- ~~2 Did God Really Create the World?~~
- 3 If God is good, why does suffering exist?
- 4 Why is evil so widespread and powerful?
- 5 Why is Israel so important?
- 6 Why did God punish Egypt so harshly?
- 7 What is the purpose of the Ten Commandments?
- 8 Are Biblical heroes all good guys?
- 9 How do the Old and New Testaments fit together?
- 10 Why did Jesus perform miracles?
- 11 What did Jesus really say?
- 12 Is death the end (or the beginning)?