

*The heavens proclaim the glory of God.*

***The skies display his craftsmanship.***

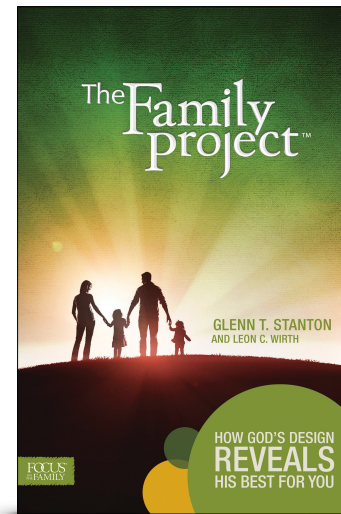
*Day after day they continue to speak;  
night after night they make him known.*

*They speak without a sound or word;  
their voice is never heard.*

*Yet their message has gone throughout the earth,  
and their words to all the world. -Psalms 19:1-4*

***Welcome to Sierra Community Church***

*Orion Nebula - from WISE*



**Monday Nights**  
**7pm - 8:30pm**

**Kicks off:**  
**January 26th**

# ***101: Mission & Membership***

Saturday,  
January 17th  
9am - 12pm











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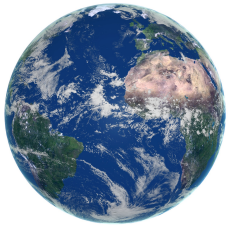
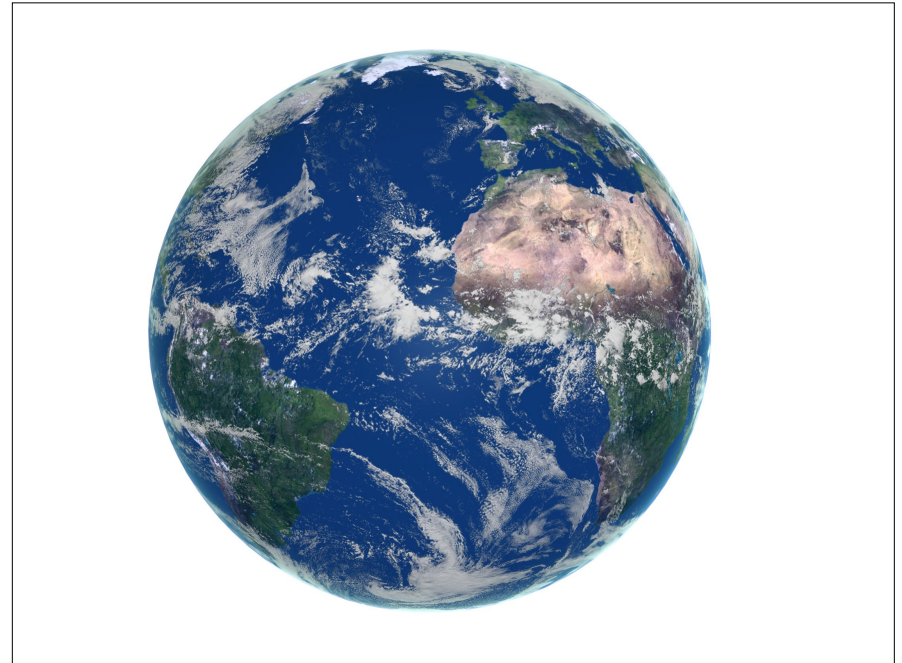
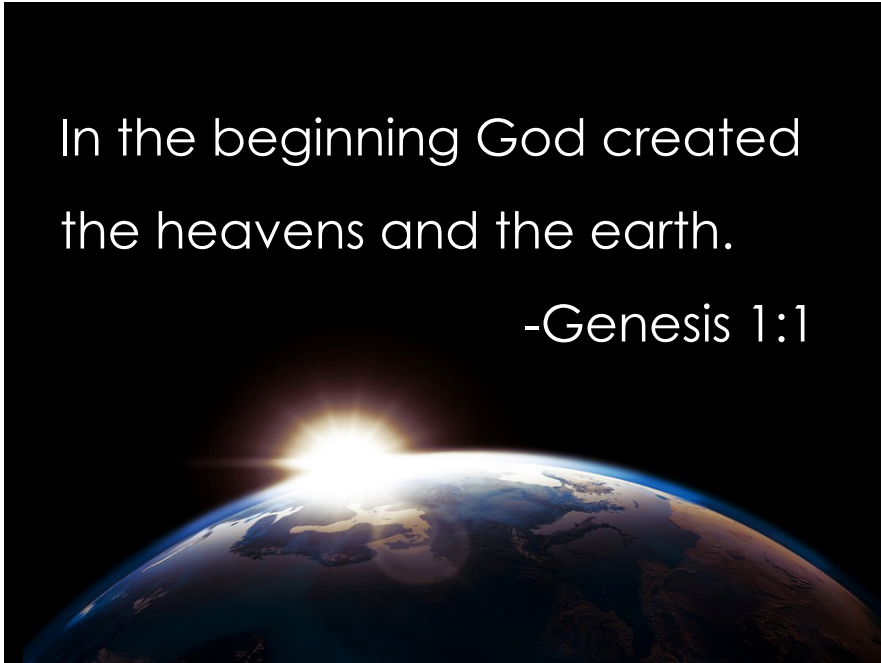


*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

*-Psalm 19:1*

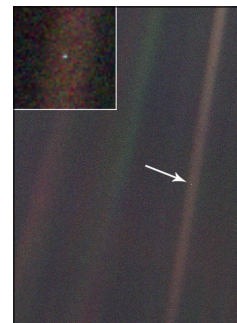
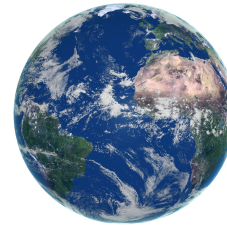
In the beginning God created  
the heavens and the earth.

-Genesis 1:1



"I remember on the trip home  
on Apollo 11 it suddenly struck  
me that that tiny pea, pretty and  
blue, was the earth. I put up my thumb and  
shut one eye, and my thumb blotted out the  
planet earth. I didn't feel like a giant. I felt  
very, very small."

-Neil Armstrong from: "Philosophy" by James Christian pg. 380



Panoramic composite of 60 images, 1990 Voyager 1

"It's been said that astronomy is a  
humbling, and I might add, a  
character-building experience. To my  
mind, there is perhaps no better  
demonstration of the folly of human  
conceits than this distant image of  
our tiny world. To me, it underscores  
our responsibility to deal more  
kindly and compassionately with one  
another and to preserve and cherish  
that pale blue dot, the only home  
we've ever known." -Carl Sagan

[http://www.bigskyastroclub.org/pale\\_blue\\_dot.htm](http://www.bigskyastroclub.org/pale_blue_dot.htm)





One of hundreds of billions of galaxies in the known universe.



The Milky Way galaxy consists of at least 100 billion stars.

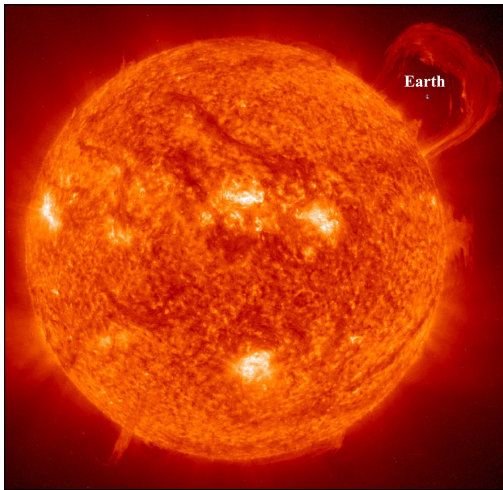


If you traveled 186,000 mpsecond it would take 100,000 years to get from one side to the other.



If you would count the stars in the Milky Way 1 star per second it would take 2,500 years to count them all.

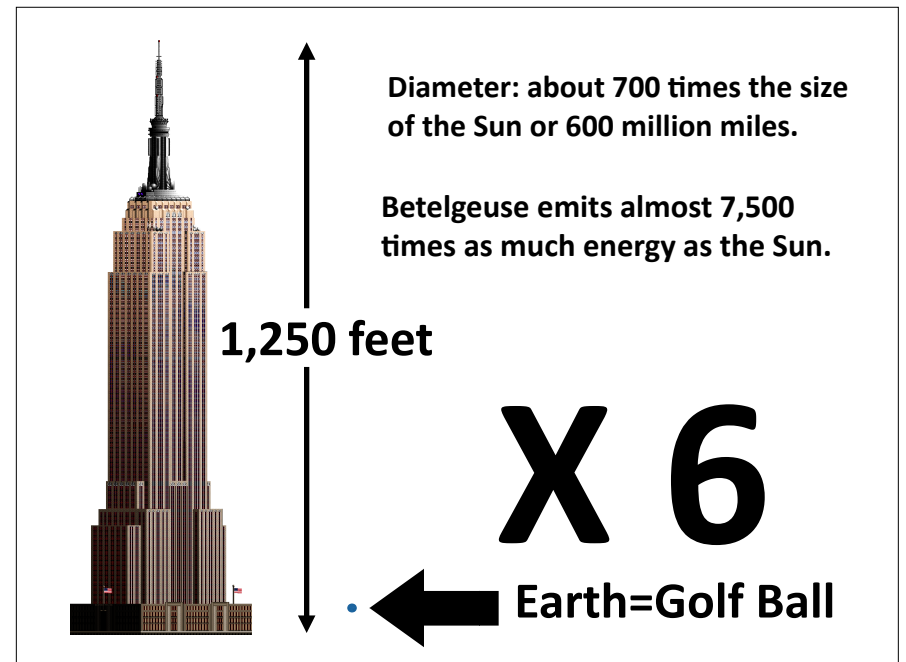
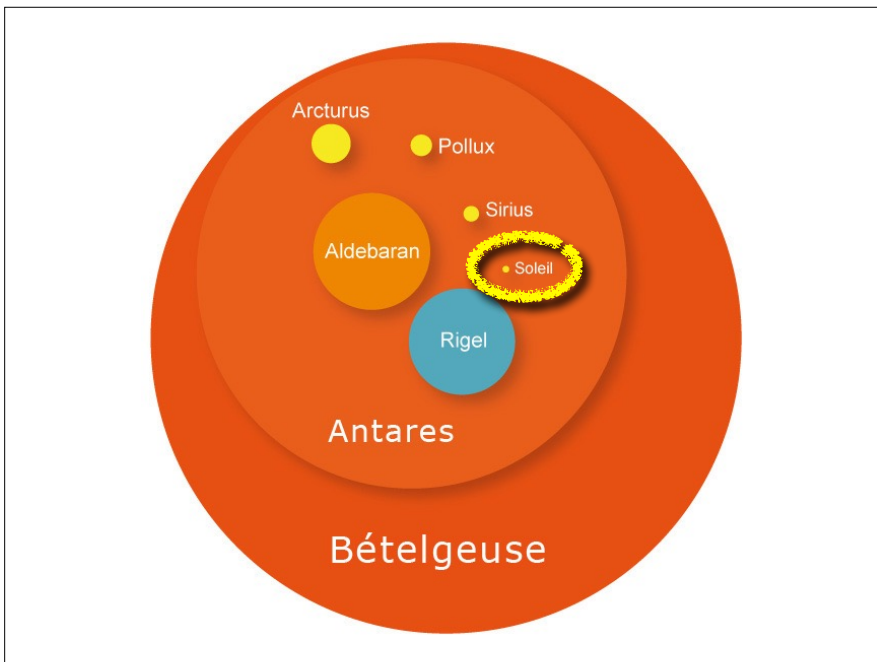
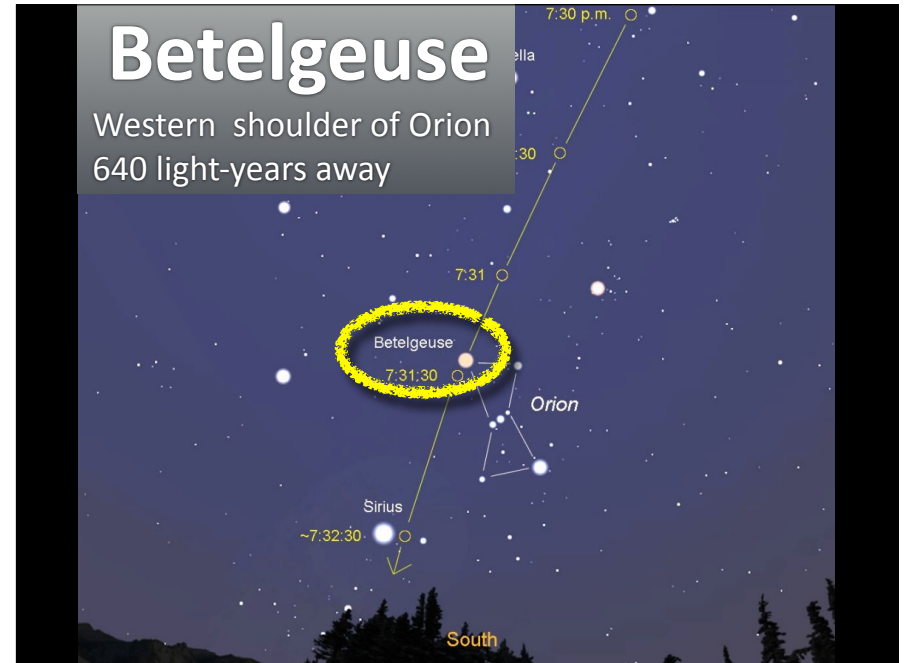




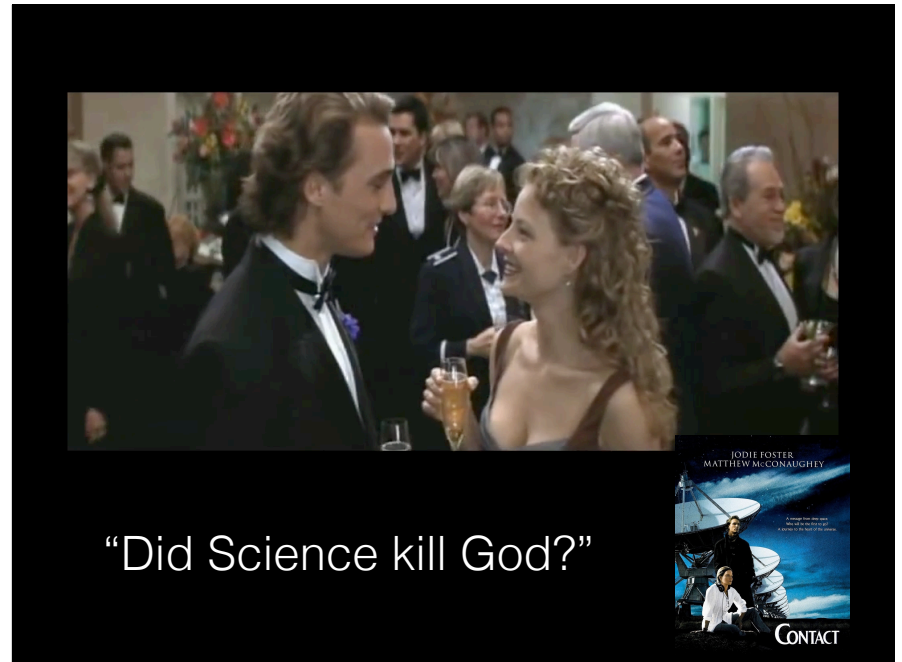
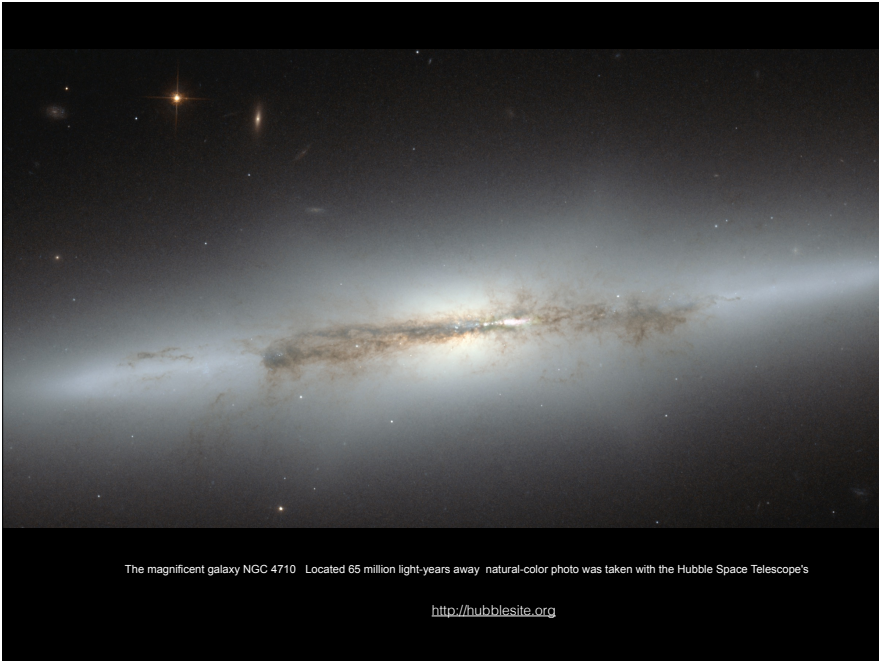
Earth's Diameter:  
*7,918 miles*

Sun's Diameter:  
*864,938 miles*

Almost 1 Millions earth would fit inside the sun.











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HOUSES OF WORSHIP

By ERIC METAXAS

Dec. 25, 2014 4:56 p.m. ET

## Science Increasingly Makes the Case for God

The odds of life existing on another planet grow ever longer. Intelligent design, anyone?

In 1966 Time magazine ran a cover story asking: Is God Dead? Many have accepted the cultural narrative that he's obsolete—that as science progresses, there is less need for a "God" to explain the universe. Yet it turns out that the rumors of God's death were premature. More amazing is that the relatively recent case for his existence comes from a surprising place—science itself.

Here's the story: The same year Time featured the now-famous

Today there are more than 200 known parameters necessary for a planet to support life—every single one of which must be perfectly met, or the whole thing falls apart. Without a massive planet like Jupiter nearby, whose gravity will draw away asteroids, a thousand times as many would hit Earth's surface. The odds against life in the universe are simply astonishing.



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Yet here we are, not only existing, but talking about existing. What can account for it? Can every one of those many parameters have been perfect by accident? **At what point is it fair to admit that science suggests that we cannot be the result of random forces?** Doesn't assuming that an intelligence created these perfect conditions require far less faith than believing that a life-sustaining Earth *just happened* to beat the inconceivable odds to come into being?



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## The right kind Galaxy

- Must be spiral
- Only 5% are spiral

## The right kind of Orbit

- Must be Circular
- Most are elliptical



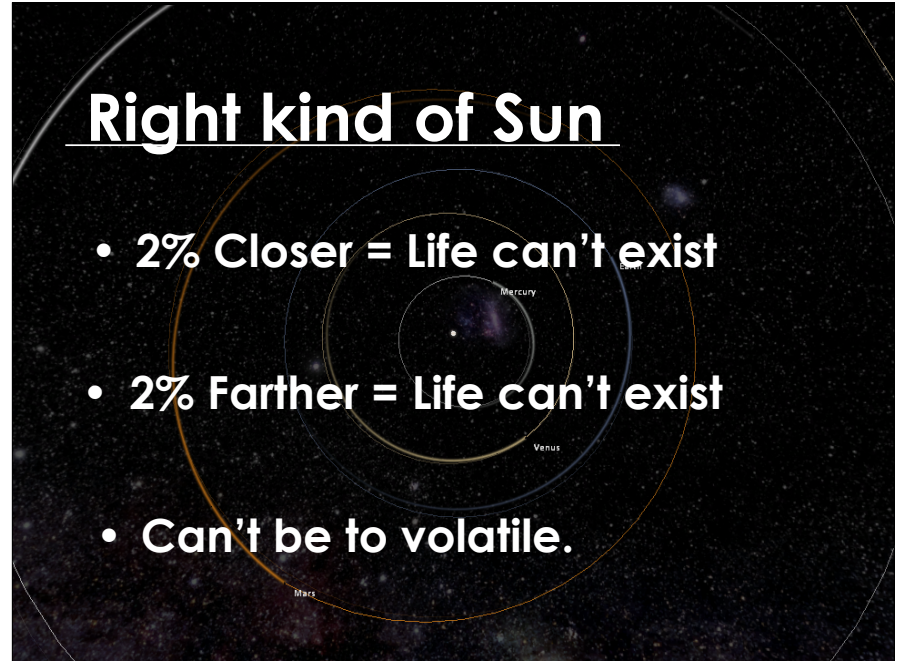
"Much less than one chance in a million trillion exists that even one such planet would occur anywhere in the universe."

-Hugh Ross



## Right kind of Sun

- **2% Closer = Life can't exist**
- **2% Farther = Life can't exist**
- **Can't be too volatile.**



"Astronomy leads us to a universe with the very delicate balance needed to provide exactly the conditions required to permit life and one which has an underlying, one might say supernatural plan." -Arno Penzias (Nobel laureate)

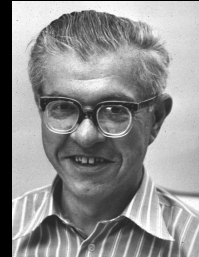
Astrophysicists now know that the values of the four fundamental forces—gravity, the electromagnetic force, and the "strong" and "weak" nuclear forces—were determined less than one millionth of a second after the big bang. Alter any one value and the universe could not exist. For instance, if the ratio between the nuclear strong force and the electromagnetic force had been off by the tiniest fraction of the tiniest fraction—



by even one part in 100,000,000,000,000,000  
—then no stars could have ever formed at  
all. Multiply that single parameter by all the  
other necessary conditions, and the odds  
against the universe existing are so heart-  
stoppingly astronomical that the notion that  
it all “just happened” defies common sense.  
It would be like tossing a coin and having it  
come up heads 10 quintillion times in a row.

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Fred Hoyle, the astronomer who coined the  
term “big bang,” said that his atheism was  
“greatly shaken” at these developments. He  
later wrote that “**a common-sense  
interpretation of the facts suggests that a  
super-intellect has monkeyed with the physics,  
as well as with chemistry and  
biology** . . . . The numbers one  
calculates from the facts seem to  
me so overwhelming as to put this  
conclusion almost  
beyond question.”



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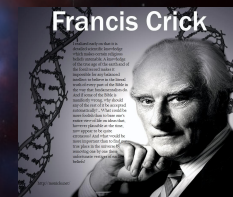
The Universe is  
unlikely. *Very unlikely.*  
Deeply, shockingly  
unlikely. “It’s quite  
fantastic,”

—Martin Rees, Britain’s Astronomer Royal

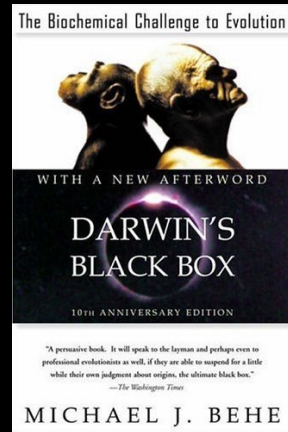
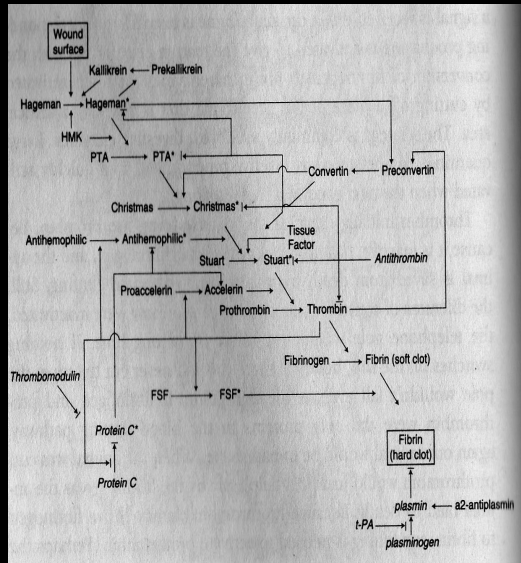


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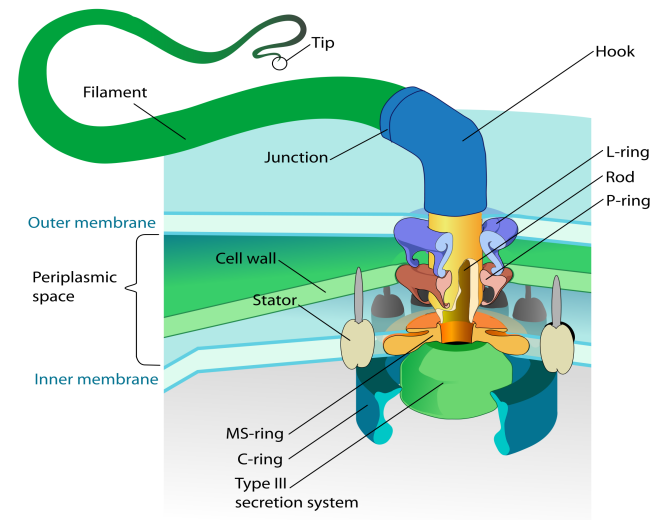
“An honest man, armed with all the  
knowledge available to us now, could  
only state that in some sense, the origin  
of life appears at the moment to be  
almost a miracle, so many are the  
conditions which would  
have had to have been  
satisfied to get it going.”



Francis Harry Compton Crick, OM, FRS was an English molecular biologist, biophysicist, and neuroscientist, most noted for being a co-discoverer of the structure of the DNA molecule in 1953 with James Watson.



## Bacterial Flagellum



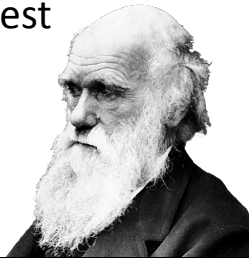
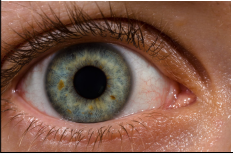
Although accounting for just one fourth-thousandth of an adult's weight, it is the medium which processes some 80% of the information received by its owner from the outside world. The tiny retina contains about 130 million rod-shaped cells, which detect light intensity and transmit impulses to the visual cortex of the brain by means of some one million nerve fibres, while nearly six million cone-shaped cells do the same job, but respond specifically to color variation. The eyes can handle 500,00 messages simultaneously, and are kept clear by ducts producing just the right amount of fluid with which the lids clean both eyes simultaneously in one five-thousandth of a second.





Origin of Species:

To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest sense. (Origins: 1859, p. 170).



*I praise you because I am  
fearfully and wonderfully  
made; your works are  
wonderful. I know that full  
well. -Psalm 139:14*

It is a *HUMBLING* experience  
when we recognize how vast the  
universe is and that God is the  
creator and sustainer of it all.

*What does genuine humility before  
God look like in our lives? How is it  
demonstrated in your life?*

Considering the intricacies of life  
and the unique fine-tuning of our  
universe, science seems to confirm  
the existence of God.

*As part of Gods creation what does it  
look like for you to confirm the  
existence of God?*

### Unlike Banksy... God tells us **why** he did it.

Acts 17:24-27 "**The God who made the world and everything in it** is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup>And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup>From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup>**God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him**, though he is not far from any one of us.

### Unlike Banksy... God tells us **who** He is.

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and **the exact representation of his being**, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Colossians 1:15-16 The **Son is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth.

### Every World View Addresses:

1. How did we get here?
2. Why is there pain and suffering in the world?
3. Is there a purpose to life?
4. Is this all there is?

### Every World View Address

Getting of the **Beginning**  
of the story right is  
critical to understanding  
the plot as it plays out.

4. Is this all there is?



in the beginning **GOD**

What Genesis tells us about  
God & the meaning of life.