A scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing a complex, porous, and fibrous biological structure, likely a cross-section of a plant stem or a similar natural material. The image is in grayscale and features a dense network of fibers and cellular structures. The text "The Origin of Death" is overlaid in a large, bold, white font with a black outline, centered on the image.

The Origin of Death

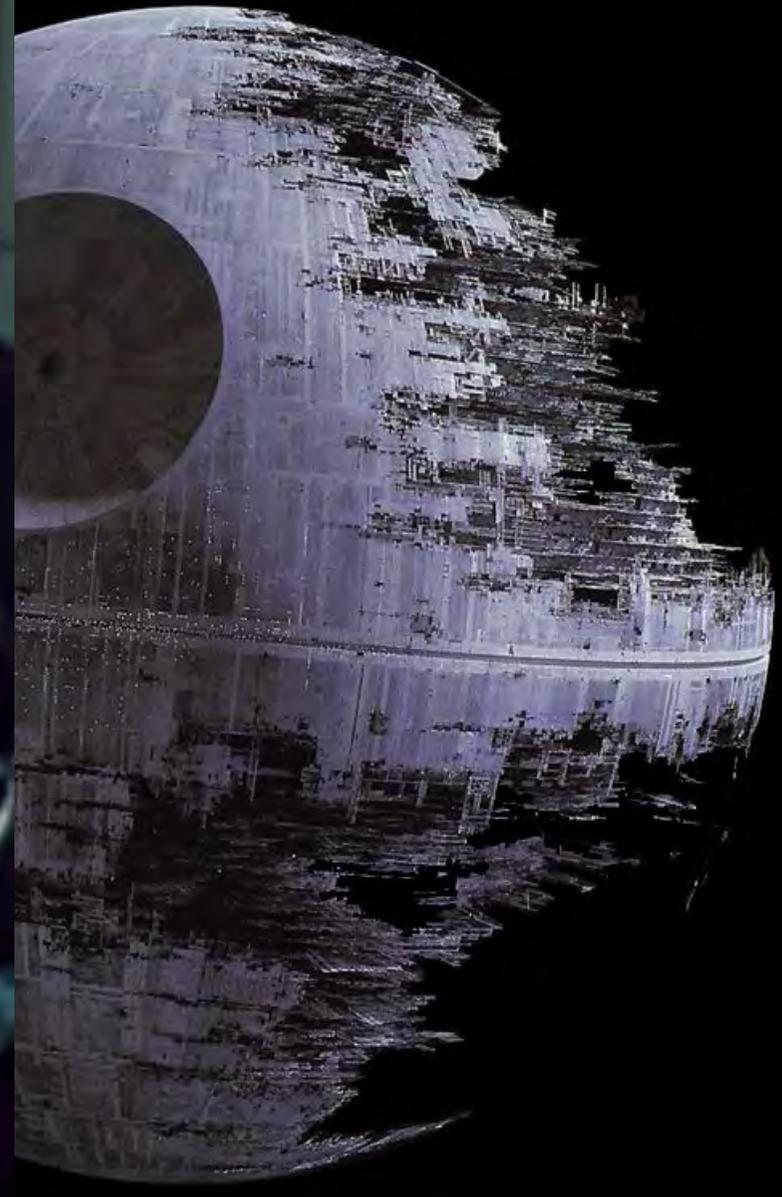
OK, good job, folks.
We are getting some
actionable items
here. Let's study
group this.

Dark gray Pink



~~Really bad star~~
~~Nasty star~~
Death star

Death Star



A New Hotel in Baku, Azerbaijan



The Death Star
Hotel

Physical Death

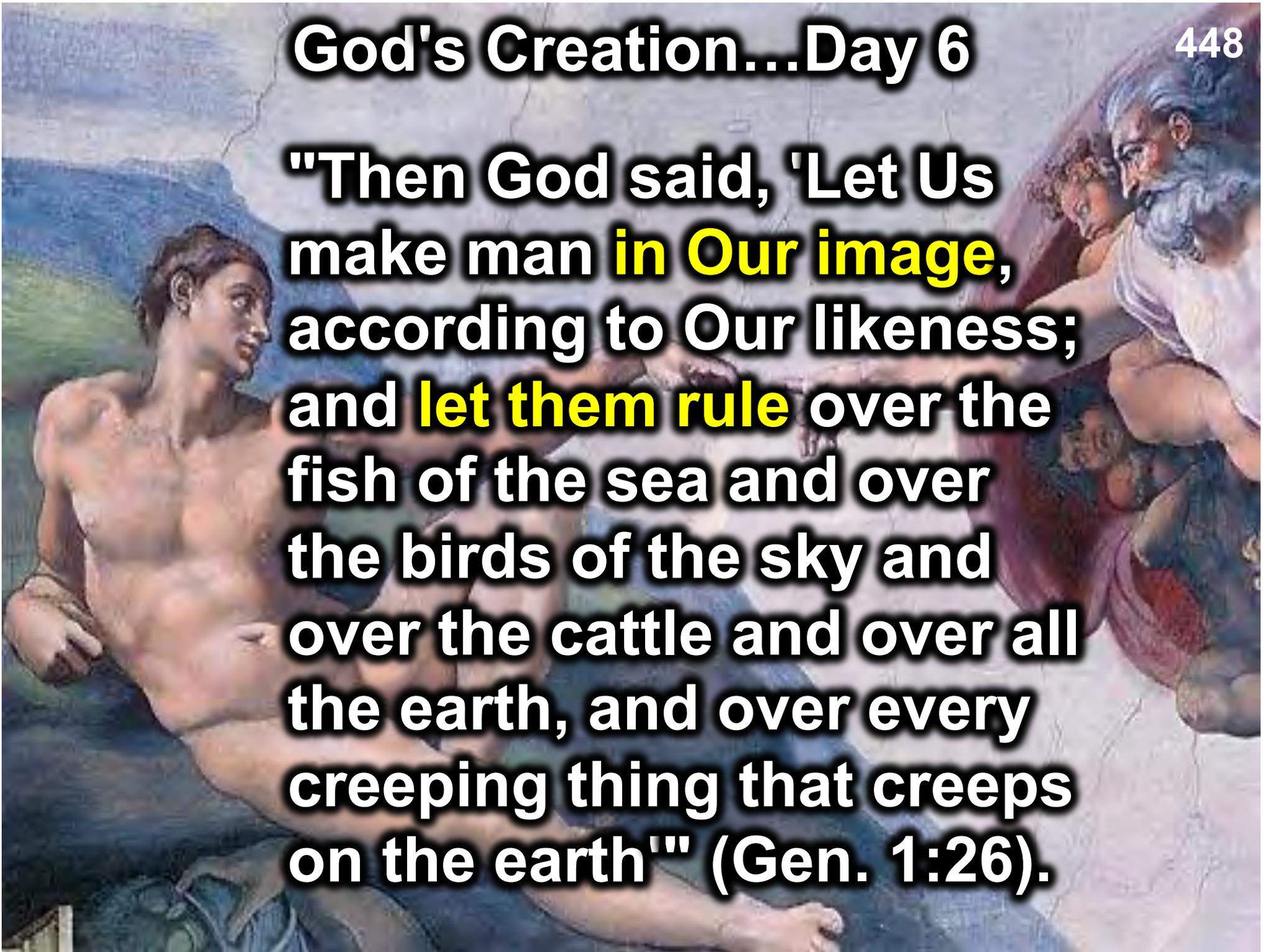
A photograph of a large cemetery with many rows of white headstones in a green field. The headstones are arranged in neat, parallel rows that recede into the distance. The grass is a vibrant green, and the sky is not visible. The overall scene is orderly and somber.

For Your Small Group:

**Most people don't like to think or talk about death.
Why not?**

God's Creation...Day 6

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to Our likeness; and **let them rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth'" (Gen. 1:26).

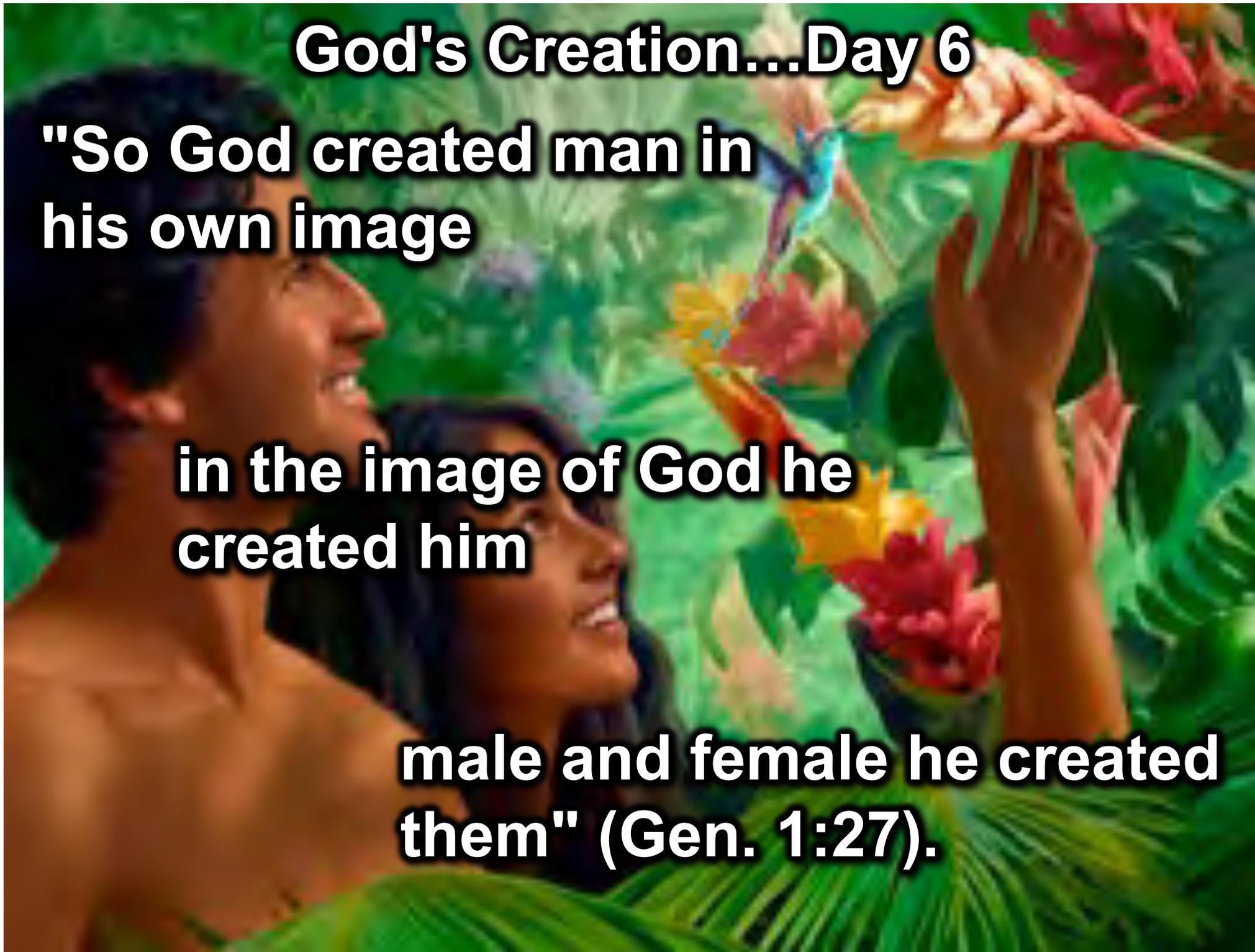


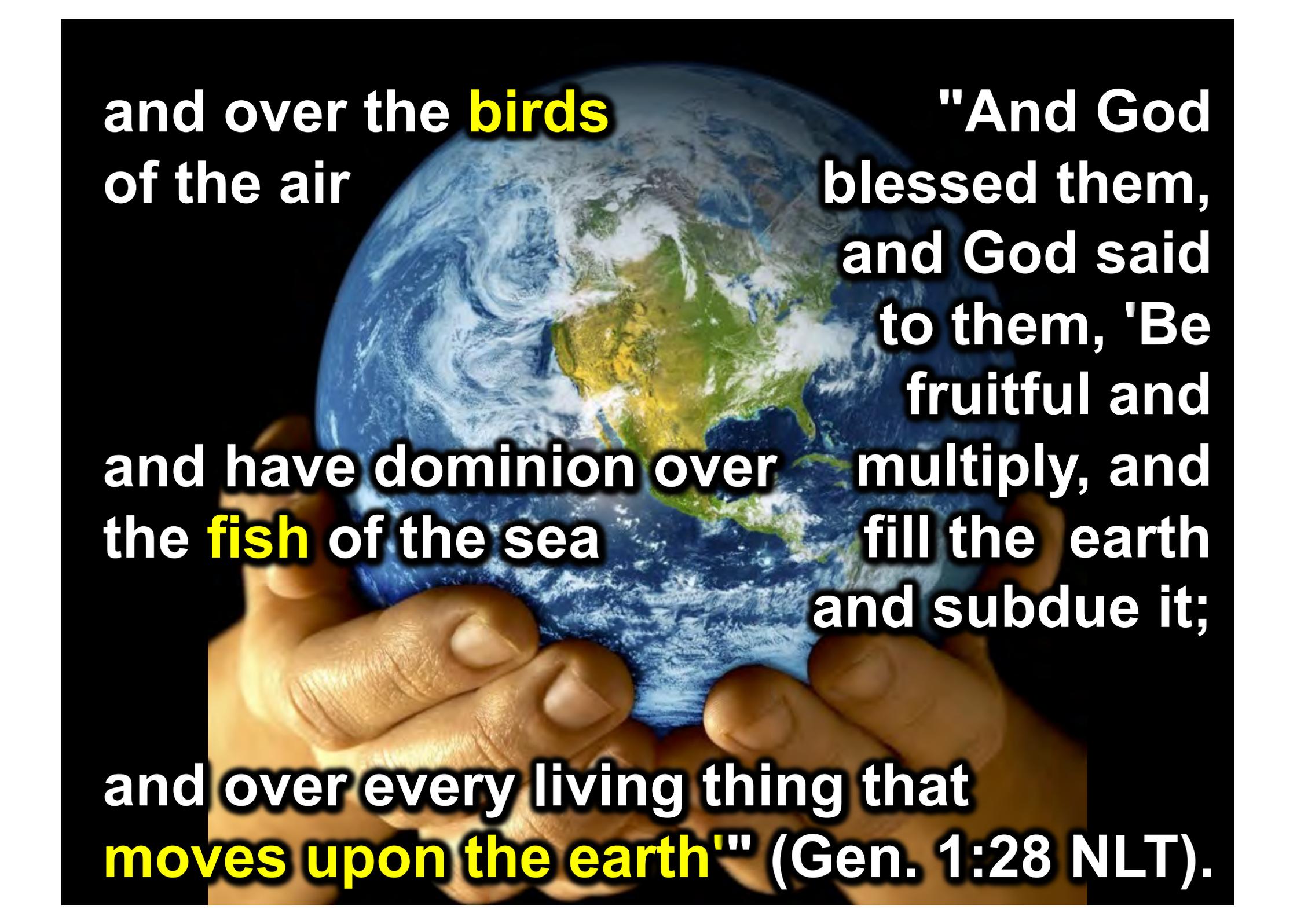
God's Creation...Day 6

**"So God created man in
his own image**

**in the image of God he
created him**

**male and female he created
them" (Gen. 1:27).**



A pair of hands is shown holding a small, realistic globe of the Earth. The globe is centered on the Americas, showing North and South America in green and yellow, surrounded by blue oceans and white clouds. The hands are positioned at the bottom and sides of the globe, with fingers gently gripping it. The background is solid black, making the globe and hands stand out.

and over the **birds**
of the air

and have dominion over
the **fish** of the sea

and over every living thing that
moves upon the earth" (Gen. 1:28 NLT).

"And God
blessed them,
and God said
to them, 'Be
fruitful and
multiply, and
fill the earth
and subdue it;

"The LORD God commanded the man, saying, 'From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die'" (Gen. 2:16-17 NAU).

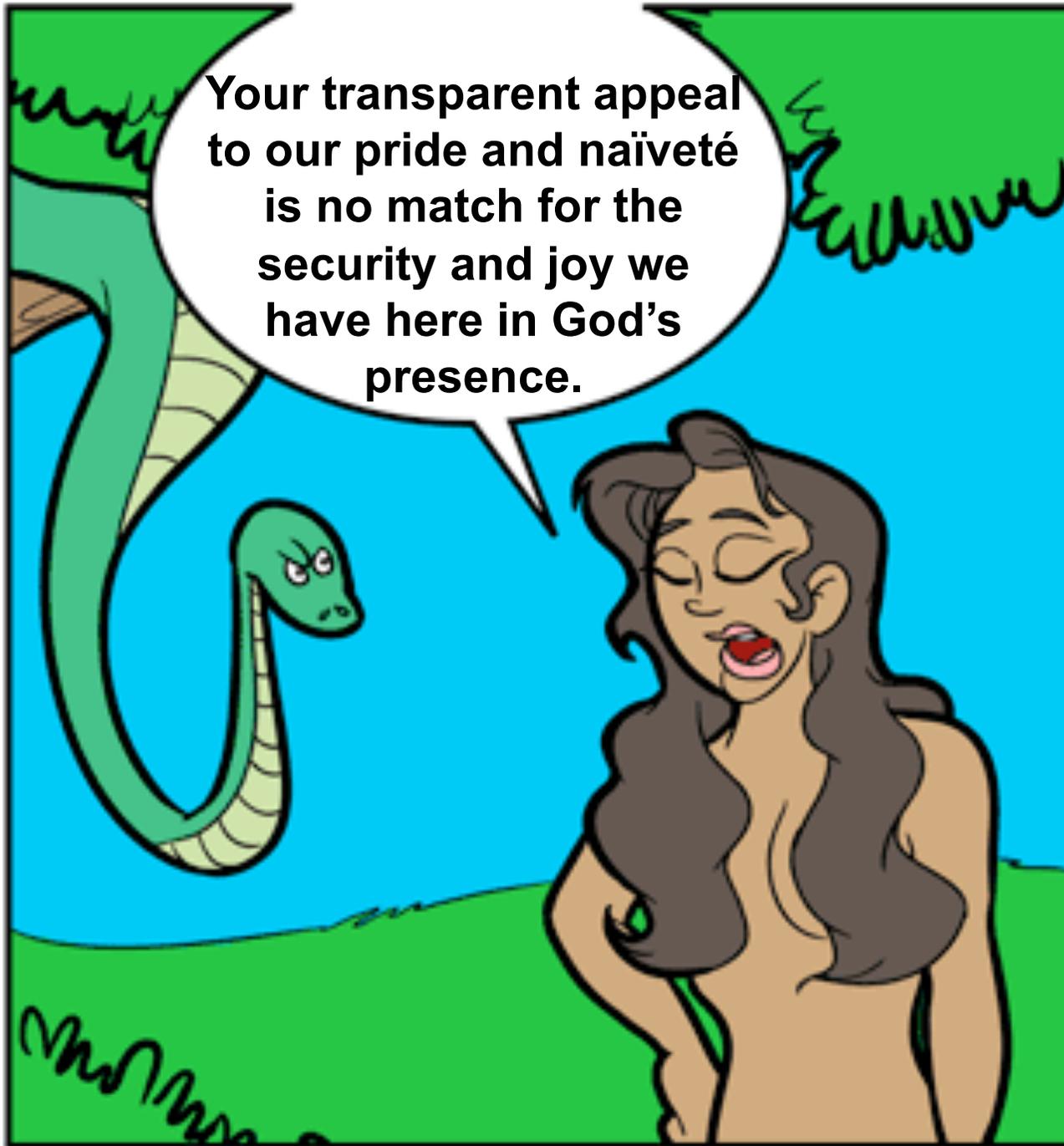


"But the LORD God warned him, 'You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden ¹⁷—except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die'" (Gen. 2:16-17 NLT).





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to our pride and naïveté
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have here in God's
presence.





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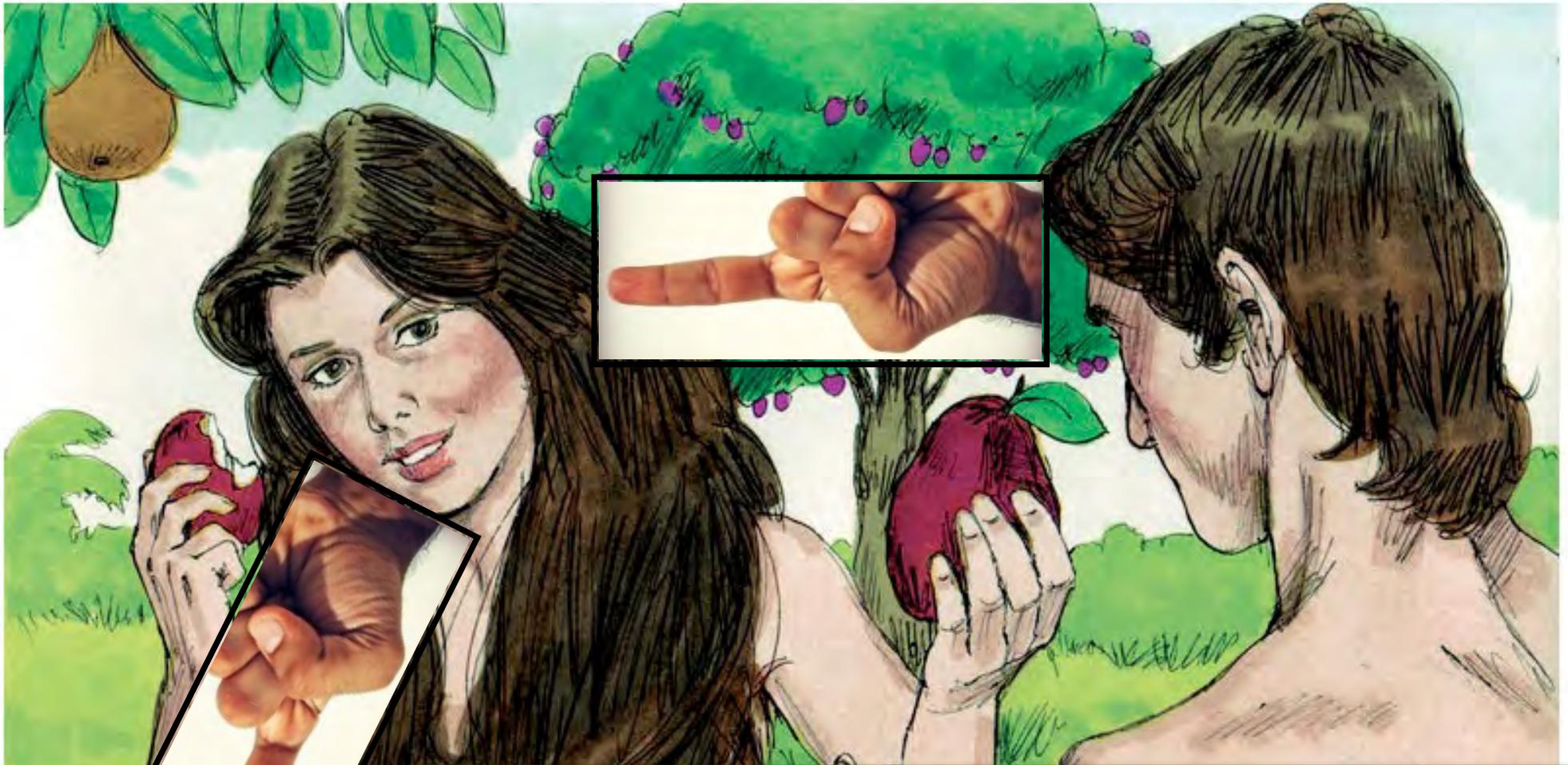
והנחש היה ערום מכל חית השדה אשר עשה יְהוָה אלהים

"The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too" (3:6 NLT).





The Blame Game



The Blame Game



**Adam did not die for another 930 years
(Gen. 5:5), but he did die**



Death is Real

- **Everyone dies eventually (by old age, accident, war, murder, natural disaster, famine, etc.)**
- **No one can avoid one's own death**



“...man is destined to die once,
and after that to face judgment”
(Hebrews 9:27)

Types of Death

Three Types of Death

1. **Spiritual** **Sep** Gen. 35:18-19 (NAU) "It came about as **[Rachel's] soul was departing (for she died)**, that she named him Ben-oni ["son of my sorrow"]; but his father called him Benjamin ["son of my right hand"].
 2. **Physical** **Sep** 19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to ^bEphrath (that is, Bethlehem)."
 3. **Second** **Sep** Eccl. 12:7 (NIV) "and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the **spirit returns to God** who gave it."
- James 2:26 (NIV) "As the **body without the spirit is dead**, so faith without deeds is dead."

Adam & Eve began to die **spiritually**



"By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return" (3:19 NLT).

Physical Death

Natural or Unnatural?



“Though death is both real and inevitable, it is **unnatural**. When God created the heavens and the earth, death was not part of it. And that is why, eventually, death will be finally conquered (1 Cor. 15:26).”

Physical Death

Natural or Unnatural?

“Physical death was **not an original part** of the human condition. It is something foreign and hostile. Paul pictures it as an enemy (1 Cor. 15:26).”



Physical Death

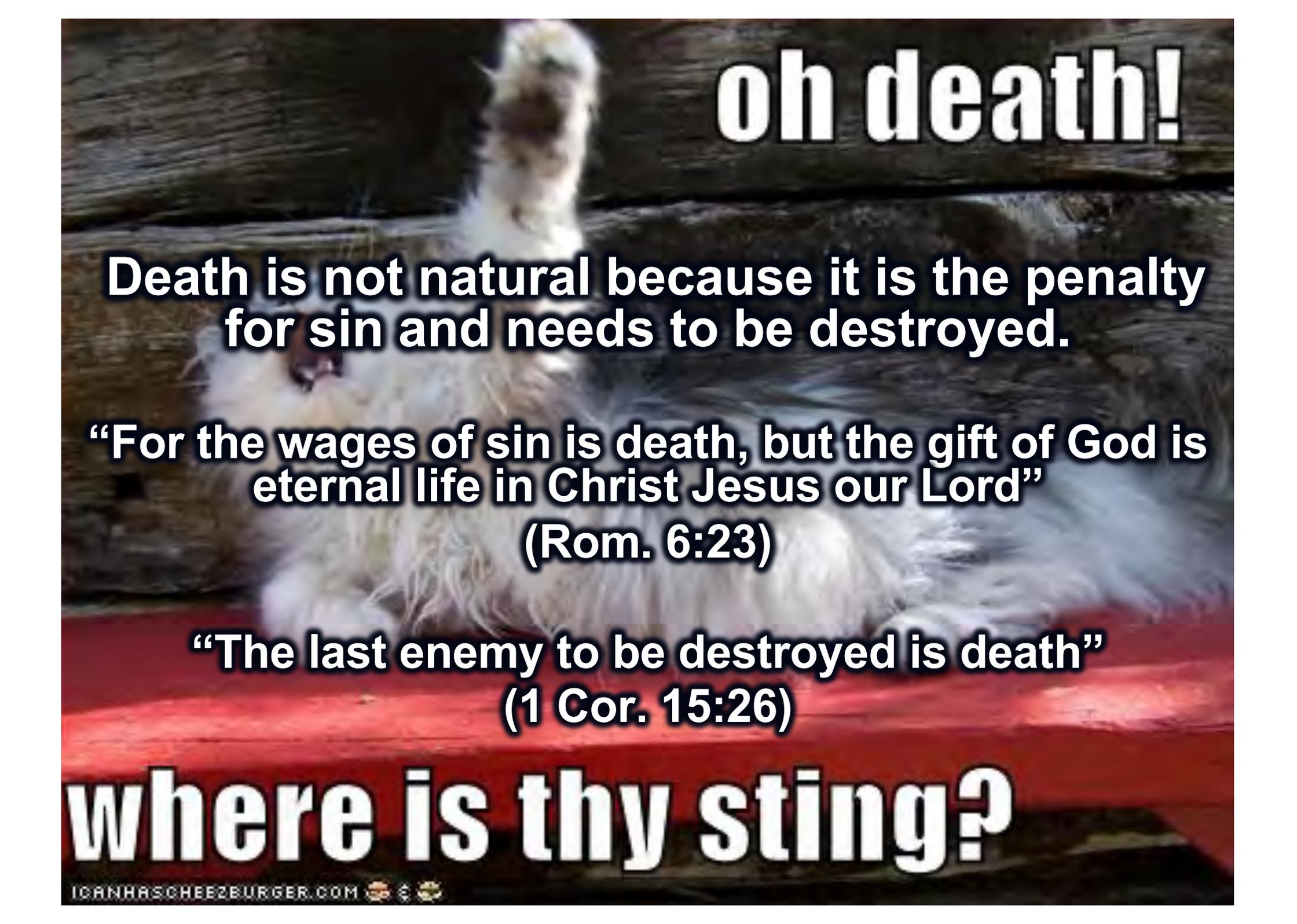
Natural or Unnatural?

“We must still remember that death is **not natural**, it is not right; and in a world created by God it is something that ought not to be. It is an enemy, something that Christ will finally destroy (1 Cor. 15:26)”



Summary of Types of Death

	Spiritual	Physical	Second
<i>Definition: Separation</i>	of man & God	of body & soul/spirit	of man & God
<i>Experienced by</i>	unbelievers only	all mankind	unbelievers only
<i>Location of soul</i>	earth	Hades or Paradise/Heaven	Hell (Lake of Fire)
<i>Part of man affected</i>	soul	body	soul and body
<i>Time period involved</i>	before conversion	between life & resurrection	after resurrection
<i>Duration</i>	temporal	temporal	eternal
<i>Key passage</i>	Eph. 2:1, 5, 12	James 2:26	Rev. 20:14-15



oh death!

Death is not natural because it is the penalty for sin and needs to be destroyed.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”

(Rom. 6:23)

“The last enemy to be destroyed is death”

(1 Cor. 15:26)

where is thy sting?

Reponses to Death

Death to the Unsaved = Fear:

- **Death is a curse, penalty, & enemy.**
- **They will experience physical, spiritual, and eternal death for not believing in Christ as their Savior.**
- **Therefore, the penalty for sin is upon them in these three areas of death (Rom. 6:23).**

Reponses to Death

Death of the Believer



- The believer still dies physically, but its curse is gone because Christ himself become a curse for us by dying on the cross (Gal. 3:13).
- While believers still die physically, they do not experience spiritual and eternal death.

Bicentennial Man (1998)



Reponses to Death

How should we think of our own death?



- We do not fear our own death because when we die, our spirit will be with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8).
- Scripture also assures us that death cannot separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:38-39).

Reponses to Death

How should we think of the death of Christian friends and relatives?



- We may mourn for them in sorrow.
- However, at the same time we have hope and joy because they will be with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8) and they will live with the Lord (1 Thess. 5:10).

Reponses to Death

How should we think of the death of unbelievers?

Our sorrow will be very deep because they will go through spiritual and eternal death forever.





Resurrection

Summary

For Believers...

- Our penalty for sin was paid by Jesus Christ.
- We should not fear death though we will die someday.
- We will be with our Lord Jesus when we die.
- Death is but an entrance into a better mode of life.

Death is...

- unnatural
- not God's intention
- penalty for sin
- not extinction

Future of Physical Death

Second Coming

Great White Throne Judgment

Eternal Kingdom



7 years

1000 years

Judgment

Increased

Decreased

Eliminated

Universal

Death:

The Source of Death



When did death begin?

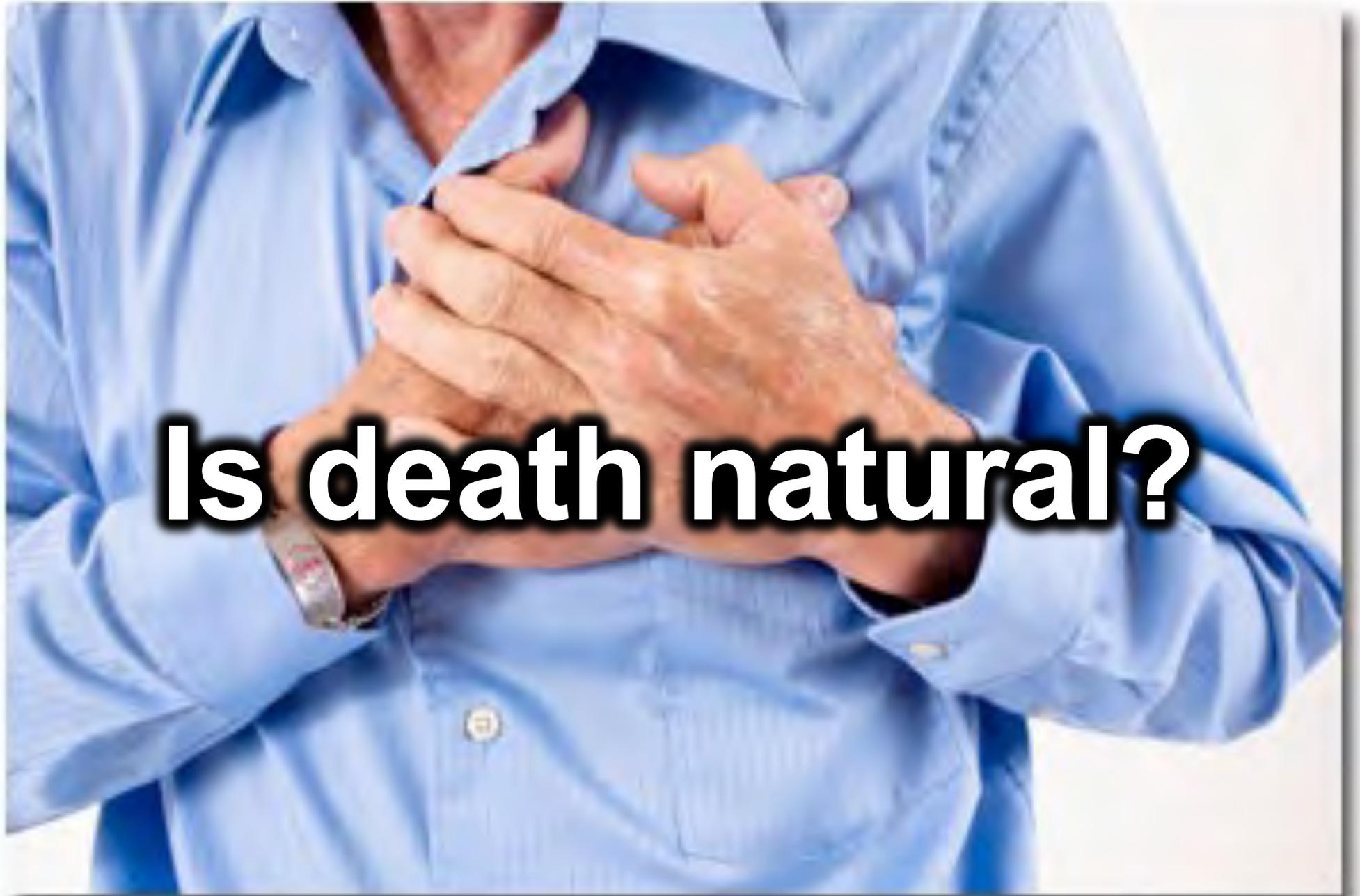
Did death exist before sin?

What do you think?

**VERY
GOOD**

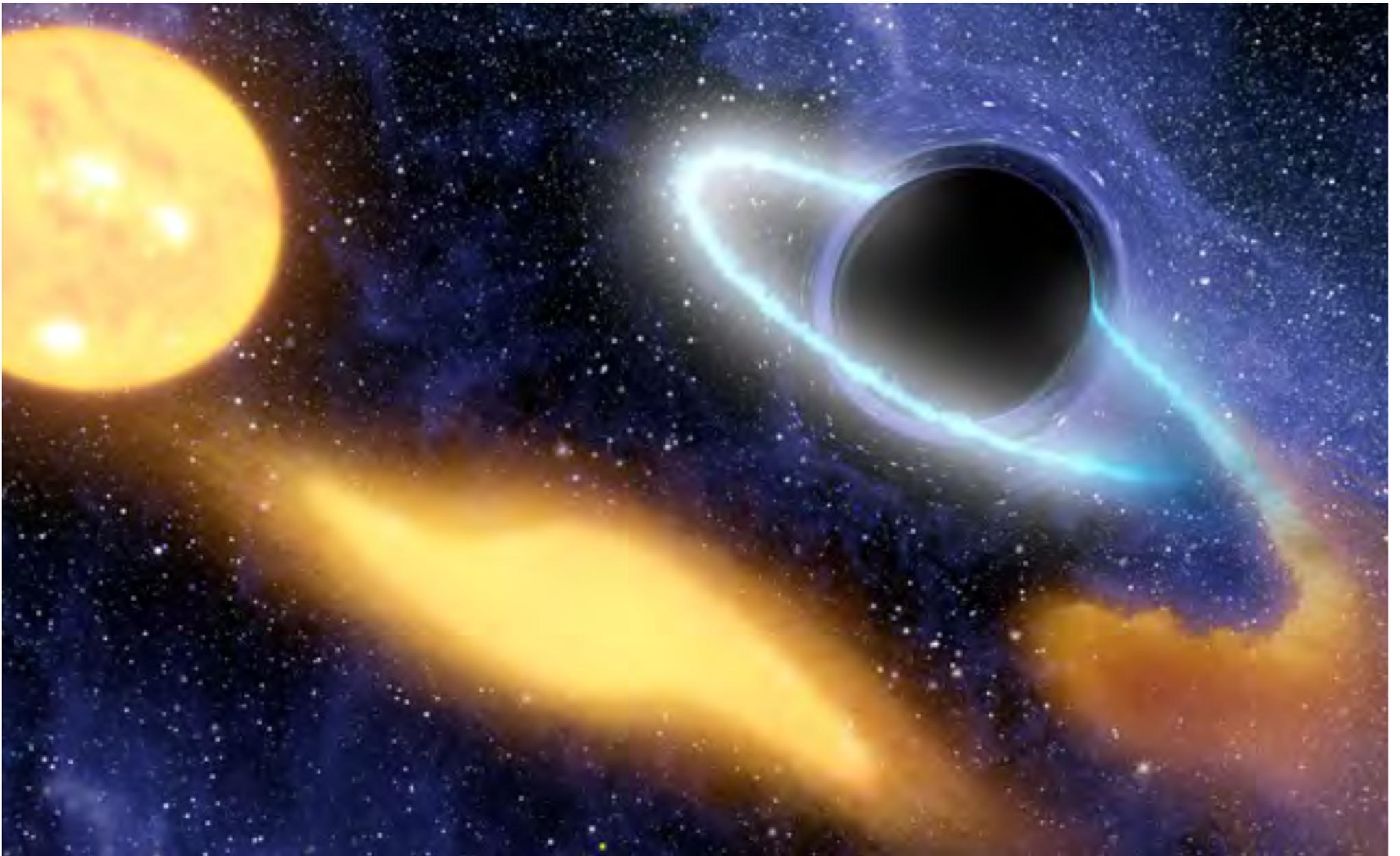


What does it mean that creation was "very good" if death existed then?



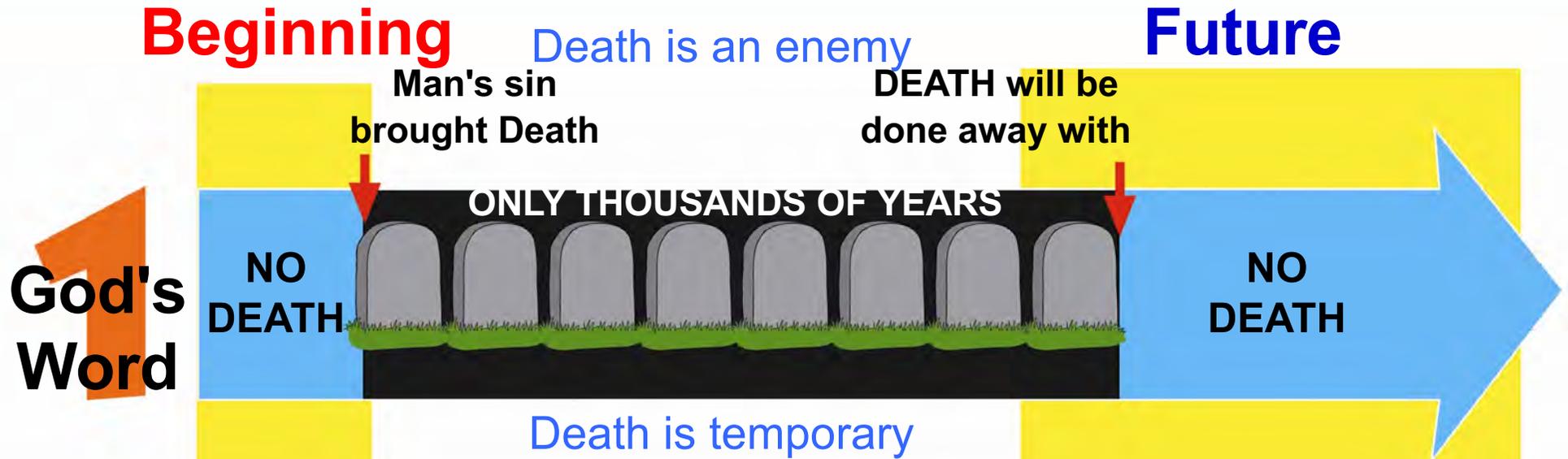
Is death natural?

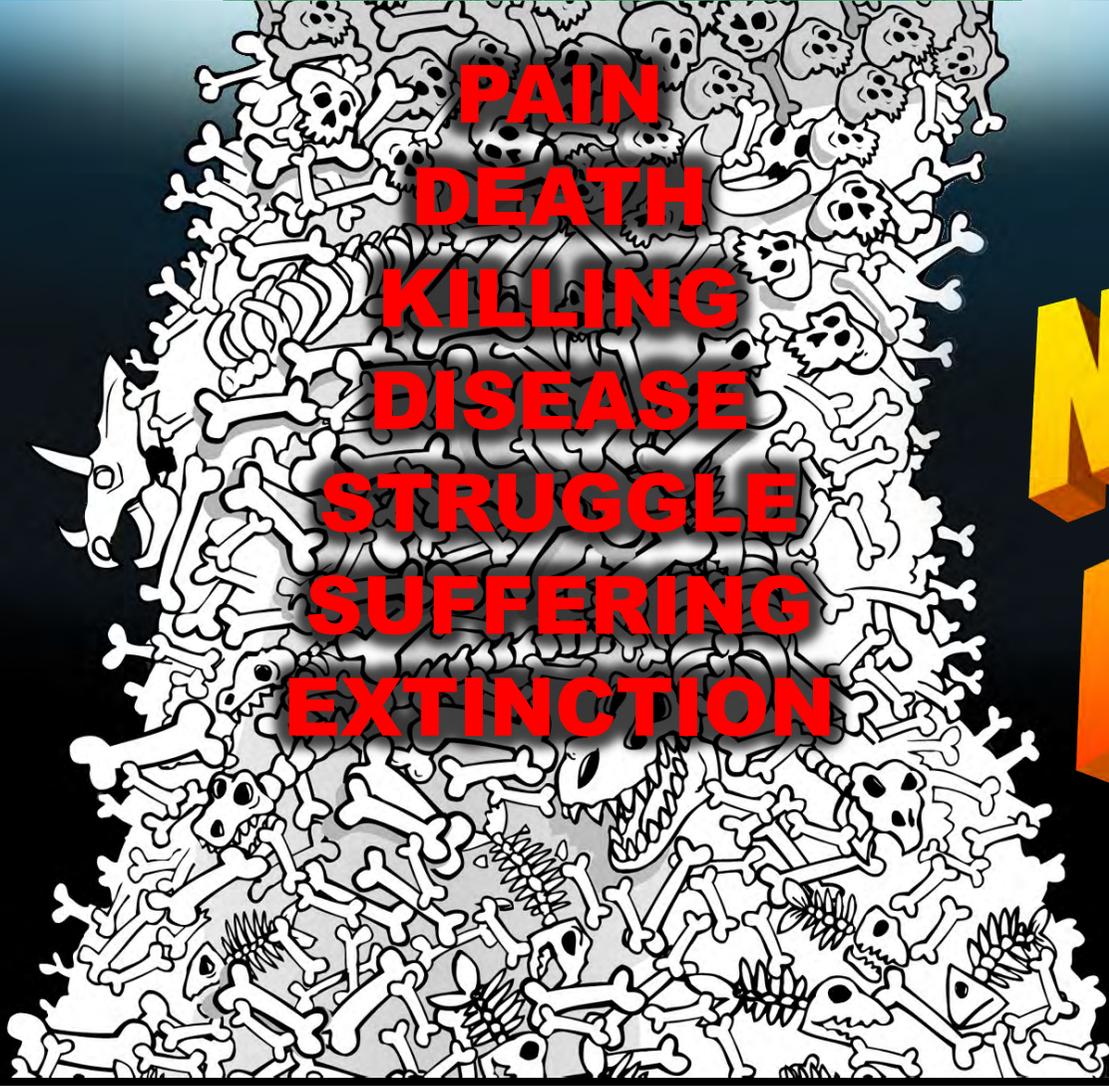
Depends on who you ask...



“Black Hole Grabs Starry Snack”

Two Histories of *Death*





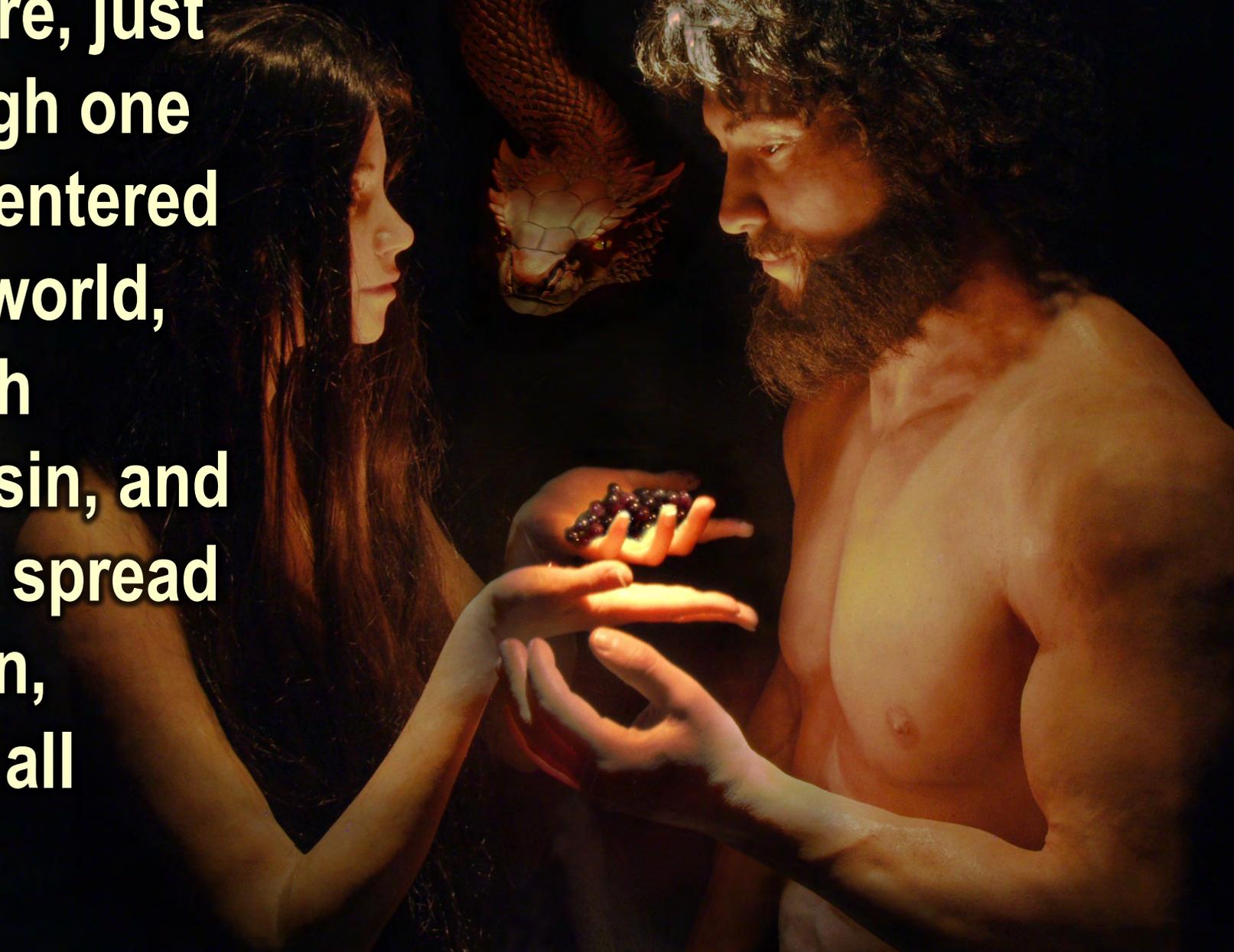
PAIN
DEATH
KILLING
DISEASE
STRUGGLE
SUFFERING
EXTINCTION

**FOSSIL
RECORD**

Noah's FLOOD

Romans 5:12 (NAU)

"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned"



Romans 5:12 (NLT)

"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned"

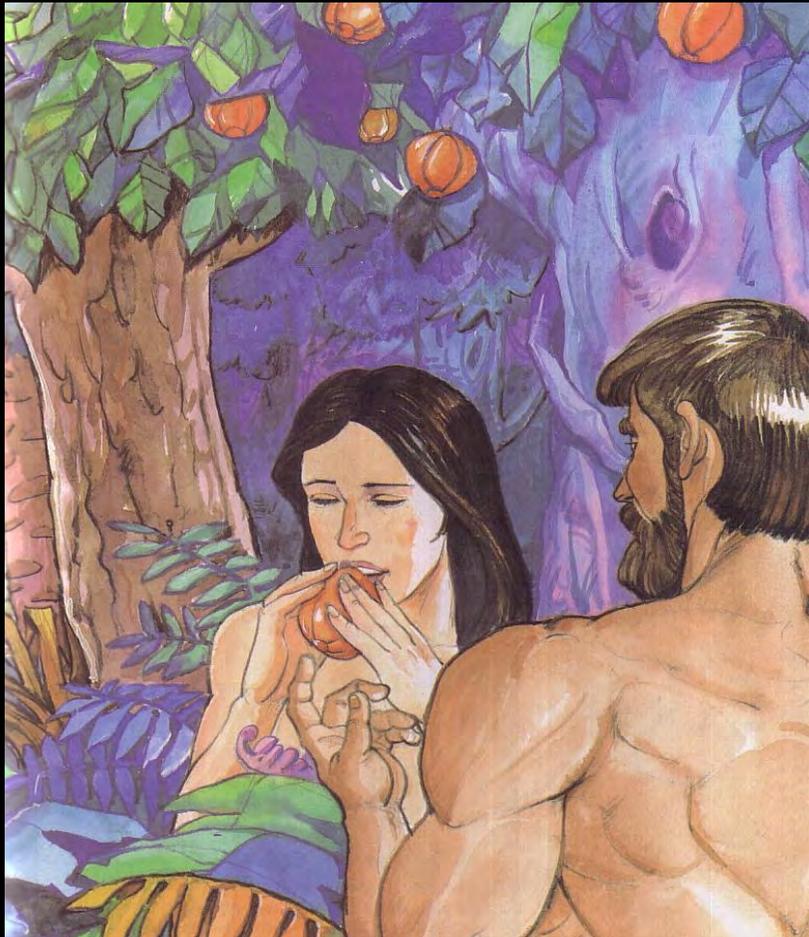


Is Genesis 1–11 Real History?

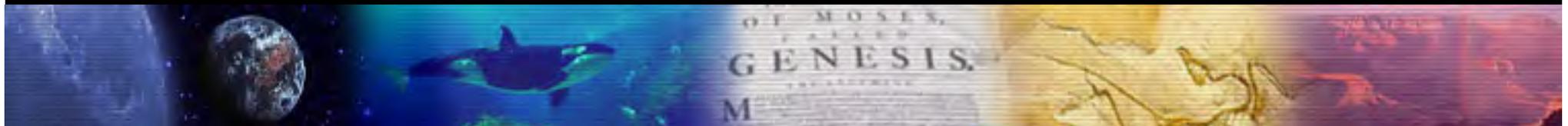
1. Myths don't teach “deep truths” better than history
2. A non-historical approach is very subjective
3. They have vital information otherwise not known
4. They fit into the book's argument emphasizing election
5. Events are presented as historical
6. Science confirms the Genesis 1–11 historical record
7. Christ affirmed their historicity (Matt. 19:4-6)



The Fall and the Origin of Moral Evil

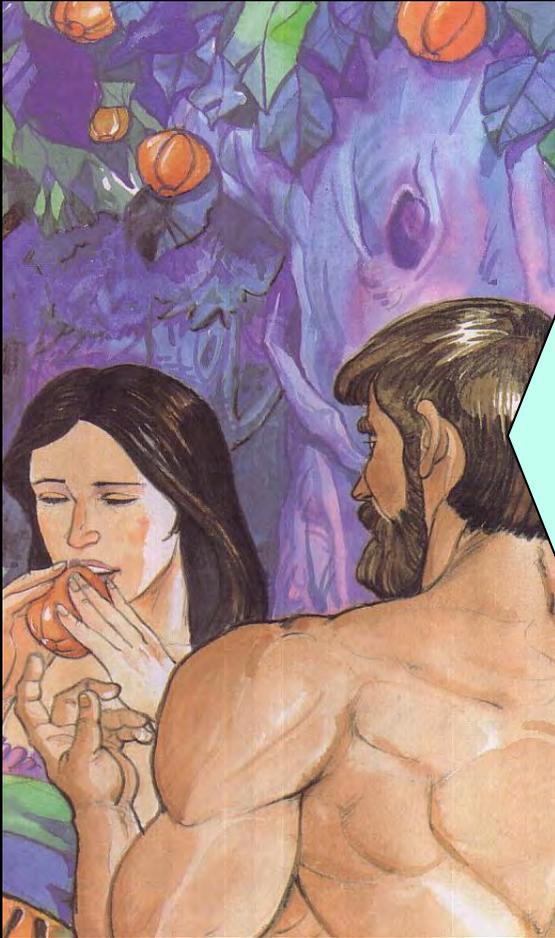


- The story of Adam and Eve is “a poetic and powerful allegory of God's plan for the entrance of the spiritual nature (the soul) and the Moral Law into humanity” (Francis Collins, 207).



Adam versus Christ

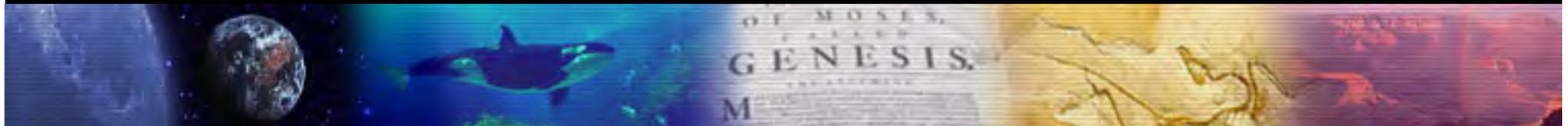
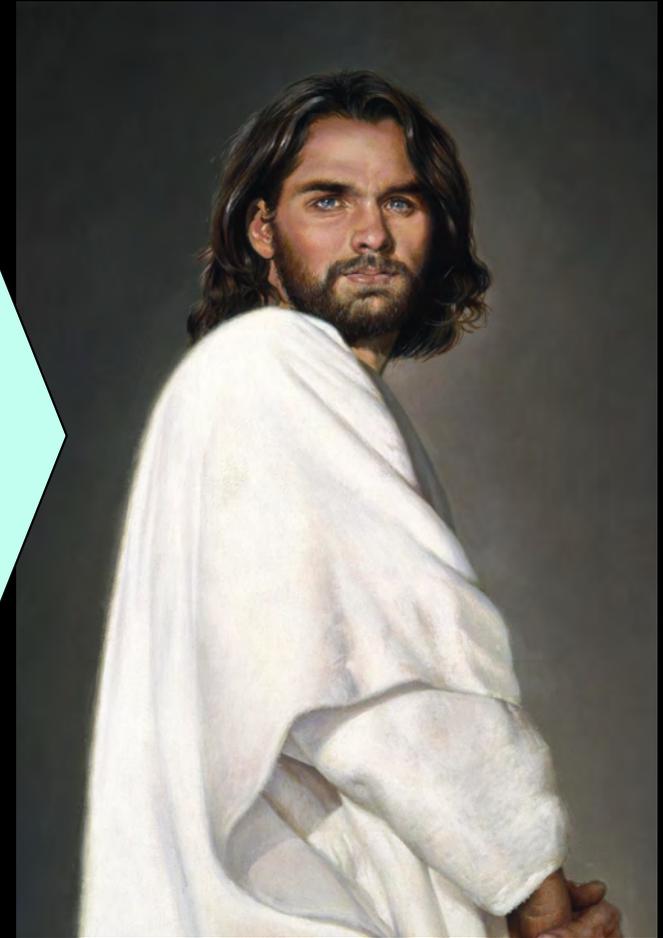
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Romans 5:12-14

1 Cor. 15:22

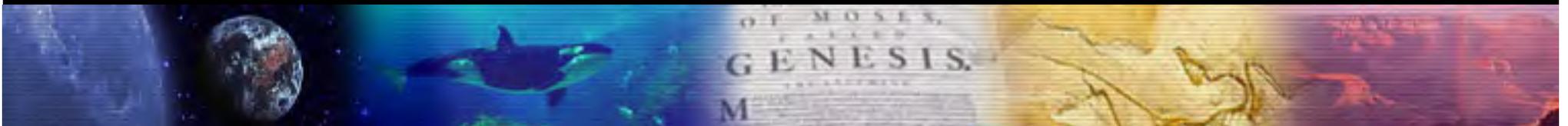
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The Origin of Man

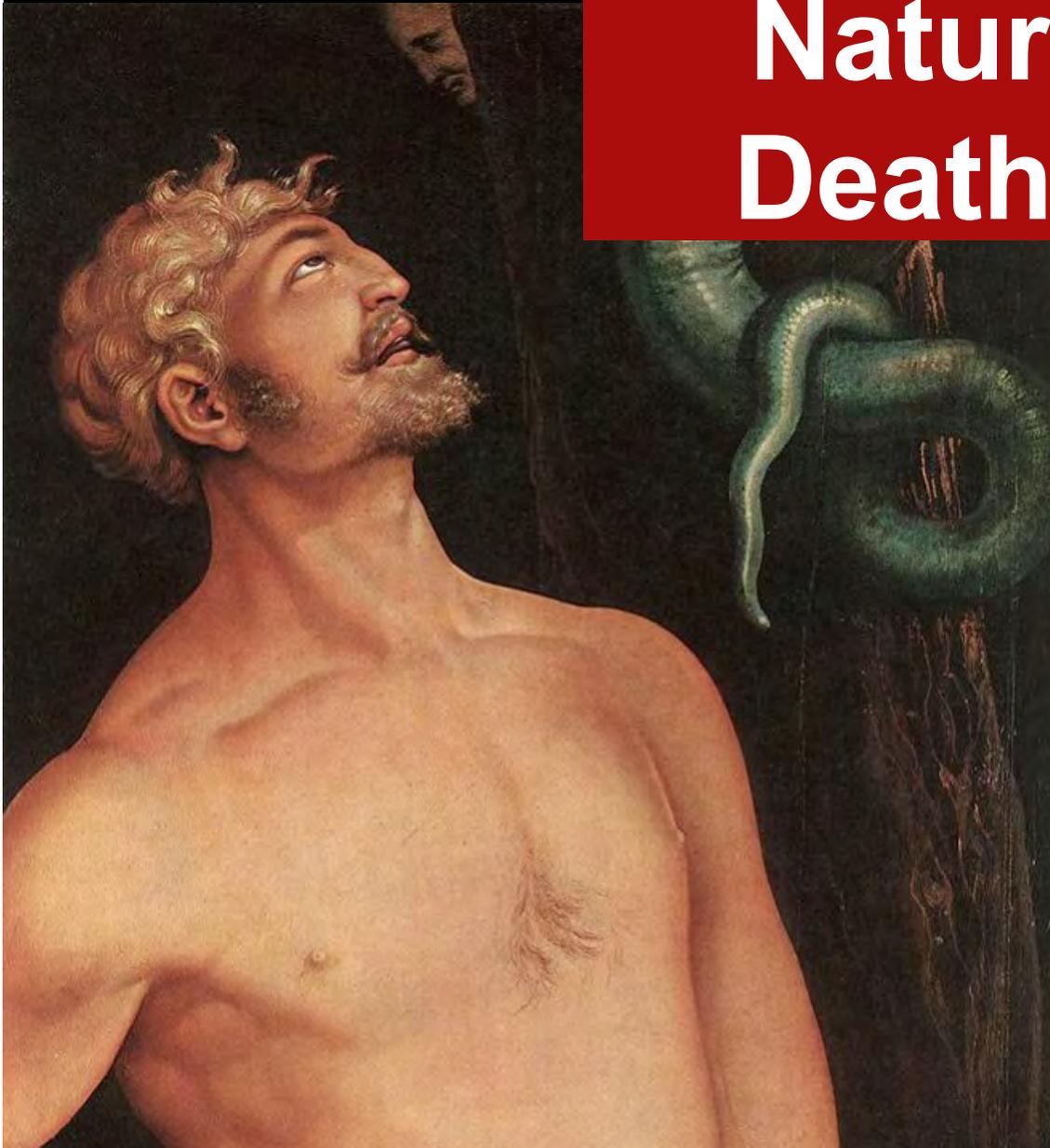


- Created from dust (Gen. 2:7; Matt. 19:4)
- Image of God (Gen. 1:26-27)—not of apes
- or... • Eve was “mother of all living” (Gen. 3:20; Acts 7:26)
- All sinned in Adam (Rom 5:12)

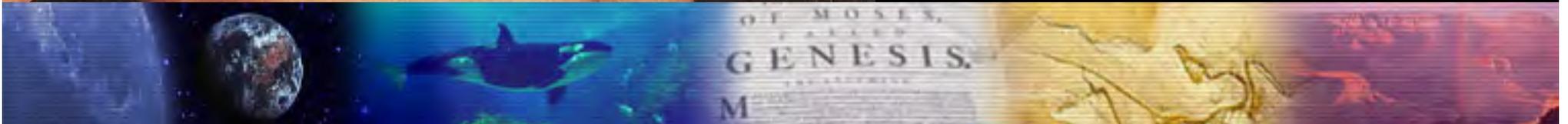


Natural Selection, Death, & Suffering Creation Going into Genesis 3:

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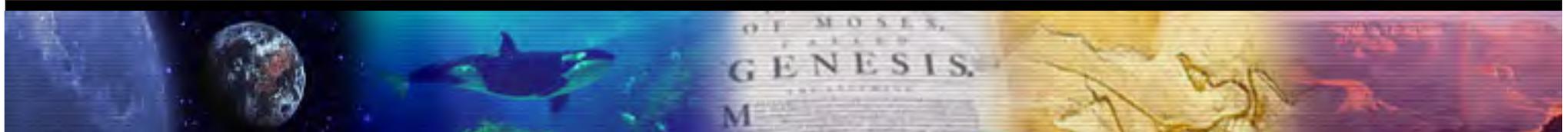
- Monotheism
- Sovereign God
- All is “Good”
- Man without sin
- No pain or evil
- Ruling with God



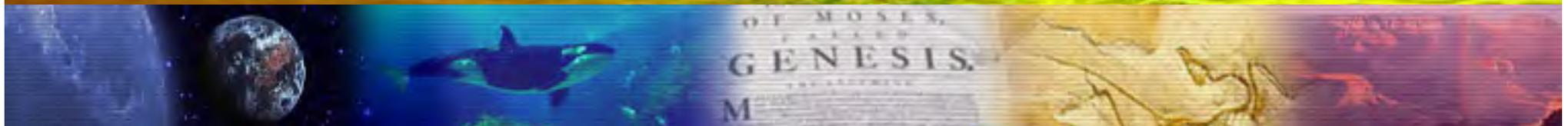
Who is Man—Really?

- Created from the dust (Gen. 2:7)—not from lower life forms
- Highest of created beings (Gen. 1:26-27)—made in God's image
- Commissioned to rule with God (Gen. 1:28)—neither an animal nor a god

MICHELANGELO • THE CREATION OF ADAM

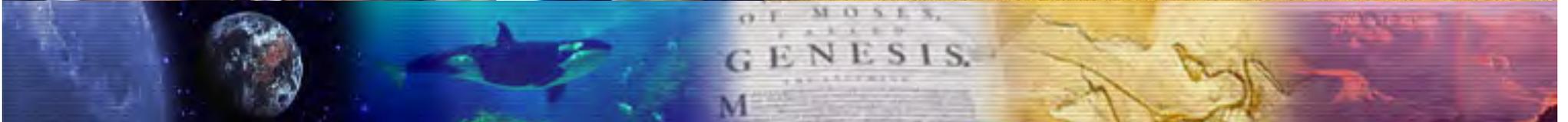
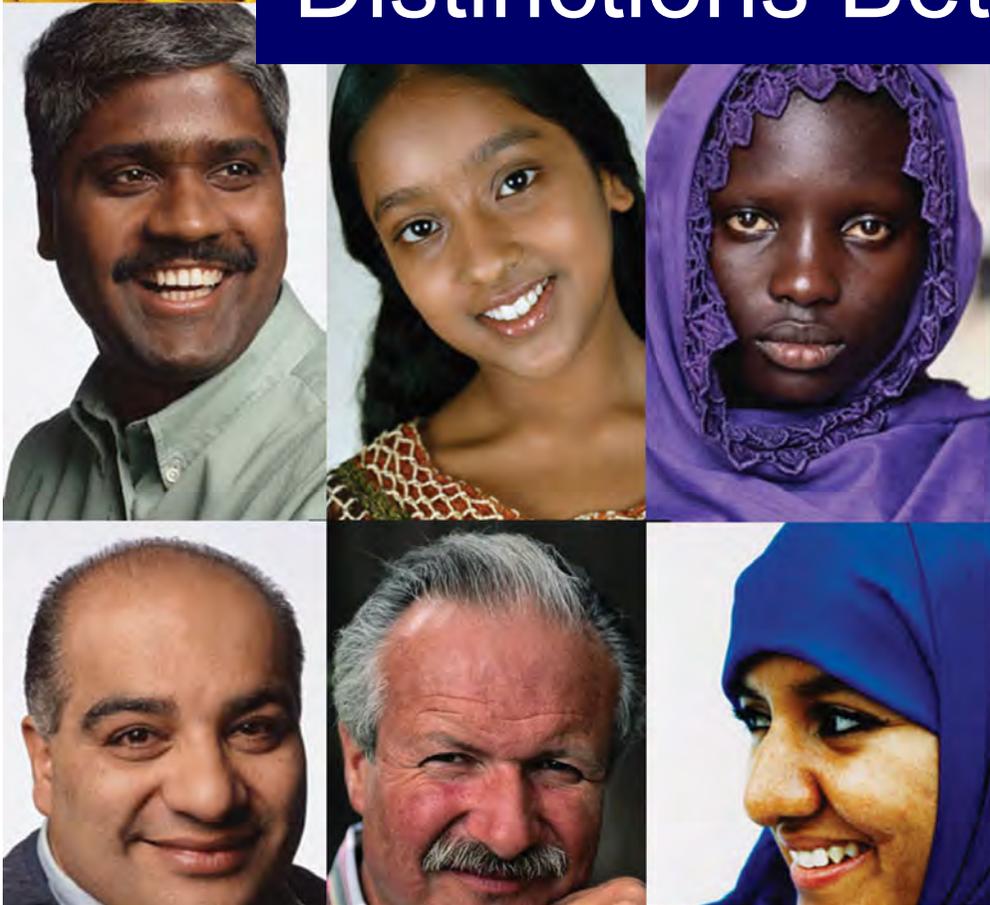


**Man, like the animals,
reproduces after his own kind**



Distinctions Between Man & Animals

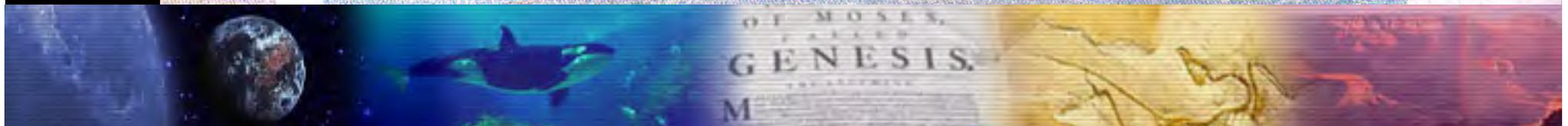
- Ability to discern truth (2:16-17)
- Ability to speak (2:23)
- Marriage & relationships (2:24)
- Creative abilities



What is this image?

- **Right to rule creation (1:26)**
- **Ability to relate to God (2:16ff.)**
- **Dignity of humankind (9:6)**

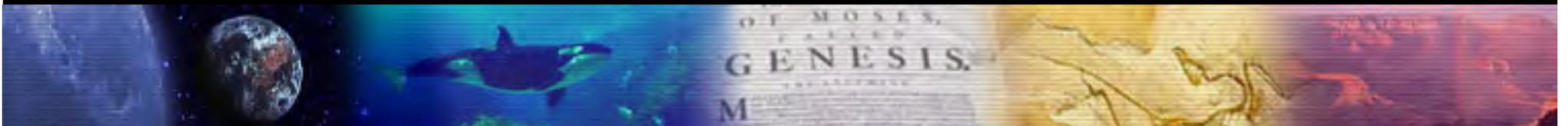
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The Image of God



Is there evidence of intelligent design?



**Francis Collins
argues against
intelligent design
(pp. 85-88)**

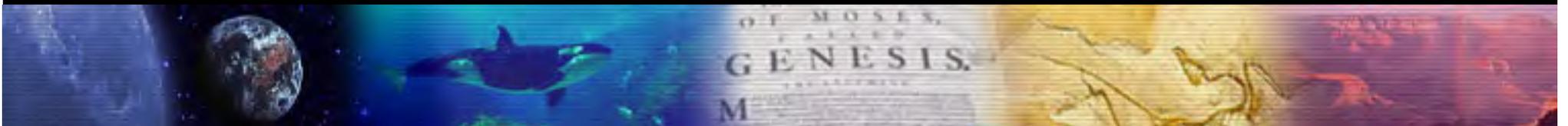


The Watch Illustration

(William Paley, 1802)



1. A watch is complex.
2. A watch has an intelligent designer.
3. Life is complex.
4. Therefore, life also has an intelligent designer.



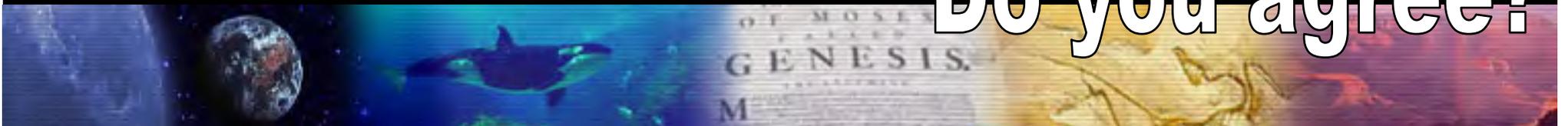
The Critique by Francis Collins

“The fact that two objects share one characteristic (complexity) does not imply that they will share all characteristics” (p. 87)

- 1. A watch is complex.**
- 2. A watch has an intelligent designer.**
- 3. Life is complex.**
- 4. Therefore, life also has an intelligent designer.**

- 1. Electric current in my house consists of a flow of electrons.**
- 2. Electric current comes from the power company.**
- 3. Lightning consists of a flow of electrons.**
- 4. Therefore, lightning comes from the power company.**

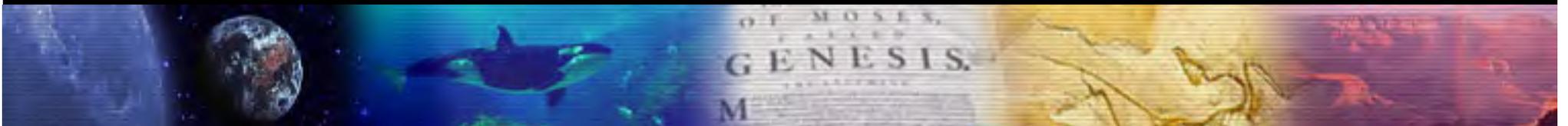
Do you agree?



A Better Parallel

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2. A watch has an intelligent designer.
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4. Therefore, life also has an intelligent designer.

1. Electric current in my house consists of a flow of electrons.
2. Electric current comes from **a power source**.
3. Lightning consists of a flow of electrons.
4. Therefore, lightning comes **a power source**.



Evangelicals Differ

Reasons to Believe

Hugh Ross

Walt Brown

Old Earth

Progressive Creation

Mid-East Flood

Rain waters

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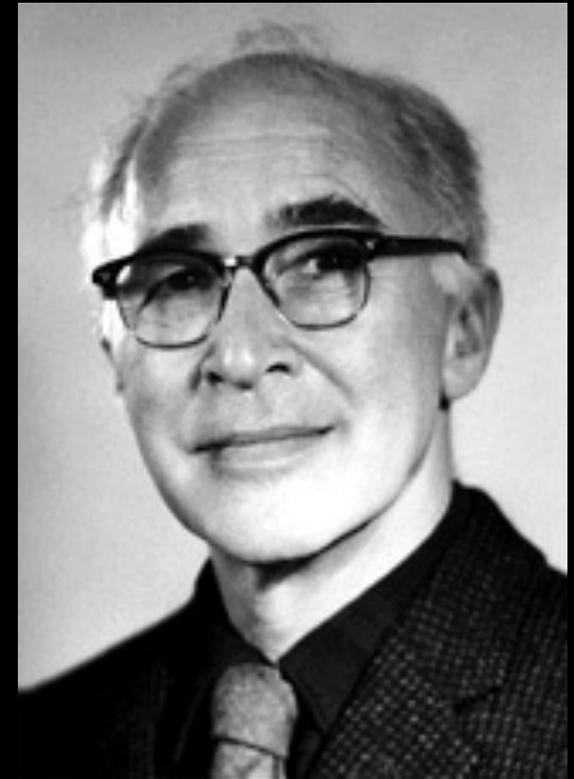
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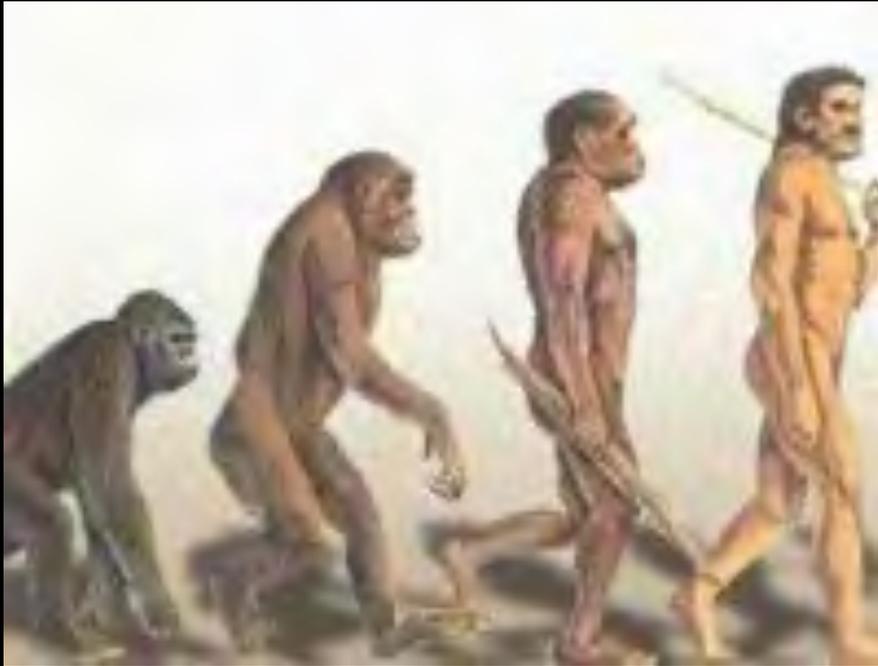
Did life originate as an accident?

“There are only two possible explanations as to how life arose: Spontaneous generation arising to evolution or a supernatural creative act of God.... There is no other possibility. Spontaneous generation was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Louis Pasteur and others, but that just leaves us with only one other possibility... that life came as an act of supernatural creation by God, but I can't accept that philosophy because I do not want to believe in God. Therefore, I choose to believe that which I know is scientifically impossible, spontaneous generation leading to evolution.”



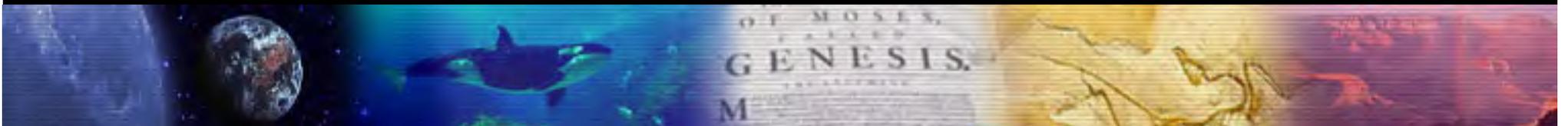
Dr. George Wald
Professor Emeritus of Biology,
Harvard
Nobel Prize winner in Biology,
1971

Make Your Choice:
How did order come?



**By unintelligent
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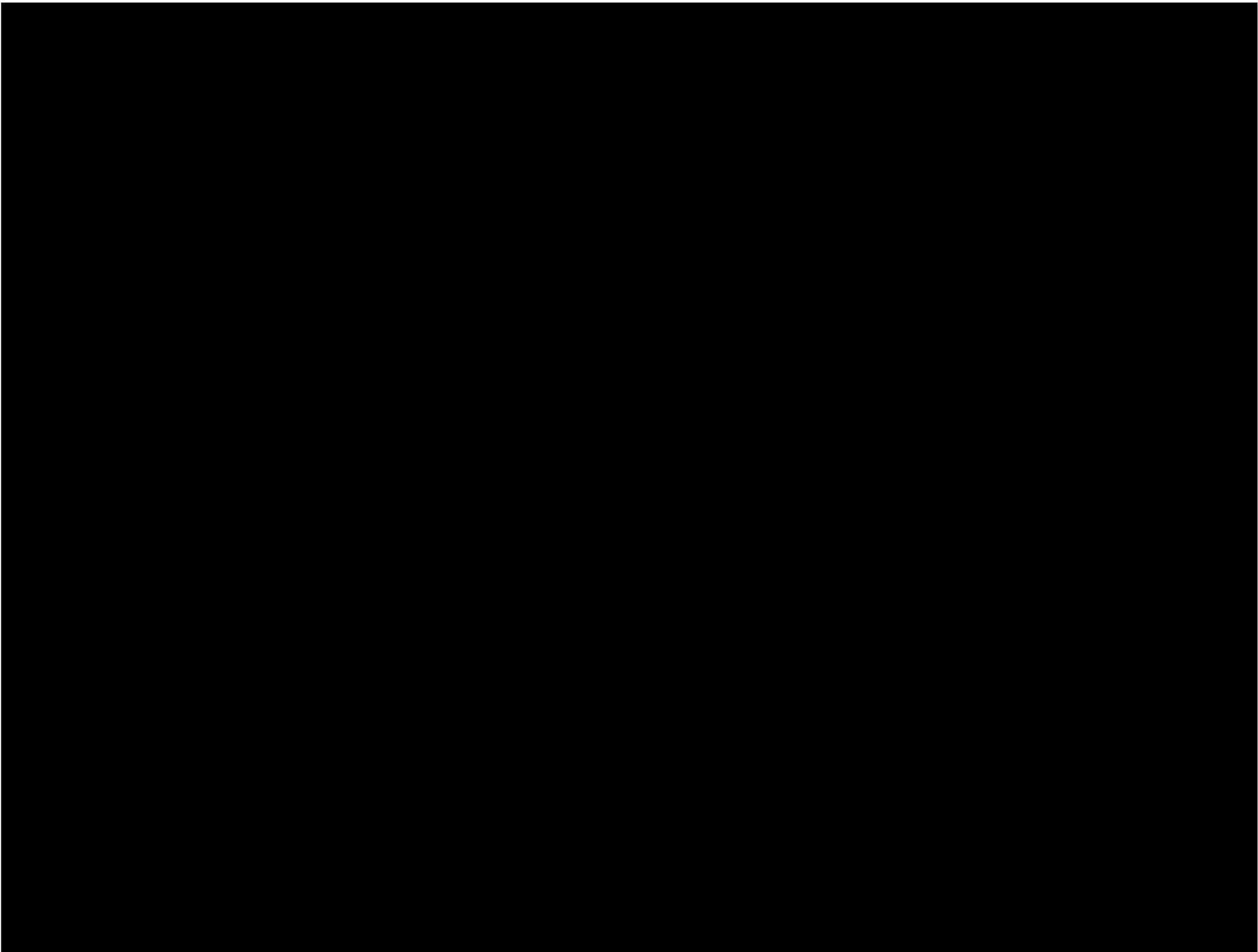
**Or by design from an
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