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Genesis 1:1; Job 38:2-4



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Stephen Hawking

1942-2018

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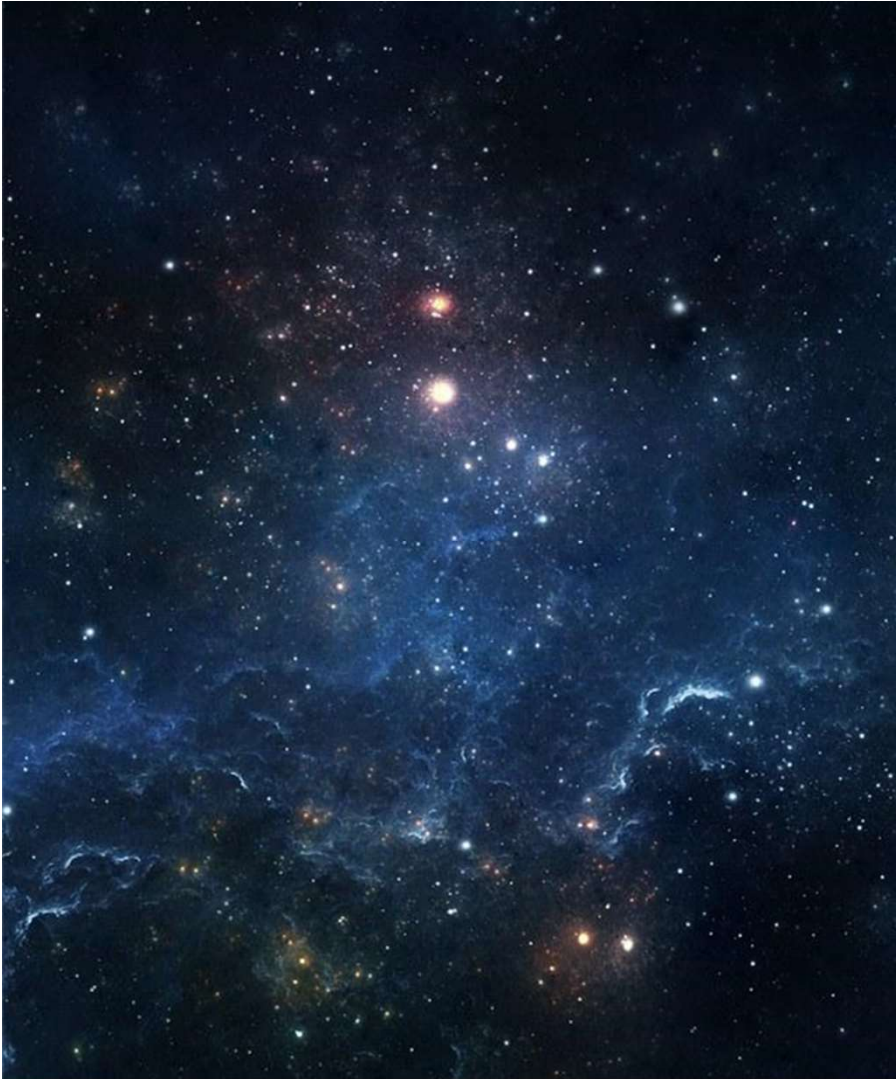


John Lennox

1943-

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Four Proofs for the Existence of God



The Creation of the Universe

The Conscience of the Heart

The Canon of Scripture

The Cross of Christ



The Creation of the Universe

Genesis 1:1
Psalm 19:1-6
Romans 1:18-21

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning....

GOOD!

Dr. Kent Hovind



The Creation of the Universe

Philosophical arguments:

- Design requires a designer
- Creation requires a creator
- Intelligence requires an intellect
- Morality requires a law-giver



He is the Eternal God!

Psalm 90:2

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or
ever thou hadst formed the earth and the
world, even from everlasting to everlasting,
thou art God.**

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Deuteronomy 29:29

The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

He is the ONLY Eternal God!

Isaiah 45:5

**I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is
no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou
hast not known me:**

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Isaiah 45:6

**That they may know from the rising of the sun,
and from the west, that there is none beside
me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.**

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Isaiah 45:18

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.



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Isaiah 45:21

**and there is no God else beside me; a just
God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.**

**He is the ONLY Eternal God ...
to Whom you MUST bow!**

1 Corinthians 2:14

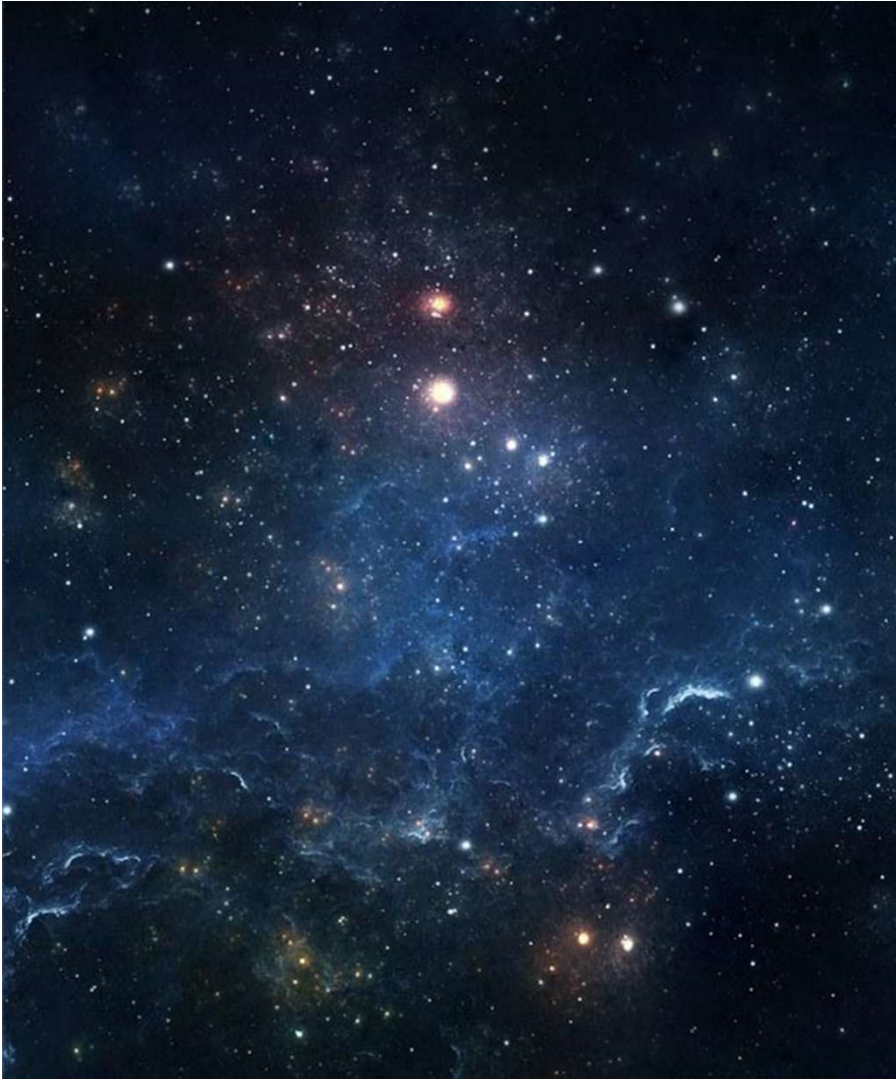
**But the natural man receiveth not the things
of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness
unto him: neither can he know them, because
they are spiritually discerned.**

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GOD!

- A God Who ~~Exists~~ eternally
- A God Who is ~~Sovereign~~ exclusively
- A God Who is ~~Lord~~ personally



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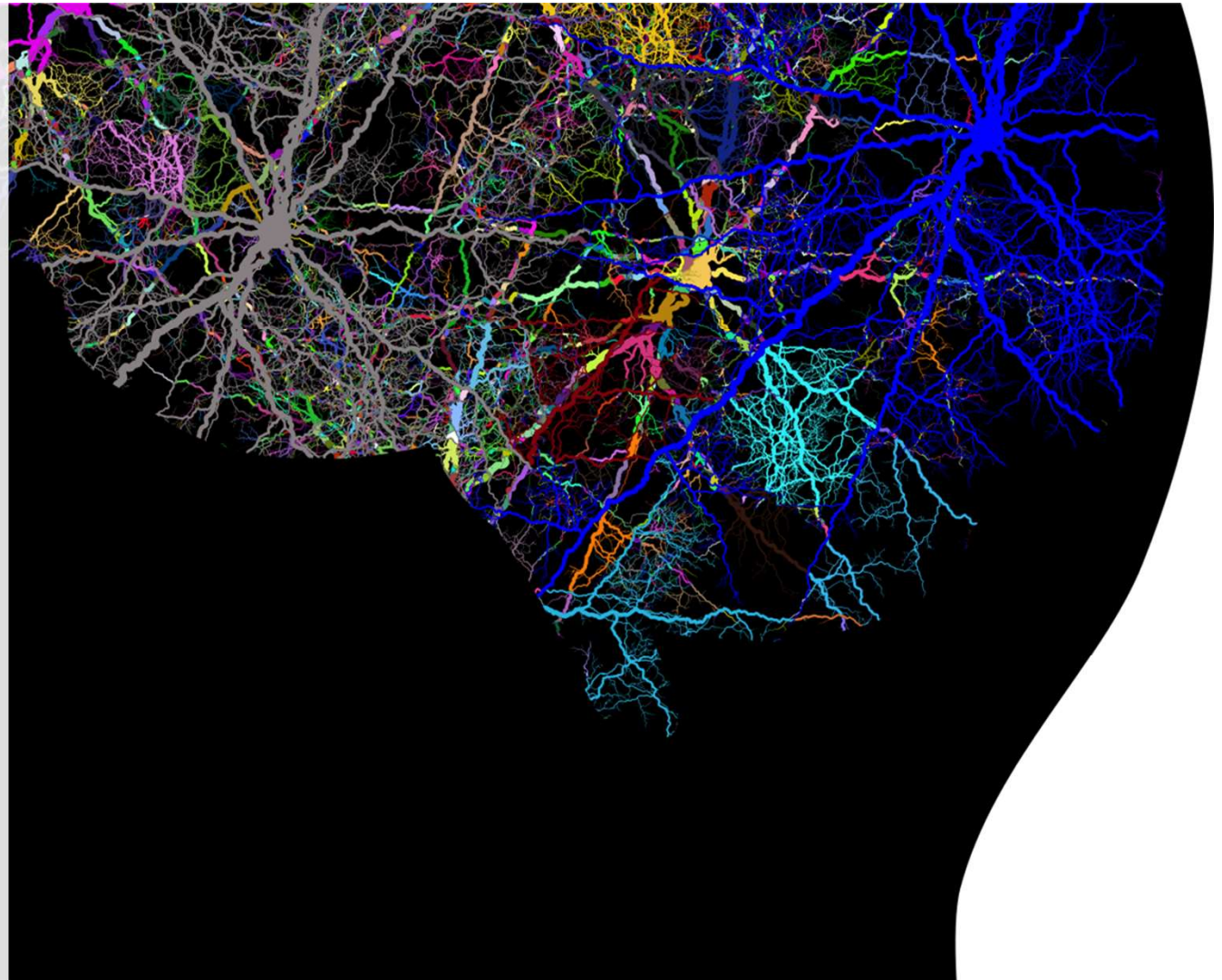
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Romans 1:18-19

Romans 2:12-15



The Conscience

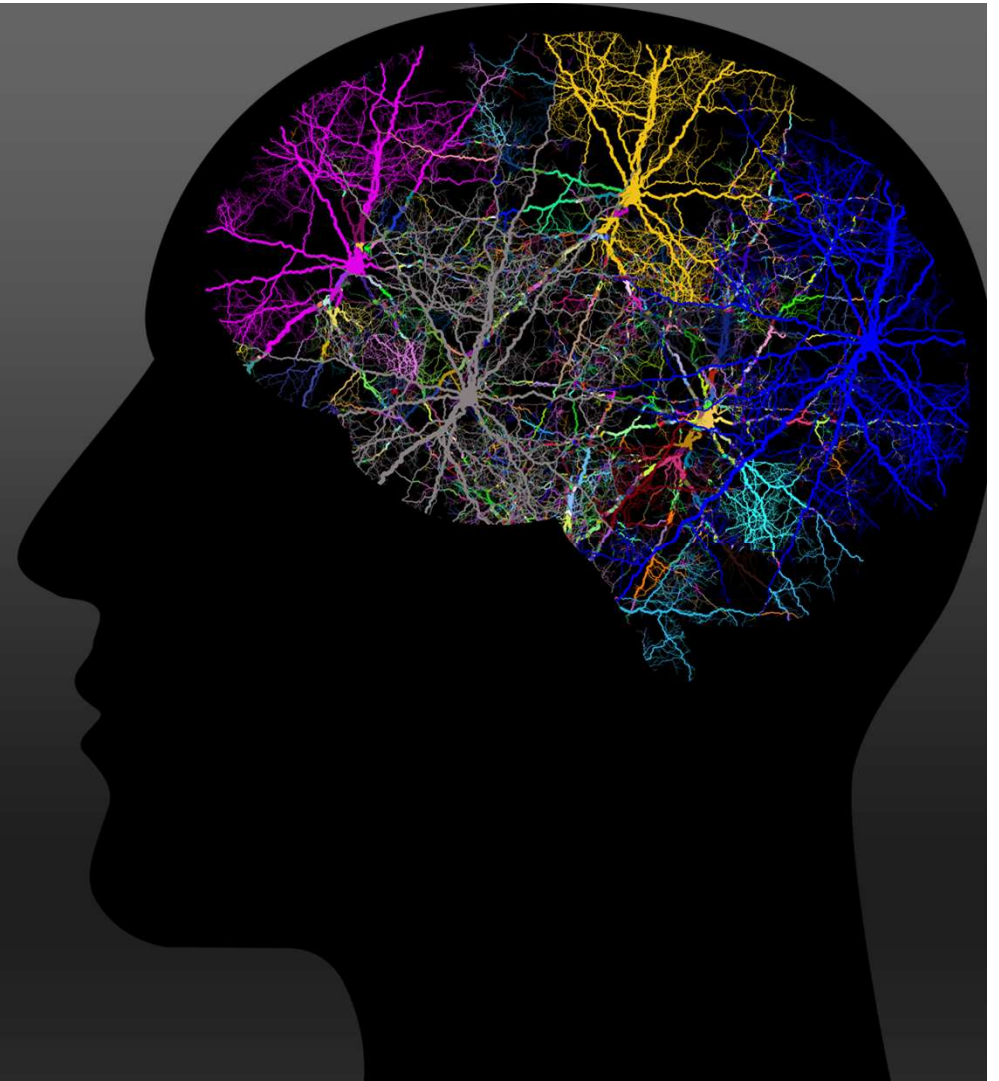
Romans 1:18-19 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 - Because that which may be known of God is **manifest in them**; for God hath shewed it unto them.



The Conscience

Romans 2:12 - For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

Romans 2:13 - (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.



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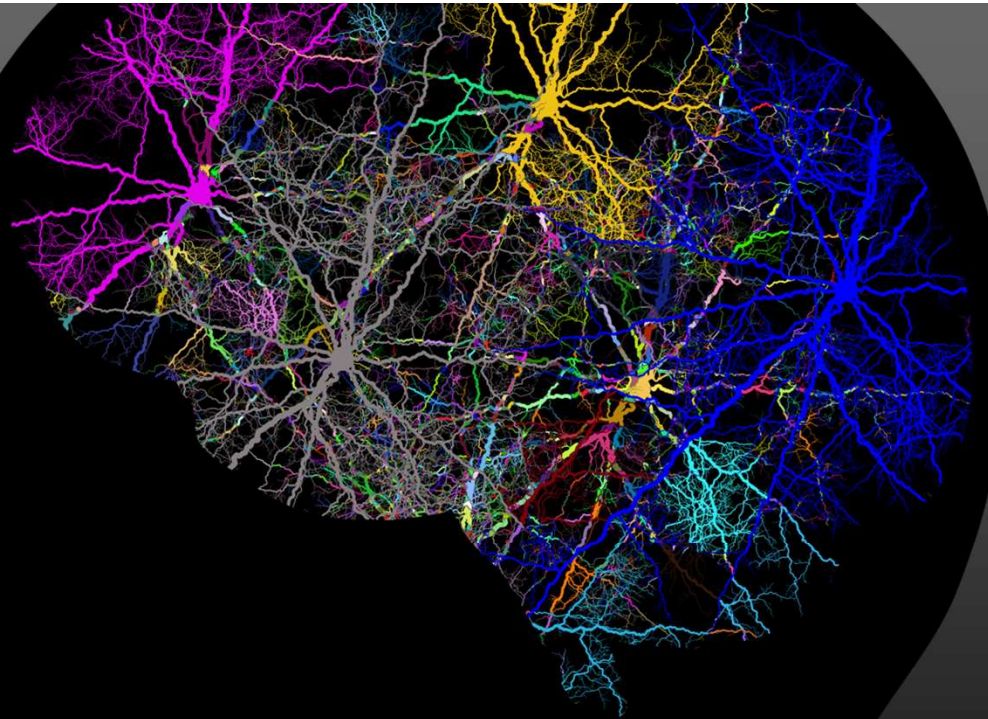
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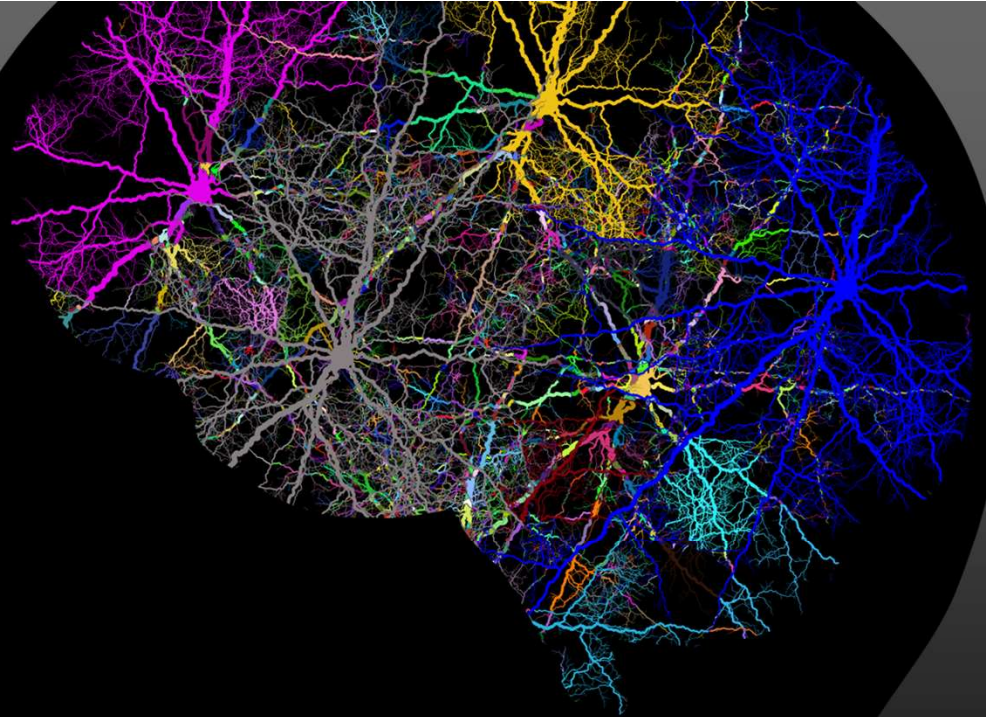
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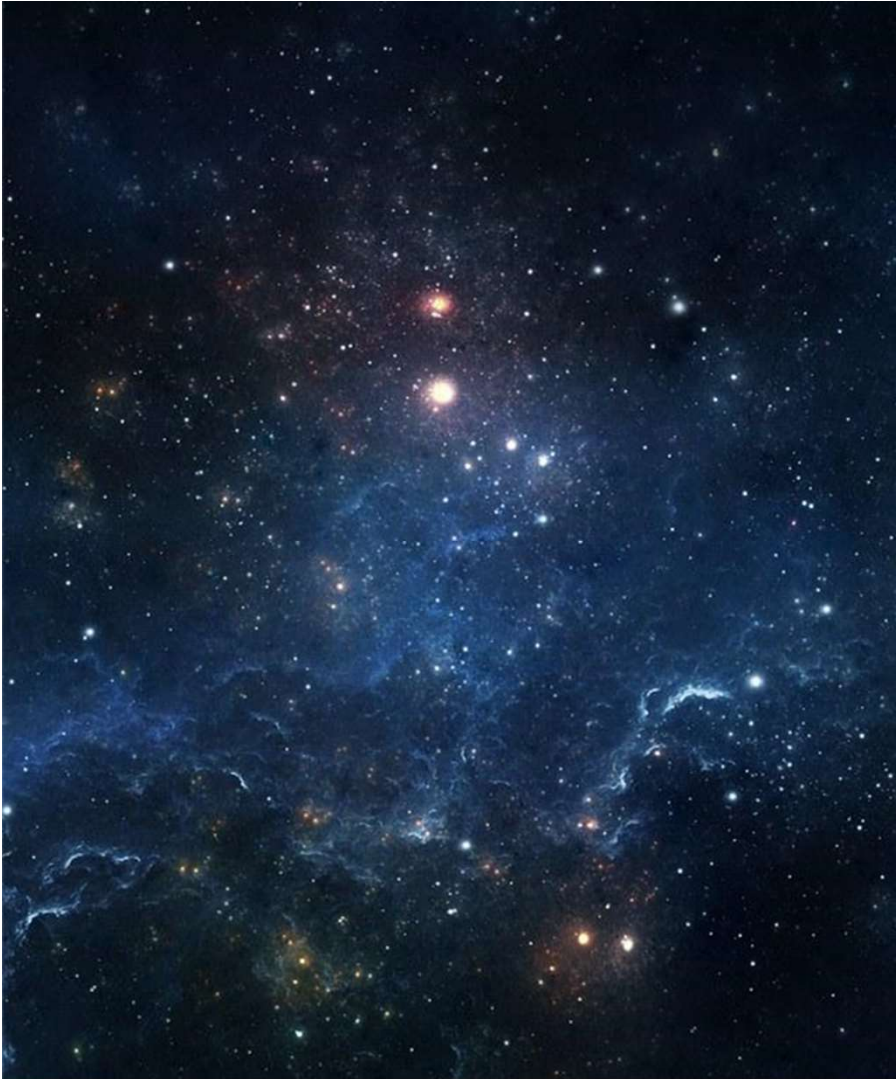
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The Conscience

- Part of the image of God within us
- Distinct from the rest of creation
- Morality vs No morality
- Morality must have a source/basis





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The Creation → External → General

The Conscience → Internal

The Canon → Special

The Cross

A close-up photograph of a quill pen resting in a glass inkwell. The quill is positioned diagonally across the frame. In the background, a scroll of parchment with Hebrew text is visible. The text is written in a traditional Hebrew script. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

The Canon of Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16-17

2 Peter 1:20-21

The Canon (the Bible)

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2 Timothy 3:17 - that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



The Canon (the Bible)

1. The Inspiration of the Bible

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- The biblical claim: God-breathed
- The ultimate source: God-authored
- The reliable result: inerrant, infallible



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2. The Unity of the Bible

- Written by about 40 different men
 - Moses - a political leader
 - Joshua - a military leader
 - David - a shepherd/king
 - Solomon - king
 - Daniel - a prime minister
 - Matthew - a tax collector
 - Luke - a medical doctor
 - Paul - a rabbi
 - Peter - a fisherman



The Canon (the Bible)

2. The Unity of the Bible

- Written by about 40 different men
- Written over a period of 1,600 years
- Written in 3 different languages
- Written on 3 different continents
- Contains 66 books

Yet, there is an overarching story with consistent themes without contradicting itself! Could it be that there is ultimately ONE Author - the Holy Spirit of God?



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- More than 300 prophecies fulfilled in Jesus first coming
- These prophecies were predicted 100's of years before
- There are many other prophecies which have been fulfilled
- There are many other prophecies which have yet to be fulfilled



The Canon (the Bible)

3. The Prophecies of the Bible

- Prophecies concerning Jesus:
 - Born of a virgin - Isaiah 7:14
 - Born in Bethlehem - Micah 5:2
 - Came out of Egypt - Hosea 11:1
 - Introduced by a messenger - Isaiah 40:3
 - Enters Jerusalem on a donkey - Zech. 9:9
 - Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver - Zech. 11:12-13
 - Die by crucifixion - Psalm 22:16-18
 - Pierced in His side - Zechariah 12:10
 - No bones broken - Exodus 12:46
 - Casts lots for His clothes - Psalm 22:18



The Canon (the Bible)

4. The Accuracy of the Bible

Despite the vast genres, authors, eras, languages, etc.

- Historically accurate
- Scientifically reliable
- Archaeologically consistent

There is no other book in the history of the world that can come close to making this claim!





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James 2:19 -

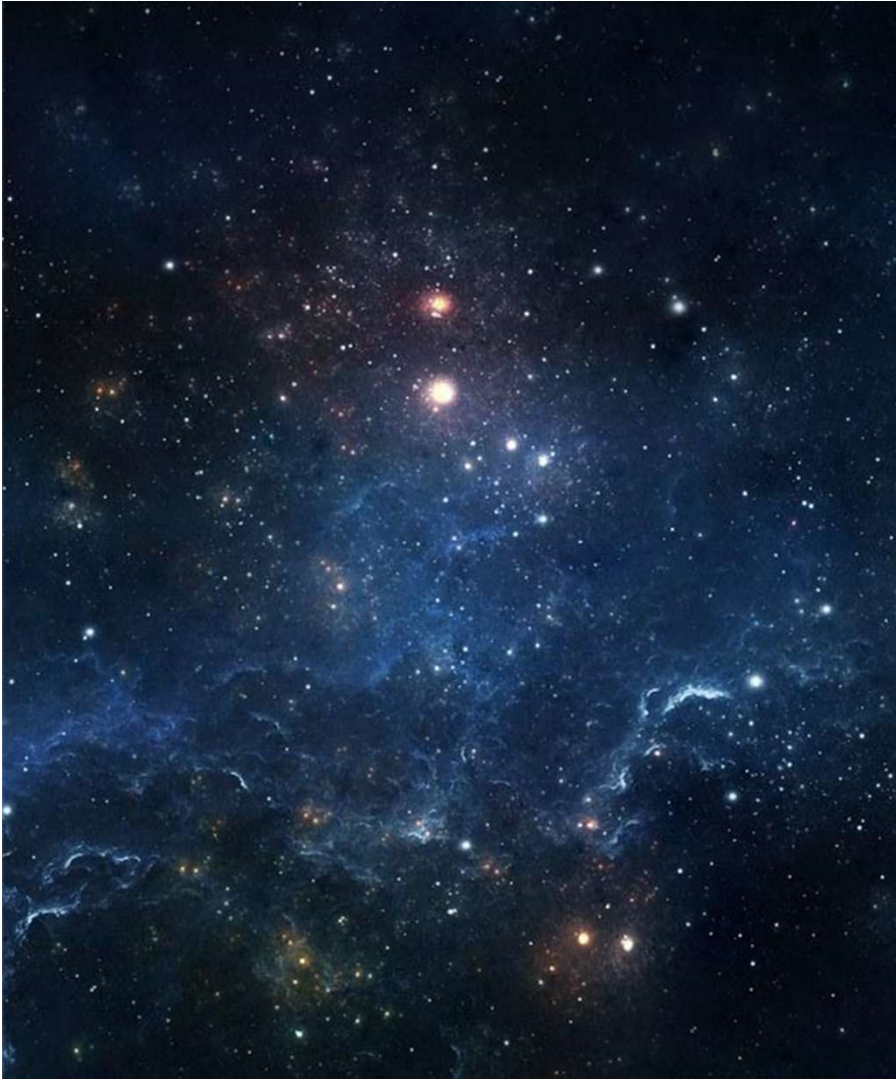
You believe that
there is one God.
You do well.

**Even the
demons believe--
and tremble!**

Also see Matthew 8:28-32

**"Atheism is a strange thing.
Even the devils never fell
into that vice."**

Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)



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The Cross of Christ

The image features three black silhouettes of crosses standing on a grassy hill against a dramatic, golden sunset sky. The sun is partially obscured by clouds, creating a warm, orange and yellow glow. The crosses are arranged with the tallest one in the center, flanked by two shorter ones. The overall mood is solemn and reflective.

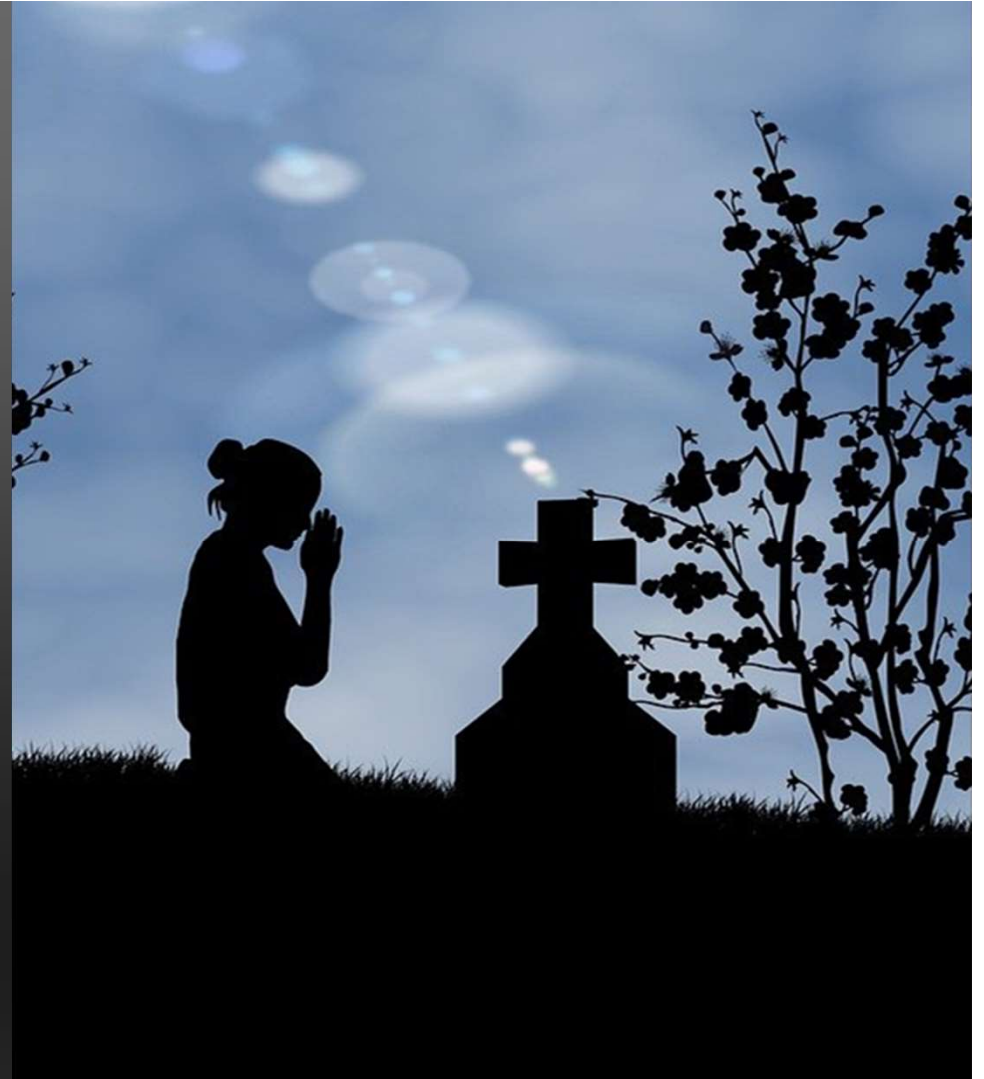
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Job 19:25-26

“Why follow this anyway? We're all going to eventually die”

This statement begs the following questions:

1. Why do we experience death, pain, sorrow?
2. If death is the end of our existence, what does that mean about our life?
3. If death is NOT the end of our existence, how should we live?



The Cross

Who was Job?

- A righteous man - feared God, hated evil (Job 1:1)
- Had 7 sons and 3 daughters (1:2)
- Was wealthy with 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 oxen, 500 donkeys (1:3)
- The greatest man of the east (1:3)
- In one day, all his cattle were stolen or destroyed and all his children killed (1:13-19)
- Despite his grief, refused to blame God (1:20-22)
- Developed horrible sores all over his body (2:7-8)
- Still refused to get angry at God even though his own wife encouraged him to (2:9-10)



The Cross

Job 19:25 - For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;

Job 19:26 - And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, **That in my flesh I shall see God,**



The Cross

What does this teach us?

1. In the cross, there is Redemption ...

Job 19:25 - For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;

... without God, there is no cross...

... without the cross, there is no Redemption...

... without Redemption, there is no Forgiveness for sin



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2. In the cross, there is Resurrection ...

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... without God, there is no cross...

... without the cross, there is no Resurrection...

... without Resurrection, there is no Hope for something better



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3. In the cross, there is Retribution & Restoration ...

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... without God, there is no cross...

... without the cross, there is no Retribution or Restoration...

... without Retribution or Restoration, there is no Justice for evil or Reward for righteousness



The Cross

1 Corinthians 15:12 - Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1 Corinthians 15:13 - But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.

1 Corinthians 15:14 - And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.



The Cross

1 Corinthians 15:15 - Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up--if in fact the dead do not rise.

1 Corinthians 15:16 - For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.

1 Corinthians 15:17 - And if Christ is not risen, **[then]** your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

1 Corinthians 15:18 - Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.



The Cross

1 Corinthians 15:19 - **I**f in this life only we have hope in Christ, **[then]** we are of all men the most pitiable (miserable).



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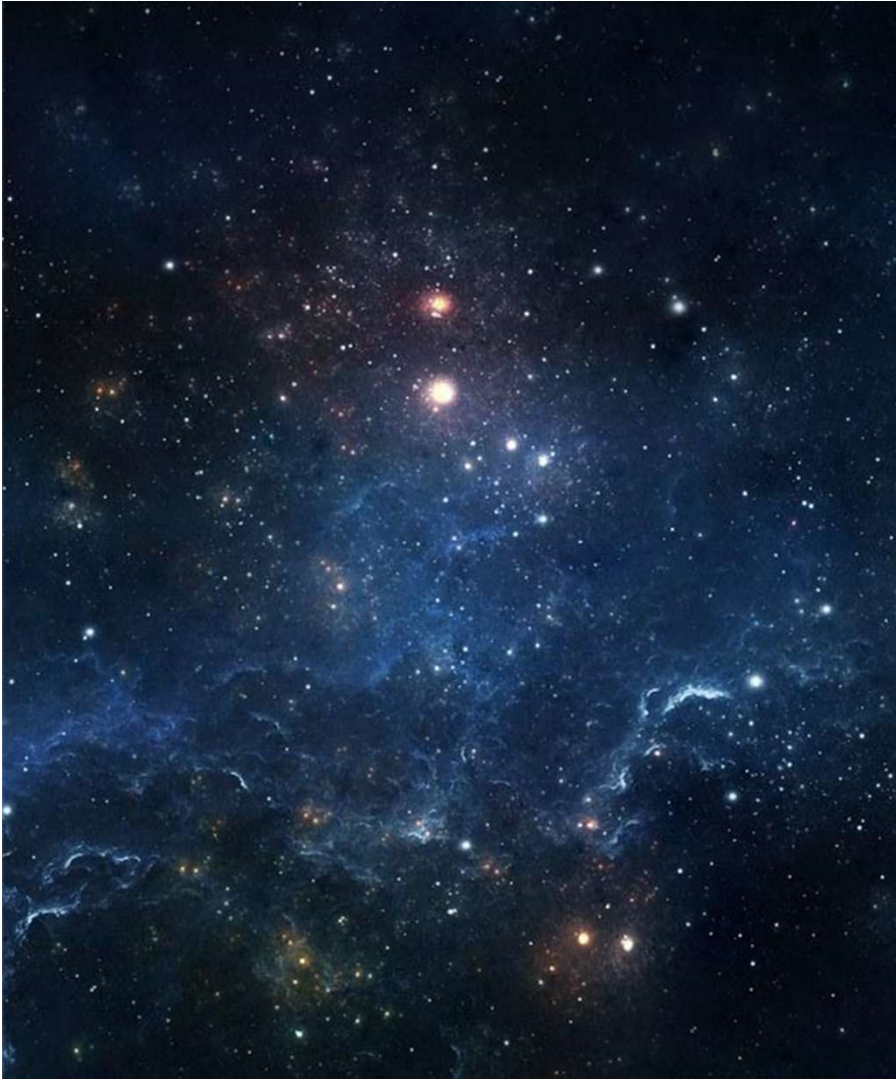
Jesus' birth is meaningless without His sinless life.

His sinless life is meaningless without His cross.

His cross is meaningless without His resurrection.

With Jesus, it's all or nothing.





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The Creation - **Demonstrates** that there is a God

The Conscience - **Requires** that there is a God

The Canon - **Demands** that there is a God

The Cross - **Confirms** that there is a God

If you deny God's existence, you have a lot of explaining to do!