

Welcome to the Family!



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Fall Bible Classes Begin in September!



GO Class for New Members or Visitors



GREAT OAKS

Breakfast & BIBLE CLASS

(with 500 of your favorite people)

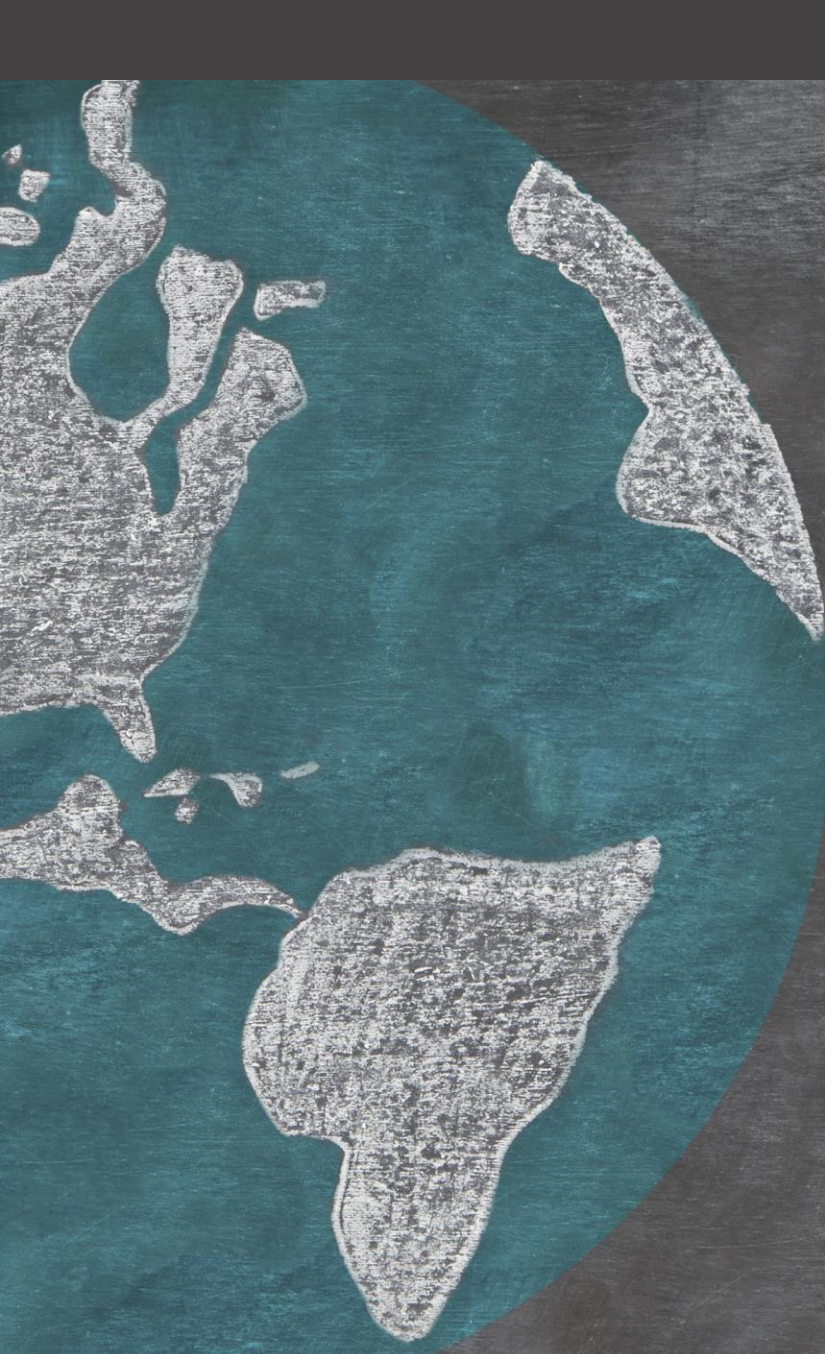
September 10th

Breakfast at 8am

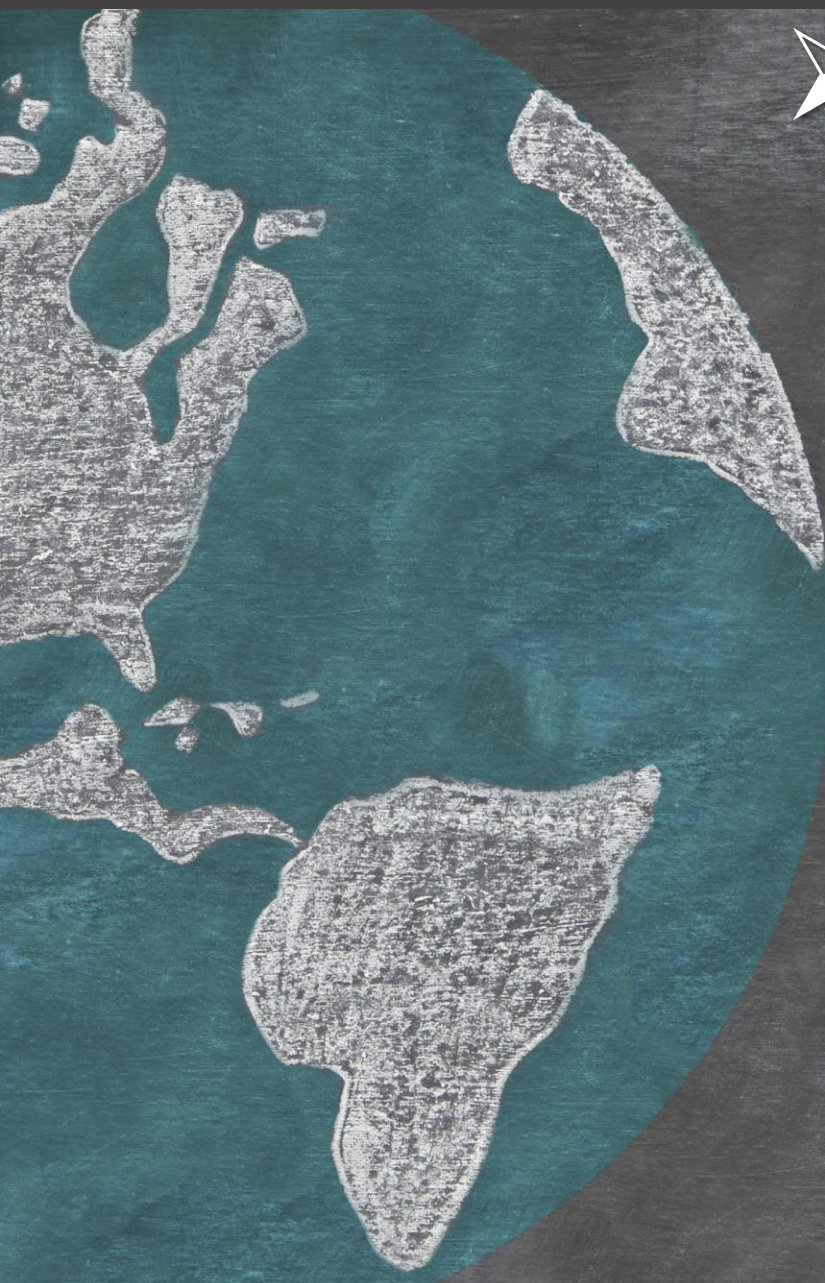
Bible class starts at 9am

Reason to Believe... ...in God





A World of Faith



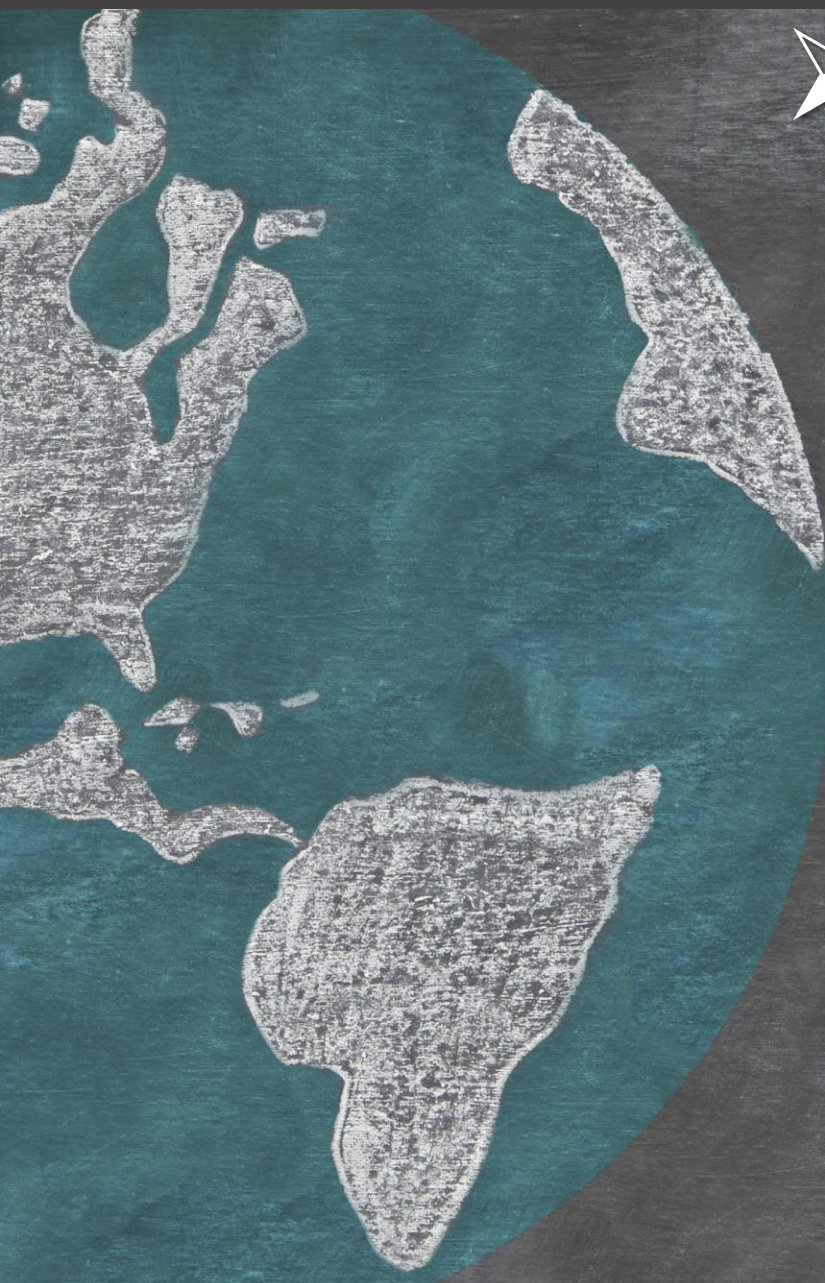
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1) God created
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humanity.

Genesis 1:1

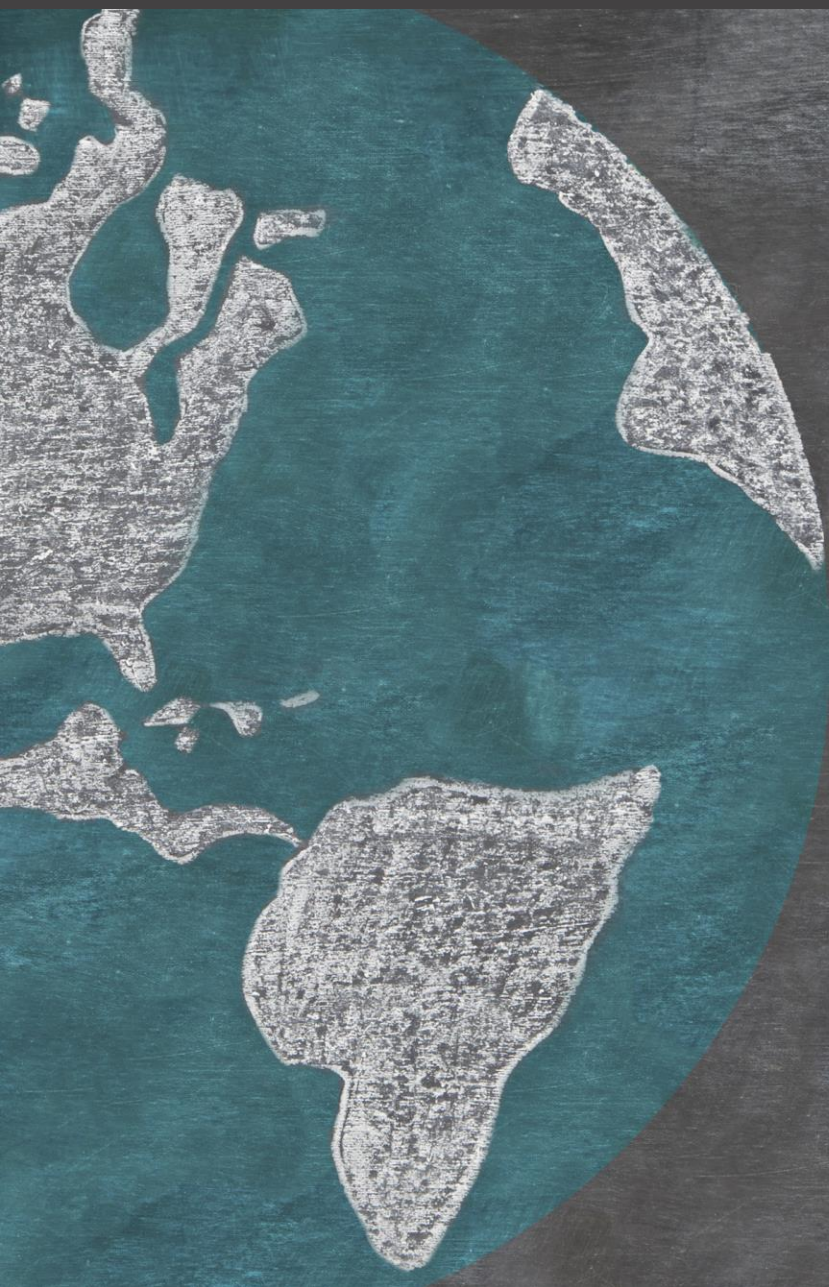
¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard Version*



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faith in a higher
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2) God built a
world that points
toward Him.



A World of Faith

➤ Some passages to know:

Psalms 19:1-3

¹ The heavens are telling of the glory of
God;
And their expanse is declaring the work
of His hands.

Psalms 19:1-3

² Day to day pours forth speech,
And night to night reveals knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there
words;
Their voice is not heard.

Romans 1:18-21

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

Romans 1:18-21

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Romans 1:18-21

²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

What Points Us Toward God?



Some of My Sources:

a reasonable **GOD**
ENGAGING the NEW FACE of ATHEISM
GREGORY E. GANSSLE

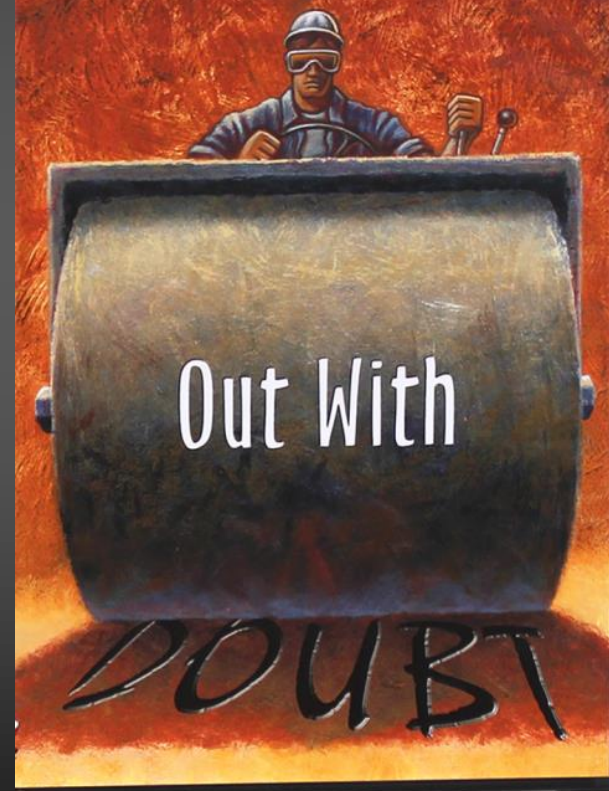


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The
REASON
for
GOD

*Belief in an Age
of Skepticism*

A Look at the Evidence for Christianity



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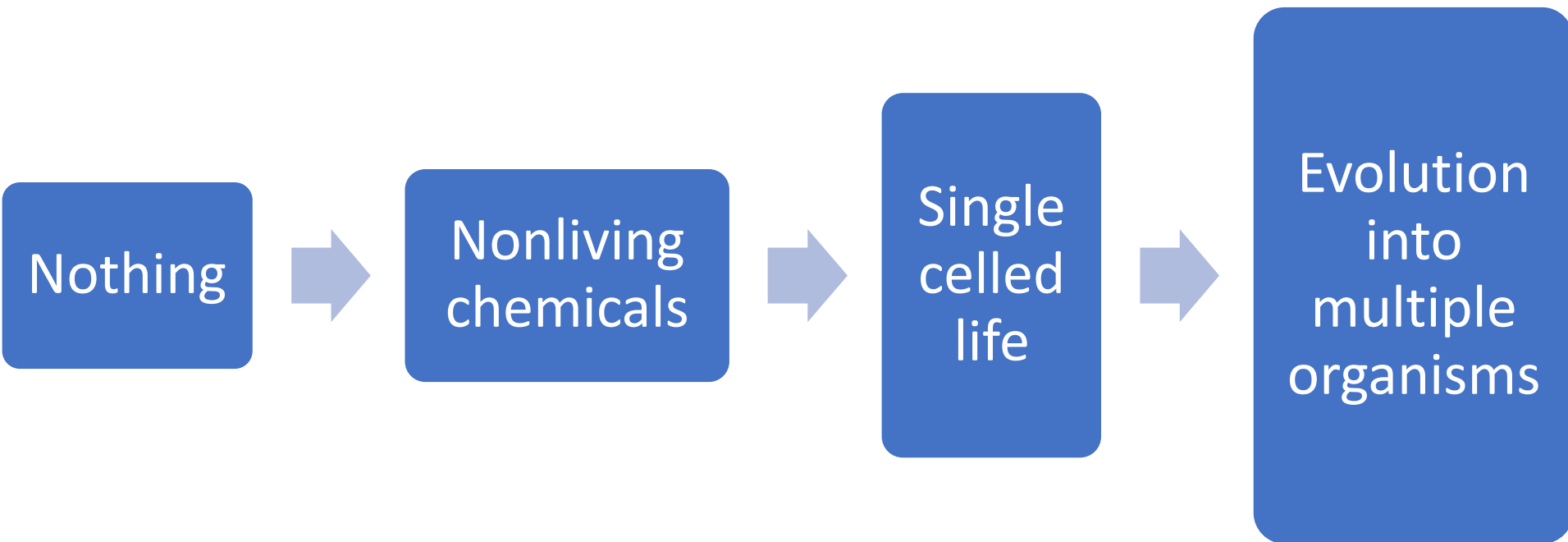


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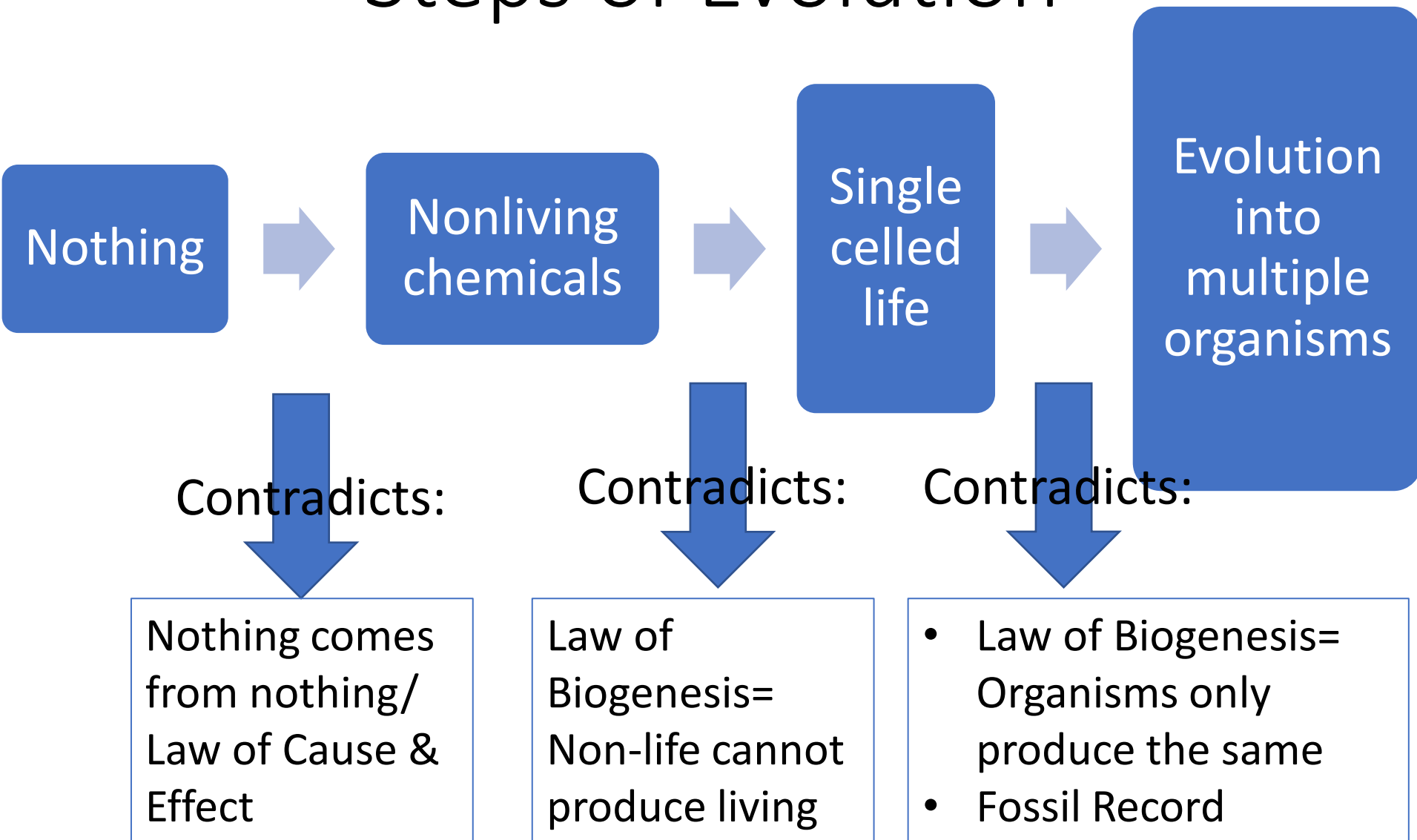
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- It is eternal.**



What Evolution Teaches



Big Problems with the Major Steps of Evolution



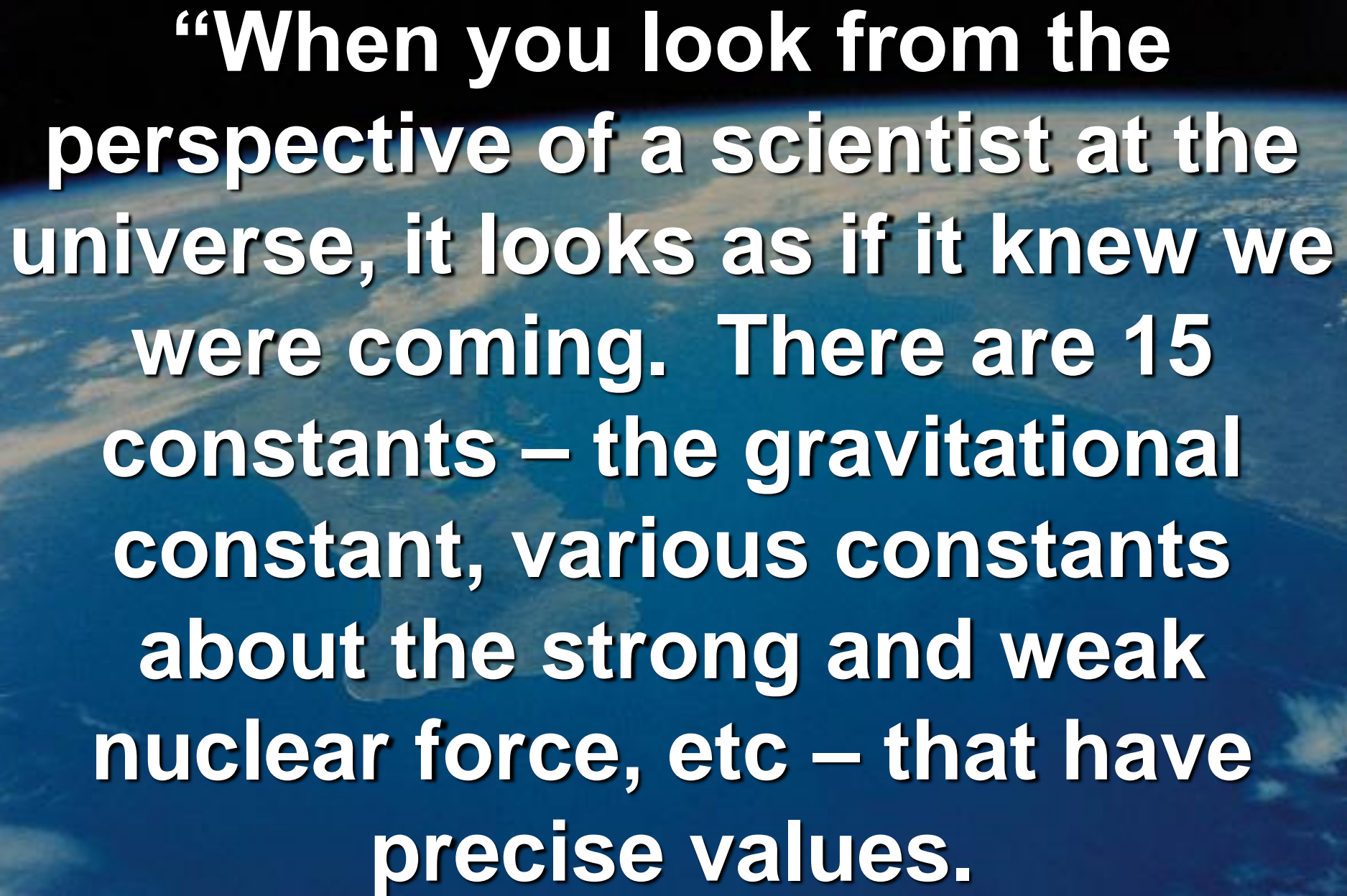
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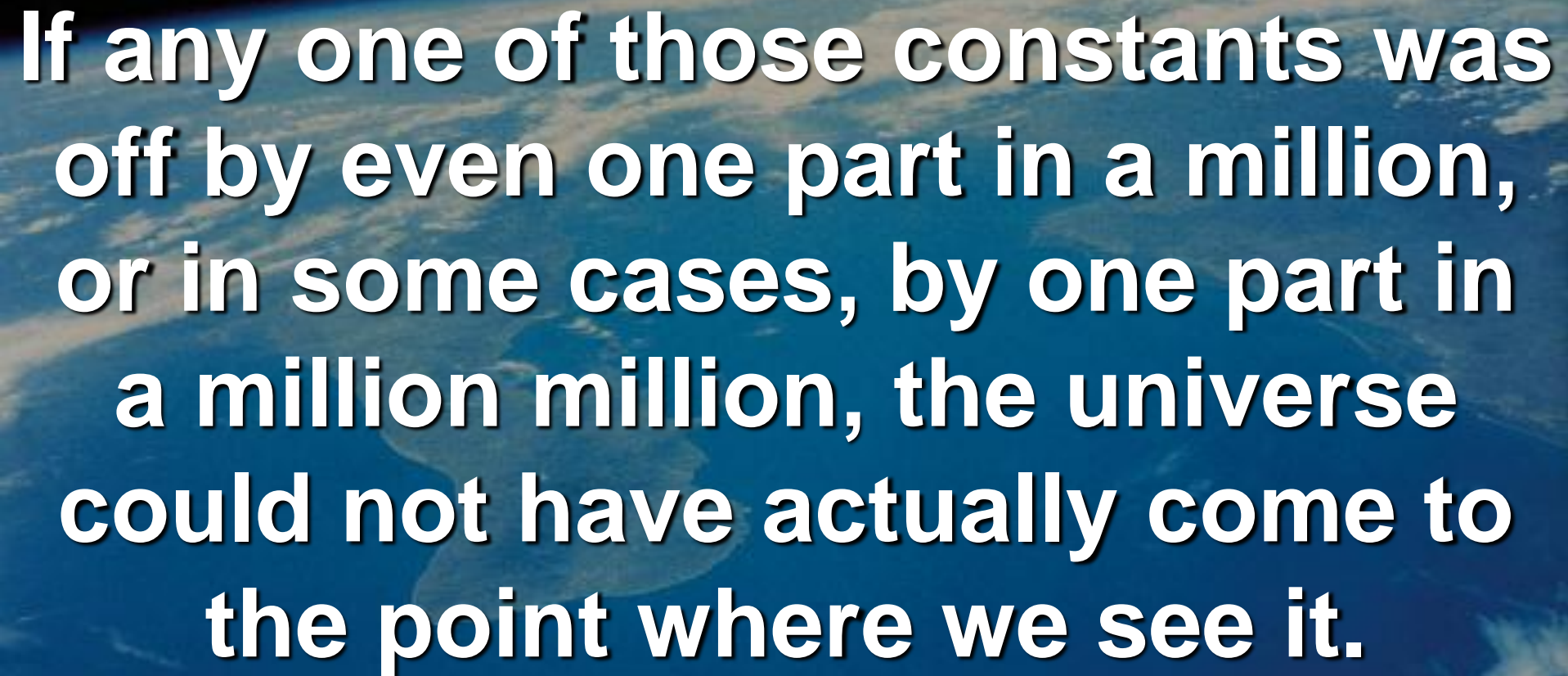


2) Our Fine-Tuned Universe.

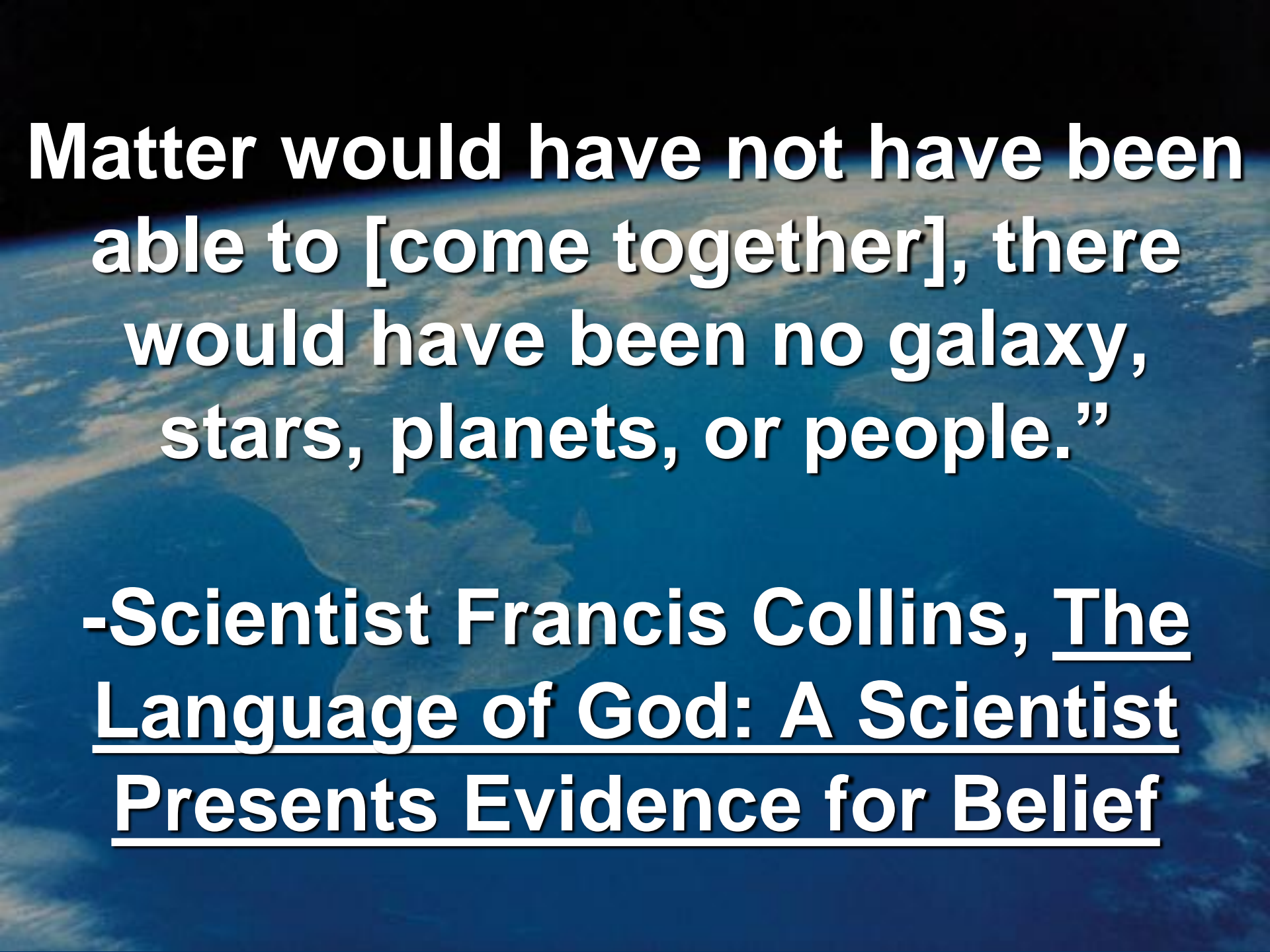




“When you look from the perspective of a scientist at the universe, it looks as if it knew we were coming. There are 15 constants – the gravitational constant, various constants about the strong and weak nuclear force, etc – that have precise values.



If any one of those constants was off by even one part in a million, or in some cases, by one part in a million million, the universe could not have actually come to the point where we see it.



Matter would have not have been able to [come together], there would have been no galaxy, stars, planets, or people.”

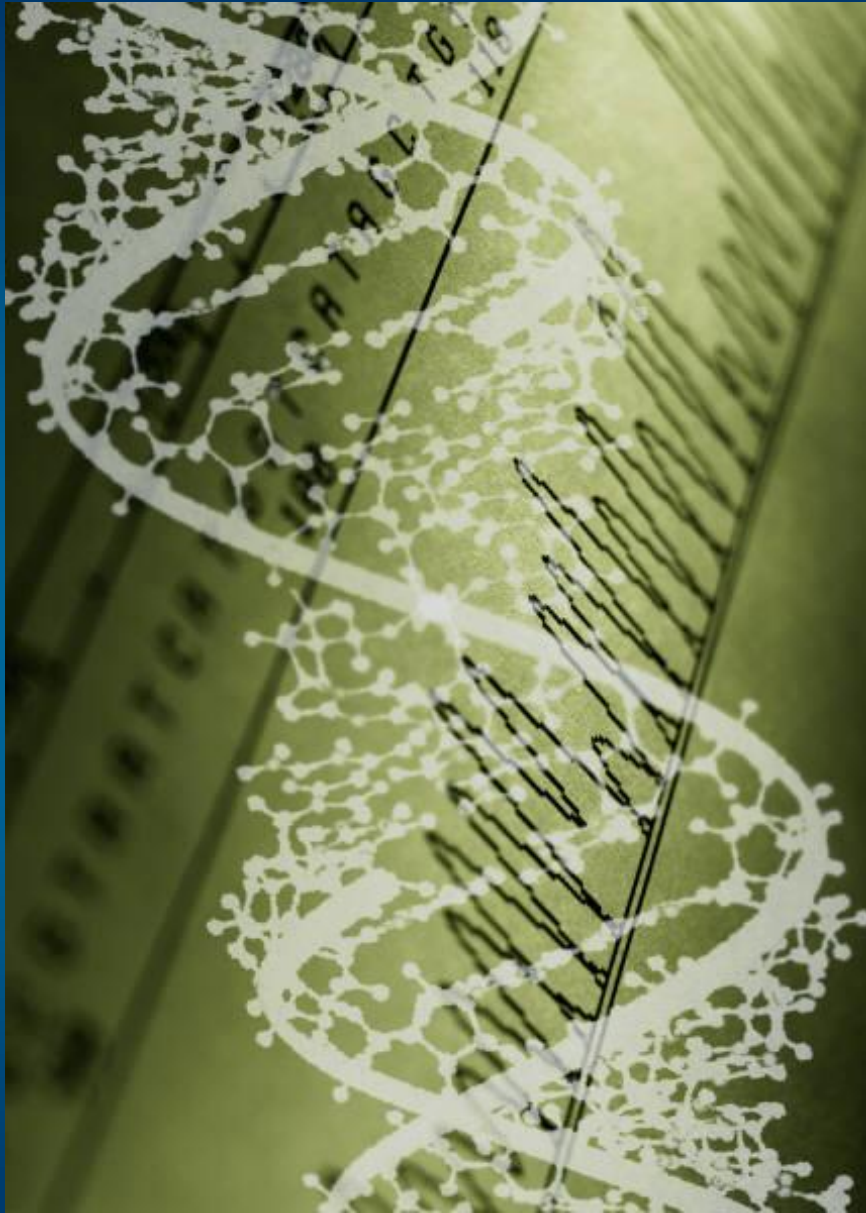
-Scientist Francis Collins, The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief

What are the odds for that?



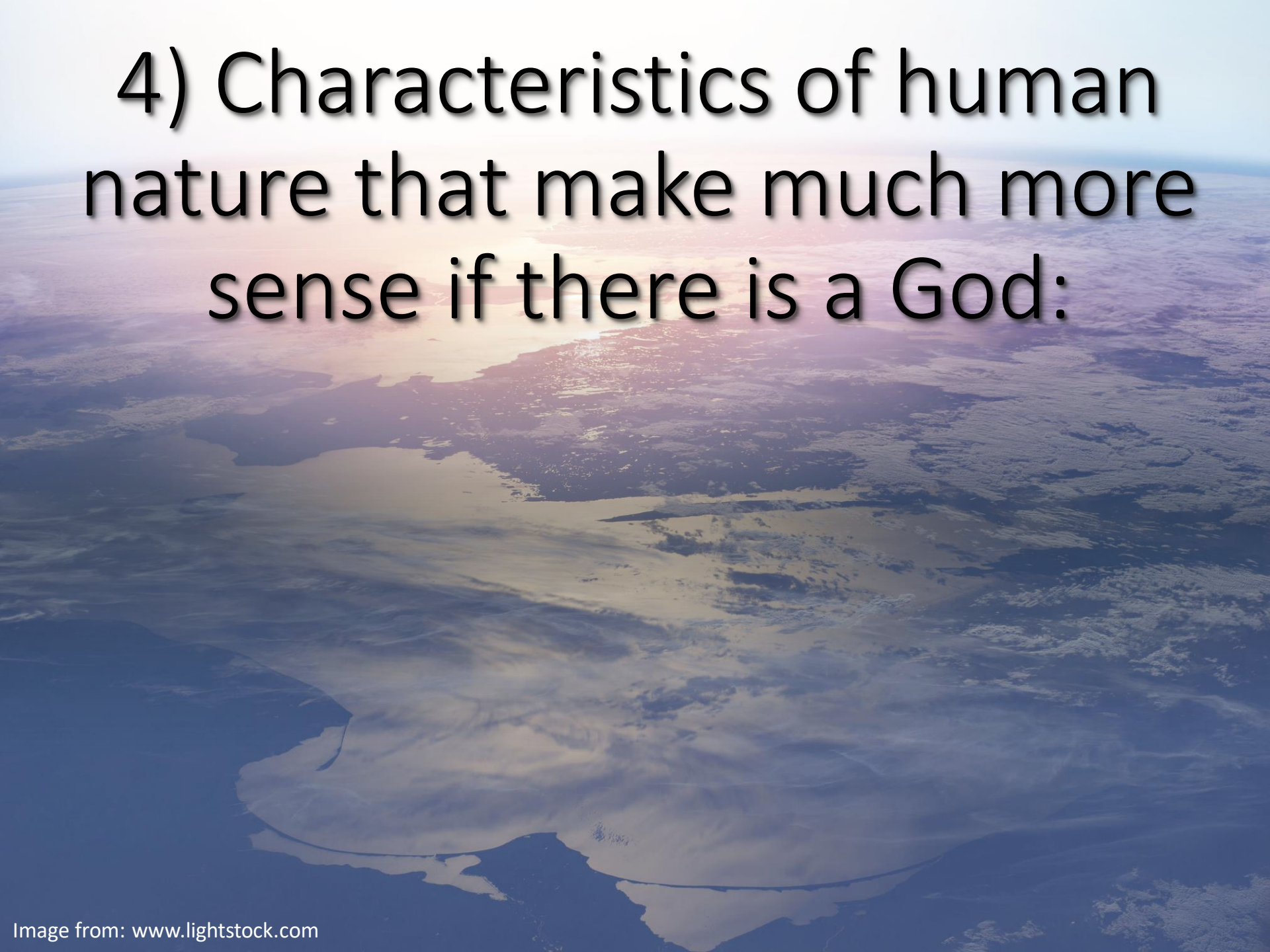
3) The chances of life coming together.





**Life is
extremely
complex, no
matter how
much time
you have.**

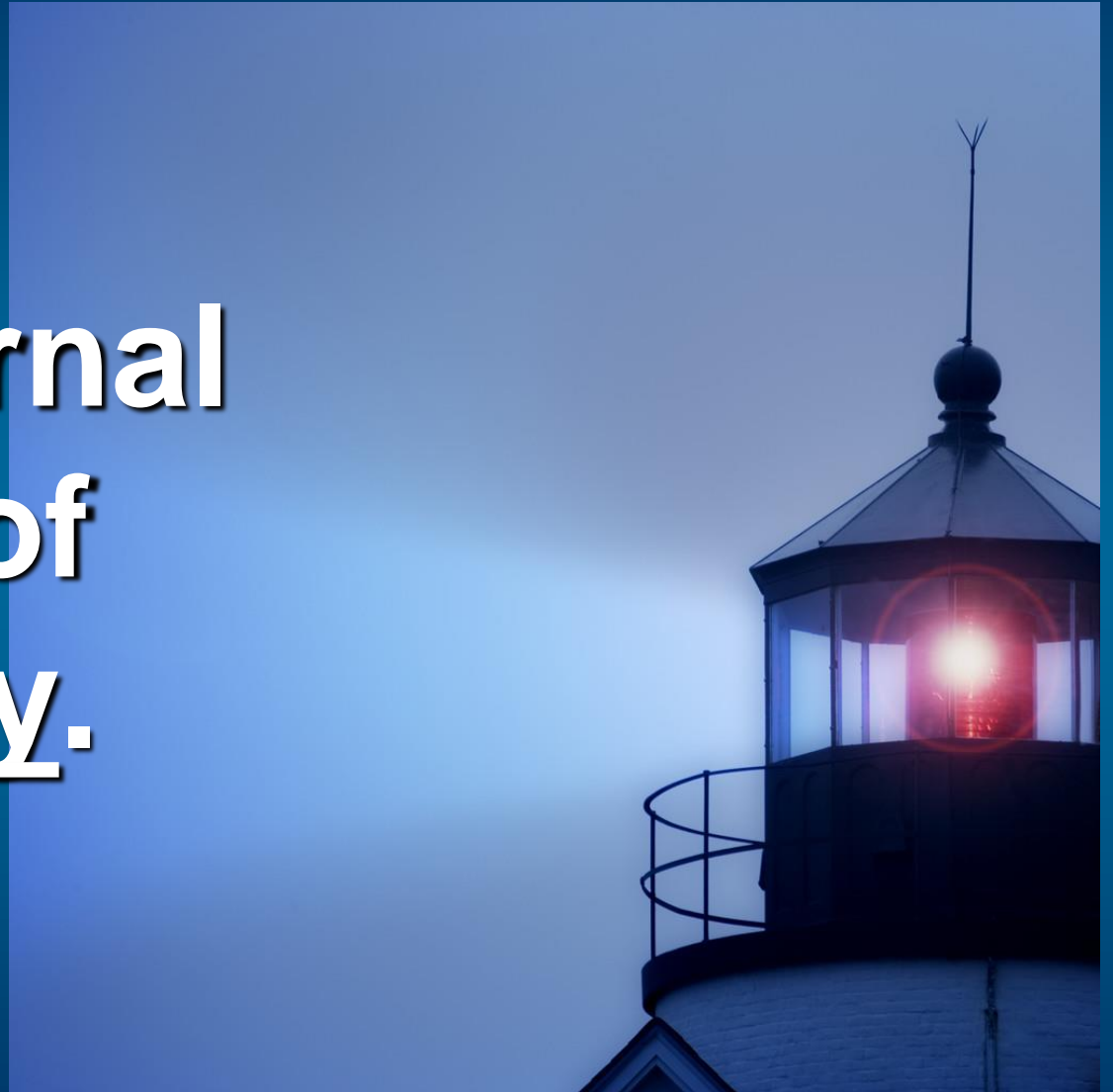
4) Characteristics of human nature that make much more sense if there is a God:



Genesis 1:27

²⁷ God created man in His own image,
in the image of God He created
him; male and female He created
them.

**-Our internal
sense of
morality.**



**-Our individual
consciousness.**



**-Our ability to make free
moral choices.**

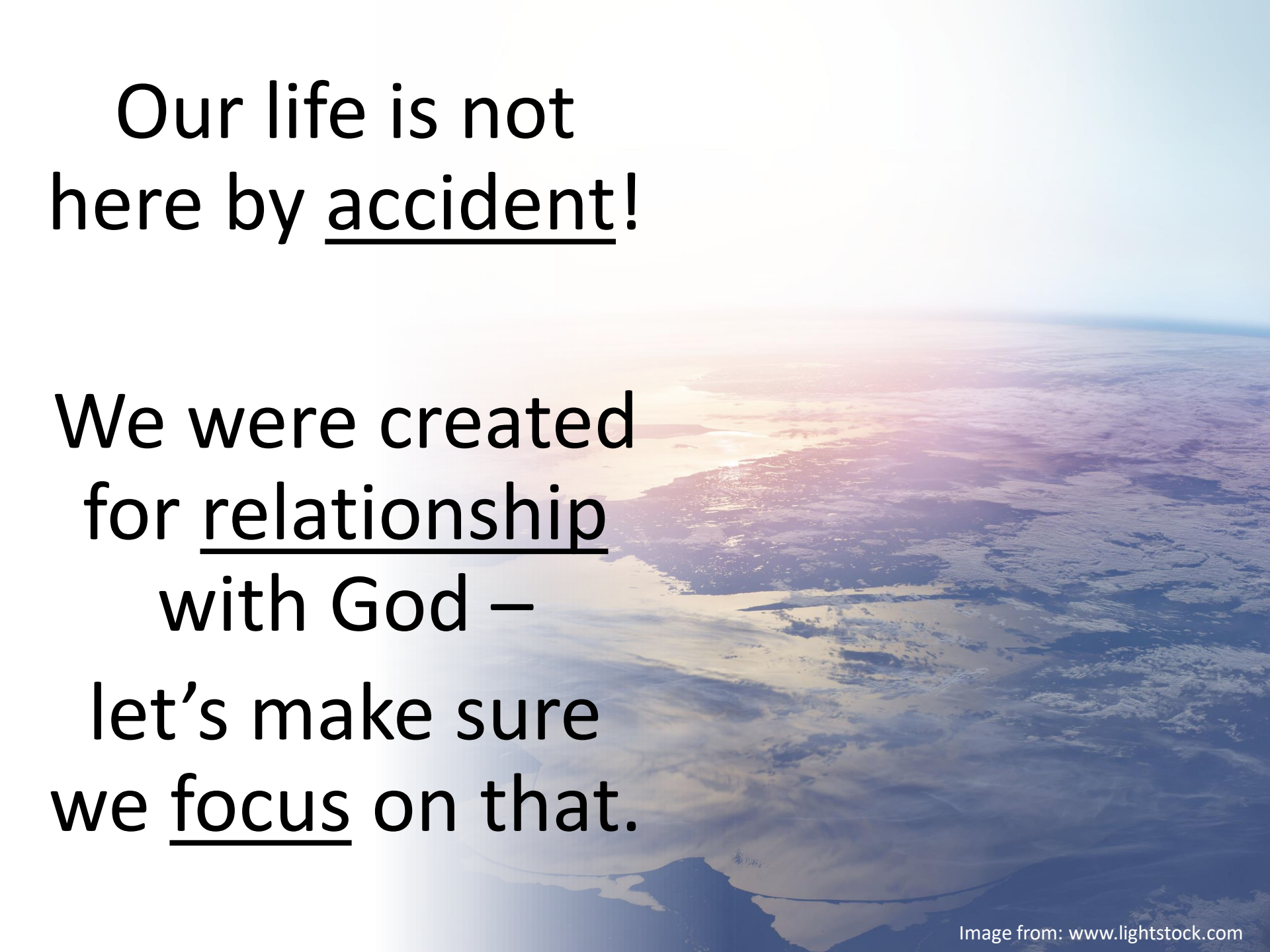




**-Our desire
for greater
meaning and
fulfillment.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11

¹¹ He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.



Our life is not
here by accident!

We were created
for relationship
with God –

let's make sure
we focus on that.

John 17:3

³ This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Receiving God's Salvation



James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.