





"Who among the gods is like You, O LORD?
Who is like YOU –

MAJESTIC IN HOLINESS,

AWESOME IN GLORY,
In Your UNFAILING LOVE,

YOU will lead the people you have redeemed." Exod 15:11-13;

We Offer up Our Worship and Praise to God.

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

WORTHY OF OUR GIVING HIM ALL

THE GLORY, THE HONOUR, WORSHIP AND PRAISE.

THROUGHOUT ALL TIME AND ETERNITY

This is seen in at least two Aspects! 1st Rom 1. Creation declares He exists and that He is an Awesome Creator.

2<sup>nd</sup> Our APPRECIATION of being SAVED by HIS WONDERFUL GRACE.

# IN THE BEGINNING WHAT? EITHER MATTER. OR INTELLIGENCE.

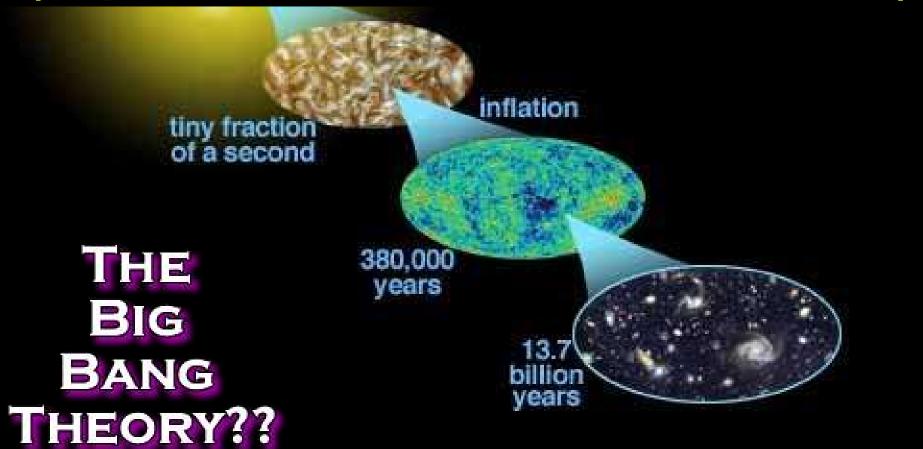
Science says by ALL the known laws, MATTER has a BEGINNING and an END. (Useful to useless.)

First and second Law of Thermodynamics.

We say THEREFORE MATTER CANNOT BE THAT WHICH HAS ALWAYS EXISTED

## Big Bang Theory implies:(Explosions Cause order not disorder.) REALITY:-

(Explosions Cause disorder not order.)









Evolution as taught SOMETHING FROM NOTHING
and SIMPLE TO THE COMPLEX goes
against every known accepted scientific law.

OUR GOD IS A SUPREME INTELLECT.

"For every house is built by some man; but HE that built ALL things is God."

(Heb 3:4;)

When we see a house, we know there was an architect.

When we see a painting, we know that there was an artist.

When we see a newspaper, we know that there was a printer.





### Psalm 19:1; "The heavens DECLARE the GLORY OF GOD; And the firmament shows His handiwork."

#### **Psalm 8:3**;

"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your hands, the moon and the stars, which YOU have made."

Psalm 33:6-9;

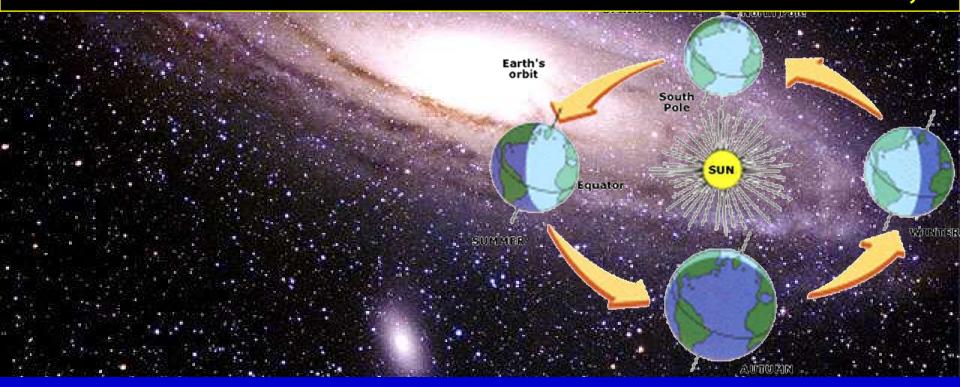
"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

For He spoke, and it was done;

He commanded, and it stood fast."

"By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible."

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." Heb 11;



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#### Tilt and Revolution

The Earth's axis is not oriented vertically, it is tilted by 23.5 degrees.

The north end of the axis is always pointed toward the North Star as the Earth revolves around the sun.

This tilt, combined with its revolution around the sun, causes seasonal changes. (When it's summer in the northern hemisphere, it's winter in the southern, and vice versa.)

If the axis was not tilted, our year-round climate would be rather boring and many places on earth wouldn't receive much light!

#### The ocean:-

Covers around 70% of the earth's surface Primary source of our life given rain.

#### The Water Cycle:-

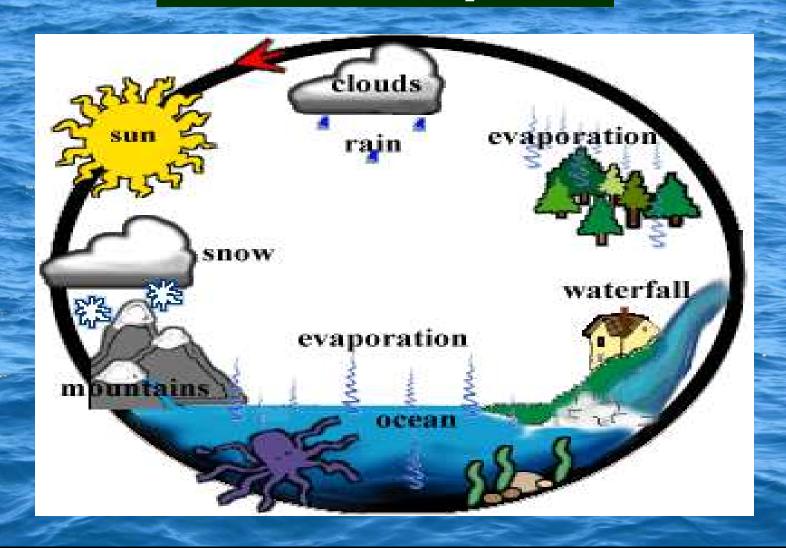
Job 36:27; "For He draws up drops of water, Which distill as rain from the mist, 28 Which the clouds drop down and pour abundantly on man. 29 Indeed, can anyone understand the spreading of clouds, The thunder from His canopy?"

Amos 5:8; "He calls for the waters of the sea And pours them out on the face of the earth; The LORD is His name." (Around 760 B.C.)

**Ecclesiastes 1:7;** "All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, there they return again."

(Around 935 B.C.)

#### The water cycle:-



The Water Cycle was not generally understood until the 16th or 17th century.

## What about the AGE of things How long does it take to make a fossil? The Limestone Cowboy







#### Psalm 139:13-16;

"For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;"



"Marvellous are Your works, my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You. When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed."

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."
On the 10th day after fertilization,
the embryo stops the mother's menstrual cycle.
On the 24th day the heart begins to beat
through a closed circulatory system.



At 4 weeks arm buds appear, and the embryo is distinctly curled. Eyes begin to form.

At 6 weeks it is less than ½ an inch long, but brain waves can be recorded. There are the first movements, and the spine is clearly visible.

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

At 7 weeks they have clearly defined fingers, he moves his hands. The unborn female has 600,000 germ ova in her developing body.

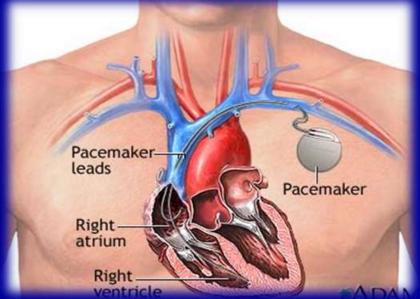


At 8 weeks the unborn child becomes a fetus (which is Latin for "young one"). This is when the little one has an unmistakably human appearance.

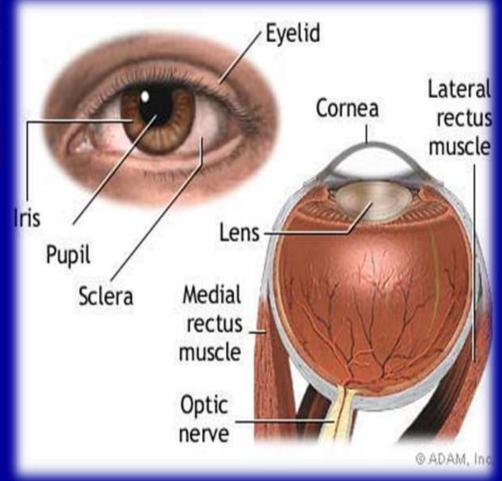
They are very animated, sometimes doing flips in the womb. All systems are laid down:-skeletal, digestive, circulatory and respiratory.

#### THE HUMAN BODY!





#### SHOWS INTELLIGENT DESIGN!



#### Self-organization or evidence of Design? A cell magnified a 1000 million times

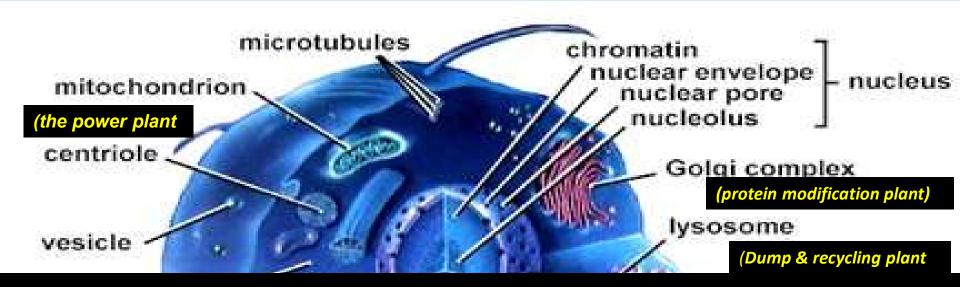
microtubules

chromatin

nuclear envelope mitochondrion nuclear pore nucleolus (the power plant centriole, Golgi complex (protein modification plant) lysosome vesicle Dump & recycling plant **Even the** simplest cytosol flagellum of life forms are highly plasma membrane pieces of smooth rough endoplasmic endoplasmic biological reticulum ribosomes reticulum machinery. (protein building plant

sophisticated

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Lysosome - garbage dump (contains enzymes which rip apart degraded molecules for future use.)

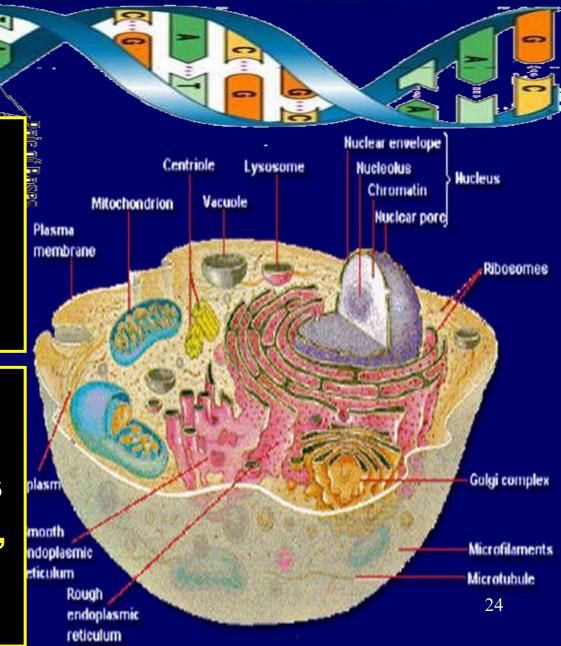
Endoplasmic reticulum's - (rough & smooth) Rough membrane system where the proteins are synthesized – the rough appearance is due to the ribosome's attached to it. (a ribosome synthesizes proteins.)

Golgi complex - proteins are sent here after synthesis for modification.

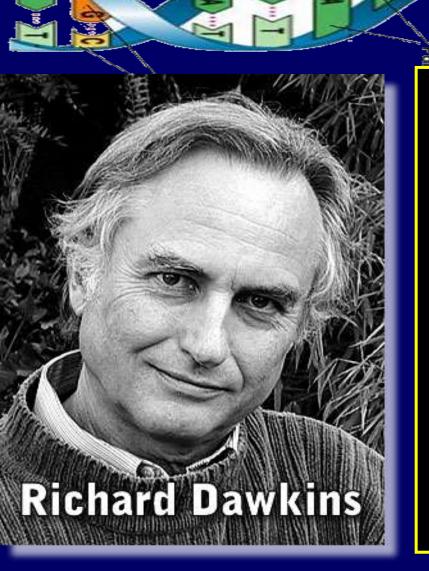
#### IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY . .

We're told that finding or creating a simple molecule of amino acid is evidence of "life,"

yet DNA of even a simple E. coli bacteria cell contains 4.6 million base pairs, or 9.2 million bits of information.

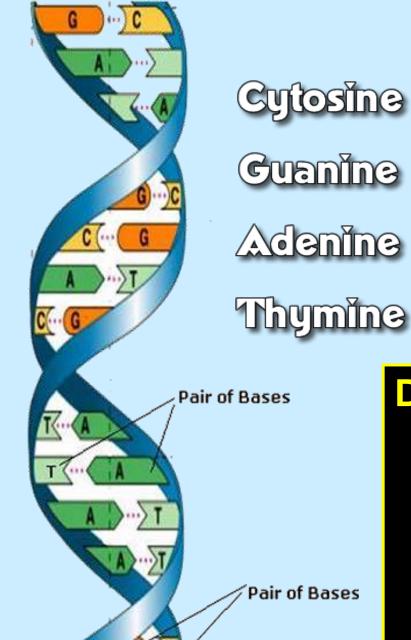


#### IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY.



"The cell's nucleus "contains a digitally coded database larger, in information content, than all 30 volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica put together. And this figure is for EACH CELL, not all the cells of a body put together" (1986, The Blind Watchmaker (New York: W.W.

Norton pp. 17-18, emp. in orig.).





DNA is the template that stores the information, and the messenger RNA is a copy that transfers the information to the protein-making machinery.

Today we cannot spend the time we would like to spend, speaking about the many attributes of God.

God's greatness. (transcendence.)

God's goodness. (immanence.)

God's Omniscience. (all knowledge.)

God's Omnipotence. (All Powerful.)

God's Omnipresence. (Everywhere at once.)

### Is this part of OUR problem today? Have lost the AWE and the REVERENCE of the unknown?

Those secret things that no man can know. That great GLORY OF GOD that no man can see and live. That great person of God that no human mind can hold and sustain.

One man said that "today's society spells God with a small 'g' and man with a capital 'M'."

Let us beware when contemplating and thinking about God, that we do not strip God of the great mystery of His Godliness.

Gives Me an Elevated View of Mankind:Unlike the lower creatures man is "in the image" and "after the likeness" of God. (Genesis 1:26;)

"I am not an animal mainly driven by instinct and appetite. No, I am a rational, reasoning, moral and spiritual being "a little lower" than the angels and not "far from God."

"This knowledge causes me to stand in AWE of God who CREATED me, making me wonder why HE has LOVED me so?" (Psalms 8:1–9;)

## What have we reduced God to? This great transcendent, superior, being.

Have WE brought Him down and stripped Him of all His power, Of all His sovereignty, of all of His dignity? Have WE made ourselves god over Him?

We don't worship the Bible, we worship God! He is greater than what the Bible depicts, He is greater than any language describes.

He is greater than any vision, He is greater than any concept imaginable, any thought that can enter into the heart or mind of any child of God.

God's Transcendence-Should Inspire Humility Paul said to Timothy:- 1 Tim 3:16; "Great is the mystery of godliness." There is a danger in the age in which we live that we bring everything down to a manageable level. Where we feel that we have God in a box, that we can UNDERSTAND Him, we can **DEFINE** Him, we can speak of all His attributes and His persons that are revealed to us,

We forget that the secret things belong unto our God and there is a measure of mystery and paradox in God. Let us NEVER lose the mystery of God.





### As obedient followers of Jesus WE KNOW That DEITY has come to dwell in us.

Perhaps our Christian life is becoming lukewarm, informal and half-hearted, and our loyalties are divided:Why does that happen? Because we are not TRUSTING in and RESTING in the LOVE of God!

Handley Moule was the Bishop of Durham, and there was a colliery disaster, he went down with his Bible in his hand to try to bring some comfort to these people who had been bereaved and were mourning.

He didn't know what he was going to say, he was lost for words, he opened his Bible at a particular place where he had a bookmark.

He lifted up that bookmark and showed them on one side was a picture

A tangle of coloured threads, and he said:
"This is the disaster in your life, It does not seem as if there is any way through it, there are things you CANNOT understand.

He turned the book mark over, It simply said, GOD IS LOVE. He said:-Behind it all, there IS a LOVING God."

Do we believe this?
Will we LIVE, as if we believe this?
Will we give God the Glory, Honour and Praise in our Worship THAT HE DESERVES.

God still is INCOMPREHENSIBLE in His essence and in His divine nature BUT He has condescended to REVEAL HIMSELF in the incarnation of His own Son.

This should Inspire a Deep Respect For God and HIS Word. 2 Tim 3:16-17;

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives.

It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.

It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good, God wants us to do."

#### Ephesian 2:5-8; represents:-

- 1) Two sides of Salvation! Human and Divine.
- 2) Two elements of salvation! -Grace and Faith.
- 3) Two aspects of salvation! Positive and negative. By Grace Through Faith; But not of Works.

## Out of the attributes of God's MERCY and JUSTICE Comes the concept of God's GRACE.

"GRACE is God giving US
what we don't deserve."

"By contrast, MERCY is God NOT
giving us what we DO deserve."

### Paul teaches that we "ALL have sinned and come short of God's glory." (Rom 3:23;)

### As such, we are in our sins and in need of salvation.

### Our salvation can come only through Jesus Christ.

Jn 14:6; 1 Thess 5:9-10; Acts 4:12; 2 Thess 2:14; "Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father but by Me."

## Here is our REAL motivation to WORSHIP, HONOUR AND PRAISE. God's GRACE revealed to us through Jesus.

Without Christ Jesus, we would NOT have access to the Grace of God.

The Grace of God comes THROUGH Jesus Christ and the sacrifice that He made on the cross.

Without HIS sacrifice who could ever know or receive the Grace of God.

A fact that all agree on, is that we cannot by ourselves or through our own means obtain the GRACE (favour) of God.

To receive the benefits of the Grace that God offers, we must go to Christ.

The Grace of God has come by (or through) the Death & RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ.

The fact that Jesus Christ died is significant.

But if that is ALL He did, then
we have NO hope (no access) to God's Grace.

It was through the RESURRECTION of JESUS CHRIST that God's Grace became effective.

In this act we realize the true significance of God's Grace. Before Christ came into this world to be our sacrifice for sins, WE were DEAD in our sins.

Christ did not come because we were so good or great.

He came because we were sinners and if we continued in our sin we would PERISH.

Whenever we think about the Grace of God, we must understand this fact.

Jesus' Sacrifice makes Grace = Grace.

**ROMANS 5:6-8;** 

### "But God shows His love for us in that while we were:-"



GOD LOVED US ANYWAY AND ALWAYS HAS DONE!

Ephesians 2:4-10; "But because of His great love for us God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our sins, it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms IN Christ Jesus,"

"in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God"

"not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are God's workmanship,

created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do."

I believe that because God CREATED US and because God KNOWS US so well, God has a PURPOSE and a MEANING for our lives. We were created so "fearfully and wonderfully"

and we are known so intimately and so extensively, because WE are not AFTER THOUGHTS or ACCIDENTS in God's own "grand design."

We are the crowning achievement of God's creative expression.

We were CREATED to GLORIFY and PRAISE God from now until eternity, not only WITH OUR WORDS and WORSHIP, but also with our lives.

We Offer up our Worship and Praise to God.

With every fibre of every cell!

With every strand of DNA!

With every nerve and muscle and bone,
from the top of our heads to the bottom of our feet.

We are to LOVE GOD with our entire HEART, SOUL, MIND, and STRENGTH and LOVE our NEIGHBOURS as ourselves.

Would God have gone to all that trouble to intricately weave us as marvellously as God did. For anything less, for any inferior purpose, than to bring Him Worship, Glory, Honour and Praise?

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The nail-scarred hands of the
Lord Jesus Christ, PULLS US toward God
and whispers in His still small voice:
'BEHOLD YOUR GOD!'

"Strangely I sensed Him everywhere, The God I ached to find. Yet, could not find Him anywhere, Above, before, behind.

Mystery amazing, love unknown, In human form He stands, He calls with tender human tone, Uplifting nail-torn hands.

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Yes, for in Jesus, God most high Has come from heaven above, To answer all my aching cry, With His, redeeming love.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, My Saviour, King divine. For in MY Saviour, now I see: Lo God, and heaven, are MINE!"

### OUR GOD IS A CREATOR GOD! OUR GOD IS A GOD OF ALL GRACE!

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