







♥ Happy ♥  
**MOTHER'S**  
Day







A person wearing a dark brown suit jacket over a light blue button-down shirt is holding a magnifying glass with a gold rim and a dark wooden handle. They are looking through the lens at a white receipt held in their other hand. The receipt contains some printed text, including "USD 53.28", "Thanks for shopping with us!", "Card Number: \*\*\*\*\*", "Date 21.10.2014 16:54", and "Credit Card Receipt". In the background, a calculator and some papers are visible on a desk.

God:  
Faith or Science?



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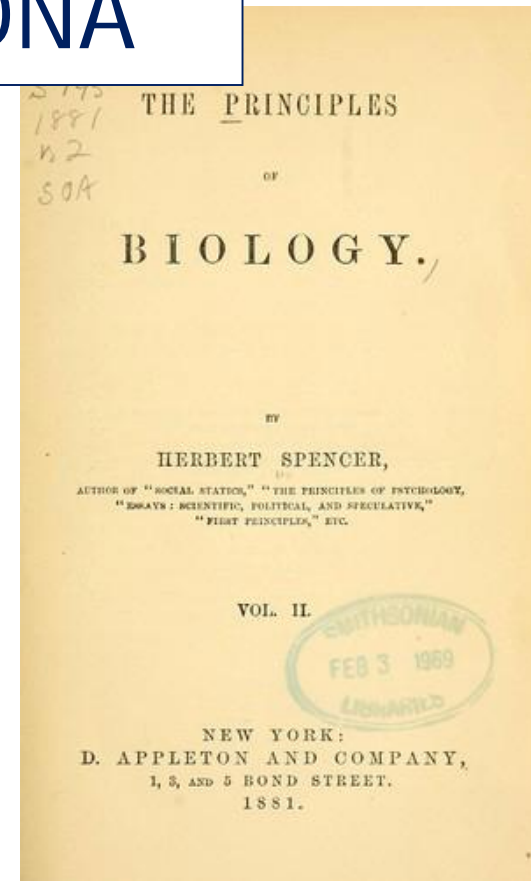
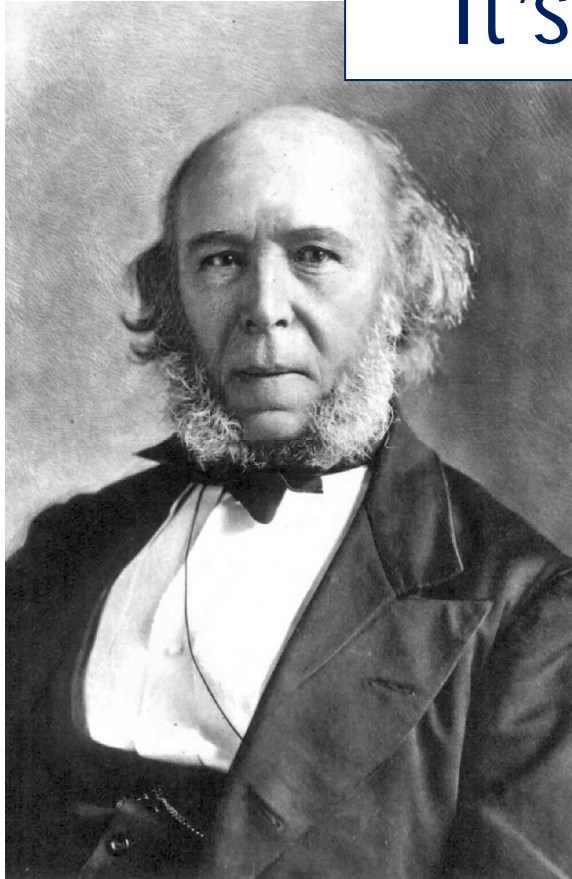




# Our economy is built on competition



# It's in our DNA





turbations and deviations, which, when compounded with one another from generation to generation, work innumerable slight modifications in the moving equilibria and correlative structures throughout the species.

Now if the individuals of a species are thus necessarily made unlike, in countless ways and degrees—if the complicated sets of rhythms which we call their functions, though similar in their general characters, are dissimilar in their details—if in one individual the amount of action in a particular direction is greater than in any other individual, or if here a peculiar combination gives a resulting force which is not found elsewhere; then, among all the individuals, some will be less liable than others to have their equilibria overthrown by a particular incident force, previously unexperienced. Unless the change in the environment is of so violent a kind as to be universally fatal to the species, it must affect more or less differently the slightly different moving equilibria which the members of the species present. It cannot but happen that some will be more stable than others, when exposed to this new or altered factor.<sup>1</sup> That is to say, it cannot but happen that those individuals whose functions are most out of equilibrium with the modified aggregate of external forces, will be those to die; and that those will survive whose functions happen to be most nearly in equilibrium with the modified aggregate of external forces.

But this survival of the fittest,<sup>1</sup> implies multiplication of the fittest. Out of the fittest thus multiplied, there will, as before, be an overthrowing of the moving equilibrium wherever it presents the least opposing force to the new incident force. And by the continual destruction of the individuals that are the least capable of maintaining their equilibria in presence of this new incident force, there must eventually be arrived at an altered type completely in equilibrium with the altered conditions.

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sought to express in mechanical terms, is that which Mr Darwin has called "natural selection, or the preservation of favoured races in the struggle for life." That there is going on a process of this kind throughout the organic world, Mr Darwin's great work on the *Origin of Species* has shown to the satisfaction of nearly all naturalists. Indeed, when once enunciated, the truth of his hypothesis is so obvious as scarcely to need proof. Though evidence may be required to show that natural selection accounts for everything ascribed to it, yet no evidence is required to show that natural selection has always been going on, is going on now, and must ever continue to go on. Recognizing this as an *à priori* certainty, let us contemplate it under its two distinct aspects.

That organisms which live, thereby prove themselves fit to live, in so far as they have been tried; while organisms which die, thereby prove themselves in some respects unfitted for living; are facts no less manifest, than is the fact that this self-acting purification of a species, must tend ever to insure adaptation between it and its environment. This adaptation may be either so *maintained* or so *produced*. Doubtless many who have looked at Nature with philosophic eyes, have observed that death of the worst and multiplication of the best, must result in the maintenance of a constitution in harmony with surrounding circumstances. That the average vigour of any race would be diminished, did the diseased and feeble habitually survive and propagate; and that the destruction of such, through failure to fulfil some of the conditions to life, leaves behind those which are able to fulfil the conditions to life, and thus keeps up the average fitness to the conditions of life; are almost self-evident truths. But to recognize "natural selection" as a means of preserving an already-established balance between the powers of a species and the forces to which it is subject, is to recognize it only in its simplest and most general mode of action. It is the more special mode of action with which we are here concerned.

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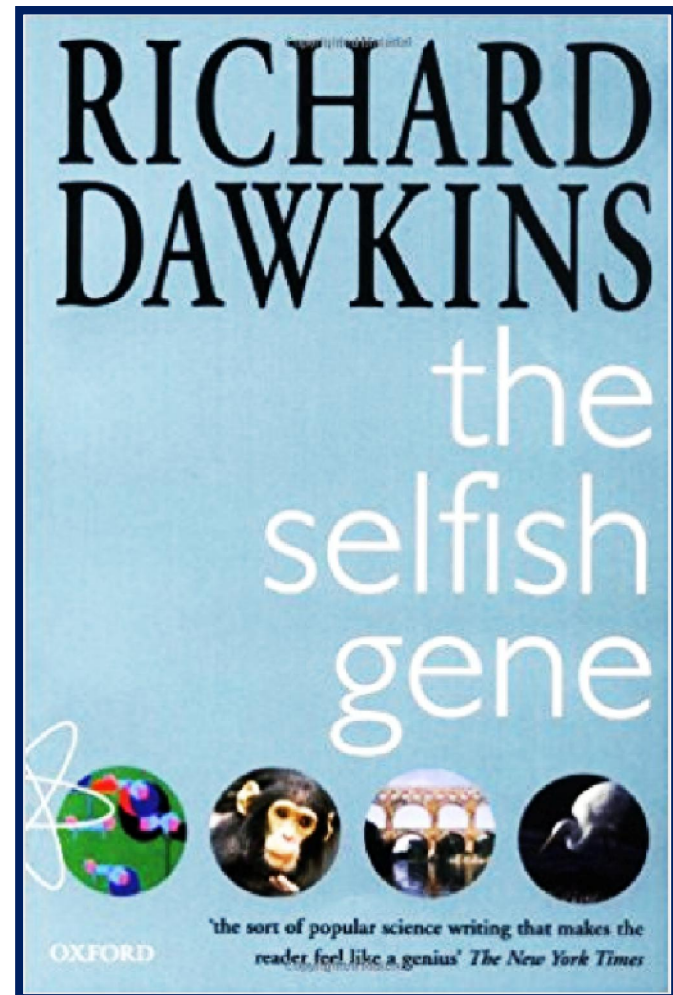
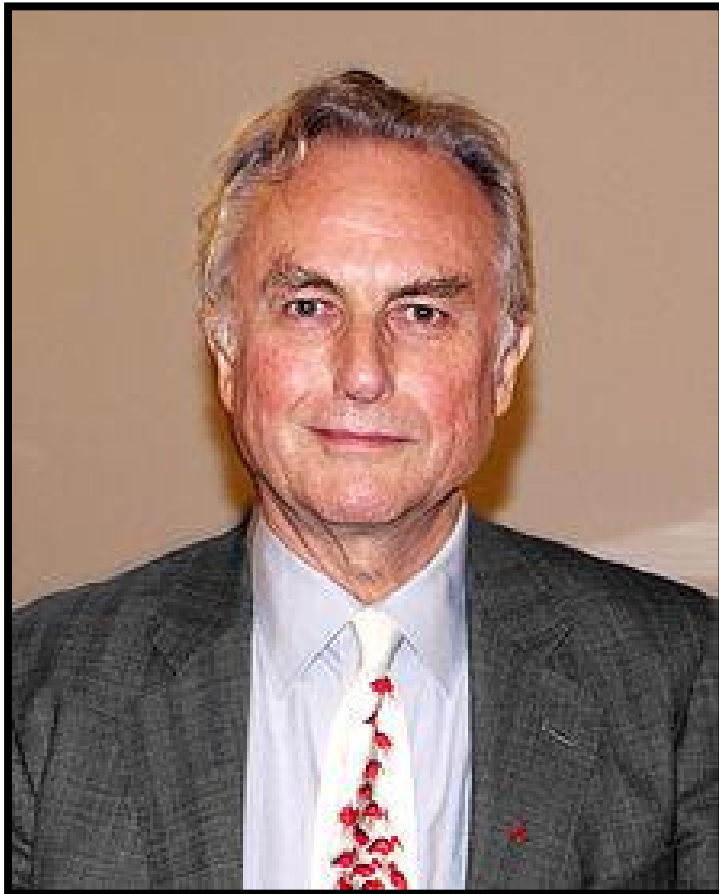
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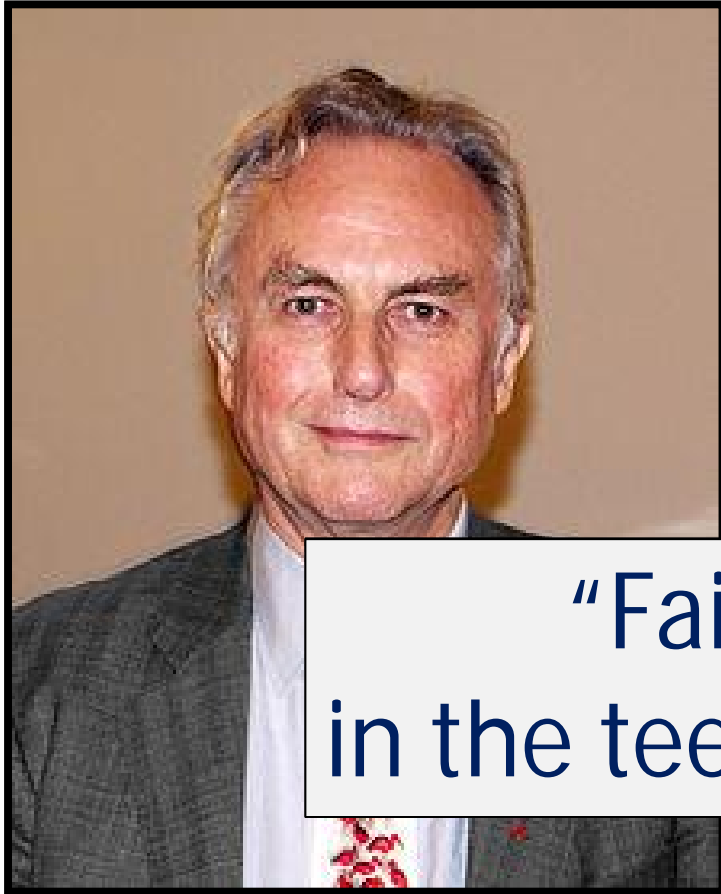
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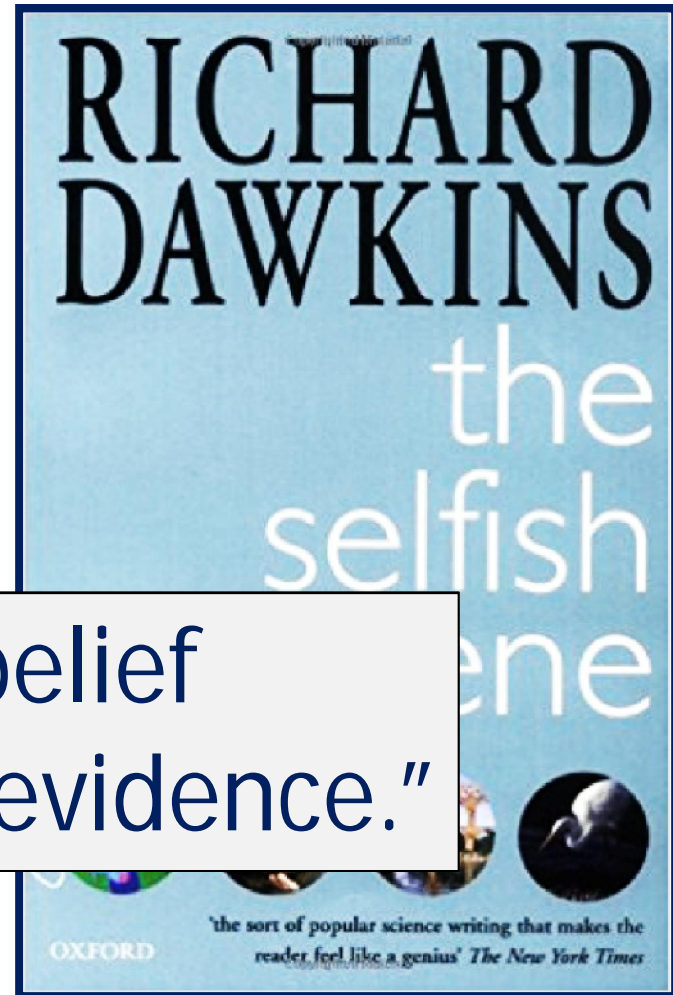








“Faith is belief  
in the teeth of evidence.”





















Fair notice: I am  
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But don't let anyone put blinders  
on you and mislead you



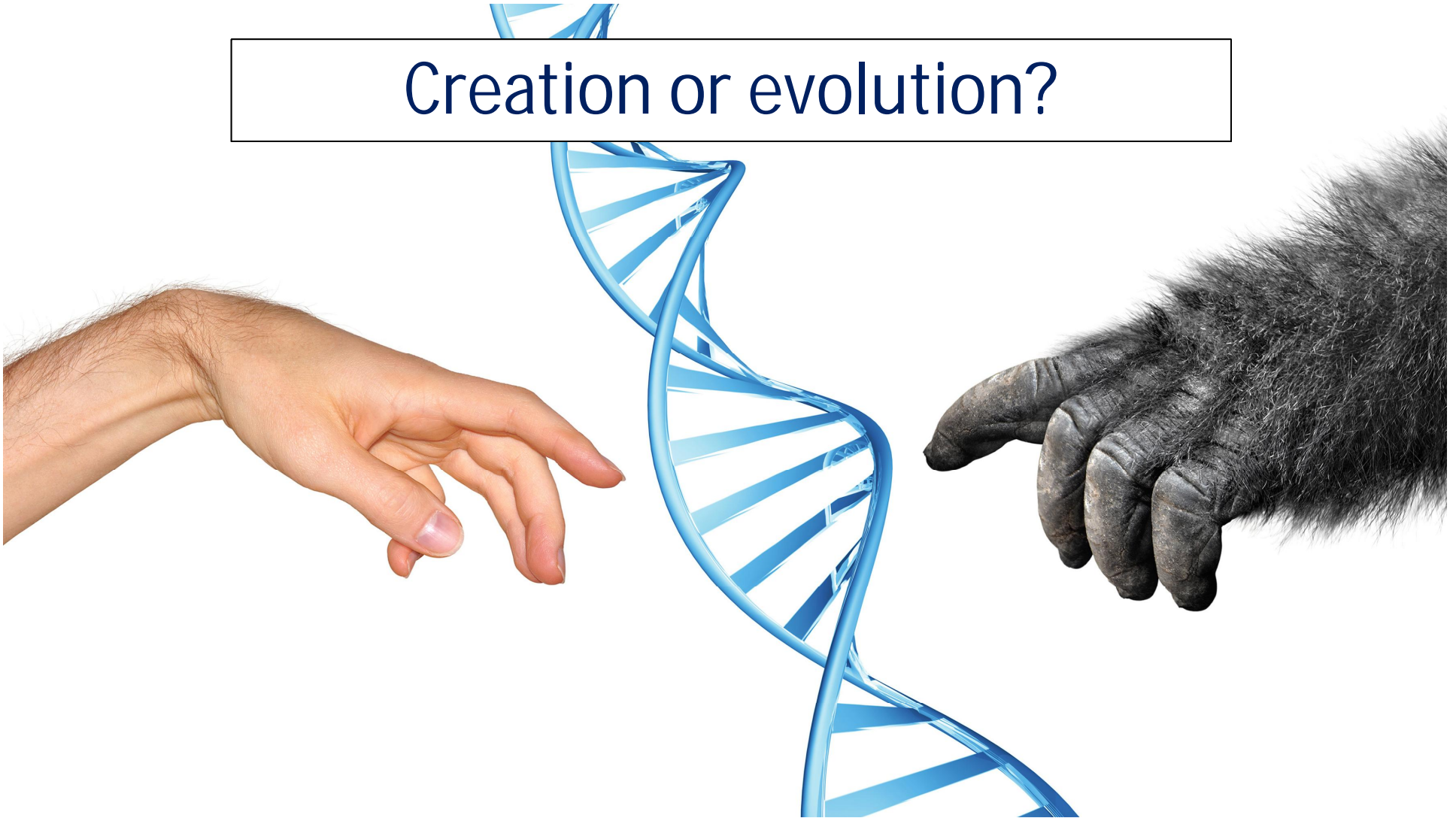
Two typical areas of concern

PANIC





Creation or evolution?





# Faith or medicine?









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## The Gospel According to **MATTHEW**

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people (Mt. 4:23)



## Ch. 8:

# The Gospel According to MATTHEW

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2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, <sup>4</sup>and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup>and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup>and Jesse the father of King David.

7 And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup>and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah.

8 And Joseph, the husband of Mary, was betrothed to her before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived a son who will be called Jesus, who will save his people from their sins."

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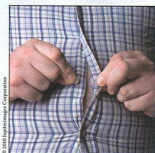
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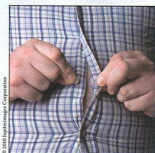
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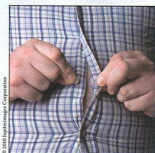
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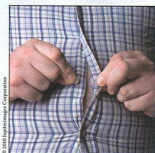
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- a lady diagnosed with breast cancer who declined treatment, choosing instead to simply pray on it

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Does God expect us to be people of  
faith or medicine/science?

**CARDIOVASCULAR**

1.  
(a)

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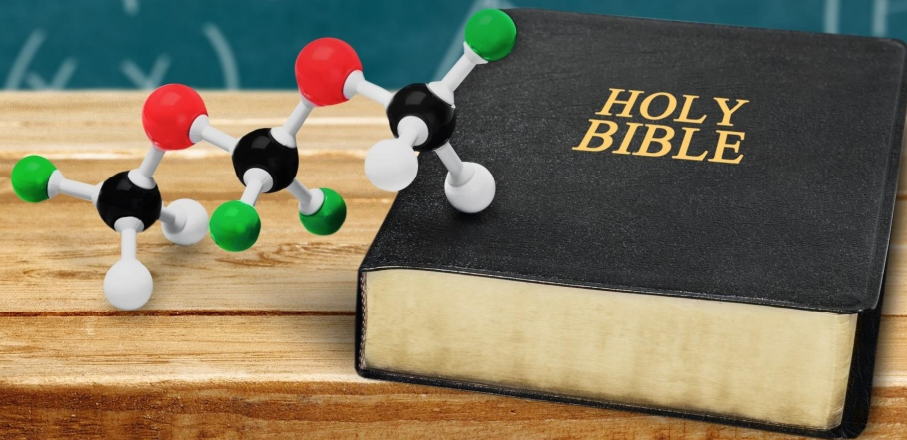




This is **NOT** the Biblical view!



What does the Bible teach  
about science?





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# Genesis

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it (Gen. 2:15)











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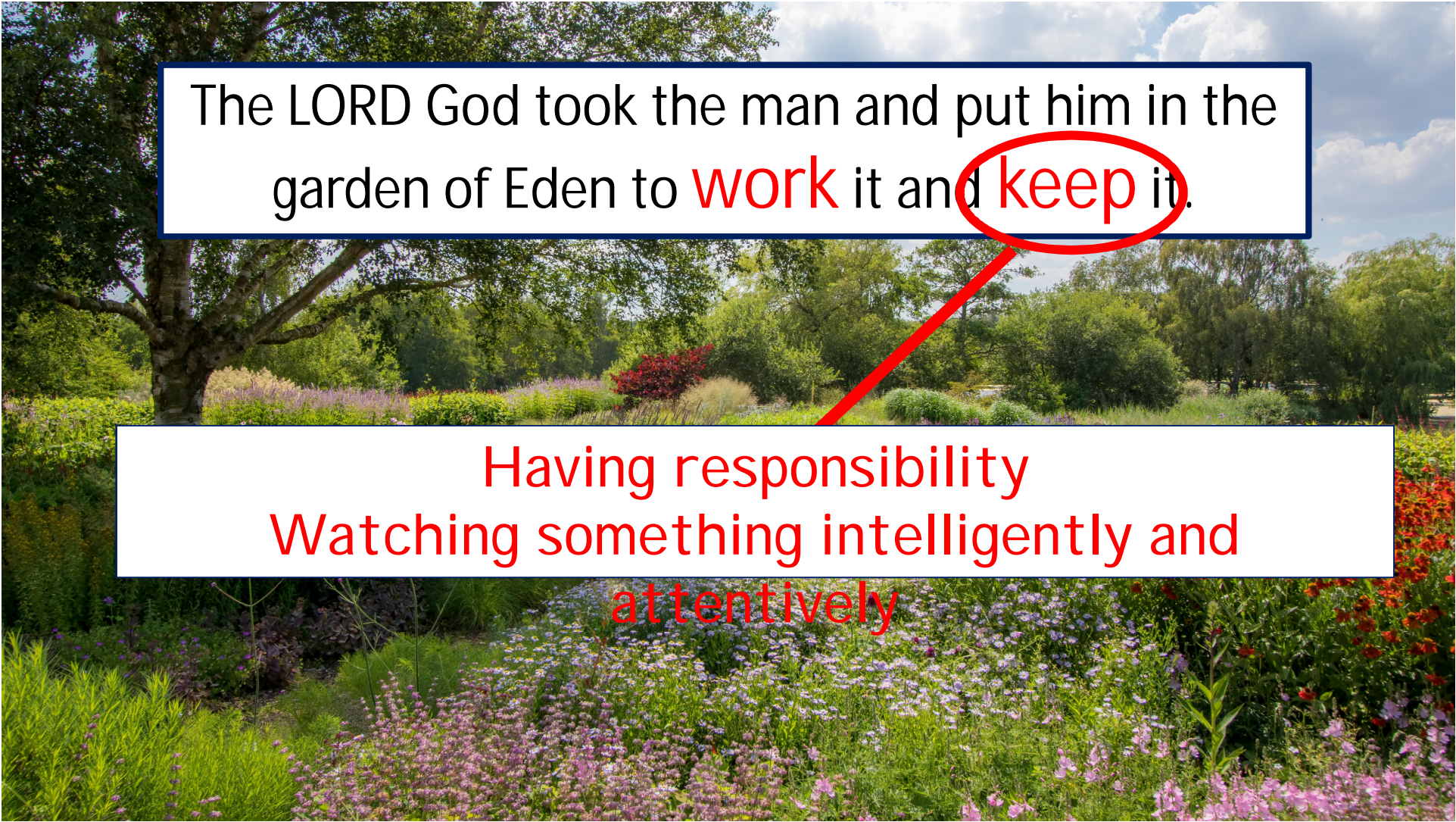
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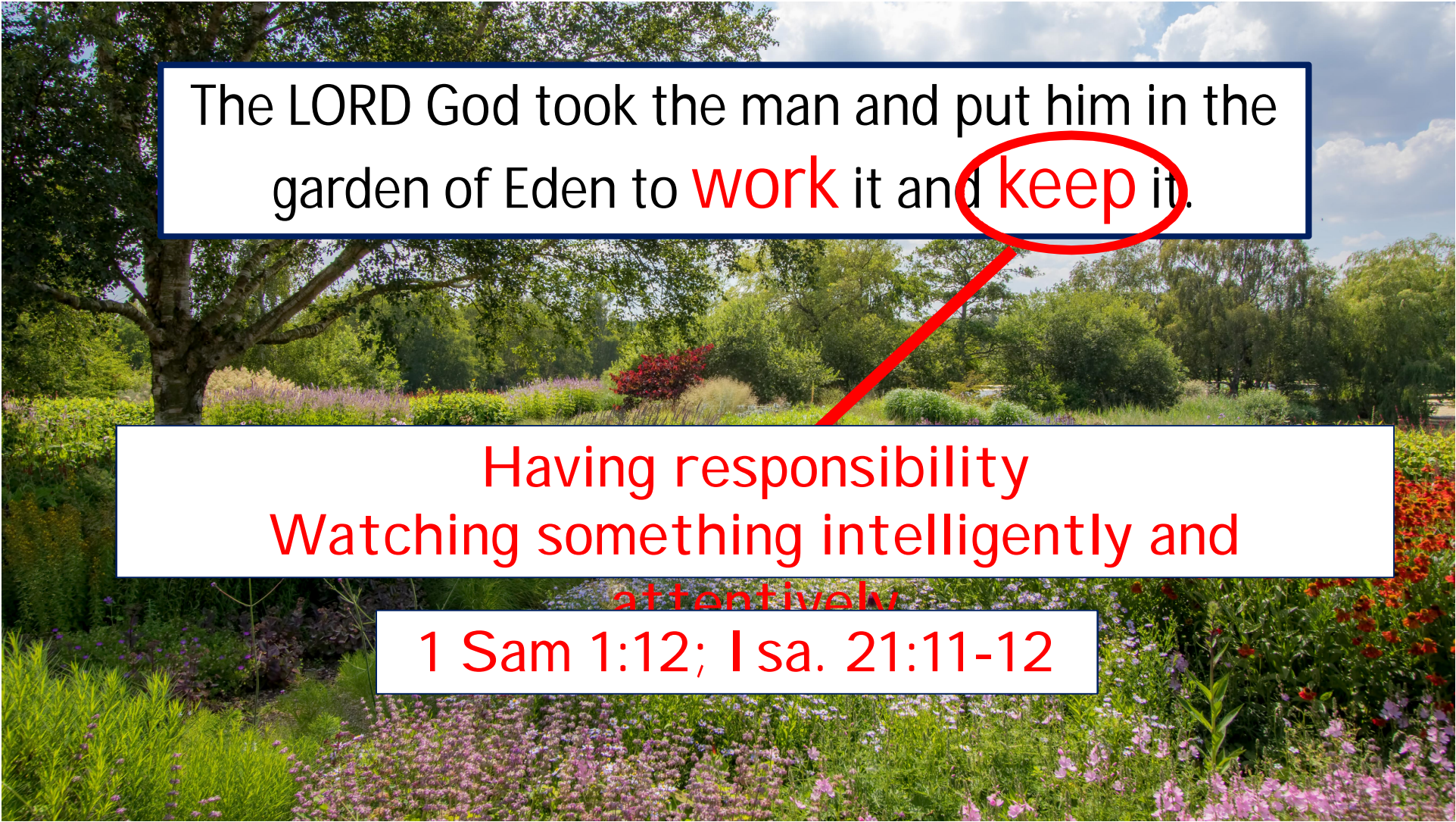




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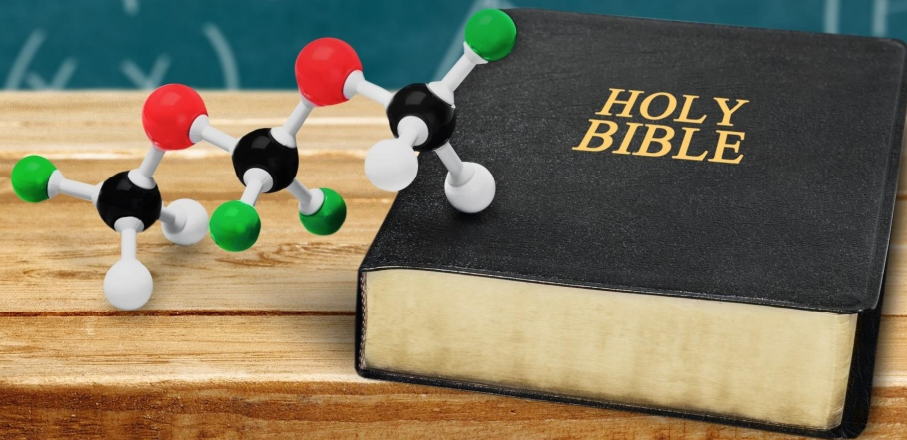
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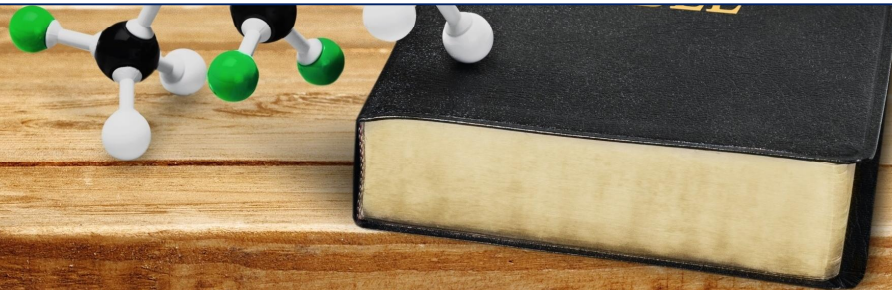
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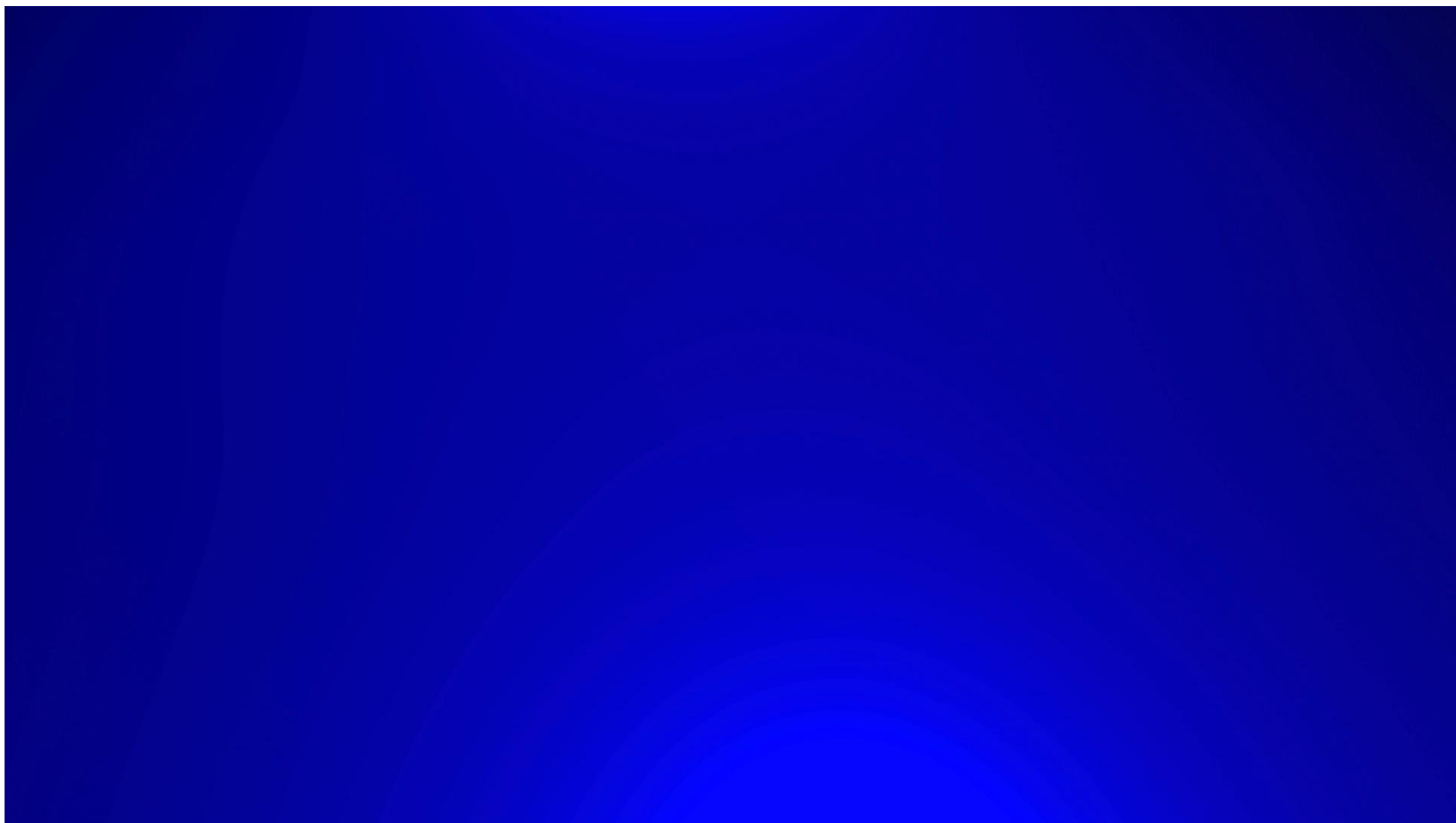
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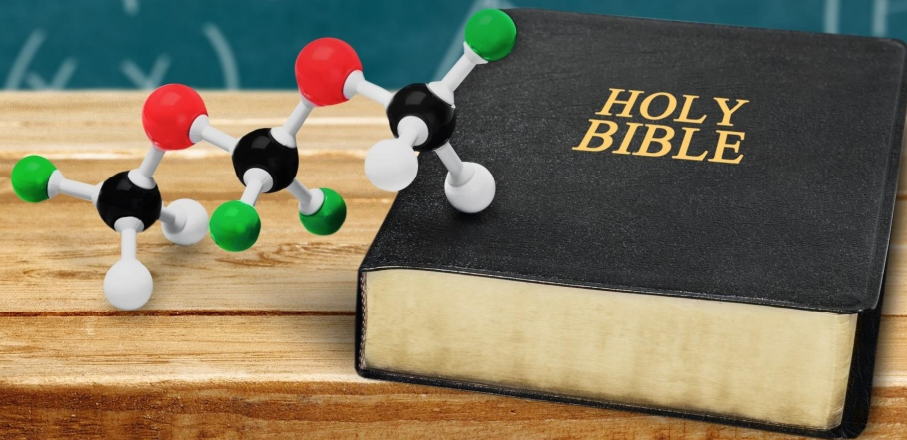
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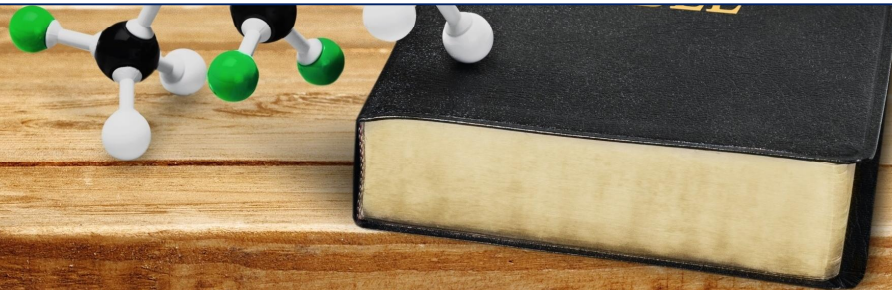
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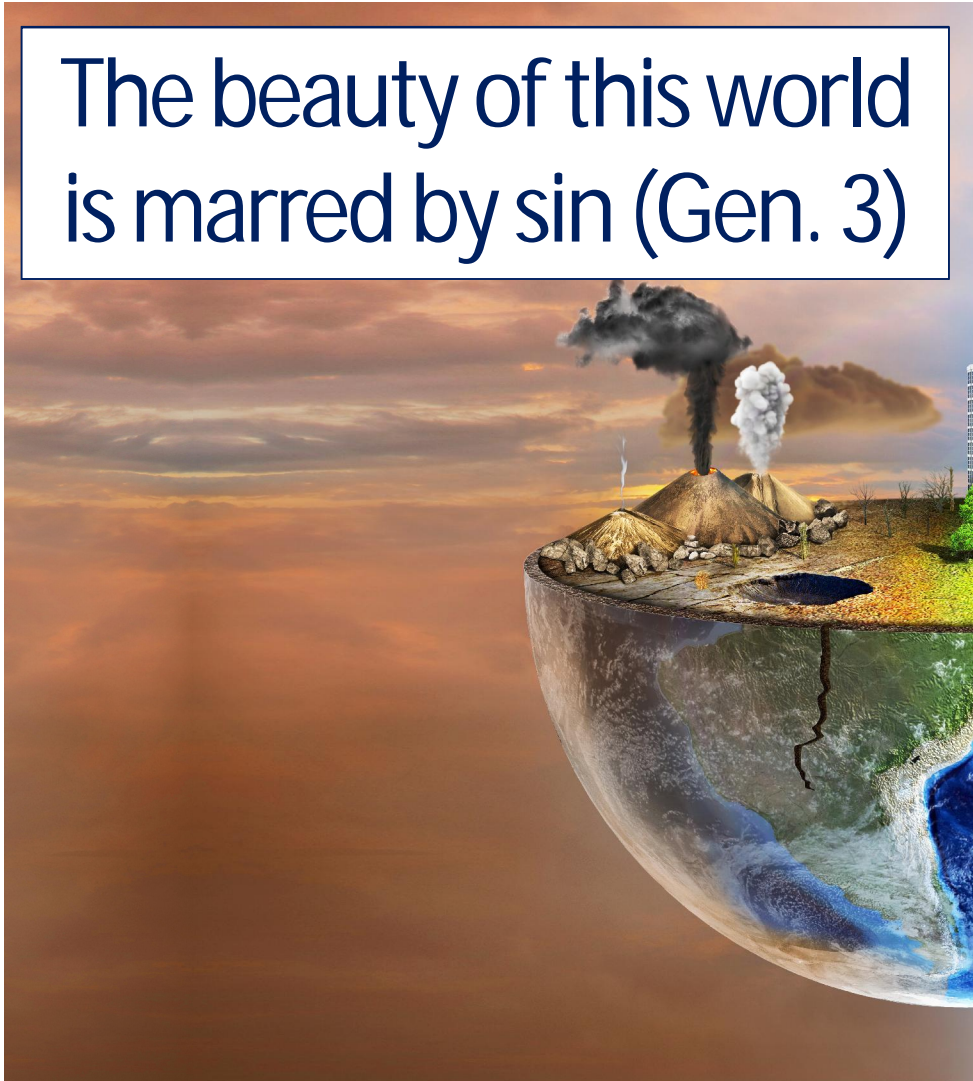
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Is God Guilty of Fraud?

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“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect”  
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## **Work for God's kingdom**

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,  
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– Rev. 21:5



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## Struggle for God's good

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

– Mt. 25:35-36