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Evidences To Believe



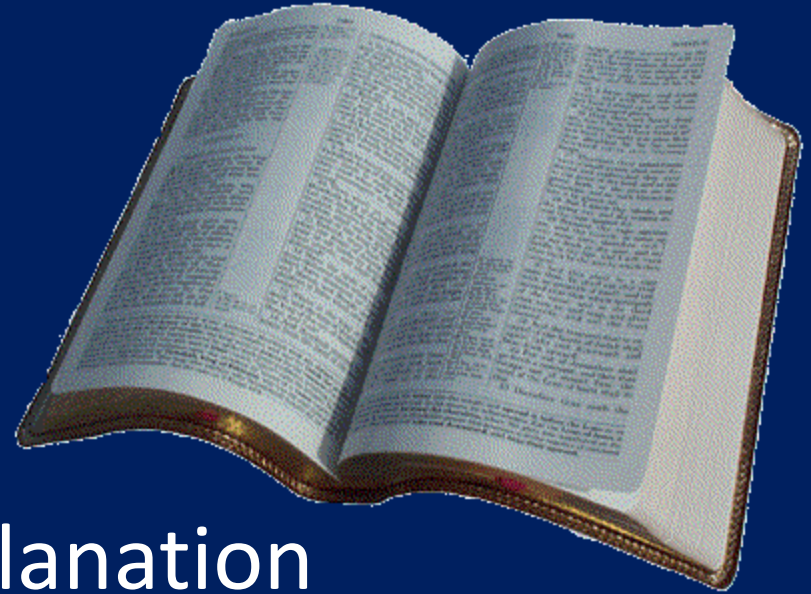
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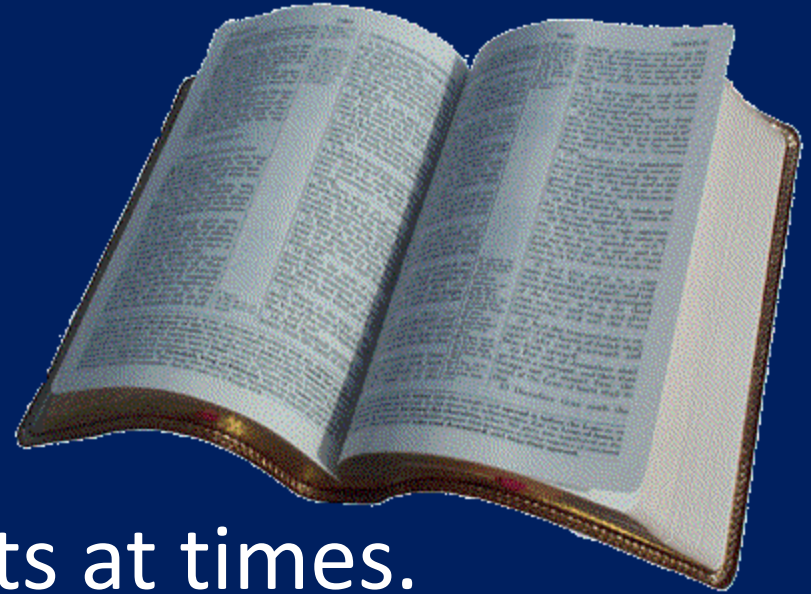
or argument or explanation

answer (KJV, NIV)

apologia, a verbal defense, a speech in defense (Vine's)

“defense”

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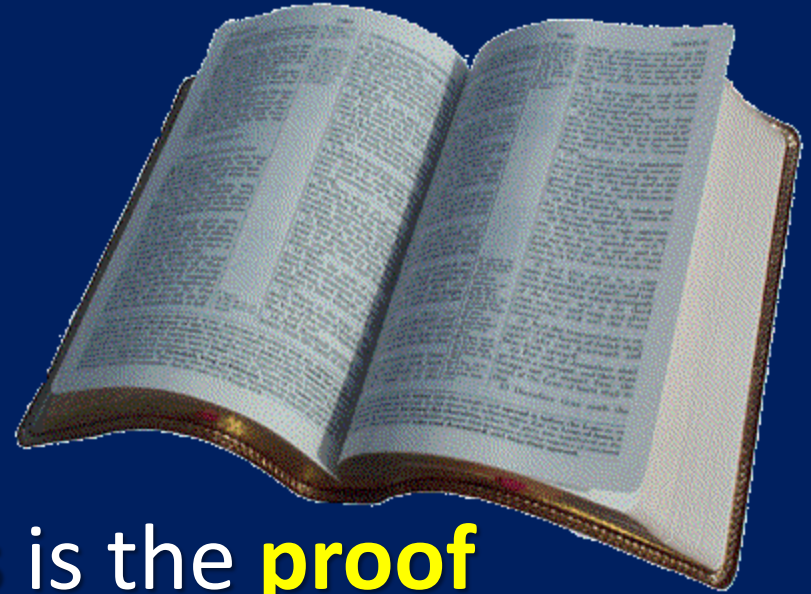


We may have doubts at times.

A study of evidences helps with our doubts (Rom 10:17).

Strengthens our faith (2 Pet 3:17-18)

Evidences



Christian Evidences is the **proof** (strong evidence) and **defense** of the Bible as a special divine revelation.

Apologetics is the study (a defense, reply or answer) of the divine origin and authority of Christianity.

Evidences



The world attributes everything to natural causes

Evolution, rationalism, humanism, modernism

Antisupernatural, no God



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**Evidences for the
Existence of God**

2 sources for the concept of God

The Bible is a special divine revelation.



The material creation is a natural revelation.

Special Revelation

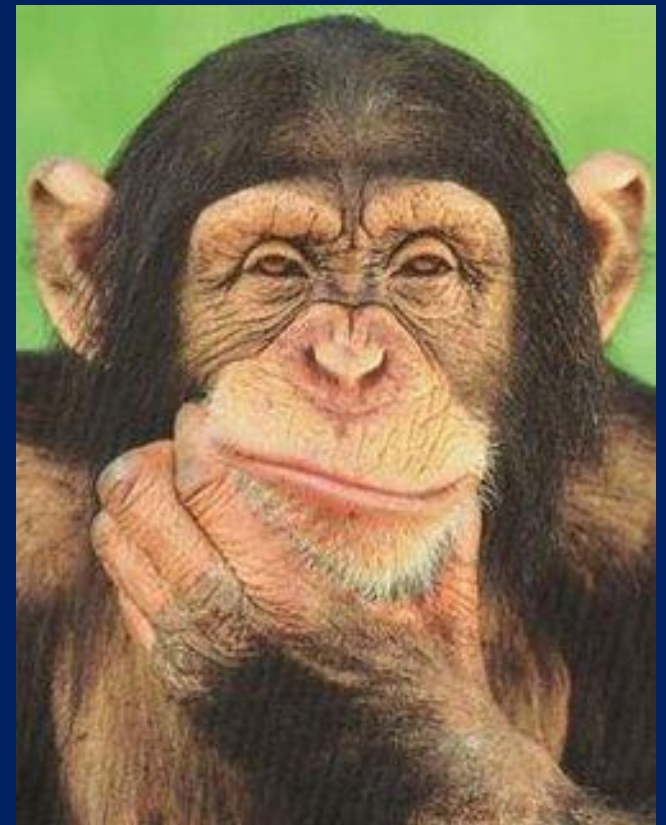


What God has revealed about
Himself in the Bible.

Reason

What is the most reasonable to believe?

**1 Thess
5:21**

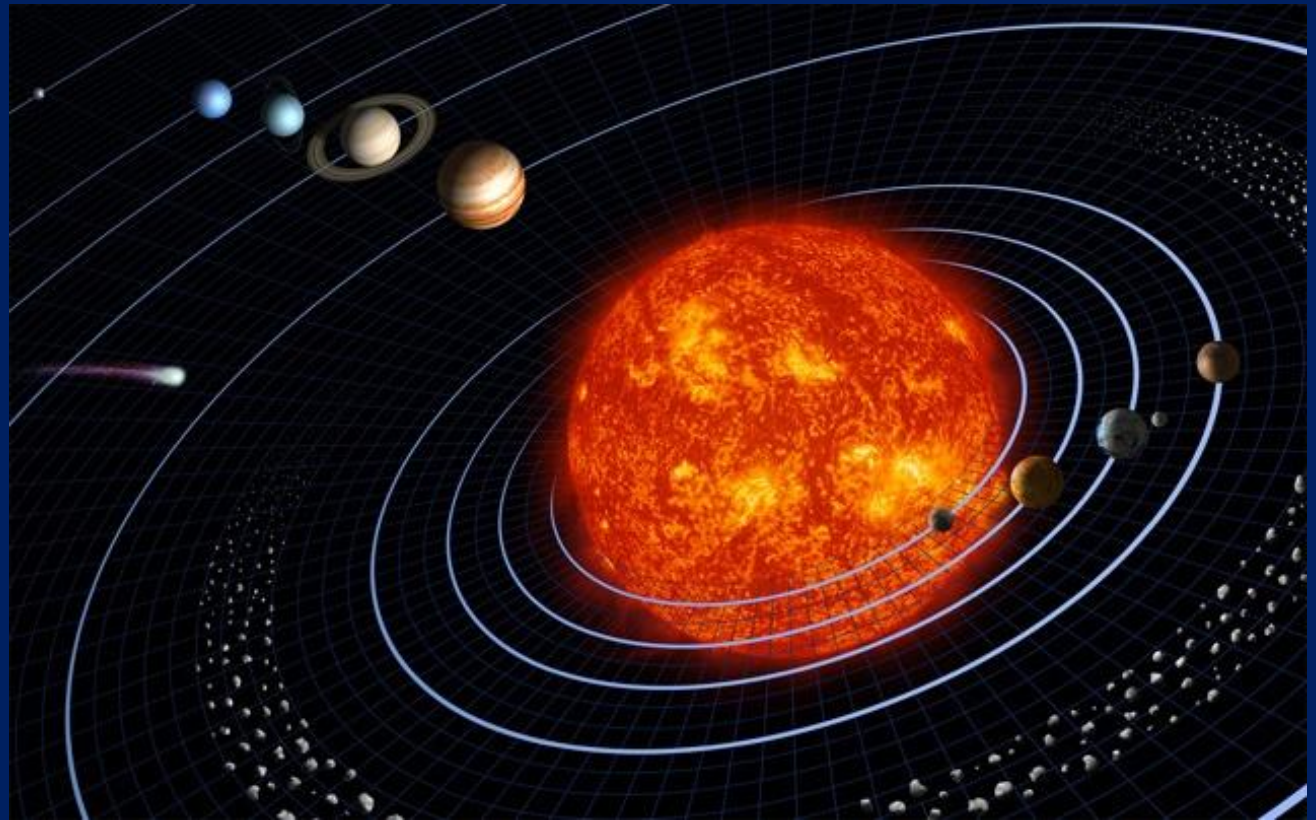


Weighing the evidence
to draw a conclusion.



*For every house is built by
someone...*

Hebrews 3:4a



...but the builder of all things is God.

Hebrews 3:4



THE BIG BANG THEORY

TIME BEGINS

ONE SECOND

PRESENT DAY

Time	10^{-43} sec.	10^{-32} sec.	10^{-6} sec.	3 min.	300,000 yrs.	1 billion yrs.	15 billion yrs.
Temperature		10^{27} °C	10^{13} °C	10^8 °C	$10,000$ °C	-200°°C	-270°°C

1 The cosmos goes through a superfast "inflation," expanding from the size of an atom to that of a grapefruit in a tiny fraction of a second

2 Post-inflation, the universe is a seething, hot soup of electrons, quarks and other particles

3 A rapidly cooling cosmos permits quarks to clump into protons and neutrons

4 Still too hot to form into atoms, charged electrons and protons prevent light from shining; the universe is a superhot fog

5 Electrons combine with protons and neutrons to form atoms, mostly hydrogen and helium. Light can finally shine

6 Gravity makes hydrogen and helium gas coalesce to form the giant clouds that will become galaxies; smaller clumps of gas collapse to form the first stars

7 As galaxies cluster together under gravity, the first stars die and spew heavy elements into space; these will eventually form into new stars and planets

NOTE: The numbers in cosmology are so great and the numbers in subatomic physics are so small that it is often necessary to express them in exponential form. Ten multiplied by itself, or 100, is written as 10^2 . One thousand is written as 10^3 . Similarly, one-tenth is 10^{-1} , and one-hundredth is 10^{-2} .

Who created the Big Bang theory and why?

According to the Big Bang theory, the expansion of the observable universe began with the explosion of a single particle at a definite point in time.

Georges Lemaître, (1894-1966), Belgian cosmologist, Catholic priest, and father of the Big Bang theory.

Why was it called the Big Bang?

Etymology. English astronomer Fred Hoyle is credited with coining the term "Big Bang" during a talk for a March 1949 BBC Radio broadcast, saying: **"These theories were based on the hypothesis that all the matter in the universe was created in one big bang at a particular time in the remote past."**

How did the Big Bang start from nothing?

The Big Bang theory says that the universe came into being from a single, unimaginably hot and dense point (aka, a singularity) more than 13 billion years ago. It didn't occur in an already existing space. Rather, **it initiated the expansion—and cooling—of space itself.**

Is Chance the
answer?





The chance of a monkey typing the word 'Hamlet' correctly is 1 in 15,625,000,000.

Chance of you winning the lottery is about 1 in 292,201,338.



Flipping a coin – 50/50 chance of heads vs tails

Struck by lightning is 1 out of 600,000 would be like flipping a coin heads 19x in a row

Physicist Lee Smolin has calculated that the odds of life-compatible numbers coming up by chance is 1 in 10^{229} . Physicists refer to this discovery as the “fine-tuning” of physics for life. Like flipping heads 10 quintillion times (10^{18})

Swiss Watch

220 tiny parts

Throw them up in the air and have them all land on the ground completely assembled, working and keeping perfect time.

Impossible, yet more likely than universe forming by chance



Earth



Venus



Mars



Mercury

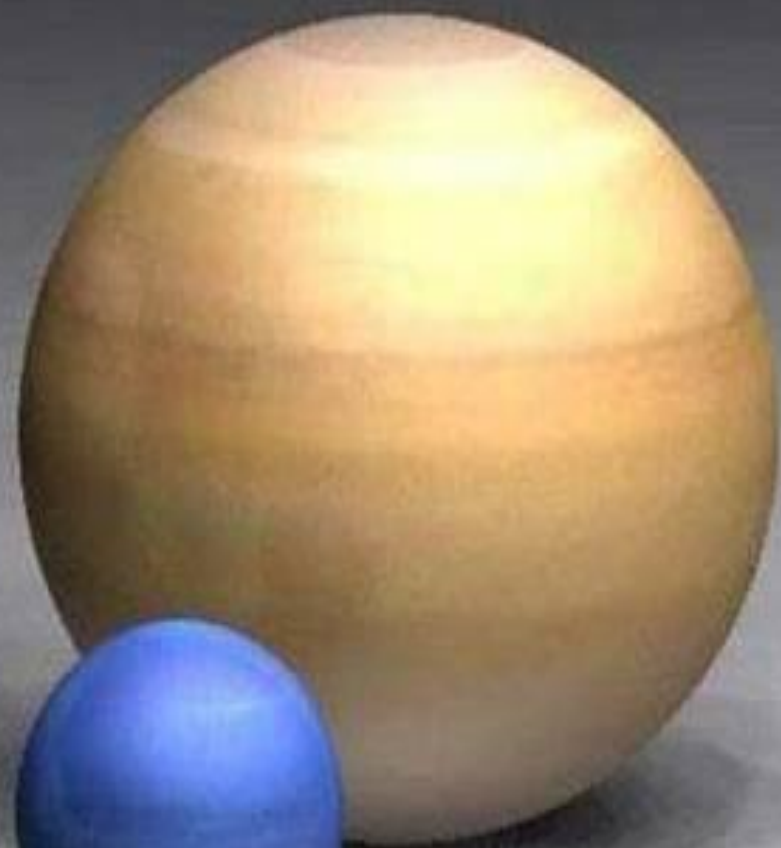


Pluto



Jupiter

Saturn



Uranus

Neptune



Earth



Pluto

Sun



Jupiter

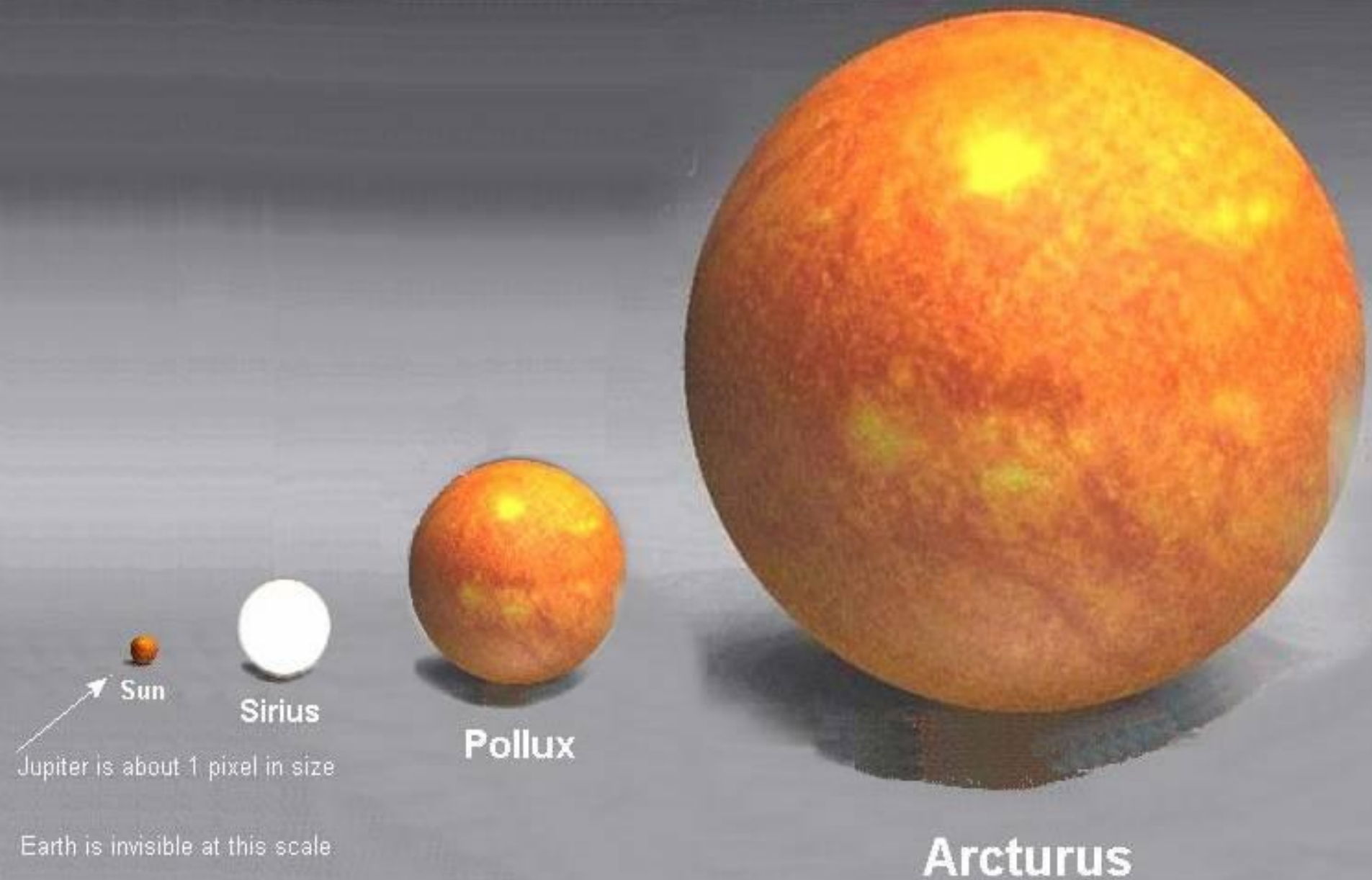


Earth



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Betelgeuse

Antares

Jupiter is invisible at this scale

Sun (1 pixel)

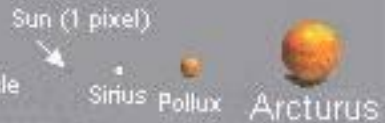
Sirius

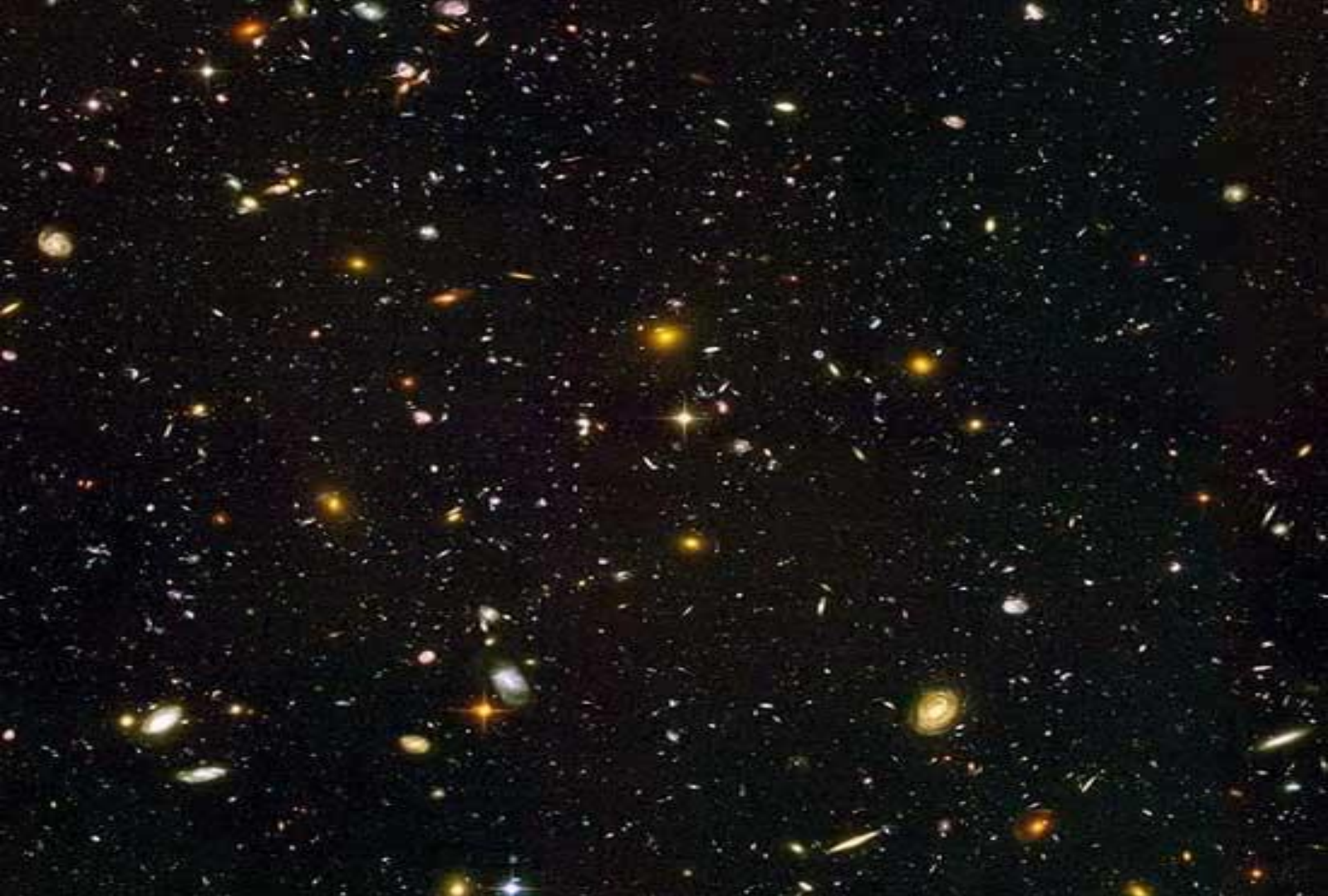
Pollux

Arcturus

Rigel

Aldebaran





THIS IS A HUBBLE TELESCOPE ULTRA DEEP FIELD INFRARED VIEW OF COUNTLESS
'ENTIRE' GALAXIES BILLIONS OF LIGHT-YEARS AWAY.

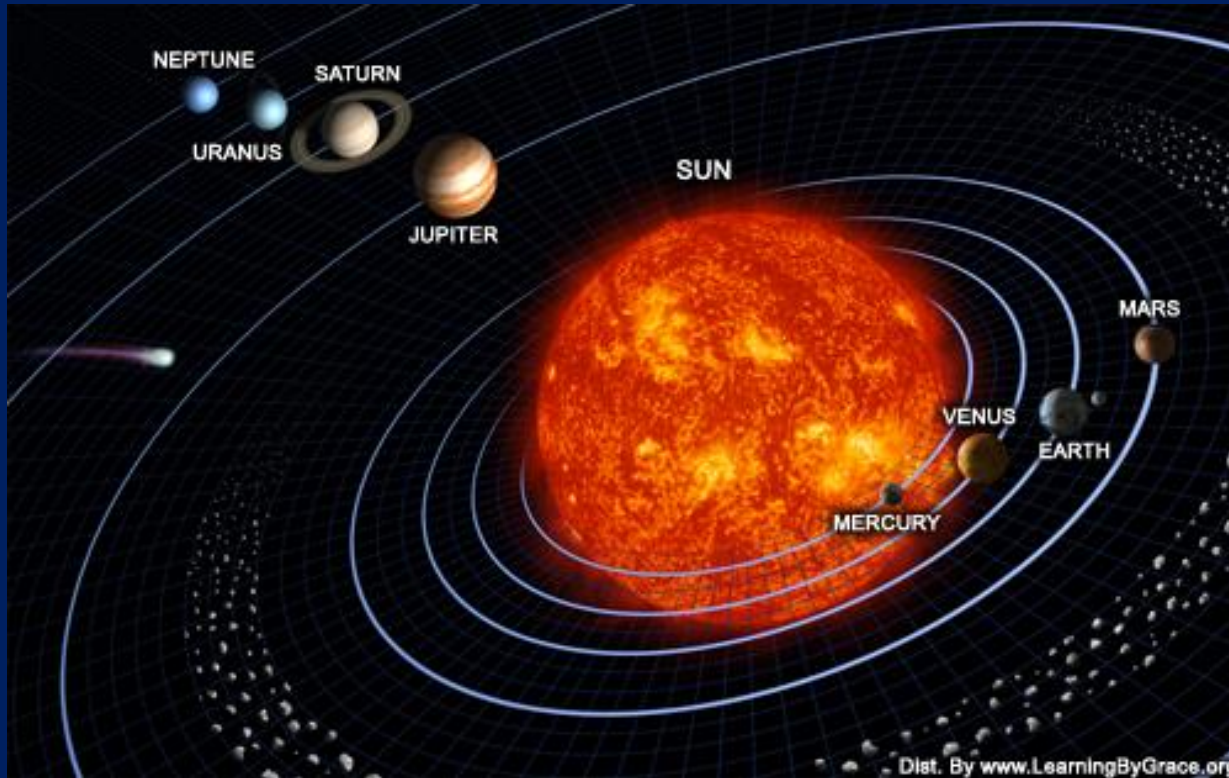


A CLOSE UP OF ONE OF THE DARKEST REGIONS OF THE PREVIOUS PHOTO.



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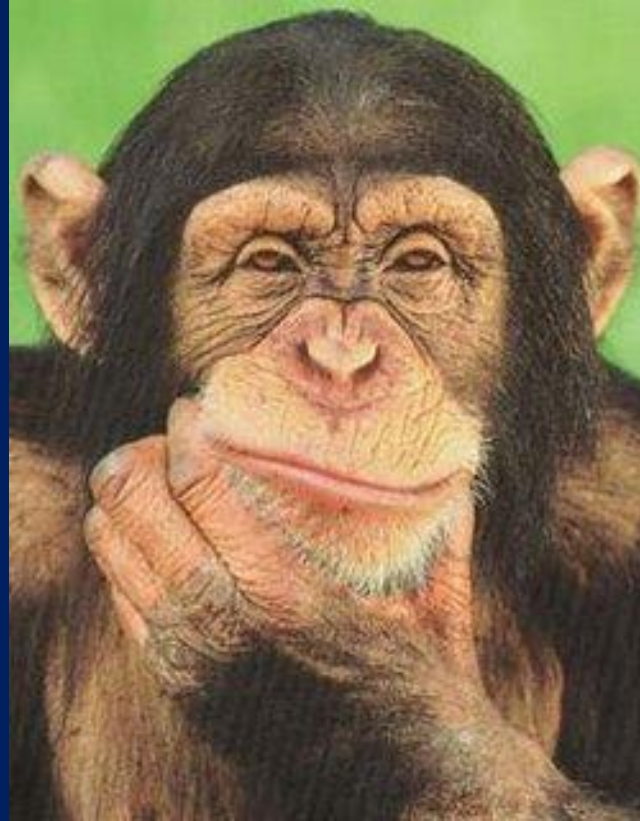
Psalms 19:1
Romans 1:20

Chance is not
the answer.



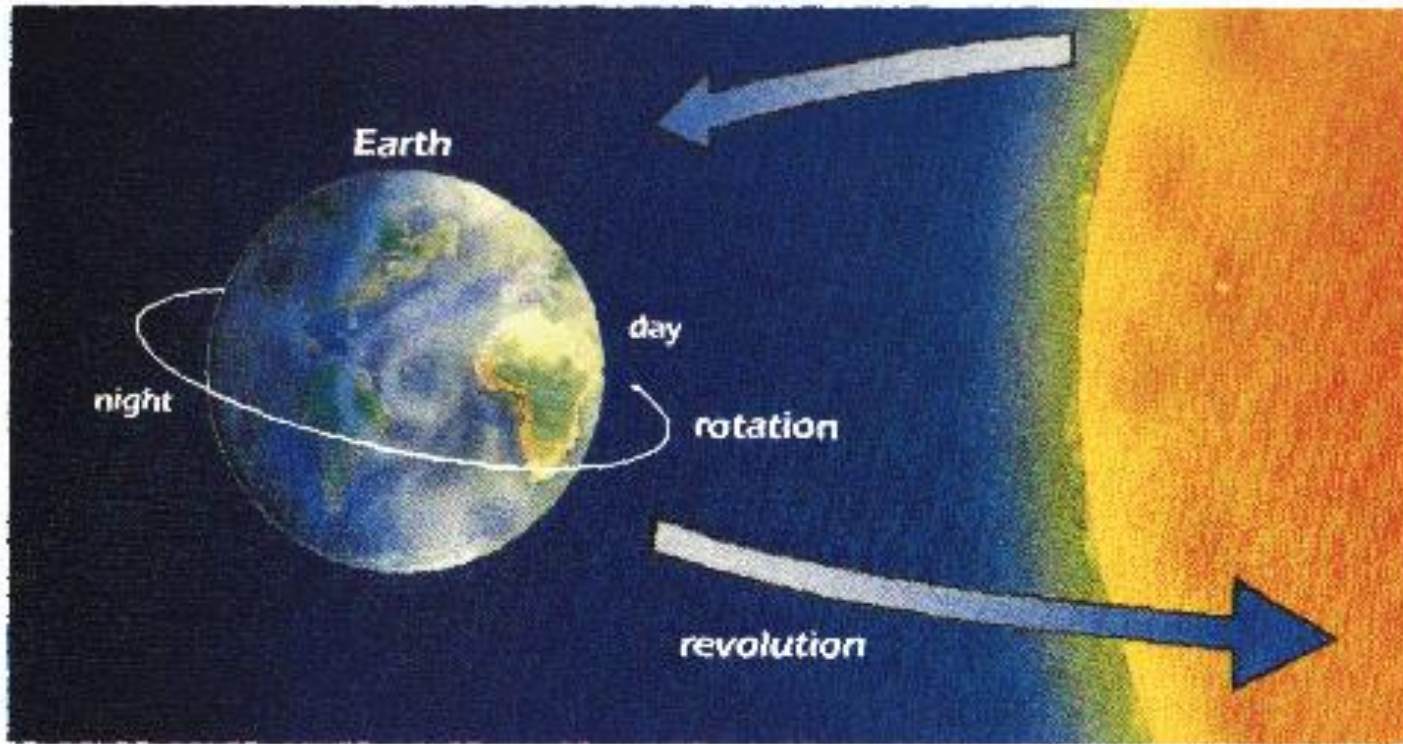
Belief in God is more reasonable
than belief in chance.

There is
no God.



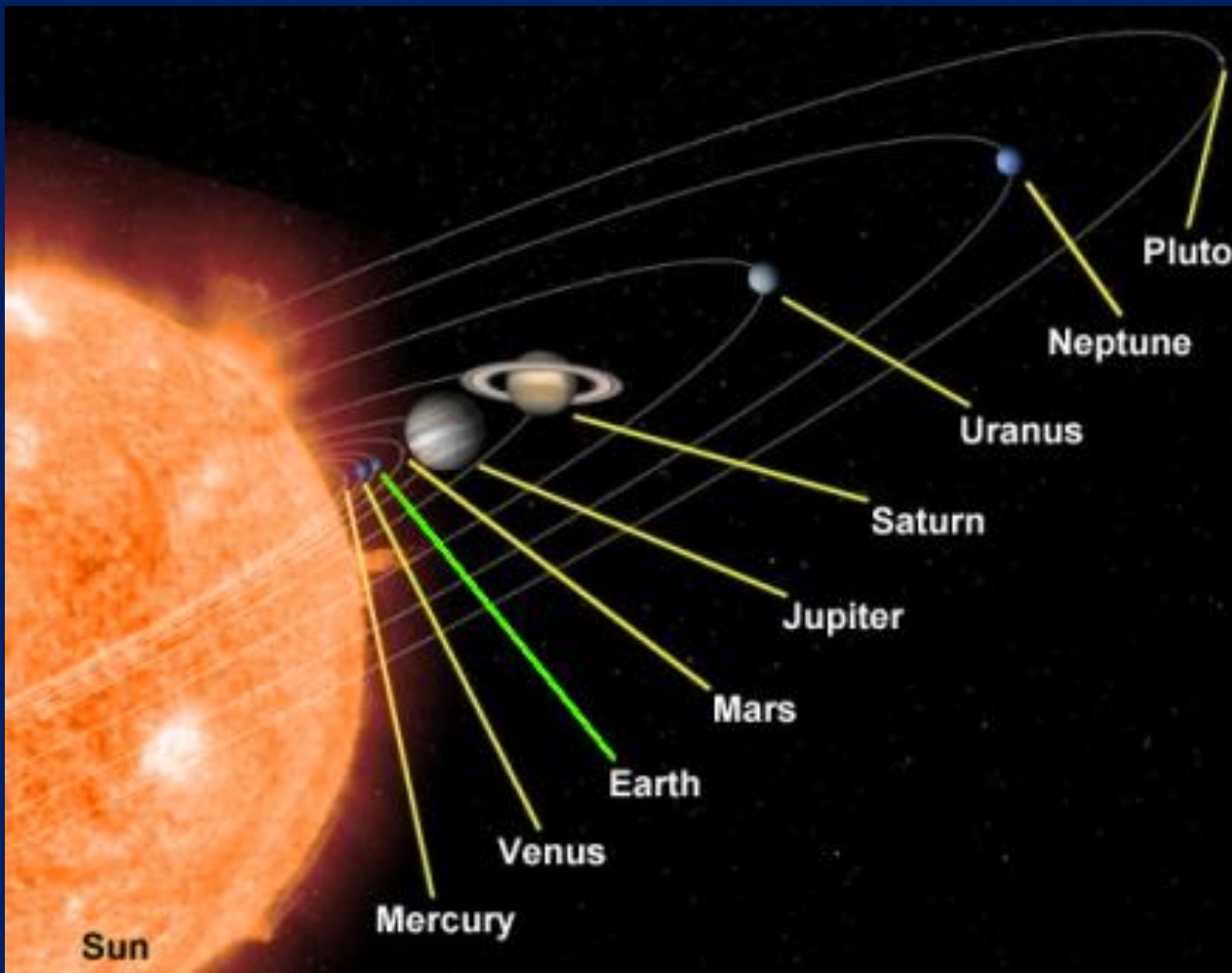
There **is**
a God!



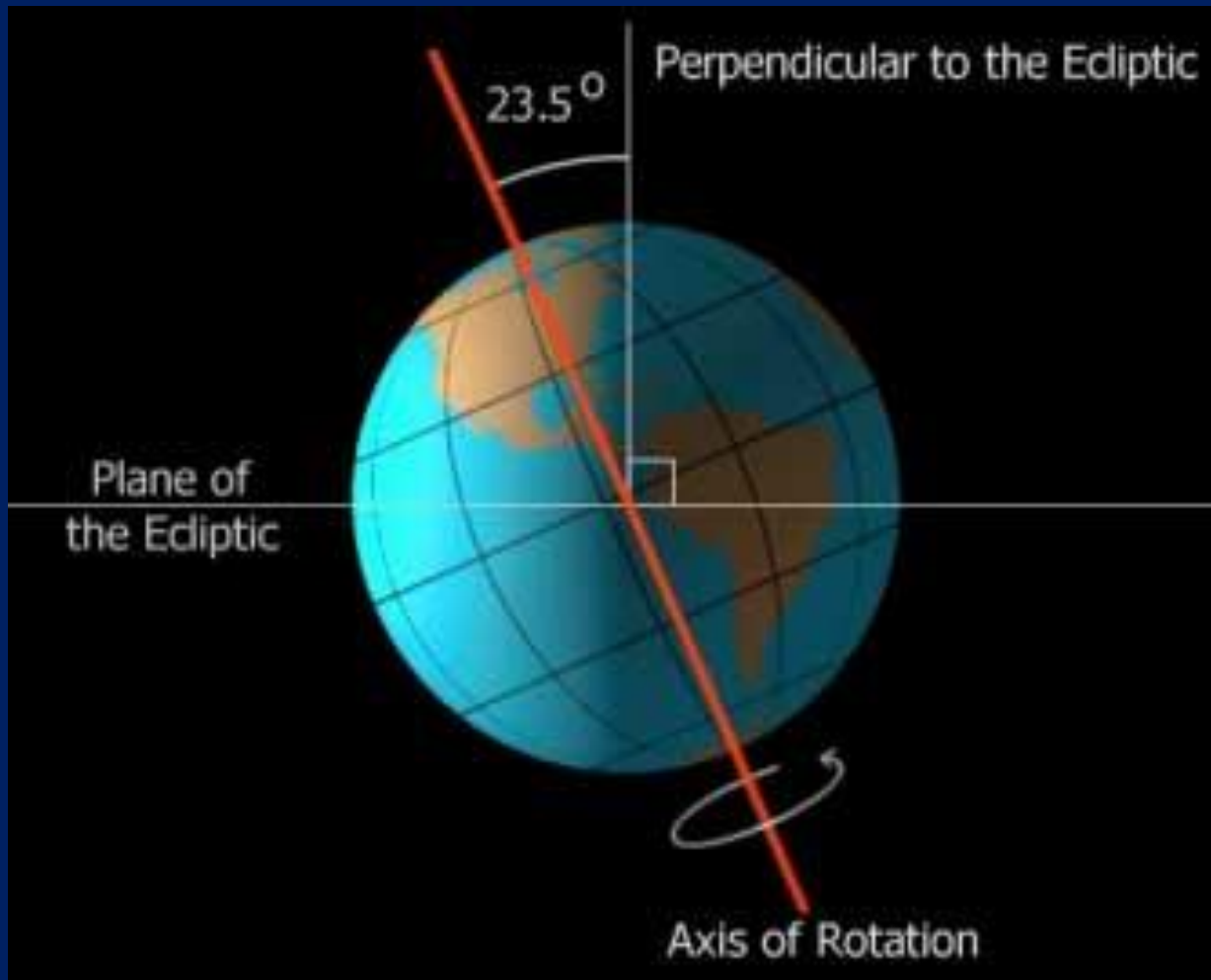


Earth rotates on its axis as it revolves around the sun.

rotation of the earth



earth's distance from the sun

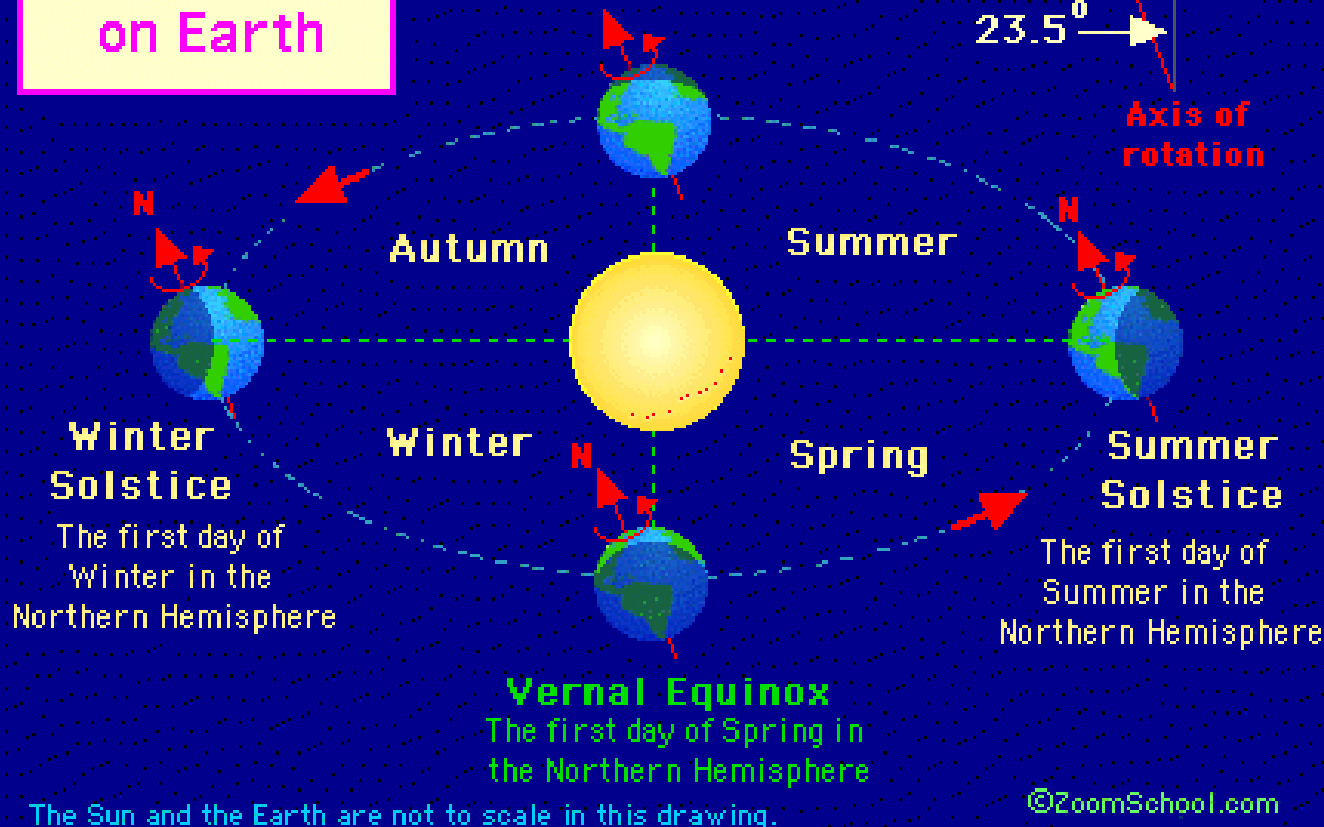


earth's seasons from angle of tilt

The Seasons on Earth

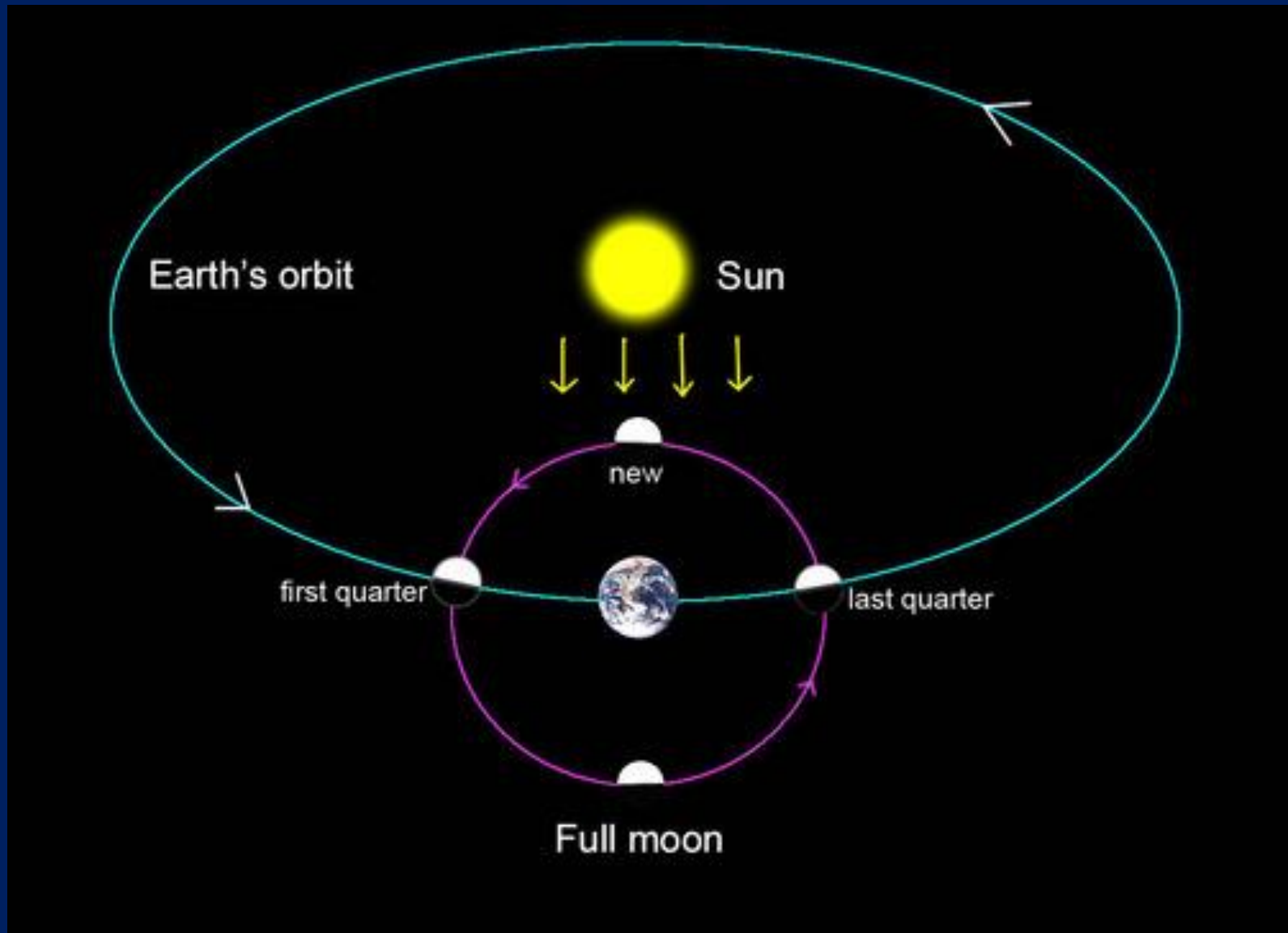
Autumnal Equinox
The first day of Autumn in the Northern Hemisphere

23.5°
Axis of rotation

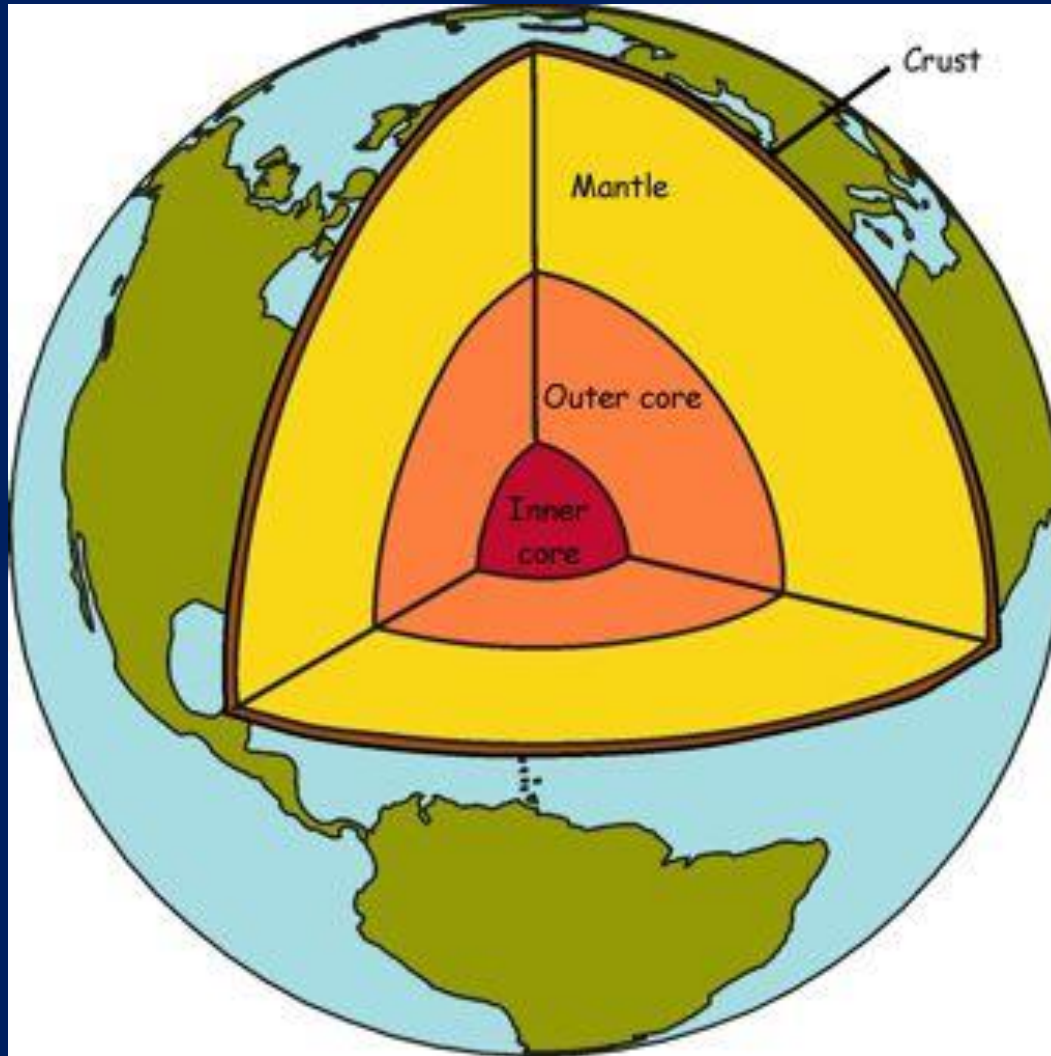


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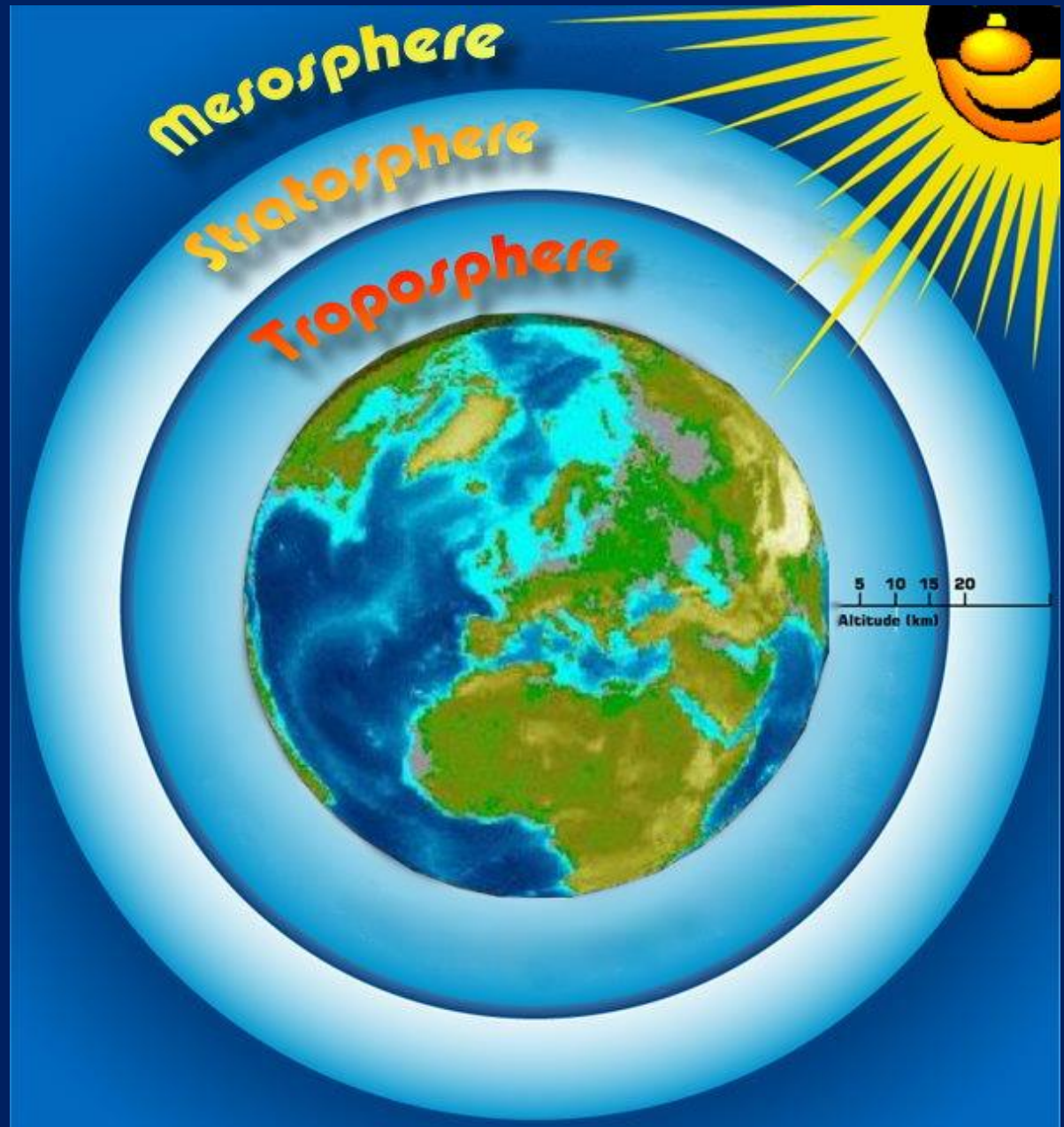
distance of moon from the earth



earth's crust



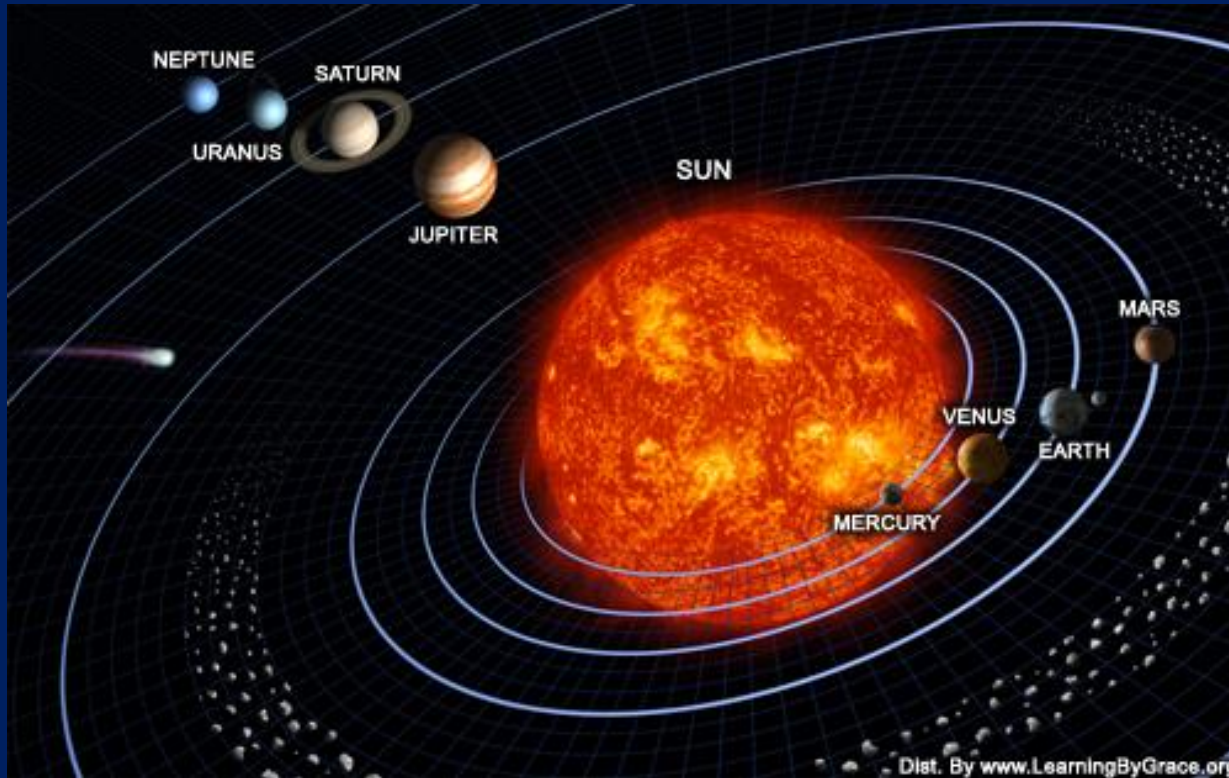
earth's atmosphere





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The Teleological Argument

design suggests a Designer



The Teleological Argument

Salmon fighting upstream

design suggests a Designer

The Teleological Argument



migration of
birds

design suggests a Designer



The Teleological Argument

human body

Psalms 139:14

design suggests a Designer



The Moral Argument

Men everywhere have an idea
of what “ought” to be done.

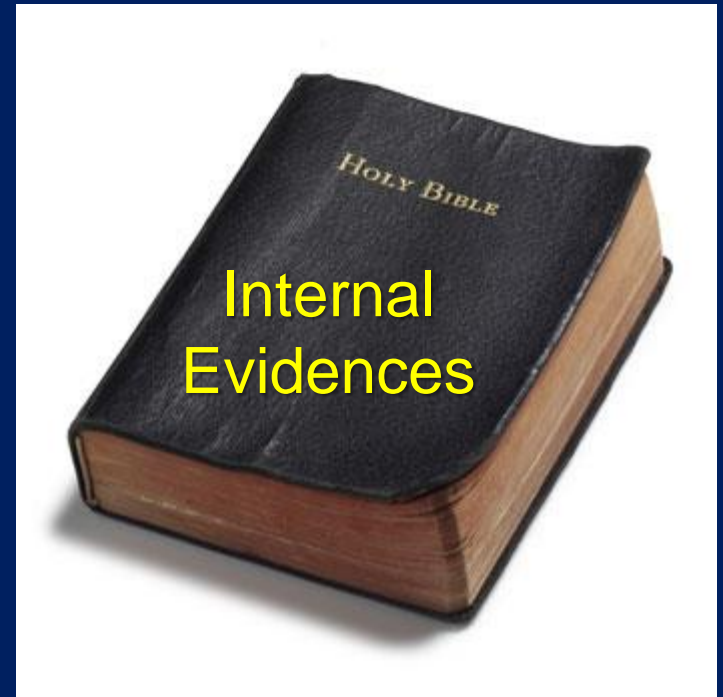
The Goal

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External Evidences

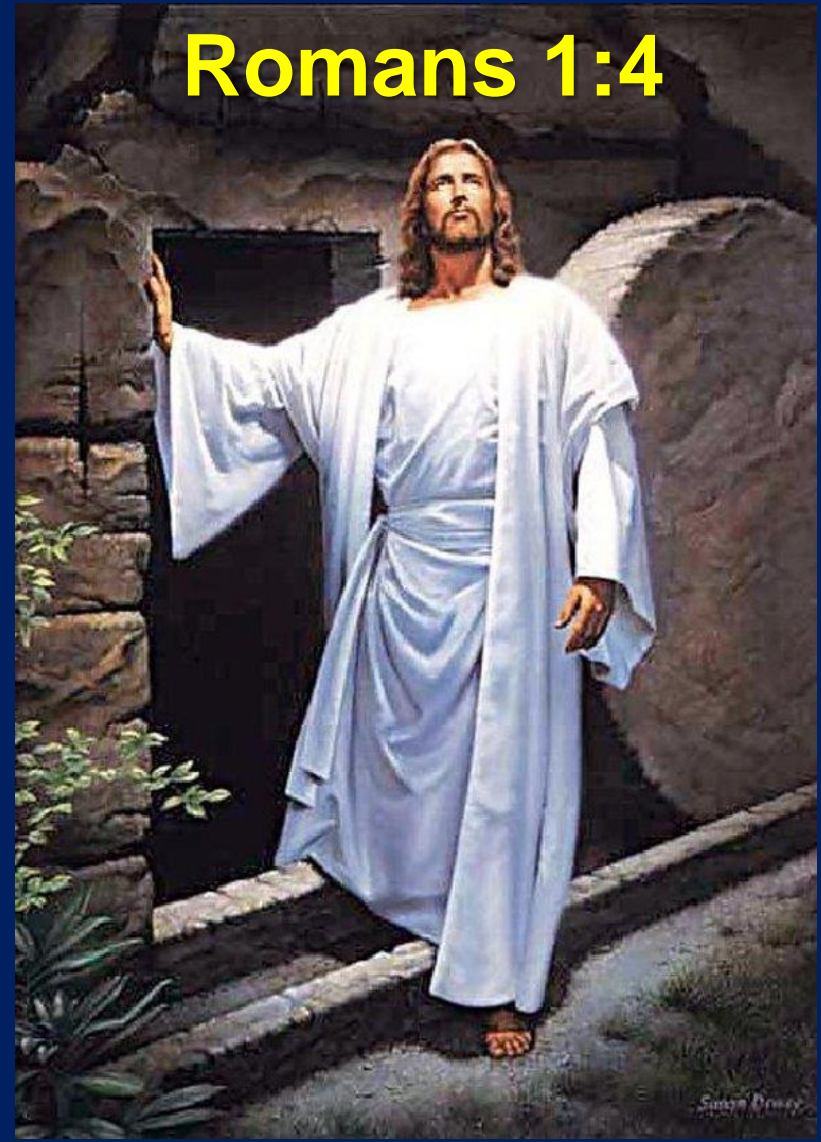
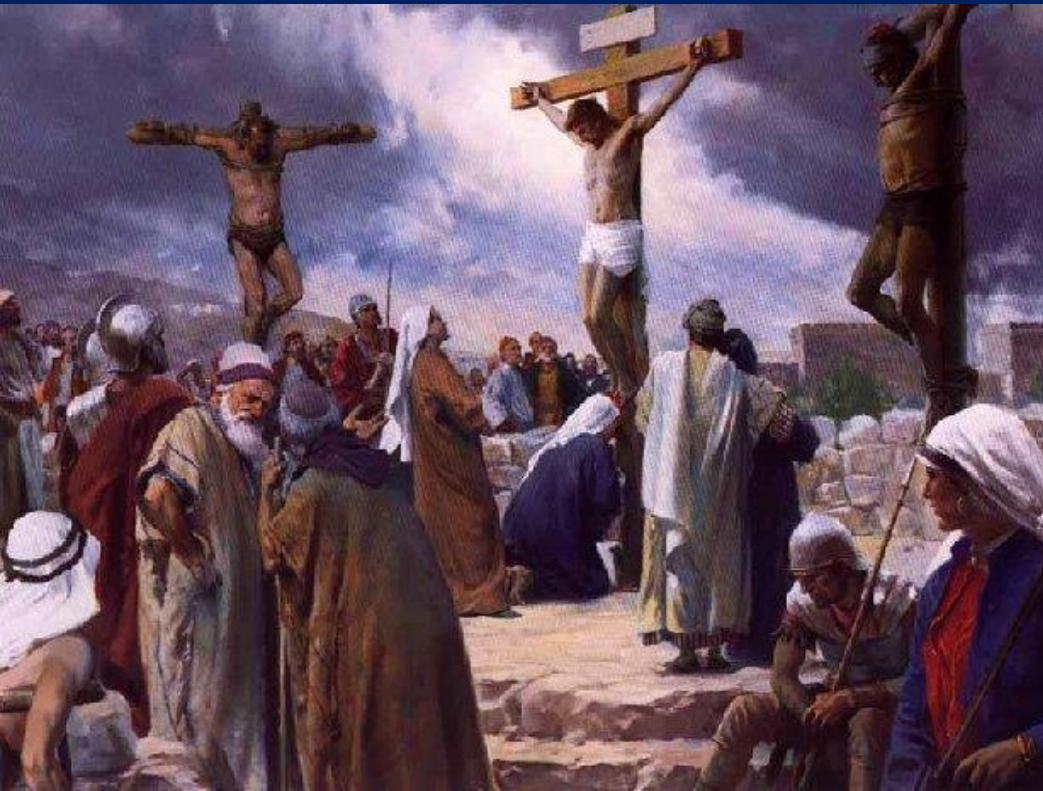


Internal Evidences



The material creation is a natural revelation.

The Goal



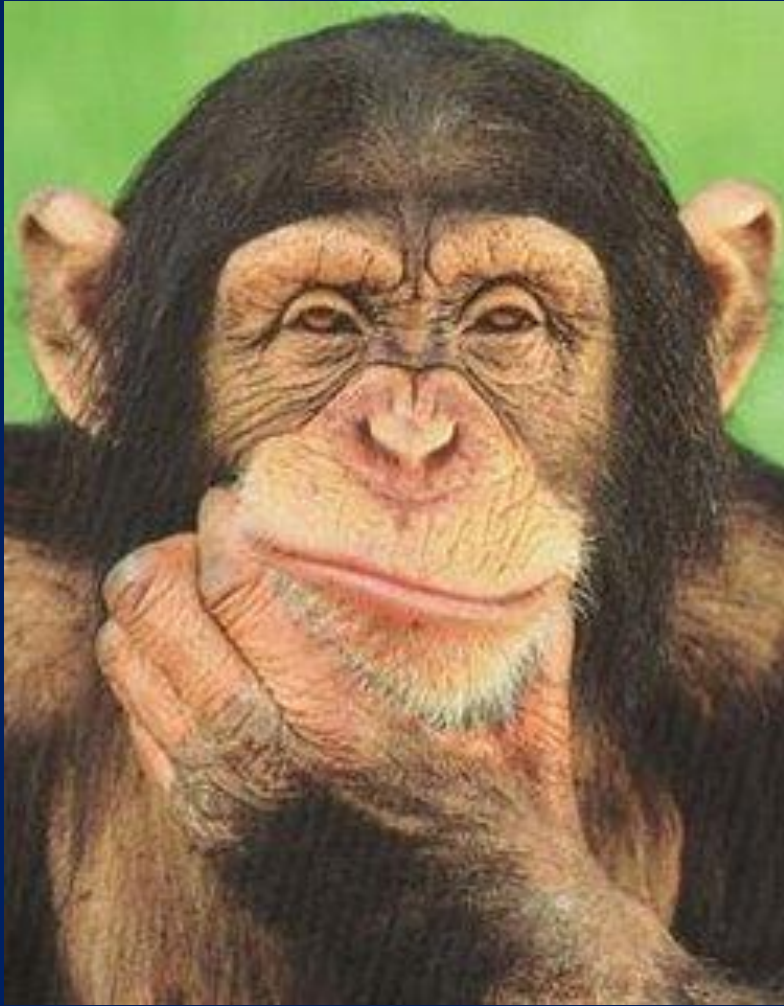
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God



**What does nature
tell us about God?**

- 1. Psalms 19:1-6**
- 2. Acts 14:15-17**
- 3. Acts 17:24f**
- 4. Romans 1:20**

- 1. Power**
- 2. Deity**



Reason

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