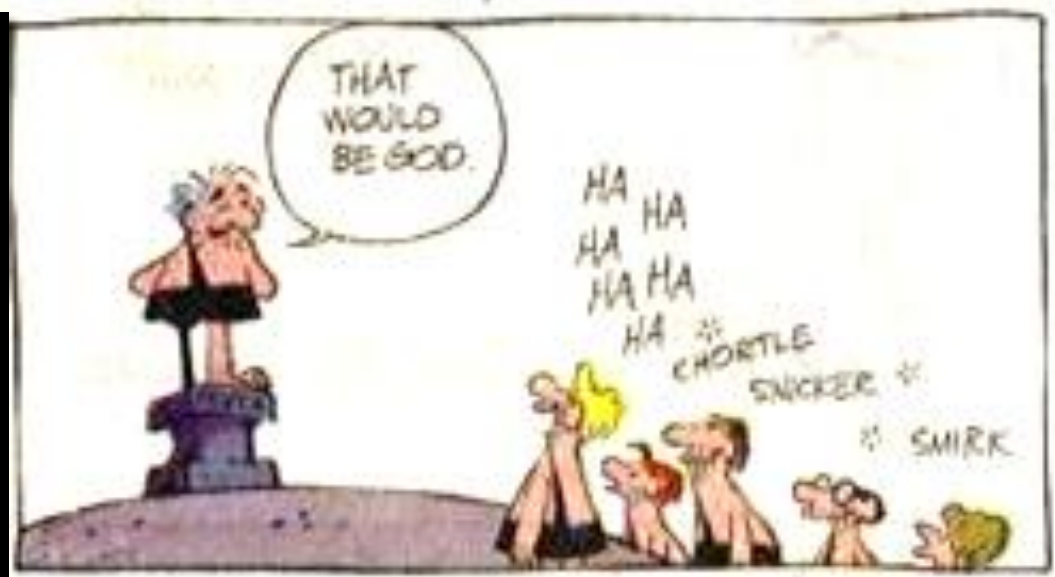


The battle for minds and hearts
The battle for YOUR mind and heart

No Excuses!

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Romans 1:20-25

²⁰For 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 men are without excuse. ²¹For 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. ²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²⁵They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator

The Greatest Commandment

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

-- Matthew 22:36-38



**We are in a spiritual battle for the minds
and hearts of people,
especially young people**

Only two views of reality

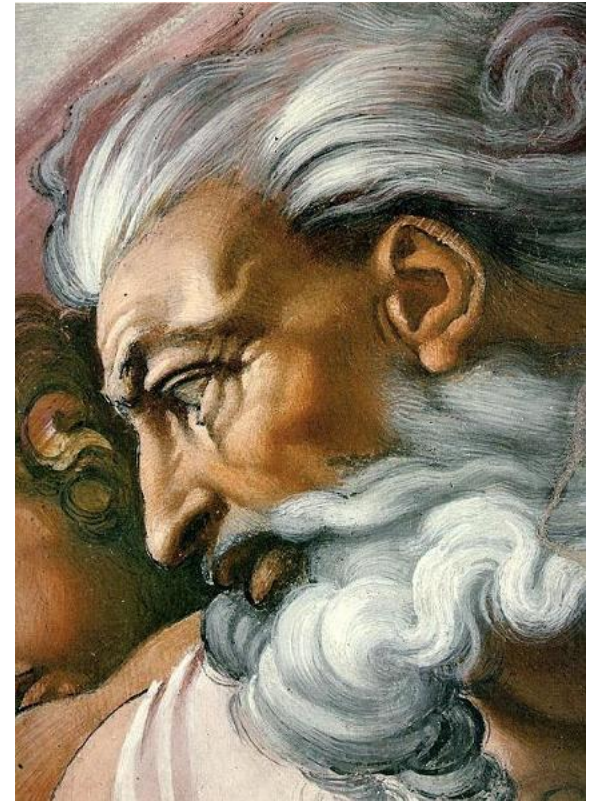
God

■ IS

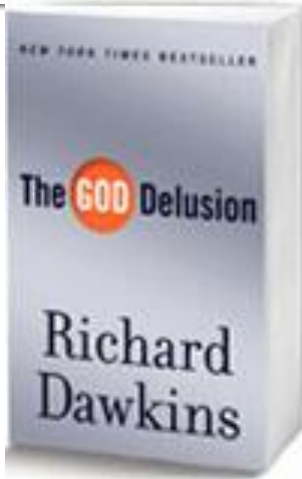
- He created the universe and us
- The Bible and Christianity

■ ISN'T

- A natural process of evolution must have taken place
- Religion is man-made



The God Delusion?



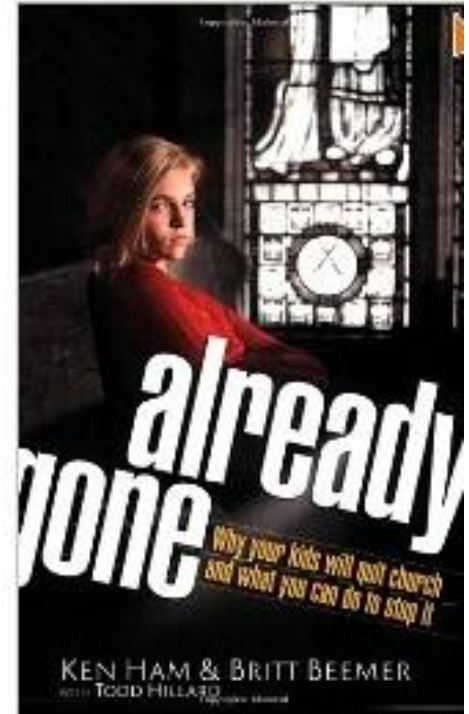
- Sold over 2 million copies to date
- In late 2006:
 - #2 on Amazon.com
 - #4 on New York Times Hardcover Nonfiction Bestseller list
- The main conclusion of the book:
 - “The factual premise of religion – the God Hypothesis – is untenable. God almost certainly does not exist.” (page 189)

“I am persuaded that the phrase ‘child abuse’ is no exaggeration when used to describe what teachers and priests are doing to children whom they encourage to believe in something like the punishment of unshriven moral sins in an eternal hell.” (page 358)

“Even without physical abduction, isn’t it always a form of child abuse to label children as possessors of beliefs that they are too young to have thought about?” (page 354)

2/3^{rds} of all teenagers will leave the church

- High school, college, culture challenge the Bible:
 - Truth of the Bible (written by men)
 - Evolution, not creation
 - Adam and Eve as real people
 - Relative truth and morality
 - Uniqueness of Christianity (Jesus is the only way?)



God speaks through both

1. General revelation (nature)
2. Special revelation (the Bible)

Psalms 19:1-4 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

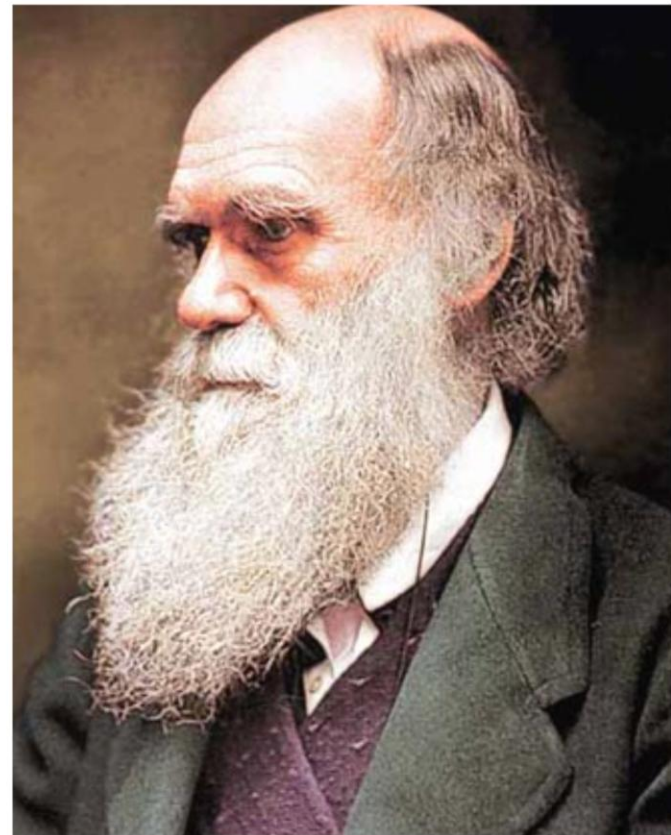
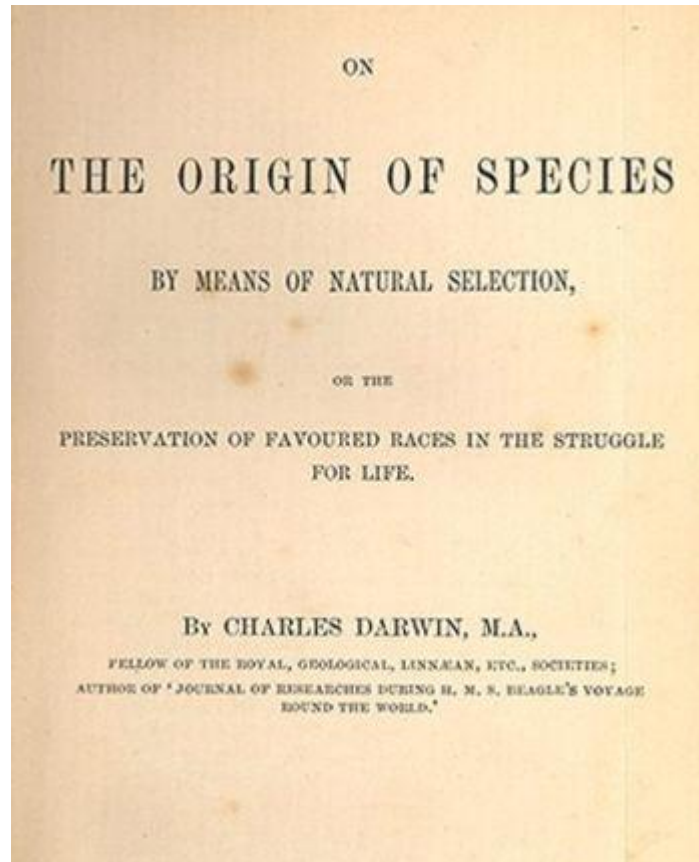


Horsehead Nebula (www.nasa.gov)



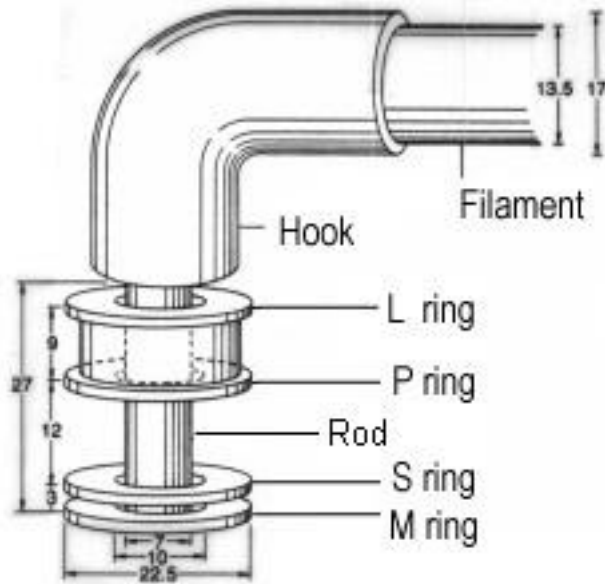
If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down. But I can find out no such case.

Charles Darwin - Origin of Species (1859)

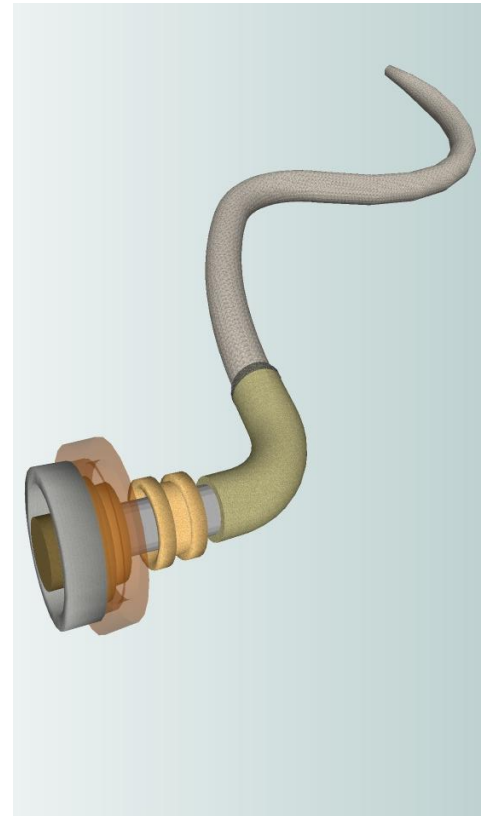


Molecular machines

The bacterial flagellum



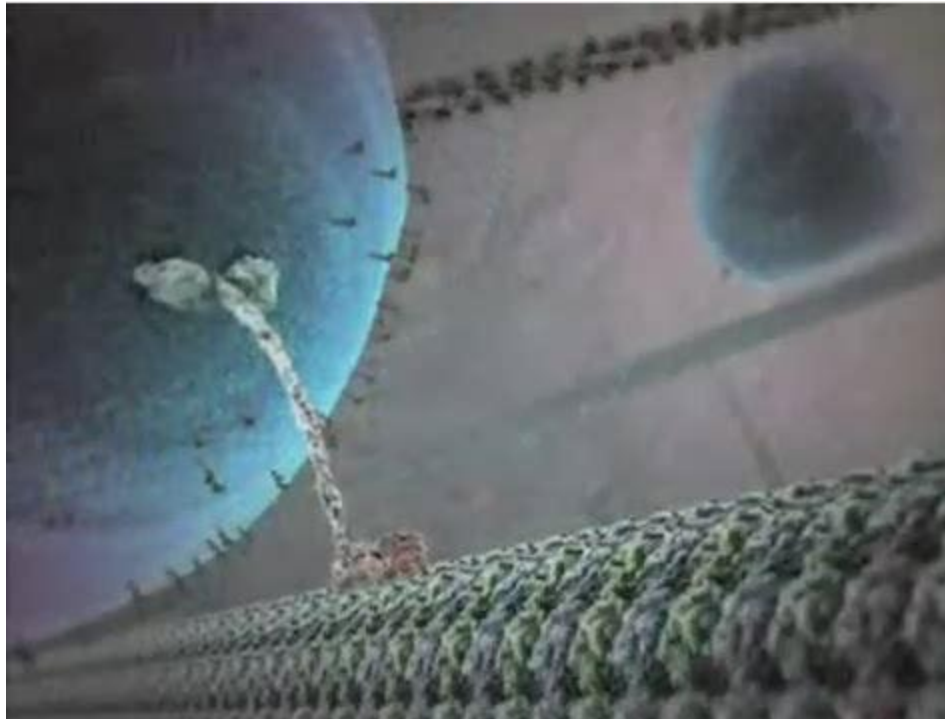
The bacterial flagellum of the *E. coli* bacteria has a motor structure of drive shaft, rotor, bushings, propeller, and a rotational speed of about 20,000 rpm



Molecular machines

The kinesin motor protein

Nano-tugboat. A kinesin molecule "walks" along a biopolymer "track" by alternately attaching and disconnecting each of two "feet," hauling cellular cargo in its wake

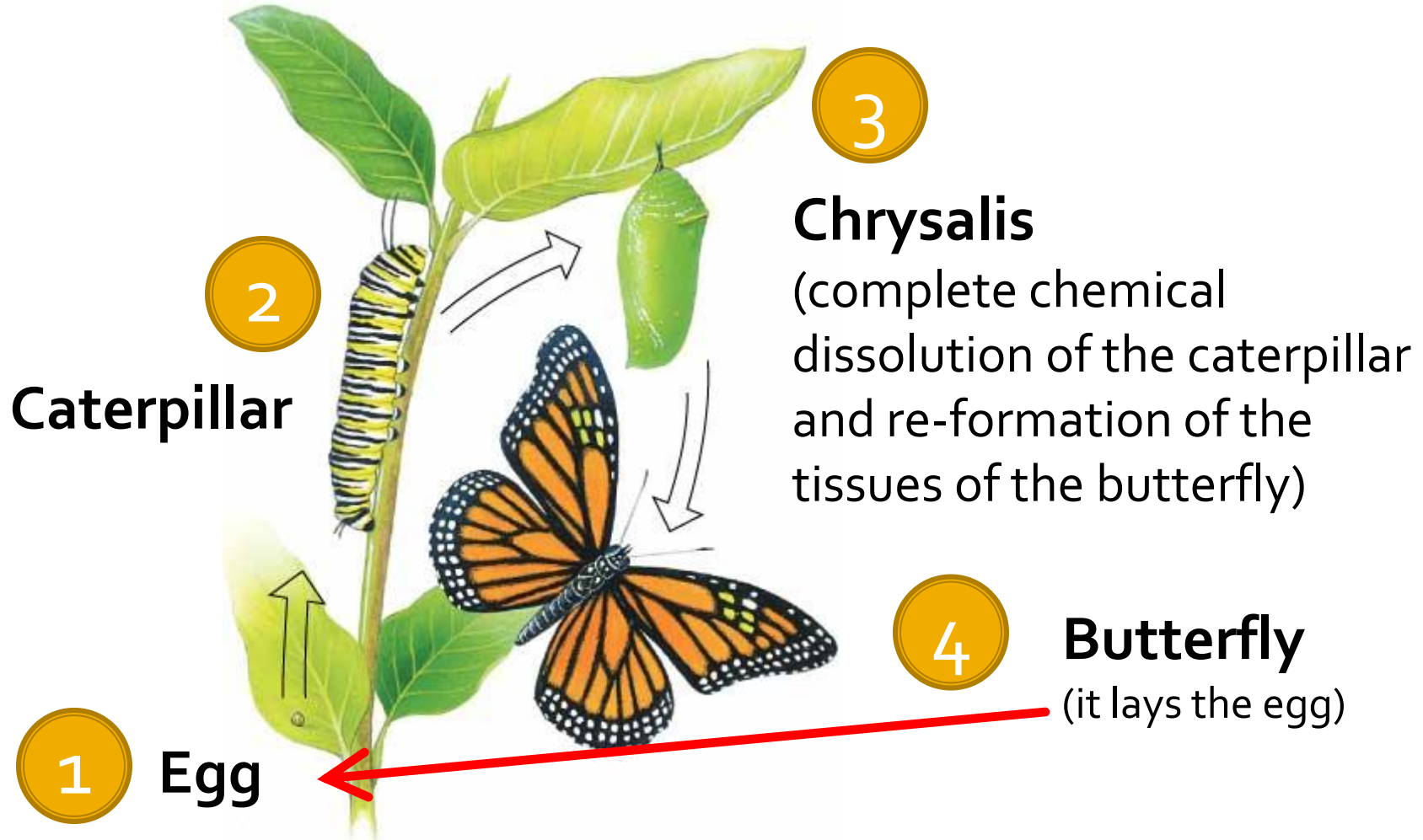


The Bombardier Beetle



**Defends itself
by squirting
predators with a
high-pressure
jet of boiling
liquid, involving
several complex
chemical
reactions!**

The Monarch Butterfly



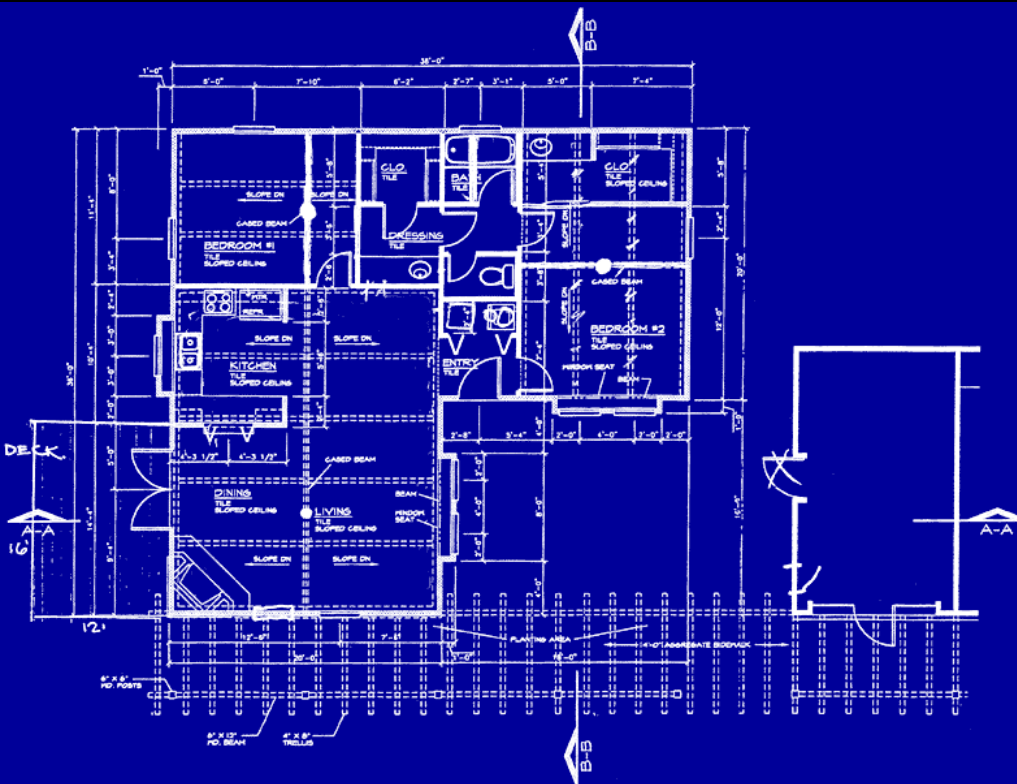
Elizabeth Morales

Monarch Butterfly migration

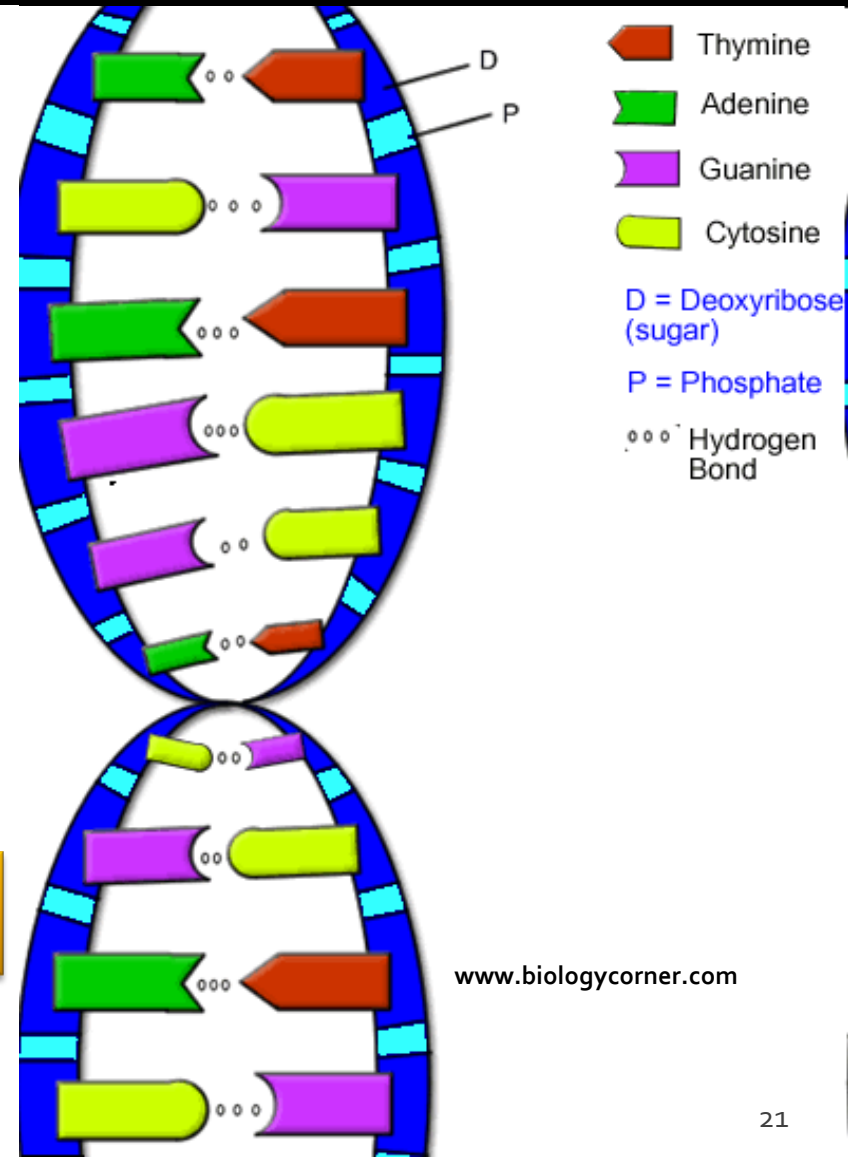
Has a brain the size of a pinhead and yet migrates to a location 3,000 miles away and navigates there with an accuracy of 100 feet



It all comes down to "information"

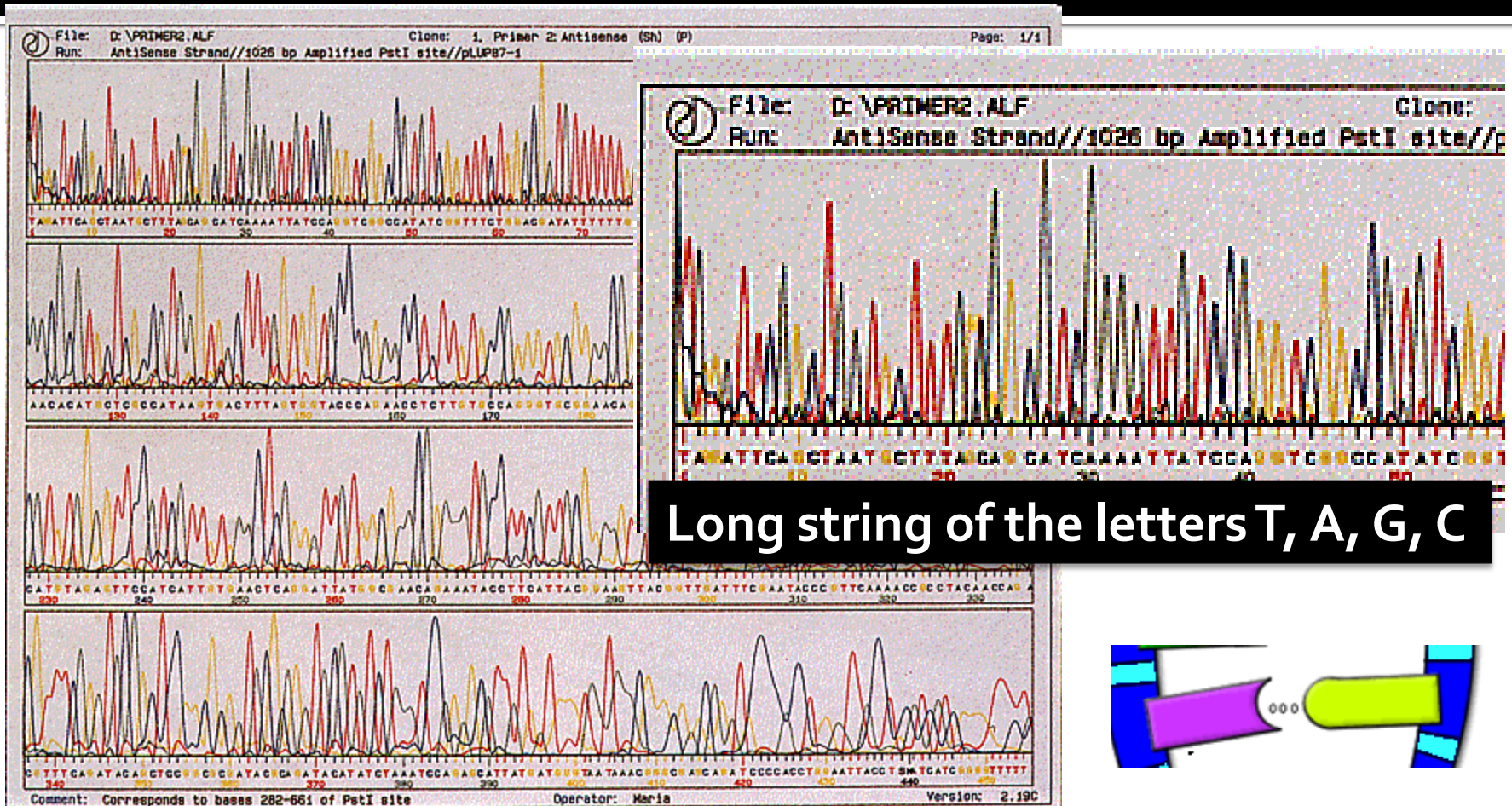


DNA is the blueprint of life



www.biologycorner.com

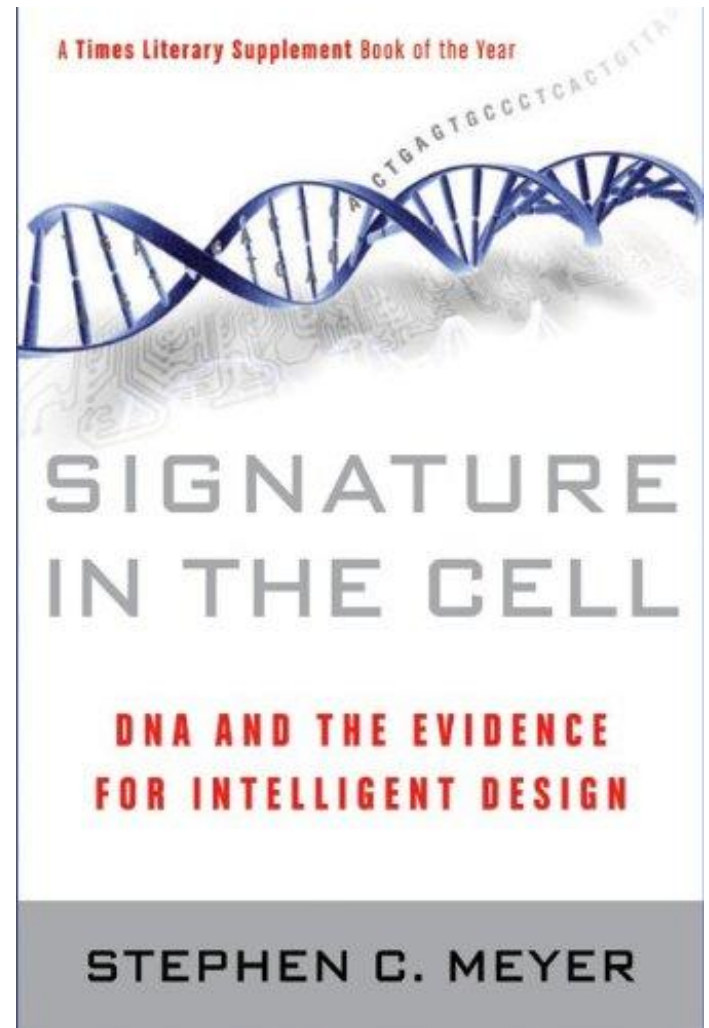
DNA Sequencing Result



Your genome has 3 billion base pairs

Signature in the Cell

- The case for “intelligent design” based on DNA
- Cutting-edge science reveals the design hypothesis as the best explanation for the origin of the information necessary to produce the first life



Conclusions from information

- Life is based on information
 - Information always comes from a mind
 - Information can NEVER arise from a physical process (like evolution)
- The information of life came from the mind of God!

God gave us the Bible

- 1. Prophecy**
- 2. Miracles**
- 3. Martyrdom of the Apostles**

Prophecy (Isaiah 52:13-53)

Isaiah foretold of Christ 700 years before His birth:

- **He was despised and rejected by men (52:3)**
- **he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows (4)**
- **he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities (5)**
- **He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter (7)**
- **After the suffering of his soul,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied (11)**
- **For he bore the sin of many (12)**

Miracles

- Water into wine
 - Calming a storm
 - Walking on water
 - Healing the sick and blind
 - Raising Lazarus from the dead after 4 days
- The resurrection of Jesus from the dead

Martyrdom of the Apostles

Apostle	How Died
<i>Matthew</i>	Killed by sword
<i>Mark</i>	Dragged by horses
<i>Peter</i>	Crucified upside down
<i>James (Jesus half-brother)</i>	Thrown off temple and clubbed
<i>James (son of Zebedee)</i>	Beheaded
<i>Bartholomew</i>	Flayed by a whip
<i>Andrew</i>	Crucified
<i>Thomas</i>	Stabbed with spear
<i>Jude</i>	Killed by arrows
<i>Matthias</i>	Stoned and beheaded
<i>Paul</i>	Beheaded
<i>Luke</i>	Hanged
<i>John</i>	Boiled in oil but lived – sentenced to prison island

Who would die
for a known lie?

The evidence is clear!

1. General revelation

God exists and He created us

2. Special revelation

God gave us the Bible

What will you now do with this evidence?

How to become a Christian

The Gospel message = “Good News”!

- **A = Admit** (I am a sinner)
 - God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)
- **B = Believe** (that Jesus died for your sins – He is the Savior)
 - To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)
- **C = Confess** (that Jesus is Lord)
 - If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

What are you waiting for?

The evidence is clear – there are no excuses!

- There is a God who created us
- He gave us the Bible
- He sent Jesus to die for our sins
- Jesus offers the good news of salvation
- Everyone (that means YOU) will live forever
 - Heaven (with God forever on the New Earth)
 - Hell (your choice to live without Him forever)

Why do bad things happen?

Reason 1

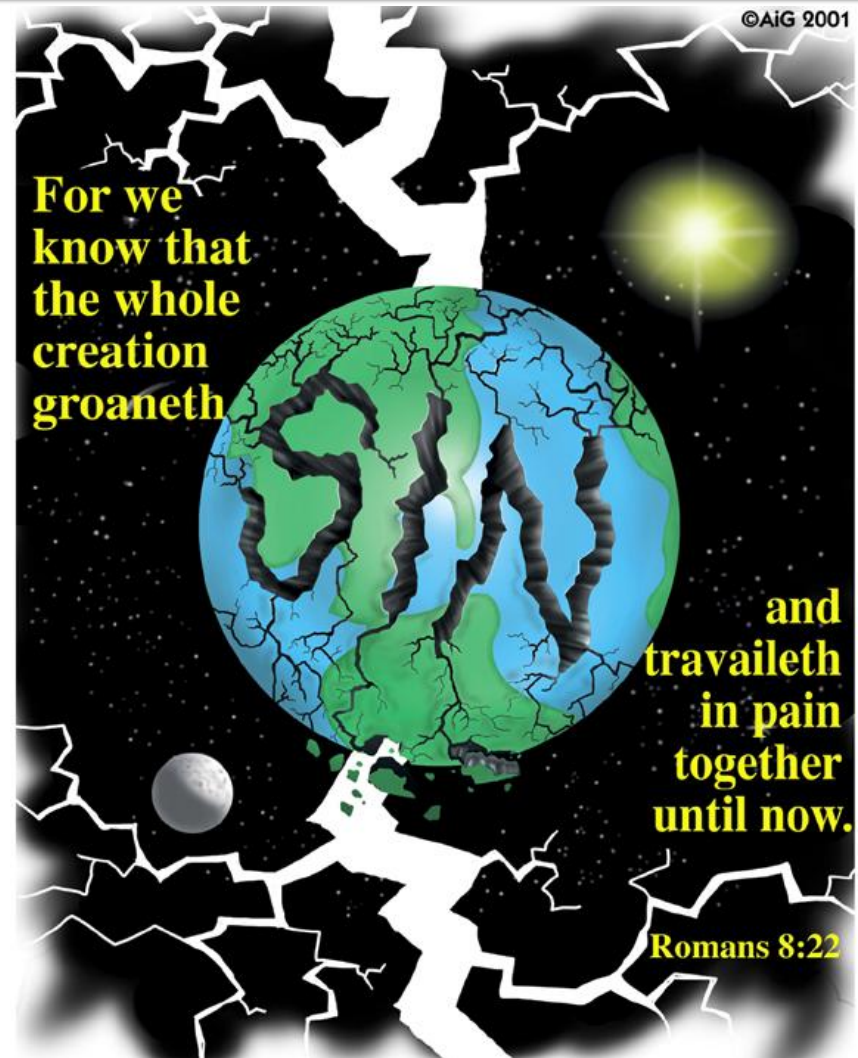
- We are not robots!
- God gave us free will
- Some will decide not to be good



Why do bad things happen?

Reason 2

- Because of the sin of Adam and Eve
 - Decay started, leading to death
 - God cursed the earth, leading to physical calamities



Genesis 3:17-19

¹⁷ To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,'

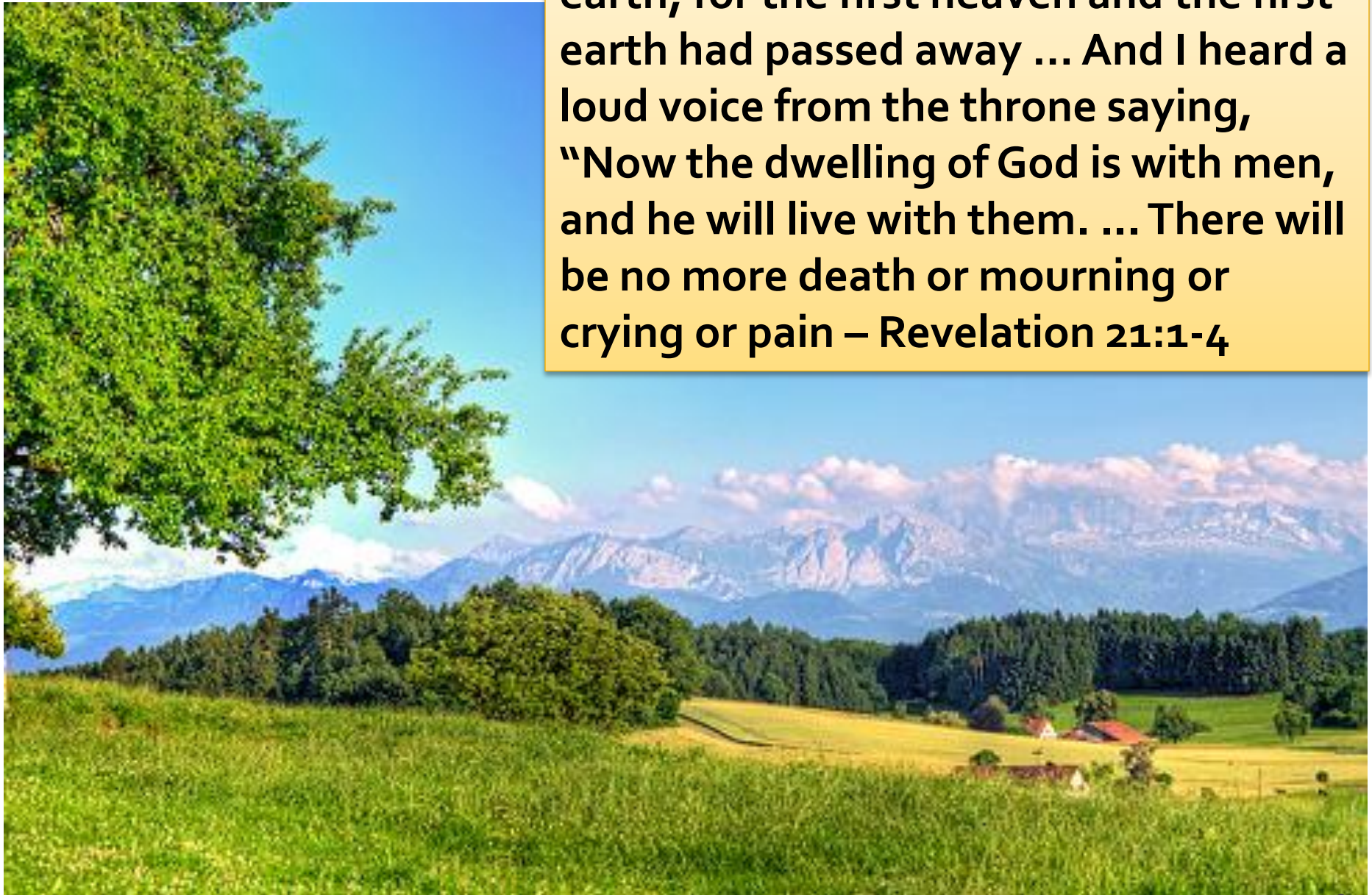
"Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food **until you return to the ground,** since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."



Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away ... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. ... There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain – Revelation 21:1-4



(Jesus is speaking)
I tell you the truth, whoever hears
my word and believes Him who
sent me has eternal life and will
not be condemned; He has crossed
over from death to life. (John 5:24)

Creation

The Bible

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