

# Science vs God?



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**Romans 1:20**

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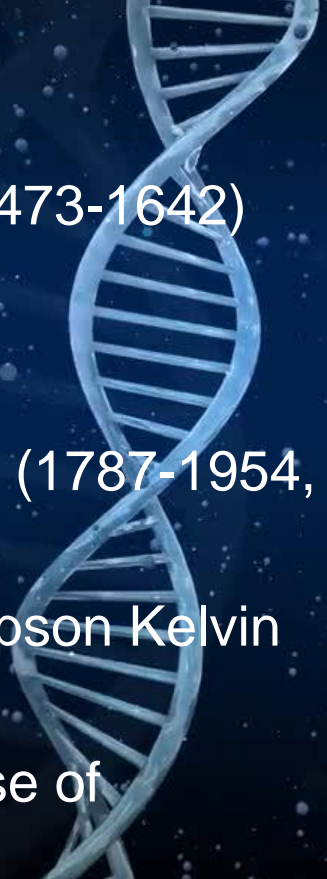
# Why doesn't the Bible Mention Dinosaurs?

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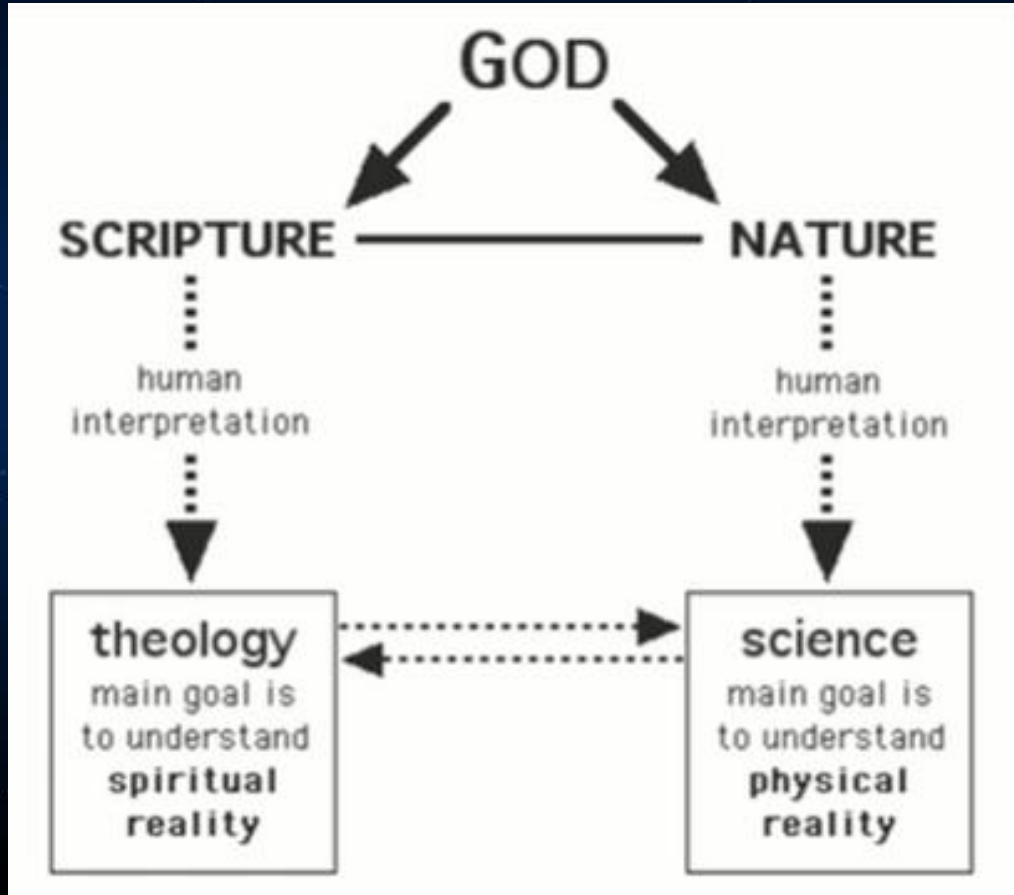


# History of Science – Many Christian Scientists

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- ▶ Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519, Anatomy)
  - ▶ Gregor Jahann Mendel (1822-1884, Pre-genetics)
  - ▶ Copernicus, Brahe, Kepler, and Galileo (Astronomy, 1473-1642)
  - ▶ Isaac Newton (1642-1727, Physics)
  - ▶ Blaise Pascal (1623-62, Pascals Law)
  - ▶ Alessandro Volta (1745-1827, Electricity), Georg Ohm (1787-1954, Ohm's law)
  - ▶ Michael Faraday (1791-1867, Physics), William Thompson Kelvin (1824-1907, Physics)
  - ▶ Louis Pasteur (1822-1895, discovered bacteria and use of antiseptics)
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# Book of Nature and Book of Scripture



# Scripture Reading, Romans 1:19-20

**19** since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. **20** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.



# Scripture Reading, Psalm 19:1-2

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- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**
- 2 Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.**

***“This most beautiful system of the sun, planets and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being...” – Isaac Newton***

Scripture Reading, Proverbs 25:2

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**It is God's privilege to conceal things and  
the king's privilege to discover them!**



# Does the Bible tell us how the Earth is?

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- ▶ Nope!, it doesn't
- ▶ Was that really what God was trying to tell us in Genesis





# Is Naturalism or Materialism all there is?

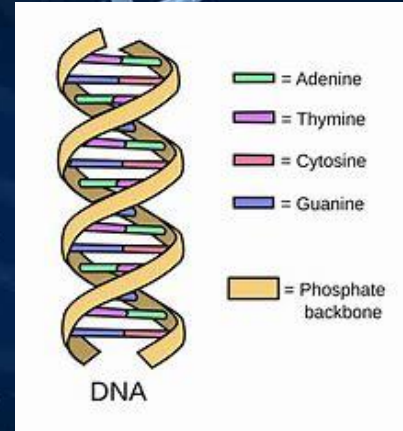
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- ▶ Materialism World View: In the beginning, there were particles, and all the particles became complex living stuff, and the living stuff became aware, and the living stuff conceived of God. There is nothing beyond the physical.
  - ▶ But what about this science?
    - ▶ The Universe had a beginning
    - ▶ The Universe is finely tuned
    - ▶ Our DNA and the Human Genome point to a designer
  - ▶ And why do humans have a moral sense?
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# DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Fun Facts

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- ▶ 99.9% of my DNA is the same as your DNA – and the same as everyone else's on earth. It's the remaining 0.1% that makes us unique.
- ▶ If all the DNA molecules in your body were unraveled and laid out end-to-end, they would stretch from the earth to the sun more than 600 times!!!
- ▶ If you types 8 hours per day at 60 words per minute, it would take you about 50 years to type the code of your genome.

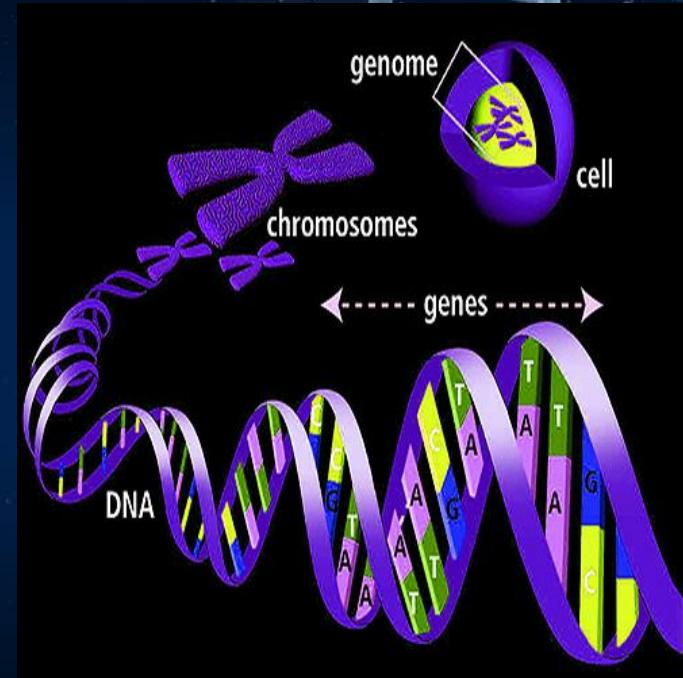


**“DNA is like a software program, only much more complex than anything we’ve ever devised” – Bill Gates**

# What is a genome?

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- ▶ The complete DNA instruction book, or genome, for a human contains about 3.15 billion bases and about 20,000 genes on 23 pairs of chromosomes.
- ▶ The four types of nitrogen bases found in nucleotides are: adenine (A), thymine (T), guanine (G) and cytosine (C). The order, or sequence, of these bases determines what biological instructions are contained in a strand of DNA.



***“The Idea that God create the Universe is a more respectable hypothesis than at any time in the last 100 years” – Frederic Burnham, Historian of Science***

# The Human Genome Project

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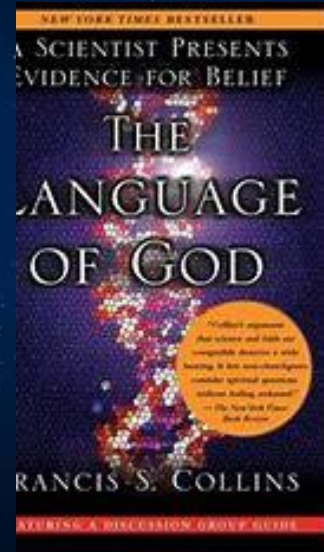
“Today's announcement represents more than just an epoch-making triumph of science and reason. After all, when Galileo discovered he could use the tools of mathematics and mechanics to understand the motion of celestial bodies, he felt, in the words of one eminent researcher, that he had learned the language in which God created the universe. Today we are learning the language in which God created life. We are gaining ever more awe for the complexity, the beauty, the wonder of God's most divine and sacred gift.”

- **President William Clinton (2000)**



# The Language of God

Thesis: To dispel the notion “that a rigorous scientist could not also be a serious believer in a transcendent God.” Collins writes, “In my view, there is no conflict in being a rigorous scientist and a person who believes in a God who takes a personal interest in each one of us.



# What is Theistic Evolution?

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- ▶ God, who is not limited in space and time, created the Universe and established natural laws that govern it
  - ▶ We see this in the fine tuning for life despite massive improbabilities
- ▶ God chose the elegant mechanism of evolution to create microbes, plants, and animals of all sorts
- ▶ God chose to this mechanism to give rise to special creatures who would have intelligence, a knowledge of right and wrong, free will, and a desire to seek fellowship with him.
- ▶ He also knew that these creatures would ultimately choose to disobey the Moral Law



# The Bible is infallible but...

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**Psalm 50:1 “God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets”**

**Psalm 93:1 “The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved”**

**Psalm 104:5 “He set the earth on its foundation; it can never be moved”**

**Our Understanding/Interpretation of the Bible is NOT!**

# Some never let themselves get over the barrier

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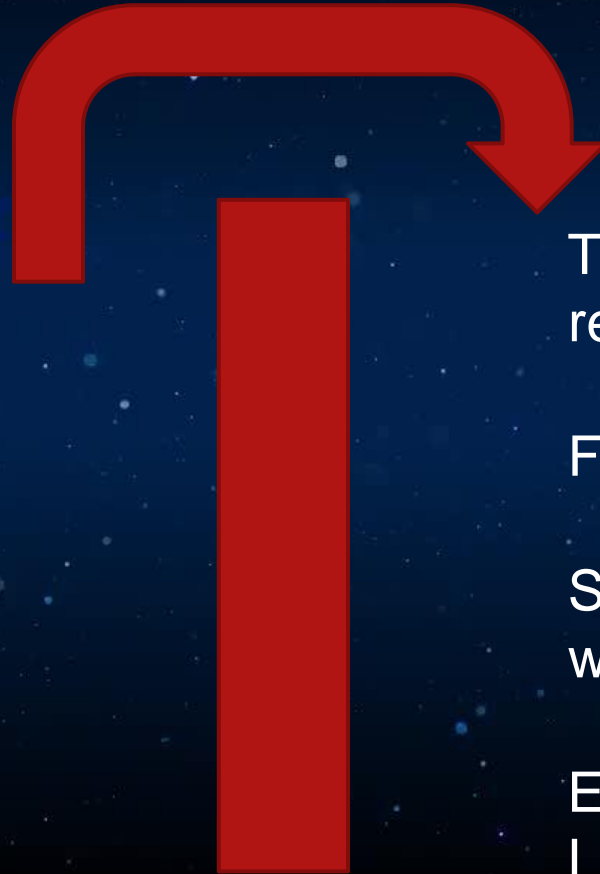
Creation Story

Age of the Earth

Darwin's Evolution

Dinosaurs

Doubts and Noise

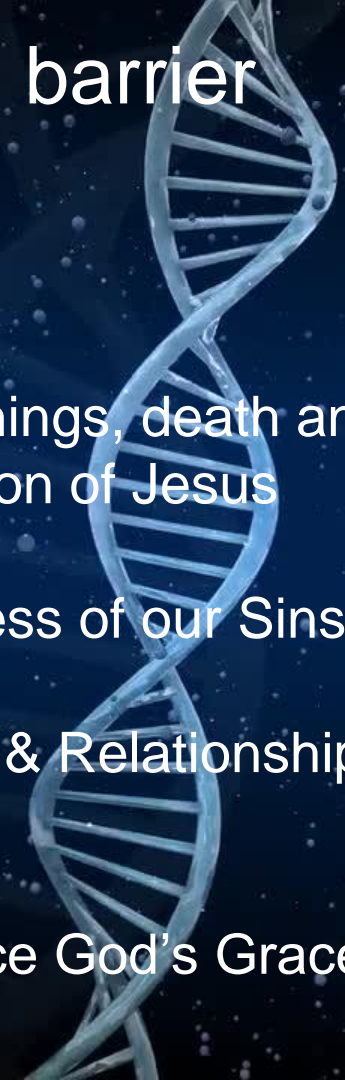


The teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus

Forgiveness of our Sins

Salvation & Relationship with God

Experience God's Grace & Love

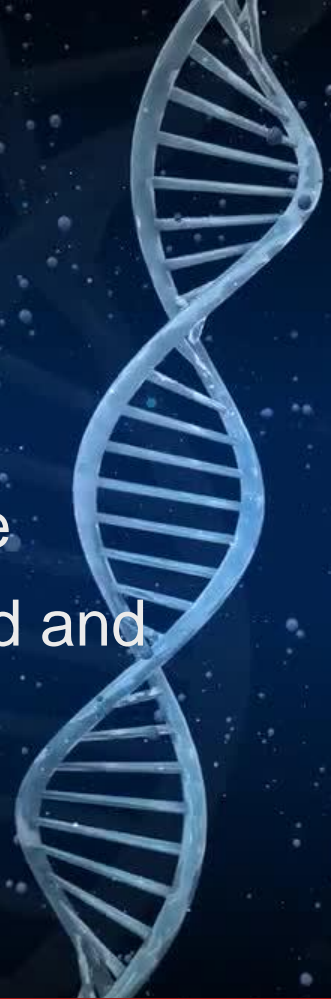




# Key Takeaways #1

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- ▶ Science has never disproved God or the Bible
- ▶ Science has sometimes proved incorrect literal interpretations of Scripture
- ▶ Christians should not be threatened by Science
- ▶ Science can help us discover what God created and intended – it can even be a form of worship



Don't let your belief in Science prevent you from RELATIONSHIP with God

# Key Takeaways #2

- ▶ God wants us to discover the nature of his creation AND be in relationship with him
- ▶ We can worship God in the Laboratory too!
- ▶ Theism, the God of the Bible, is the best explanation we have of the cosmological and biological origins

**SCIENCE SAYS THAT WE  
NEED AT LEAST 4 BASIC  
ELEMENTS TO SURVIVE.**

1. Water
2. Air
3. Food
4. Light

**AND LOOK WHAT THE BIBLE  
TELLS US ABOUT JESUS.**

1. I am the Living Water
2. I am the Breath of Life
3. I am the Bread of Life
4. I am the Light of the World

**SCIENCE WAS RIGHT, WE  
NEED JESUS TO LIVE.**