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MOTHER'S
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God:
Faith or Science?

We learn competition early



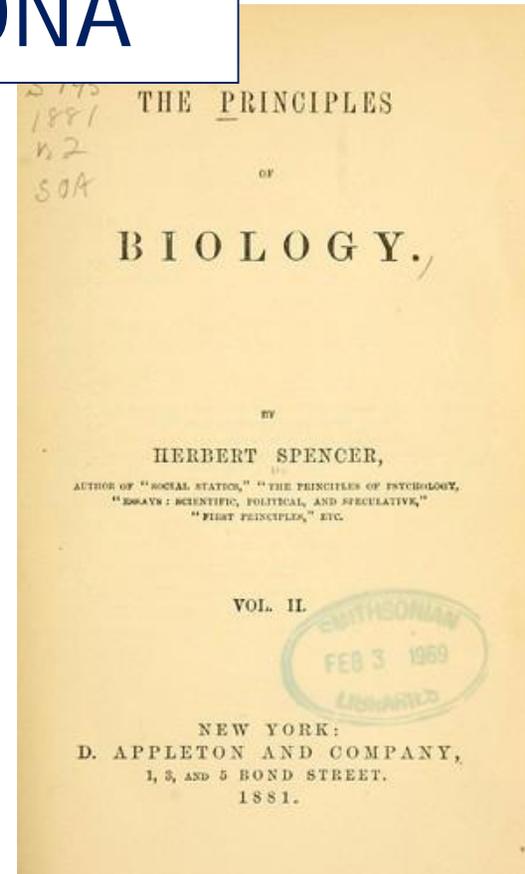
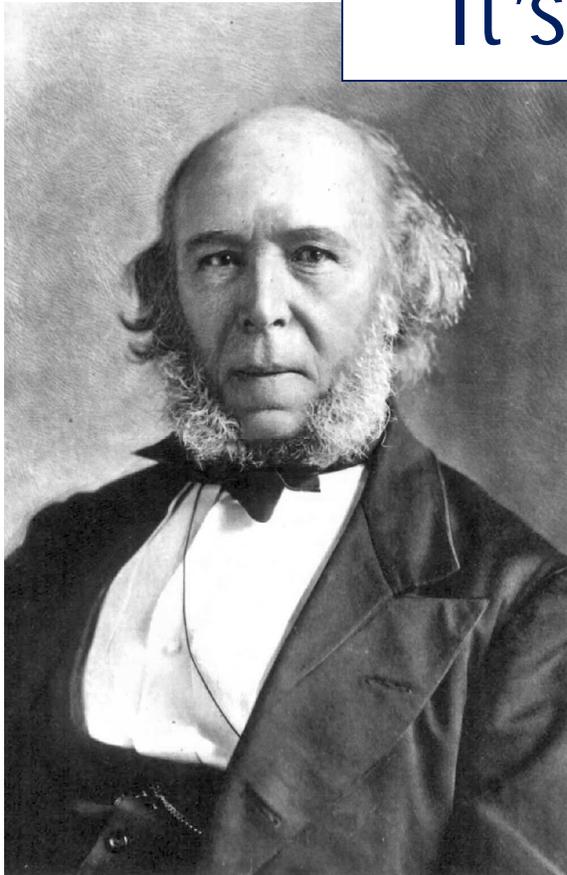
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It's in our DNA



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. 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,¹¹ implies multiplication of the fittest. Out of the fittest thus multiplied, there will, as before, be an overthrowing of the moving equilibrium whenever 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. This more special mode of action, Mr Dar-

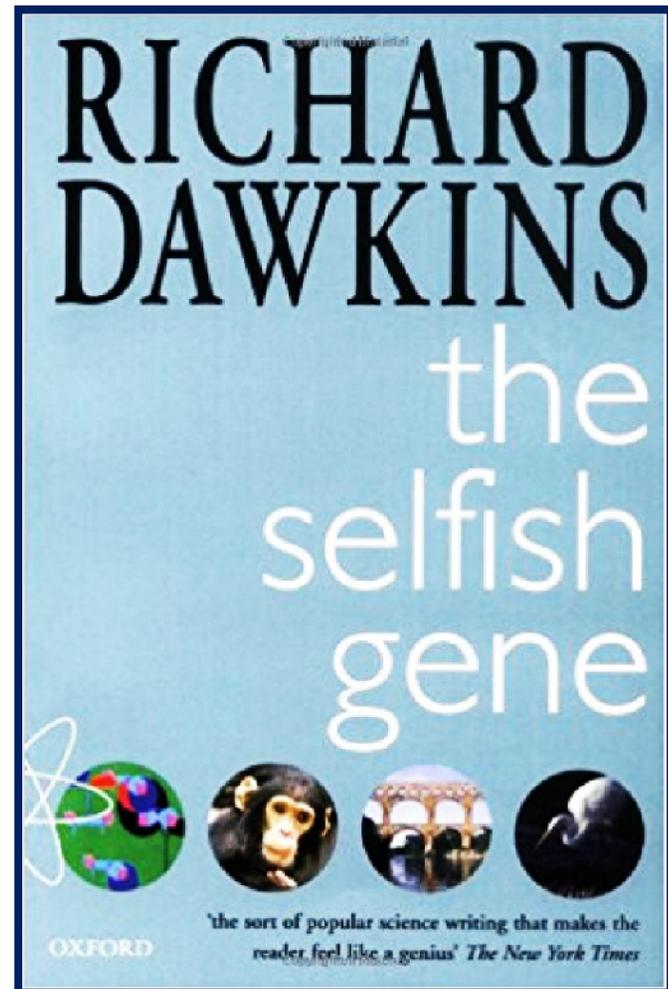
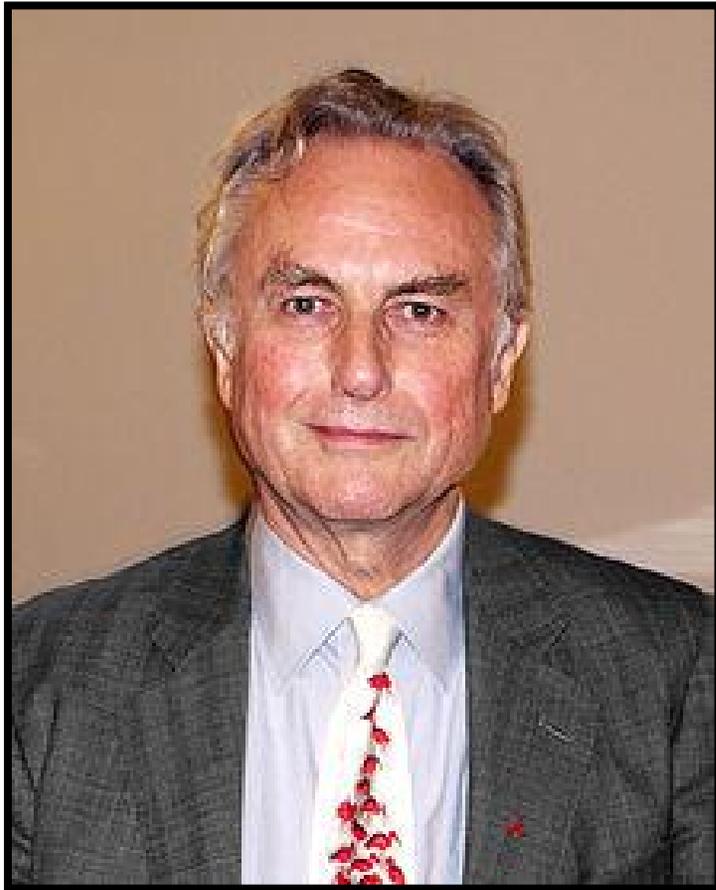
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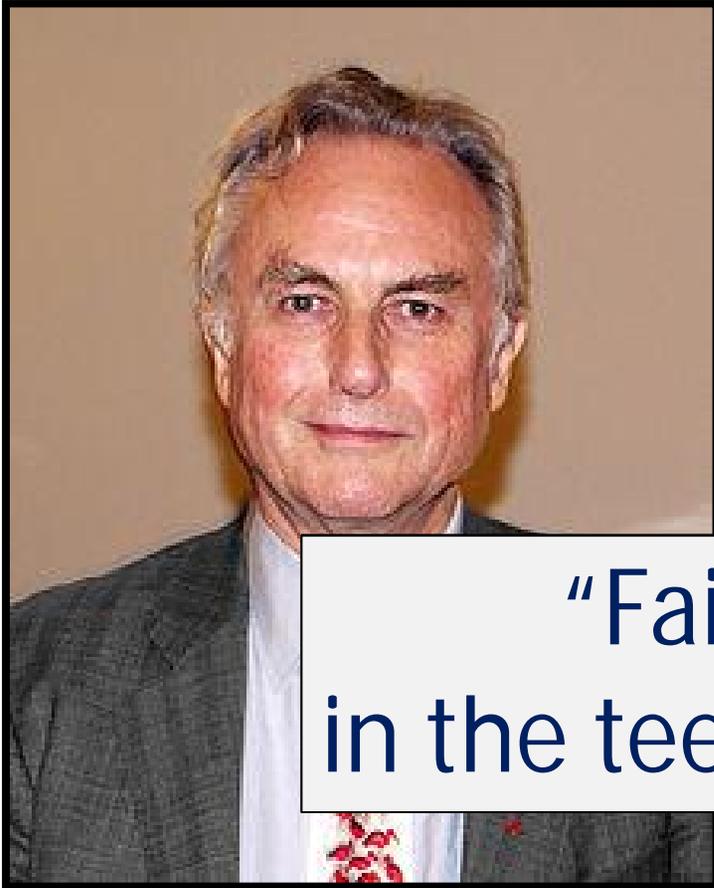
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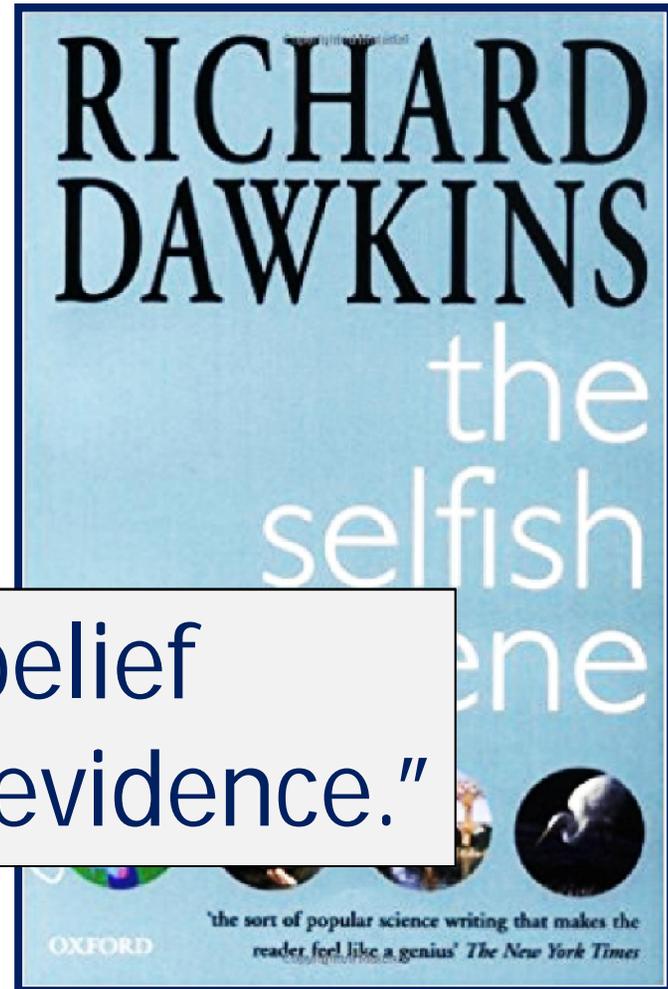
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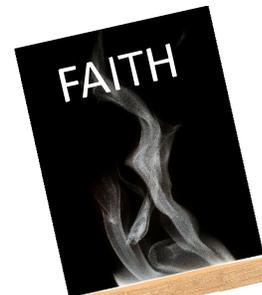
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“Faith is belief
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Fair notice: I am
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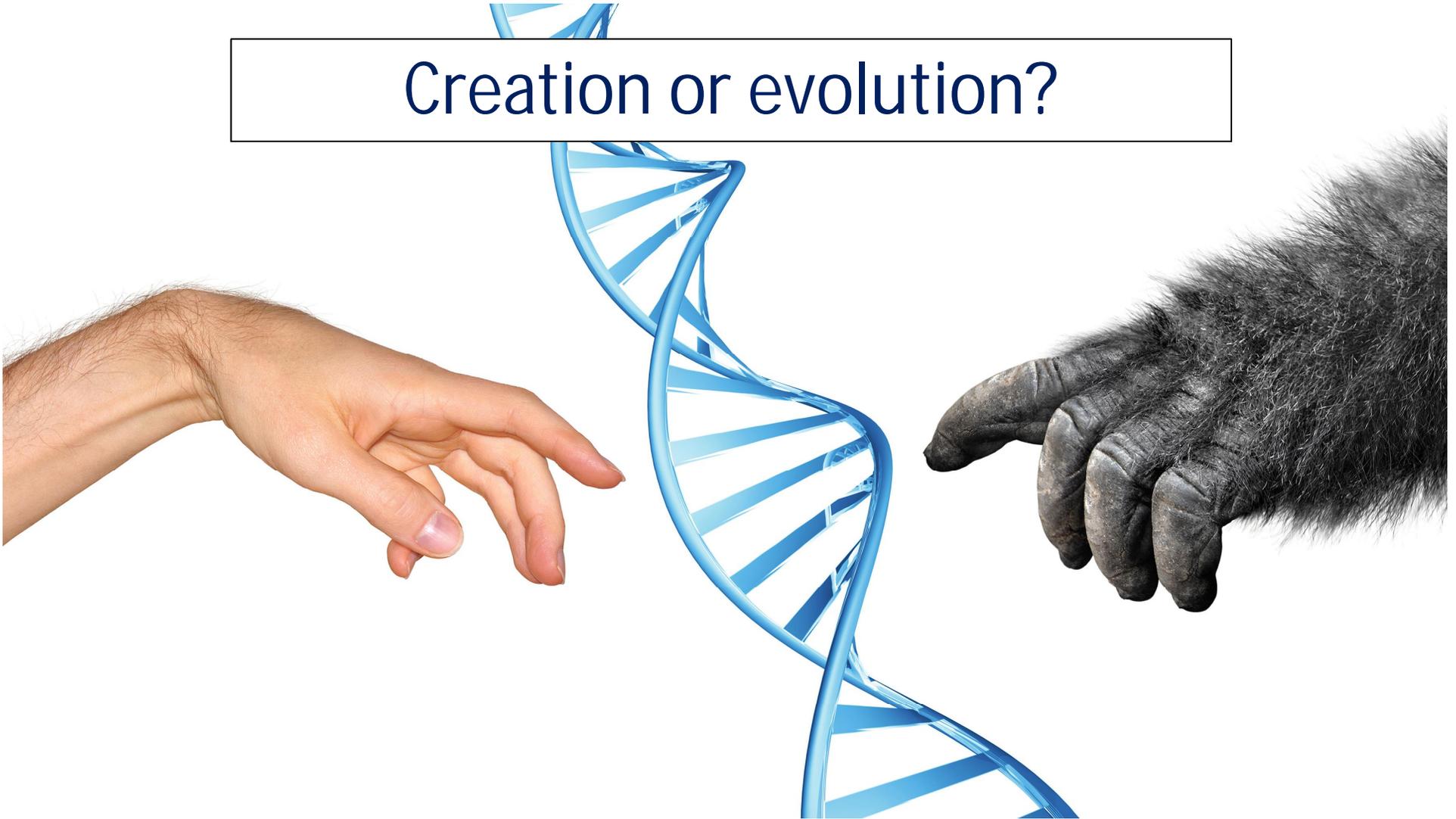
But don't let anyone put blinders
on you and mislead you

Two typical areas of concern

PANIC



Creation or evolution?



Faith or medicine?

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| 1. | CARDIOVASCULAR |
| (a) | Is there any history of cardiac infarction (coronary artery disease), angina pectoris, or any current evidence of myocardial ischemia? |
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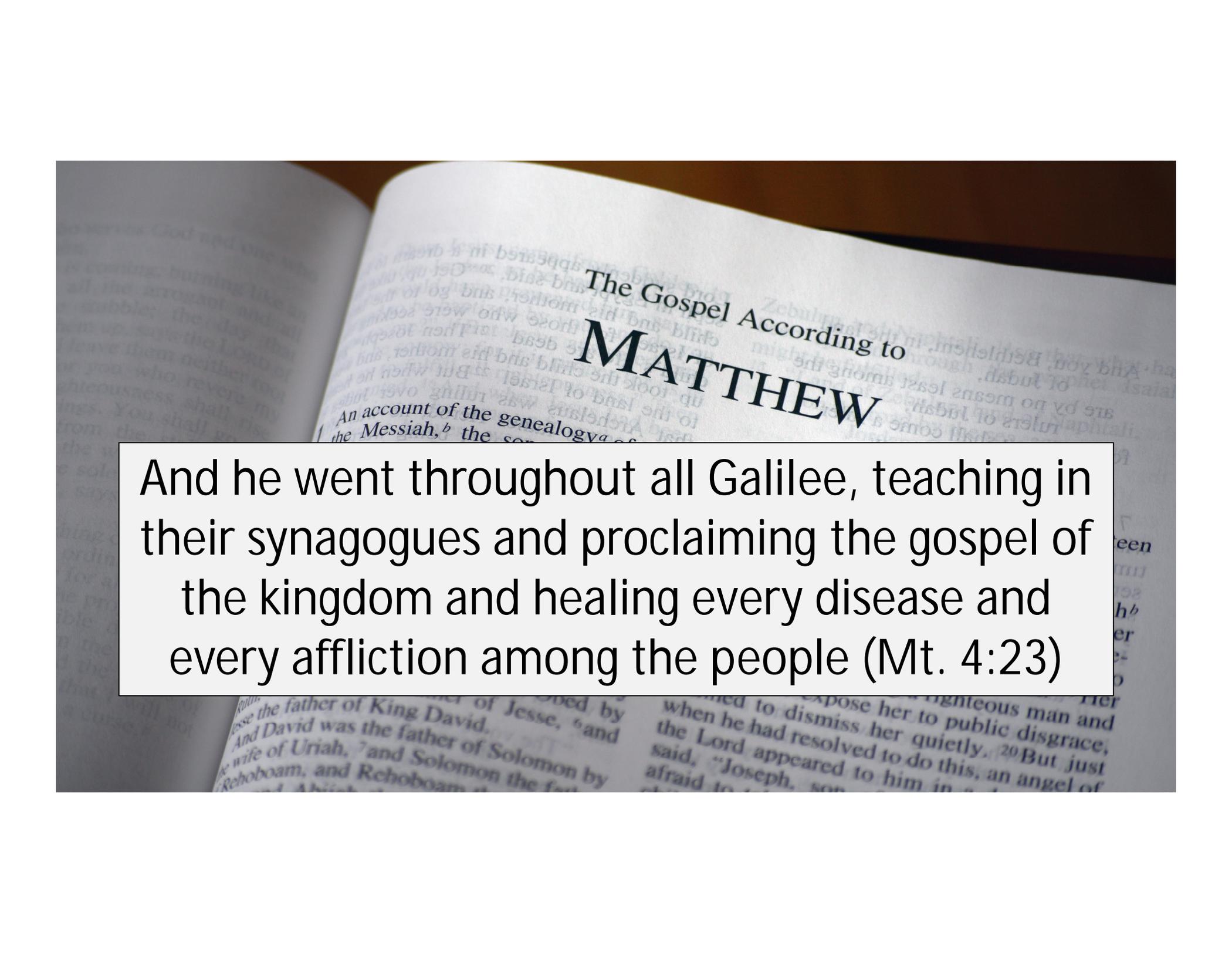
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And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah.

8 Then Herod secretly called for the young child and his mother, and brought them to Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, so that he might kill the child and his mother, and destroy the whole land of Judah. ⁹But when Joseph and Mary had heard of this, they fled into Egypt with the child, and remained there until Herod died. ¹⁰Then Joseph and Mary returned into the land of Israel, and they went away to Nazareth, for he was called for the child Jesus.

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah^c took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But 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 what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit, and she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

An open Bible is shown, with the pages slightly curved. The text 'The Gospel According to MATTHEW' is printed in a large, bold, serif font across the top of the right page. Below this, a white rectangular box with a thin black border contains a quote in a sans-serif font. The background text of the Bible is visible but blurred, showing parts of the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:1-17.

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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)

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11 When Herod died, Joseph got up and took the child and his mother and returned to Israel.
12 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judaea, he went away to Galilee, for he had heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judaea.
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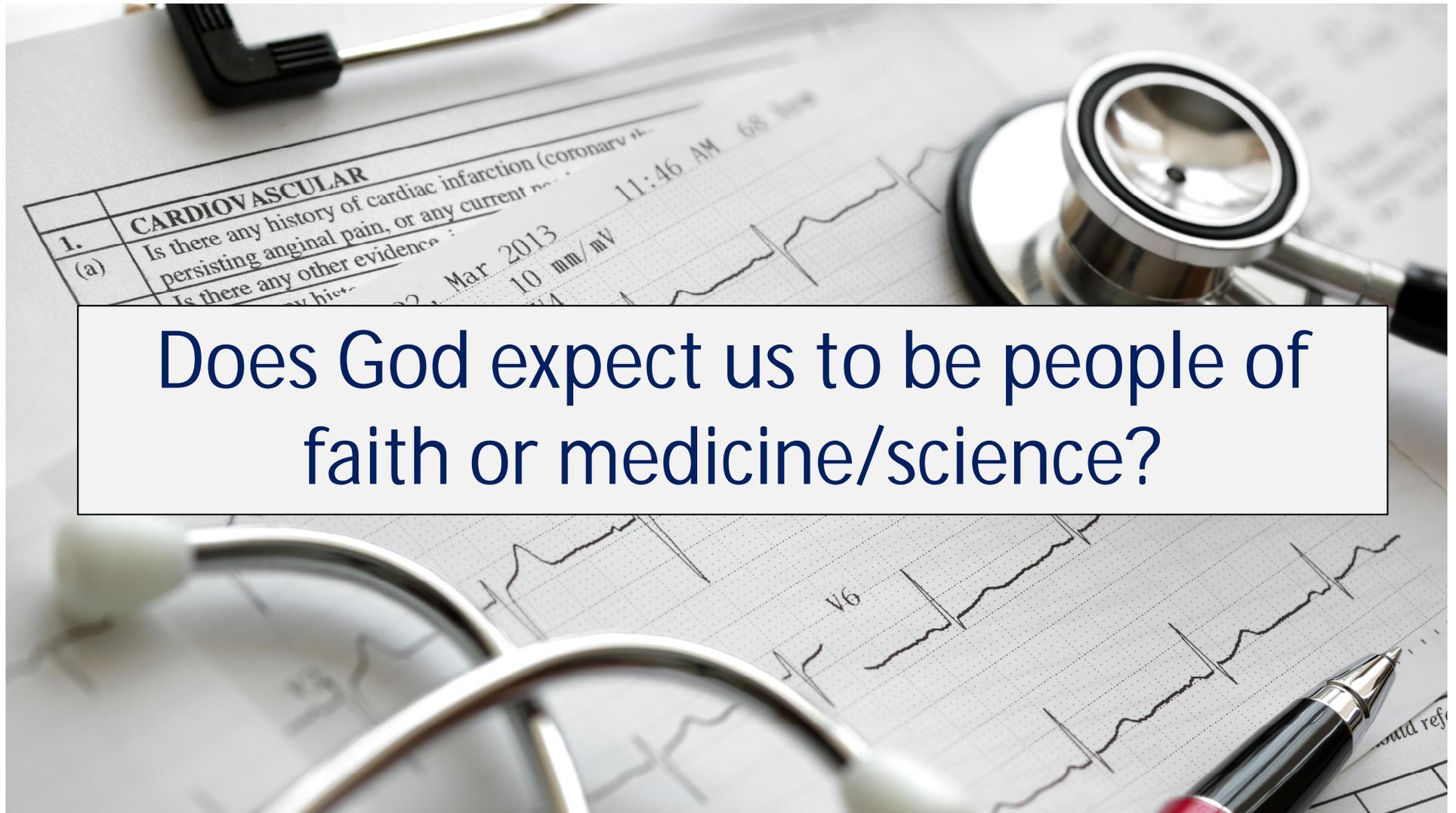
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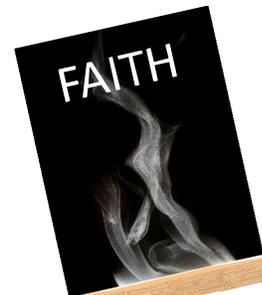
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- a lady diagnosed with breast cancer who declined treatment, choosing instead to simply pray on it

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

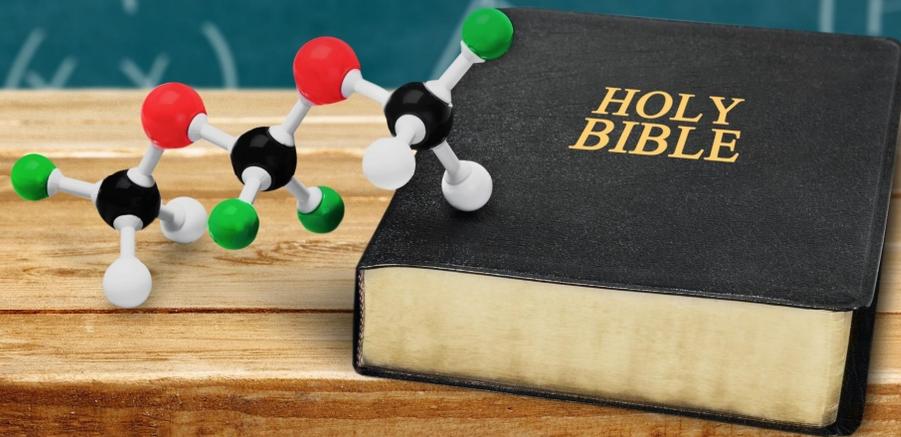






This is **NOT** the Biblical view!

What does the Bible teach about science?



Genesis

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Tilling a field, tending a vineyard, serving.

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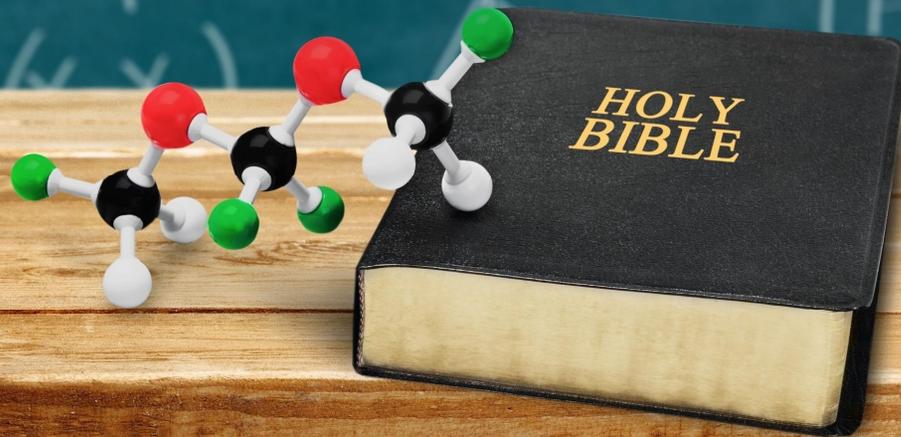


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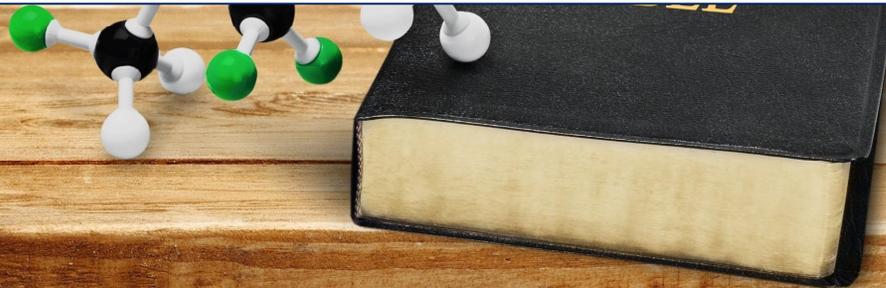
1 Sam 1:12; I sa. 21:11-12

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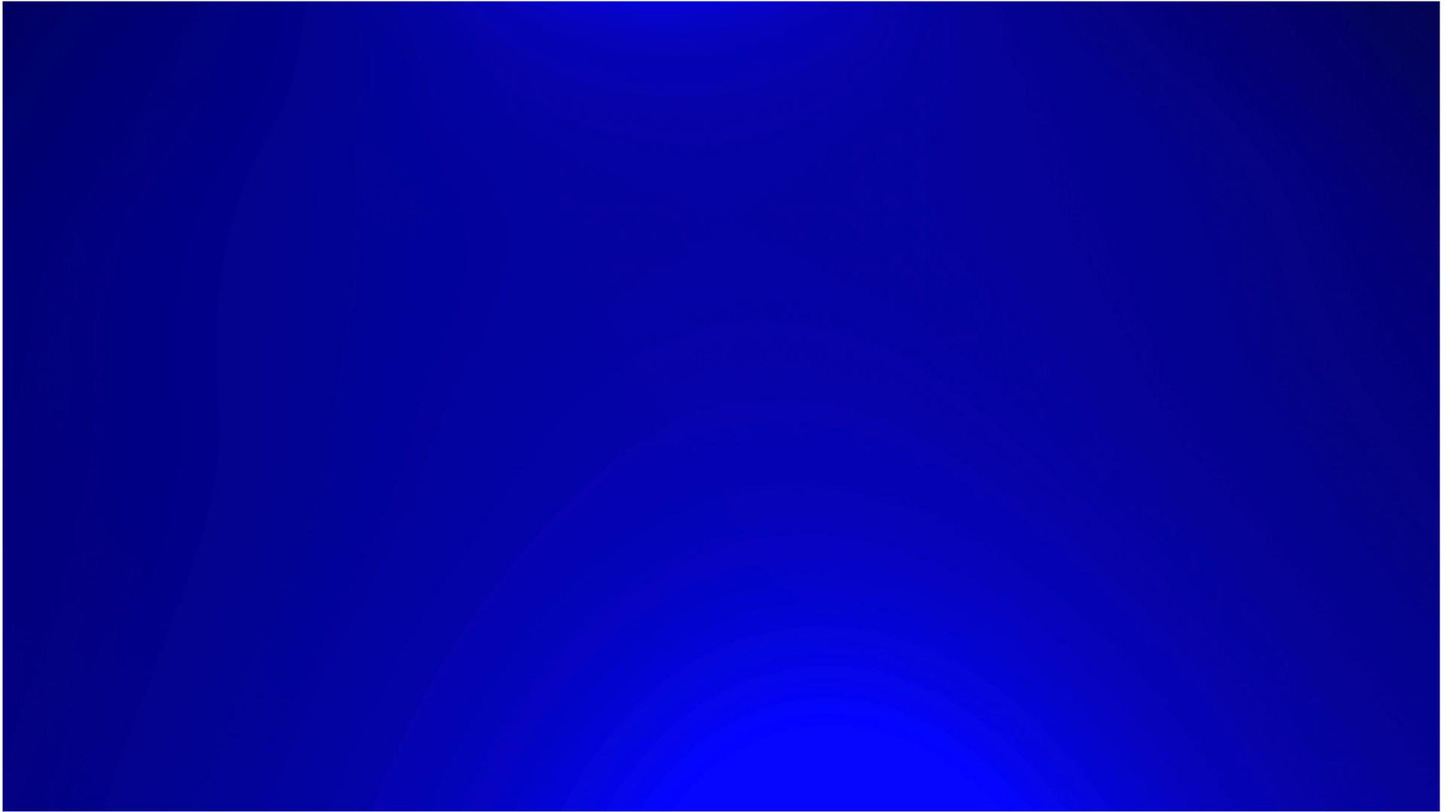


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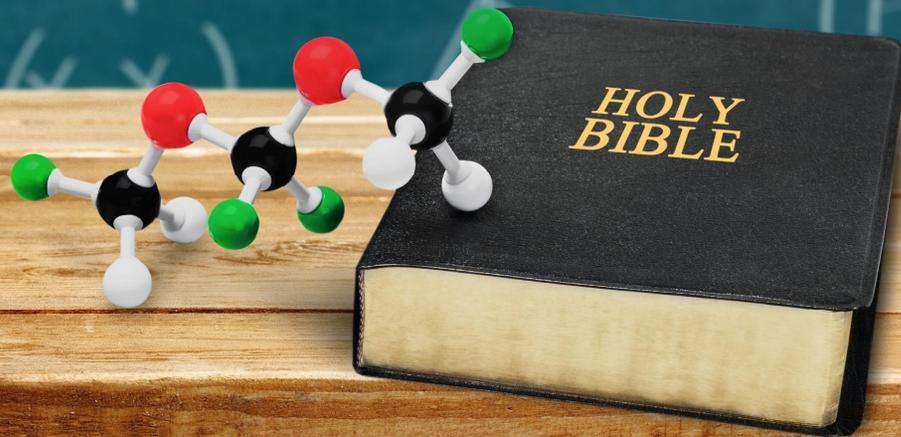




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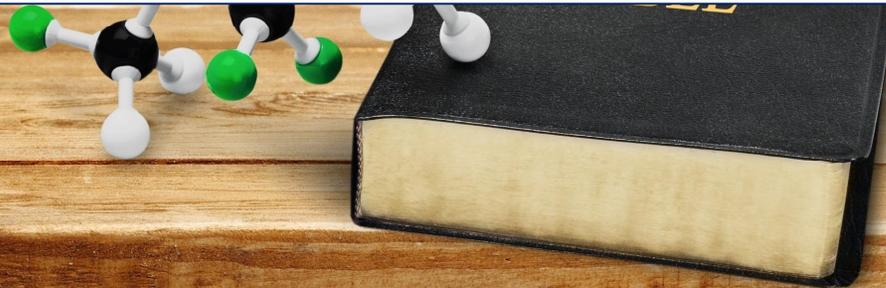


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But there's more!



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To the woman he said, "... in pain you shall bring forth children.... And to Adam he said, ... cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you...

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground."

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Science is our tool to
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Where is God in the midst of evil?



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God is working to bring
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Sometimes science can win



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A 3D-rendered image of a spiral-bound notebook with a silver pen. The notebook is open to a white page with the handwritten text "THE BEST IS YET TO COME" in black ink. The notebook is set against a dark red background. The spiral binding is on the left side, and the pen is on the right side of the page. The lighting creates soft shadows on the page and the background.

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Clients

Is God Guilty of Fraud?

NO

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See the world truly

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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”
(Rom. 12:2)

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Work for God's kingdom

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“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more, neither shall there
be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for
the former things have passed away ”

– Rev. 21:5

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Struggle for God's good

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"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