

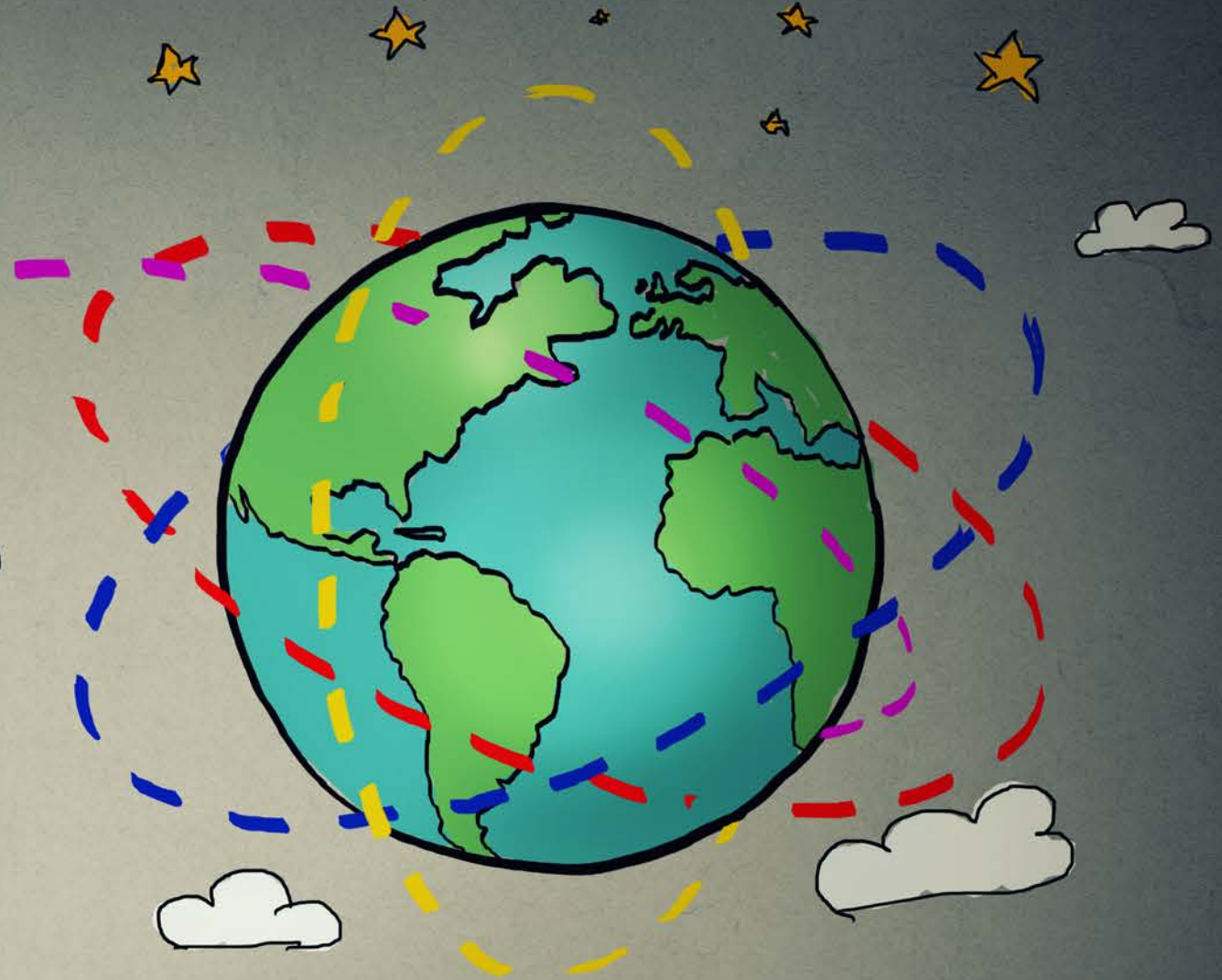


Is God Guilty of
Fraud?

A person wearing a dark suit jacket and a light blue button-down shirt is holding a magnifying glass with a gold rim and a dark handle. They are looking through the lens at a document held in their other hand. The document contains some text, including "Card Number", "Date 21.10.2014", and "Credit Card". A calculator is visible on the desk to the left. The background is slightly blurred, showing an office setting.

The Role of Science and Faith

We are trying
to make sense
of the world

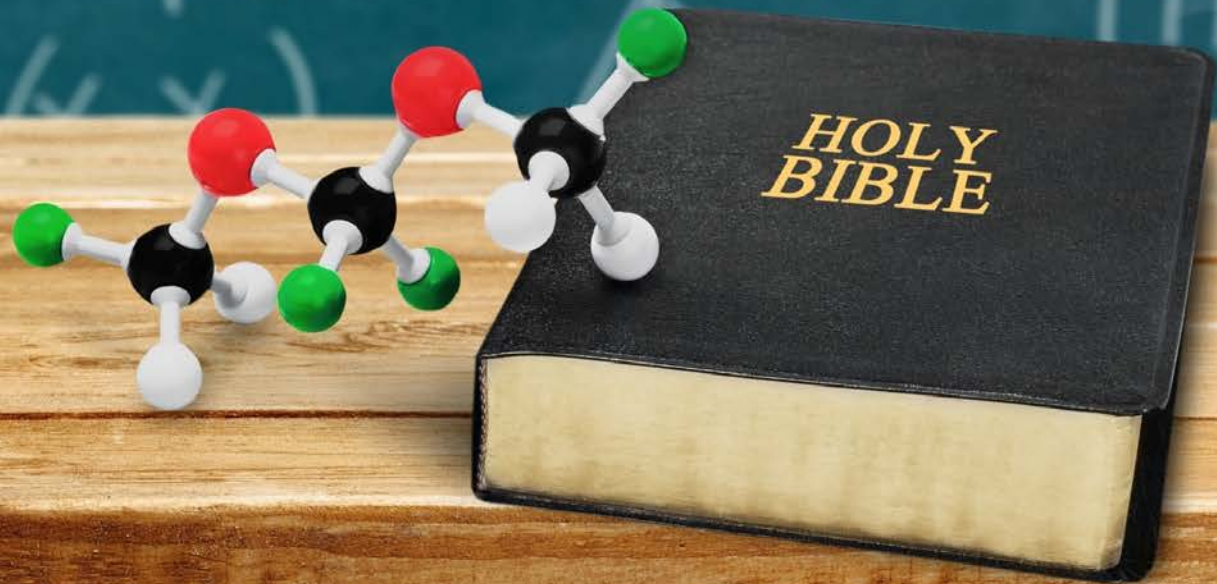




A photograph of two hikers on a mountain peak at sunrise. The hiker on the right is standing and reaching down to help the hiker on the left, who is crouching. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright lens flare and a warm, orange glow. The sky transitions from blue on the left to pink and orange on the right. The hikers are silhouetted against the bright light. The hiker on the right is wearing a dark jacket and a cap, while the hiker on the left is wearing a plaid shirt and a backpack. The mountain peak is rocky and has some dry, yellowish vegetation. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text.

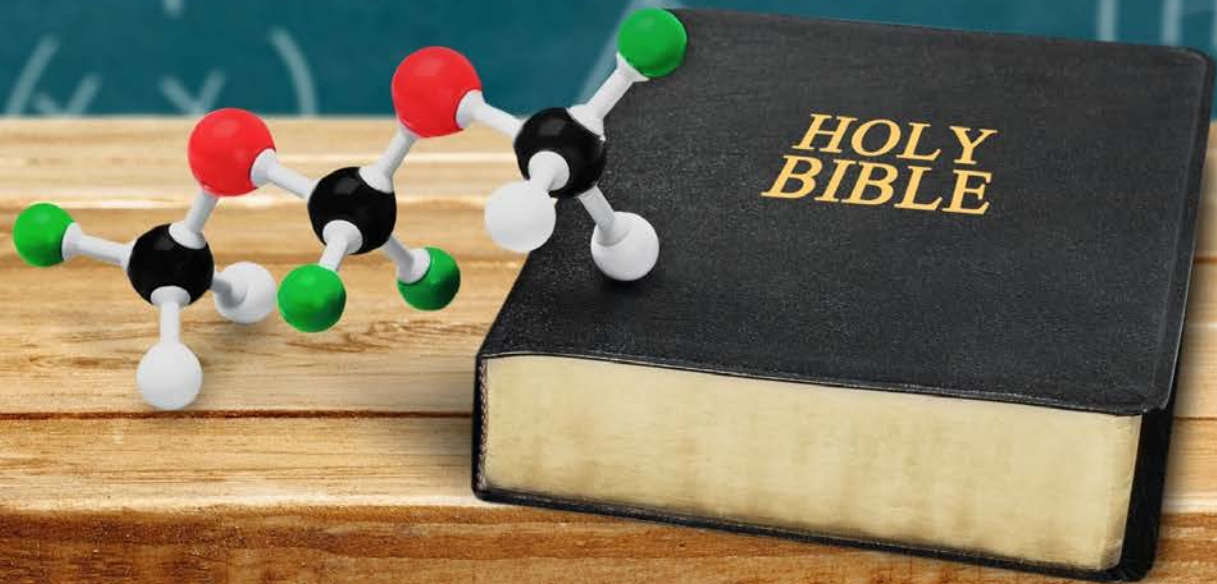
Science and Faith Friends not Foes

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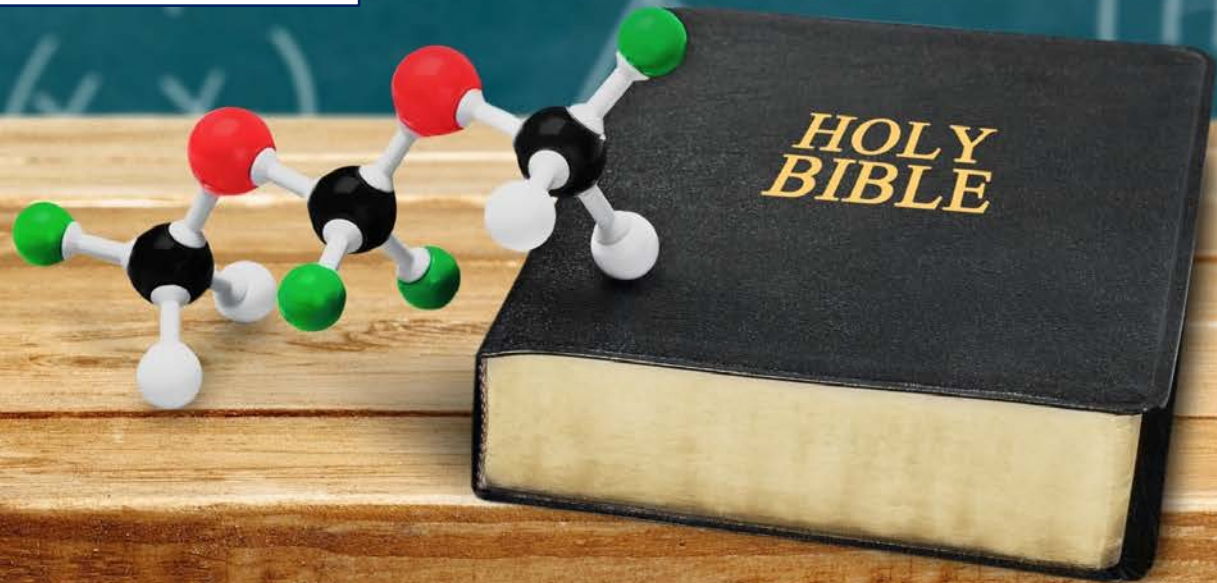
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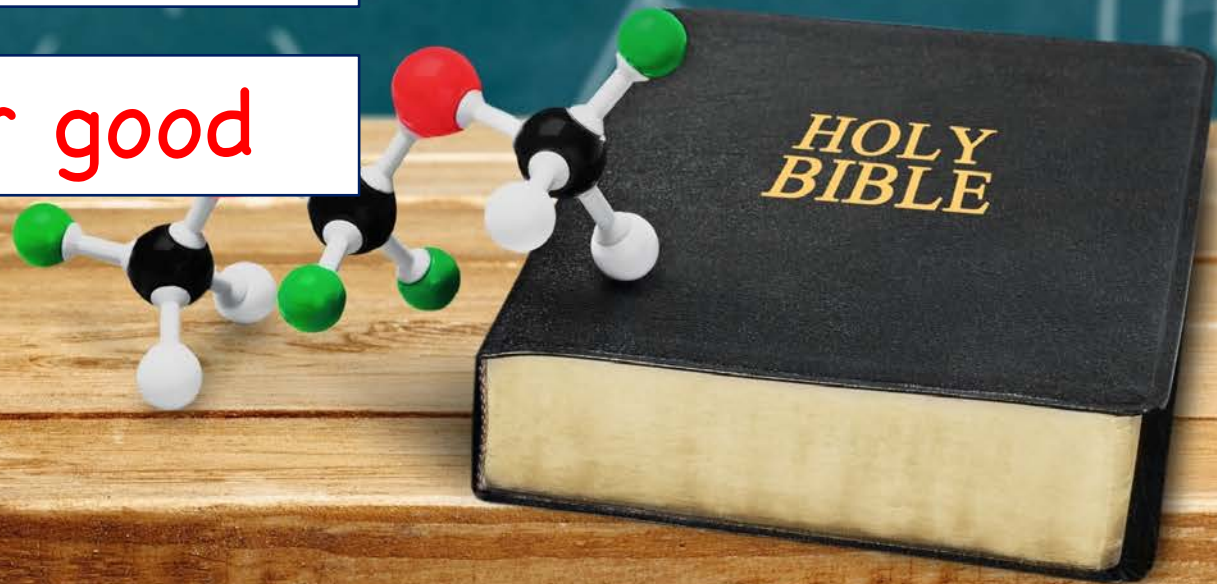


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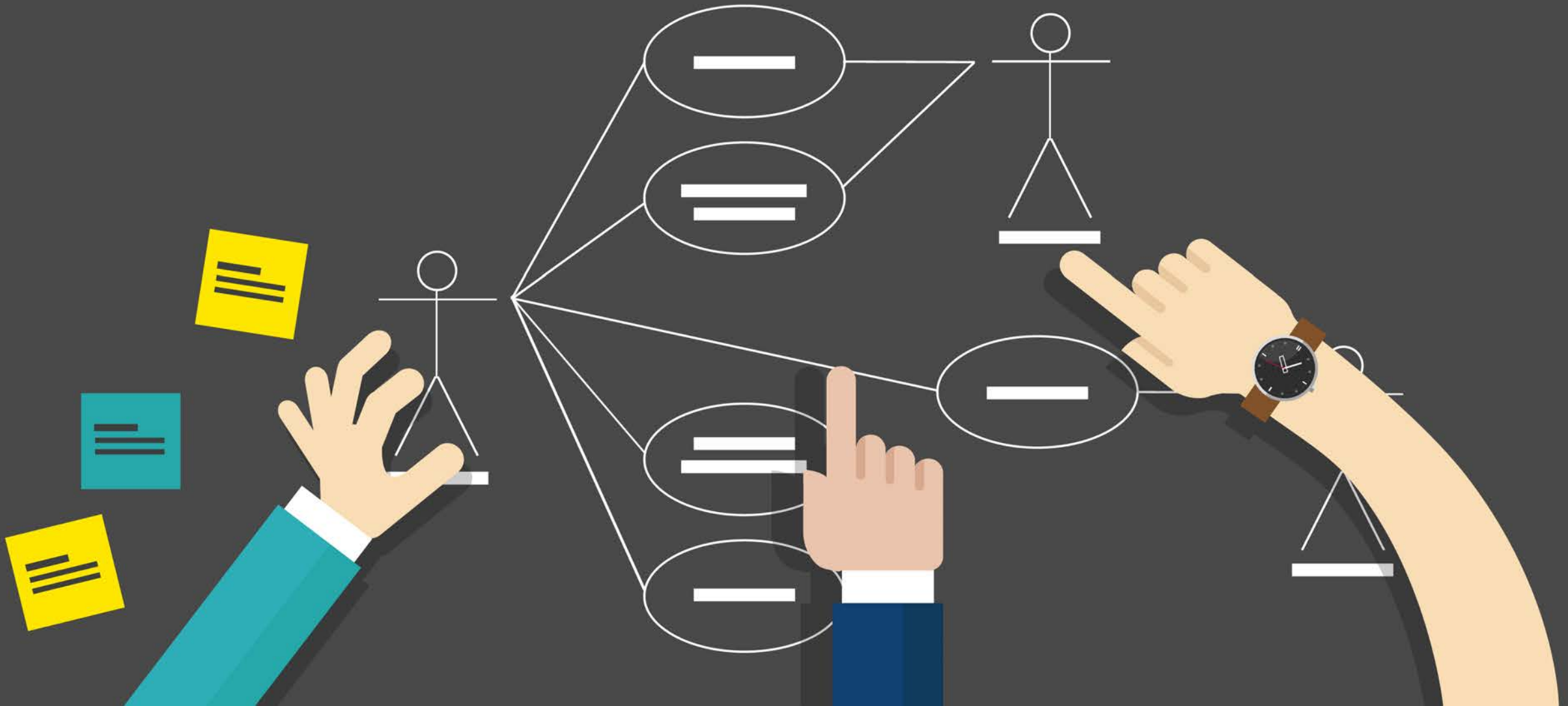
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Pursue understanding

Use science for good



God “formed” and “filled” a sensible cosmos



“The earth was without form and void”

“The earth was without form and void”

Forming

“The earth was without **form** and **void**”

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Light/darkness

“The earth was without **form** and **void**”

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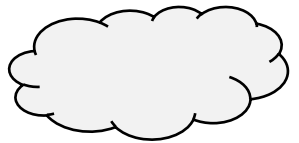
Filling

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Light/darkness

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Heavens separate
from waters

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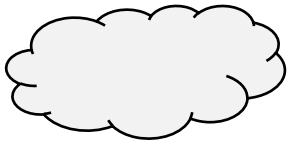
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Light/darkness

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Heavens separate
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3



Land

“The earth was without **form** and **void**”

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Filling

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6  Animals, bugs,
people

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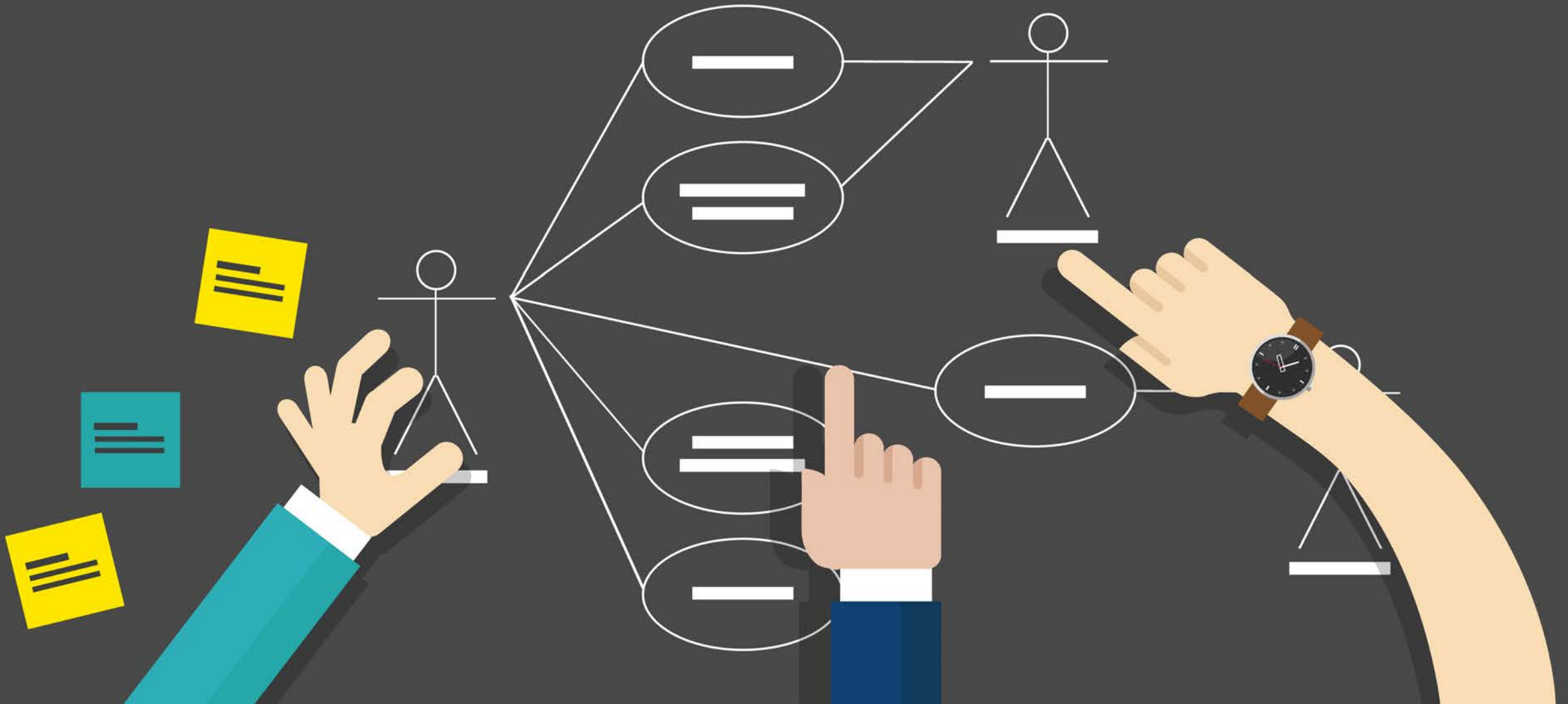
The earth is **formed** and **filled**

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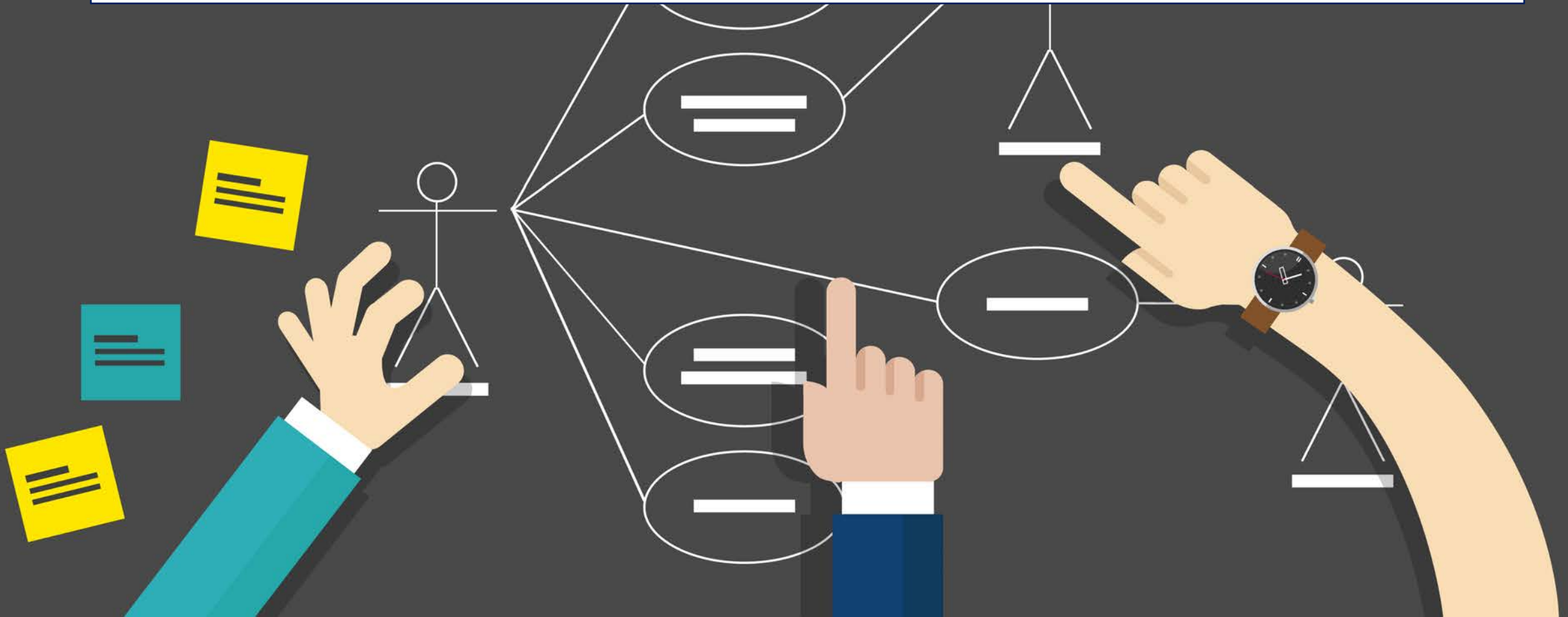
God rests

God “formed” and “filled” a sensible cosmos



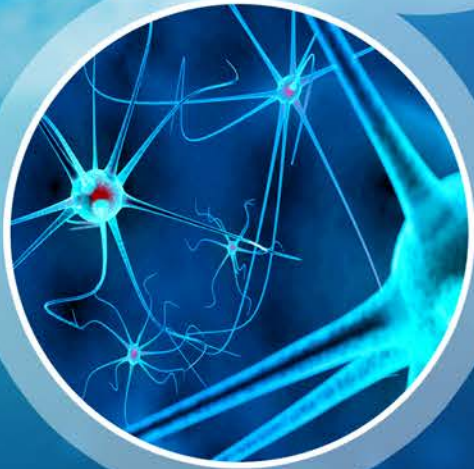
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God made the world orderly and self-sustaining



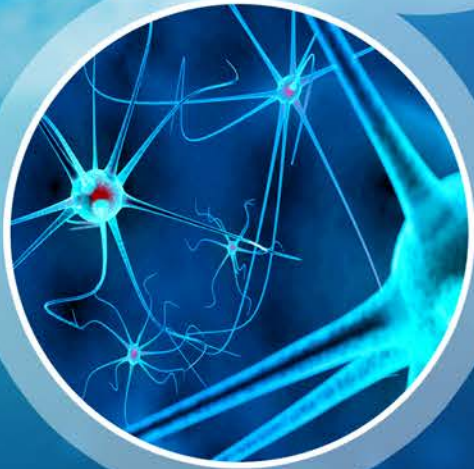


“Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.”



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REEST NEQUE ET, DICTUM DIAM.


“Be fruitful
and multiply.”



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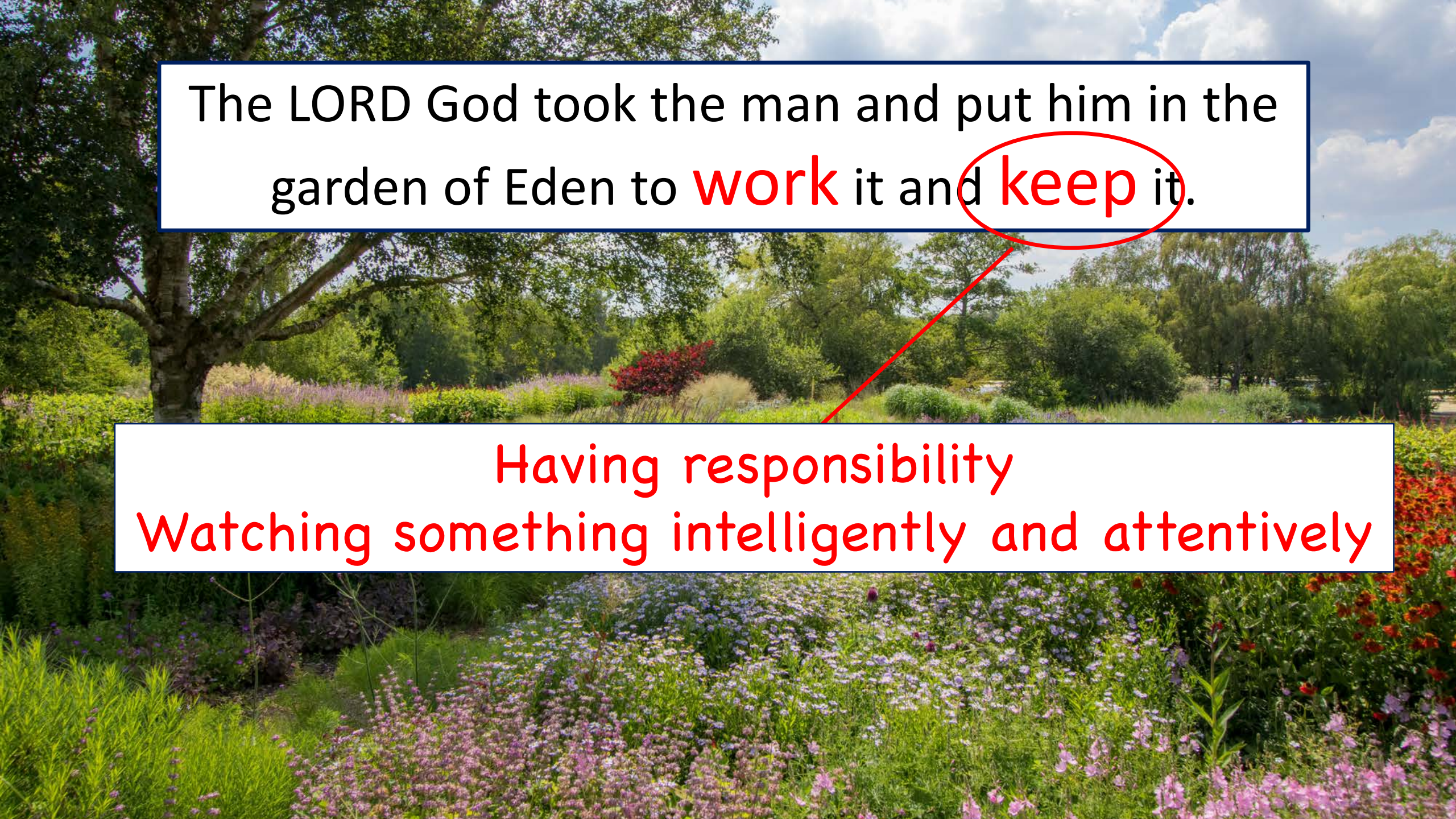
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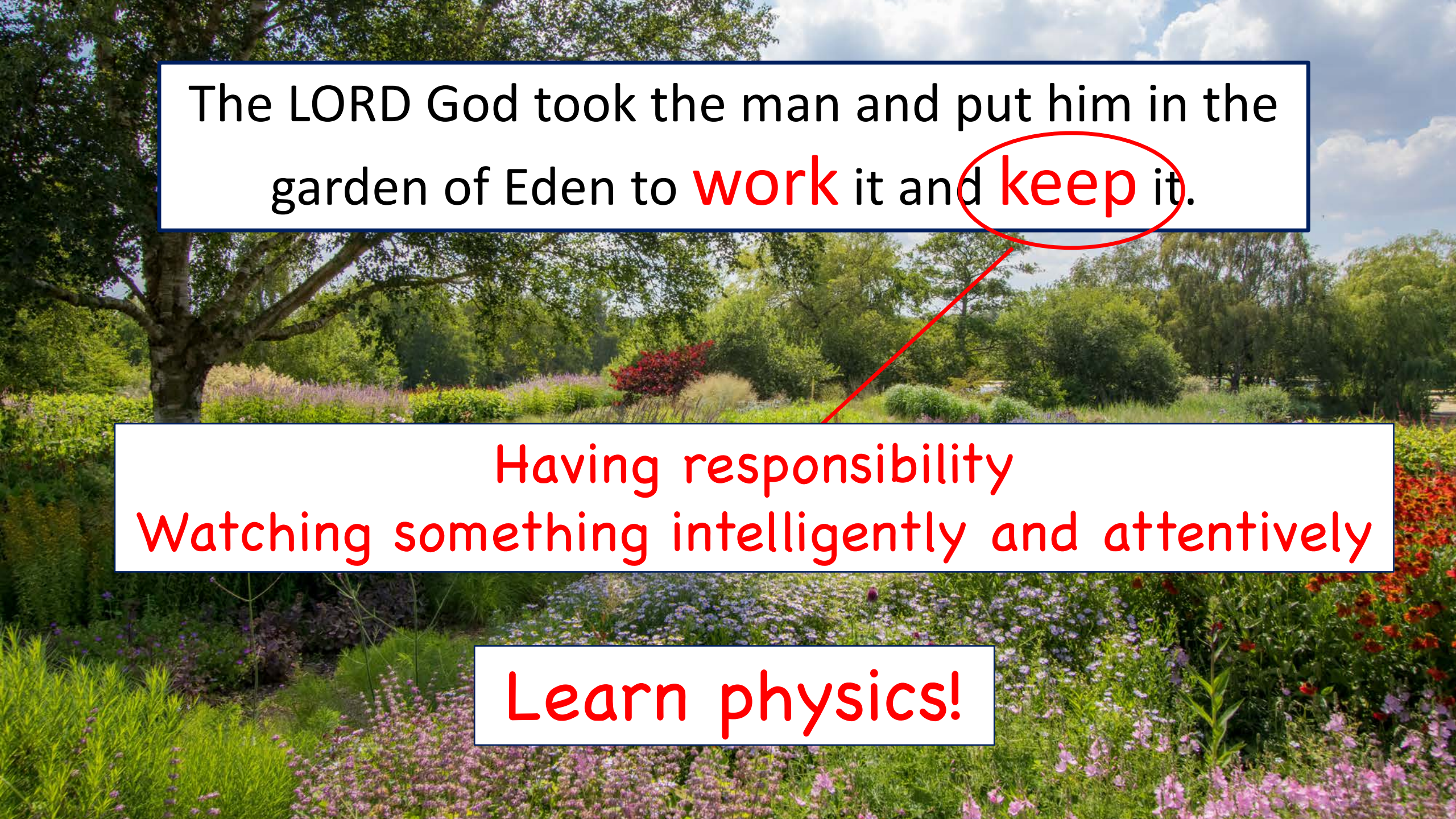
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Tilling a field, tending a vineyard, serving.



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Watching something intelligently and attentively



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Learn physics!



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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."

Where is God in the midst of evil?



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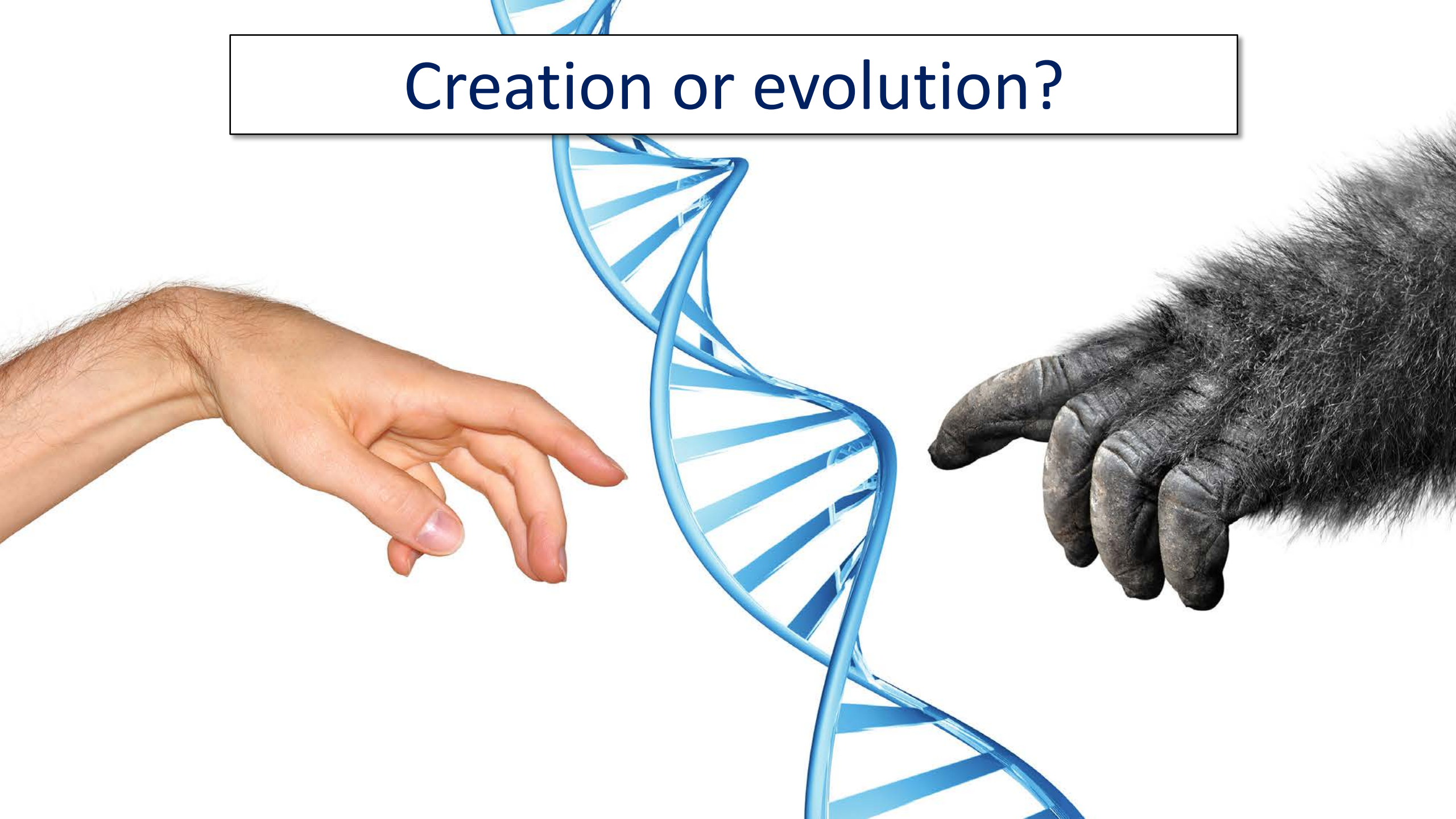
**God is working to bring
good from evil**

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Science is our tool to
combat the fallen world

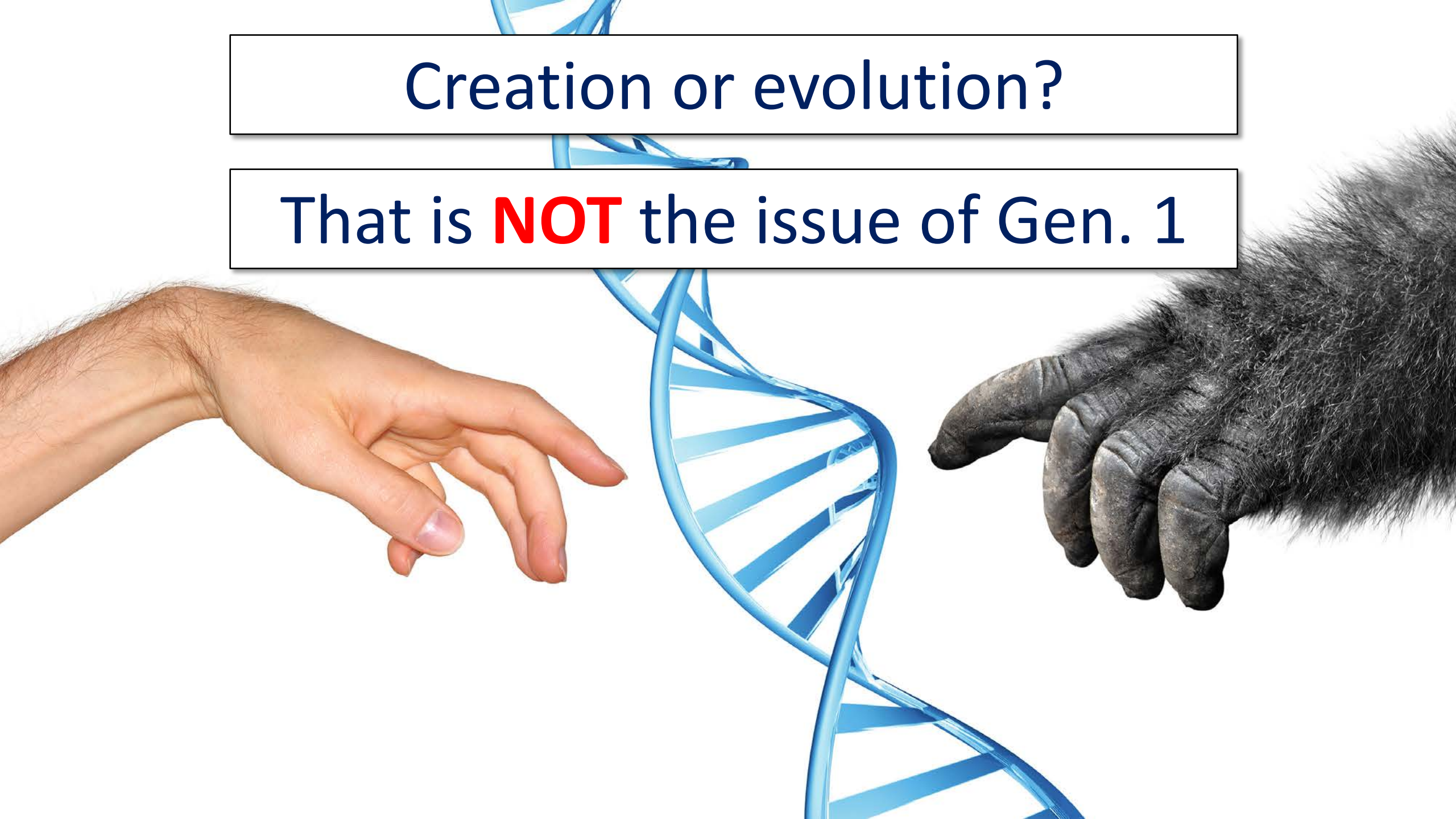


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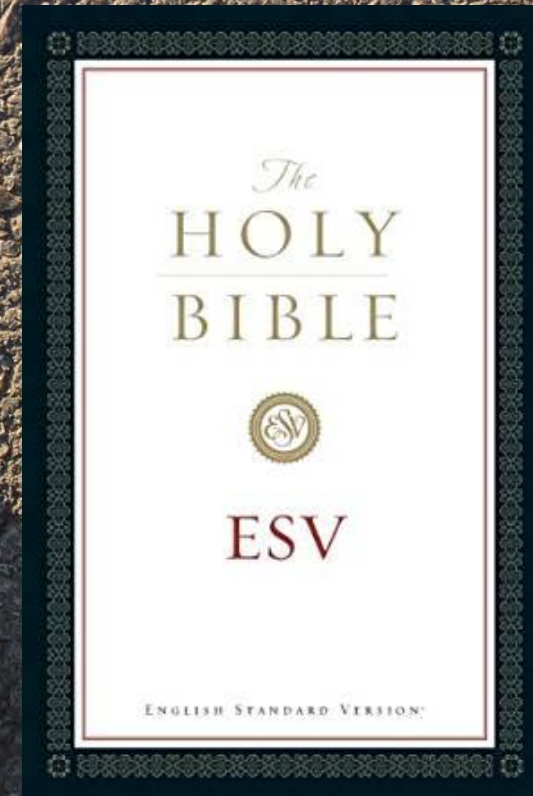


Creation or evolution?

That is **NOT** the issue of Gen. 1



START HERE





We MUST read it in cultural context



Contextual Reading

Travel around the world...







Babylon
Fall of Jerusalem



Assyria
Moses/Exodus

Babylon
Fall of Jerusalem



Sumeria
Abraham/Patriarchs

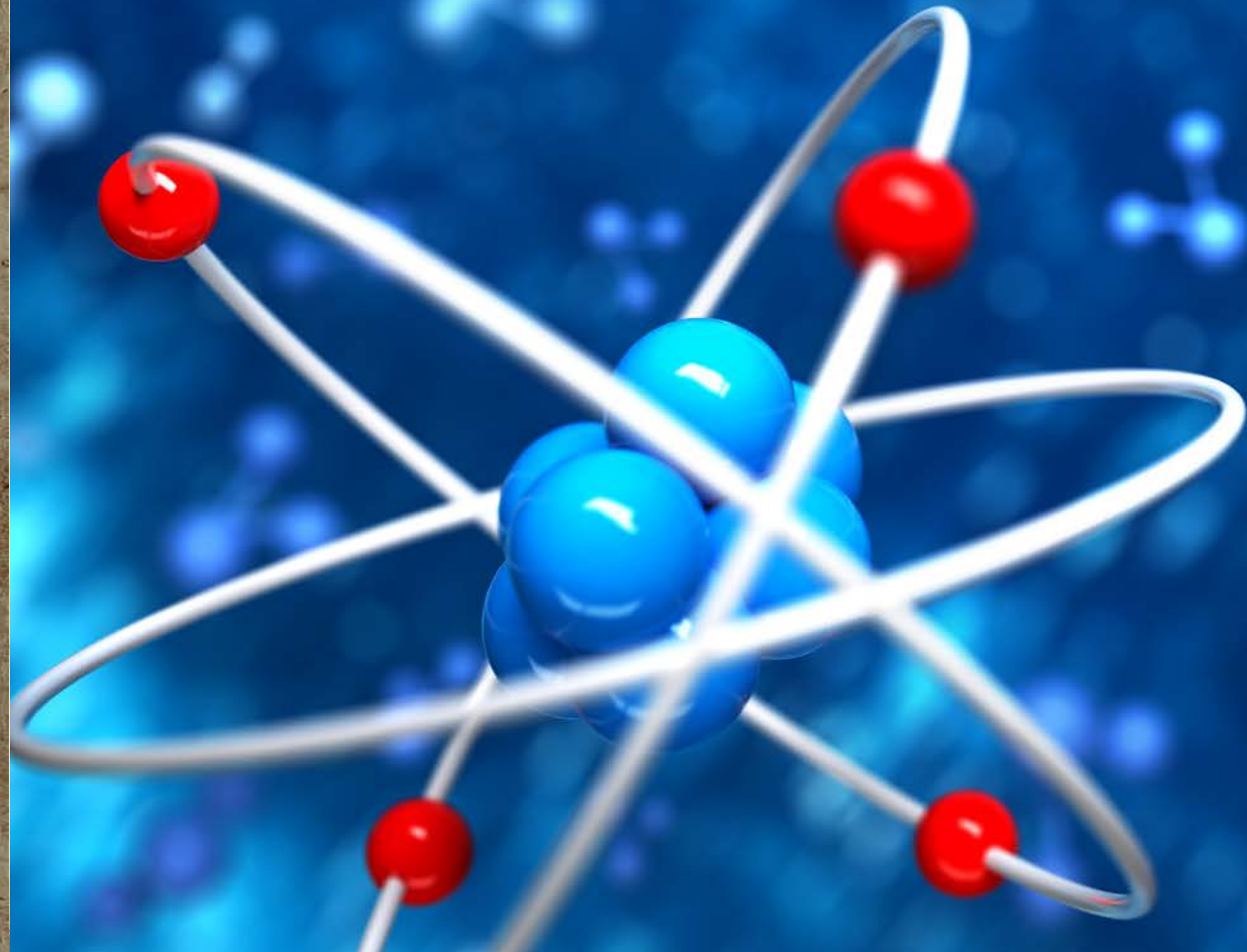
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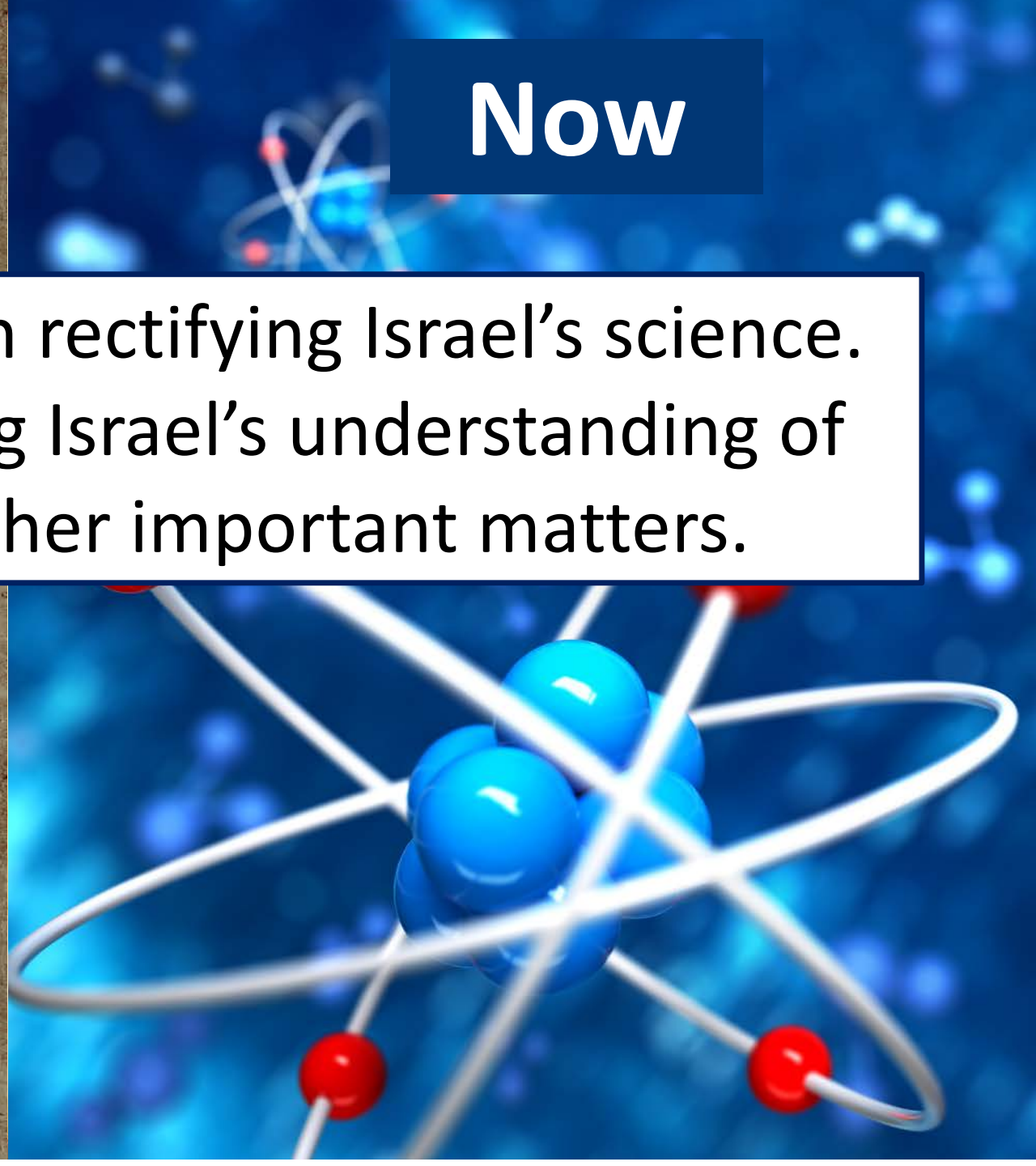
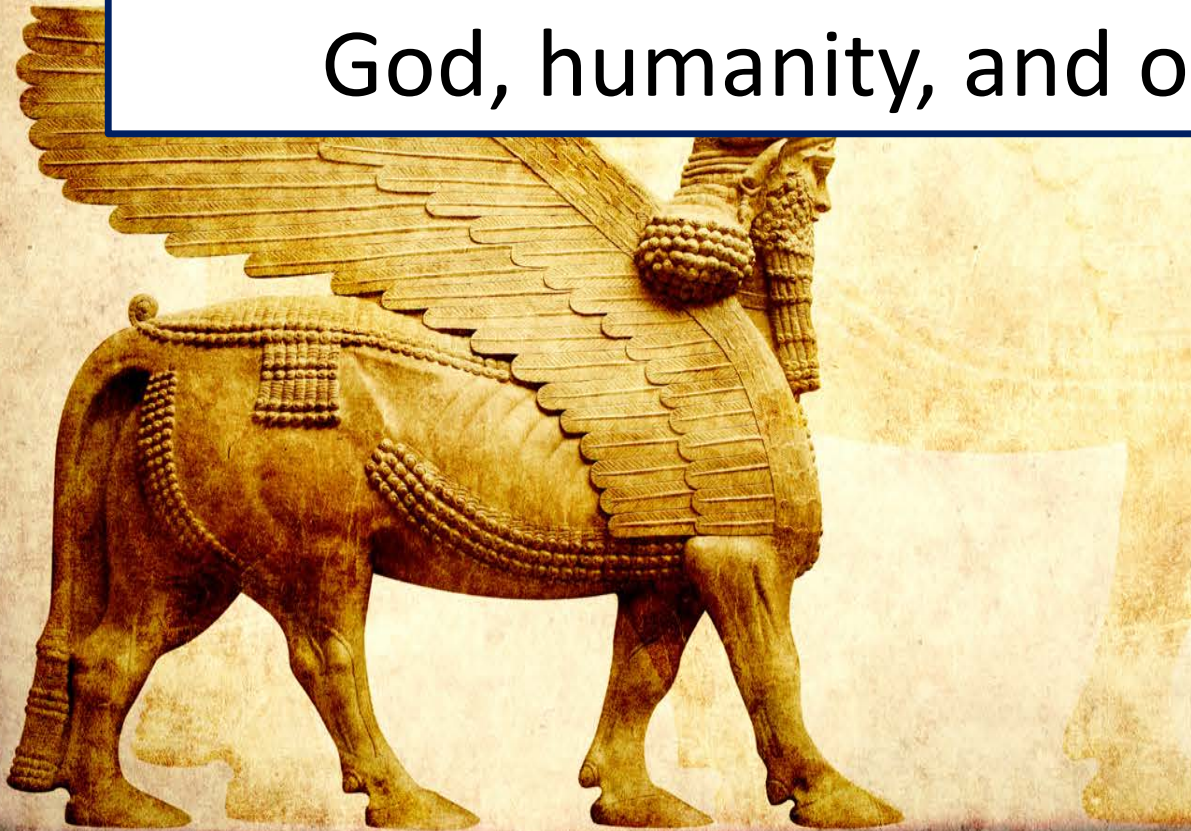
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God's concern wasn't with rectifying Israel's science. His concern was rectifying Israel's understanding of God, humanity, and other important matters.



Try to hear the ancient world in spite
of your modern understanding



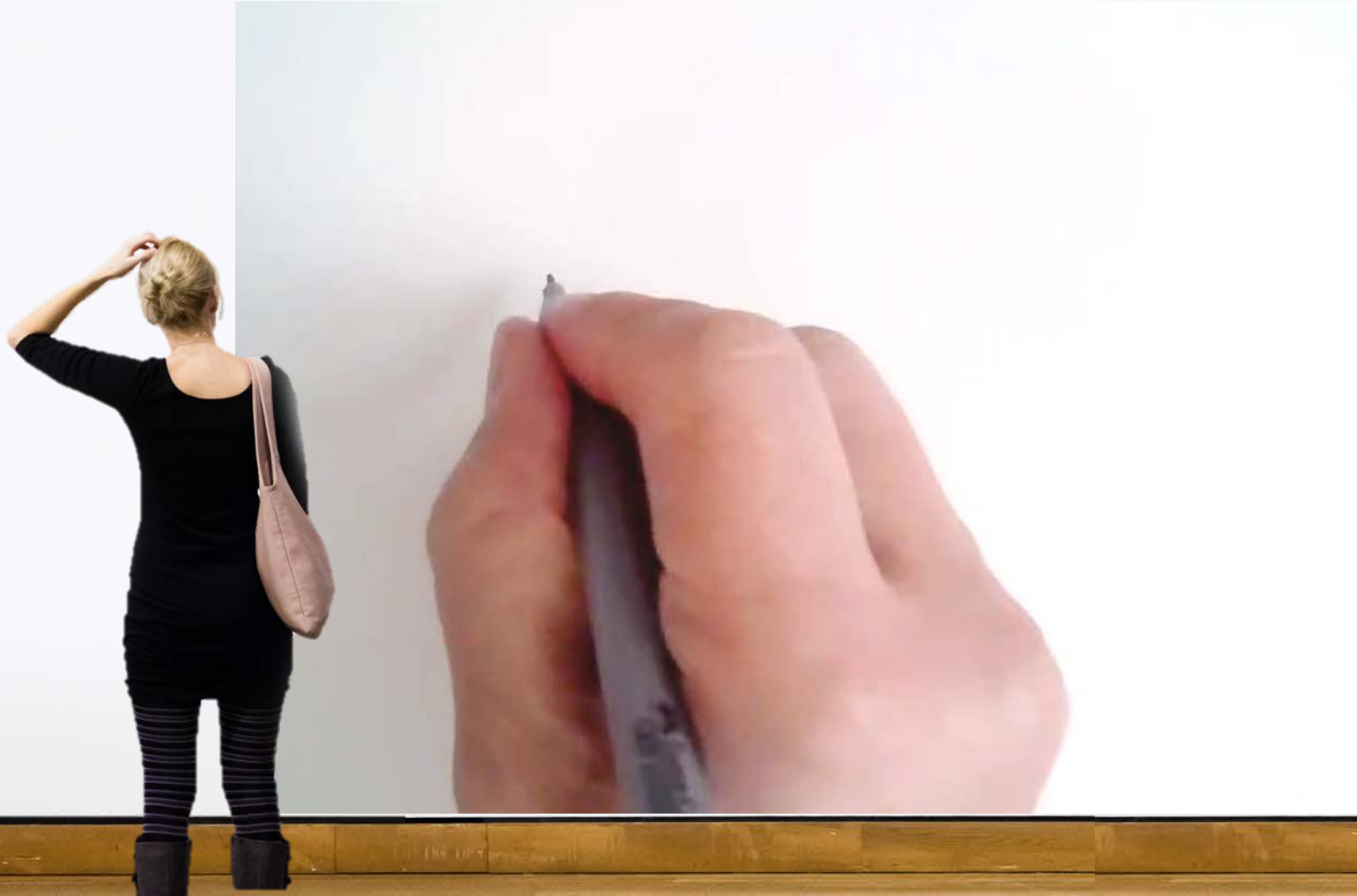


What is the cosmology with reference to how the ancients viewed the universe's structure?

The ancients used common sense
with what they visually observed



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Mesopotamian



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Babylonian tablet with
the sun god Shamash

Babylon

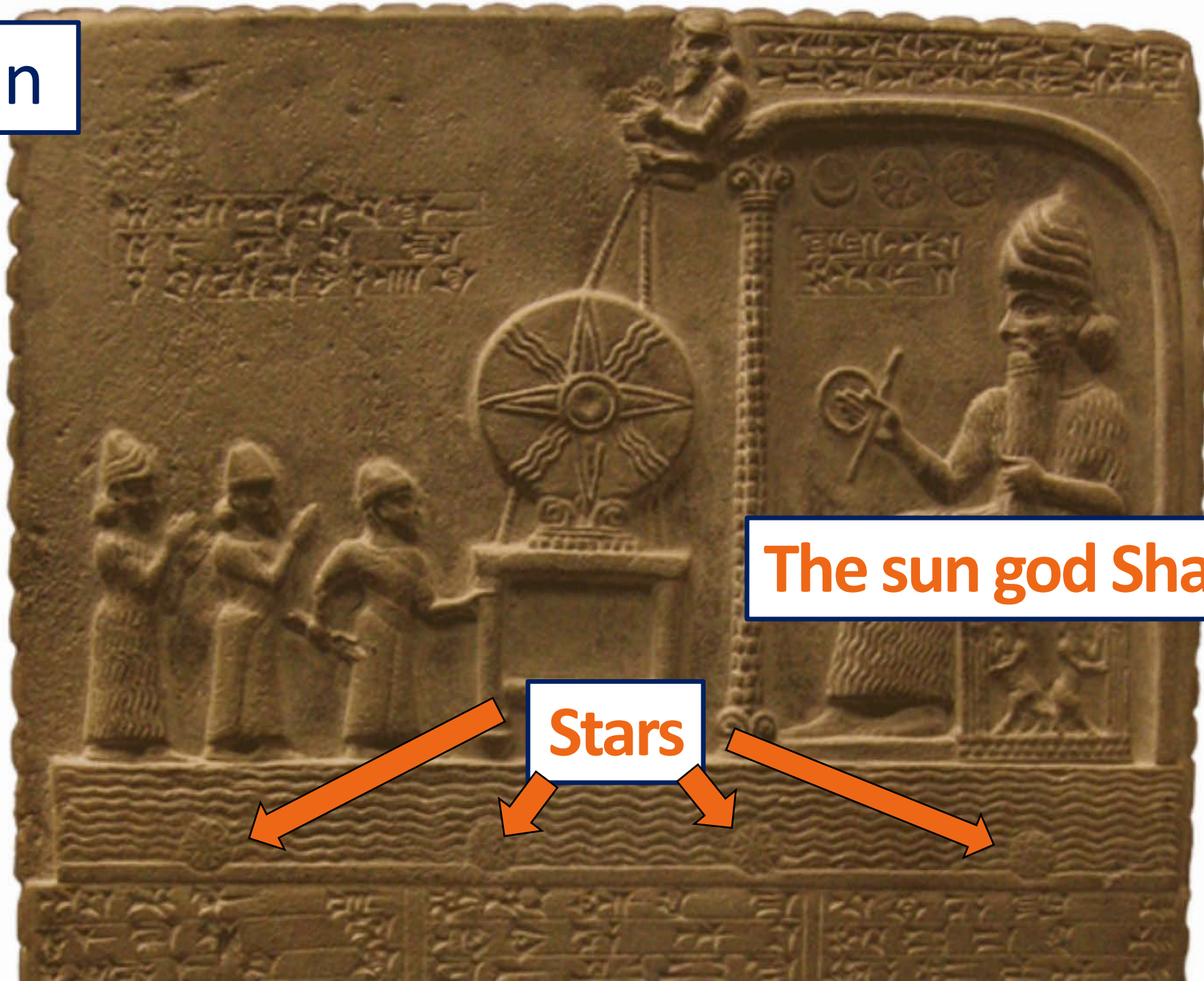


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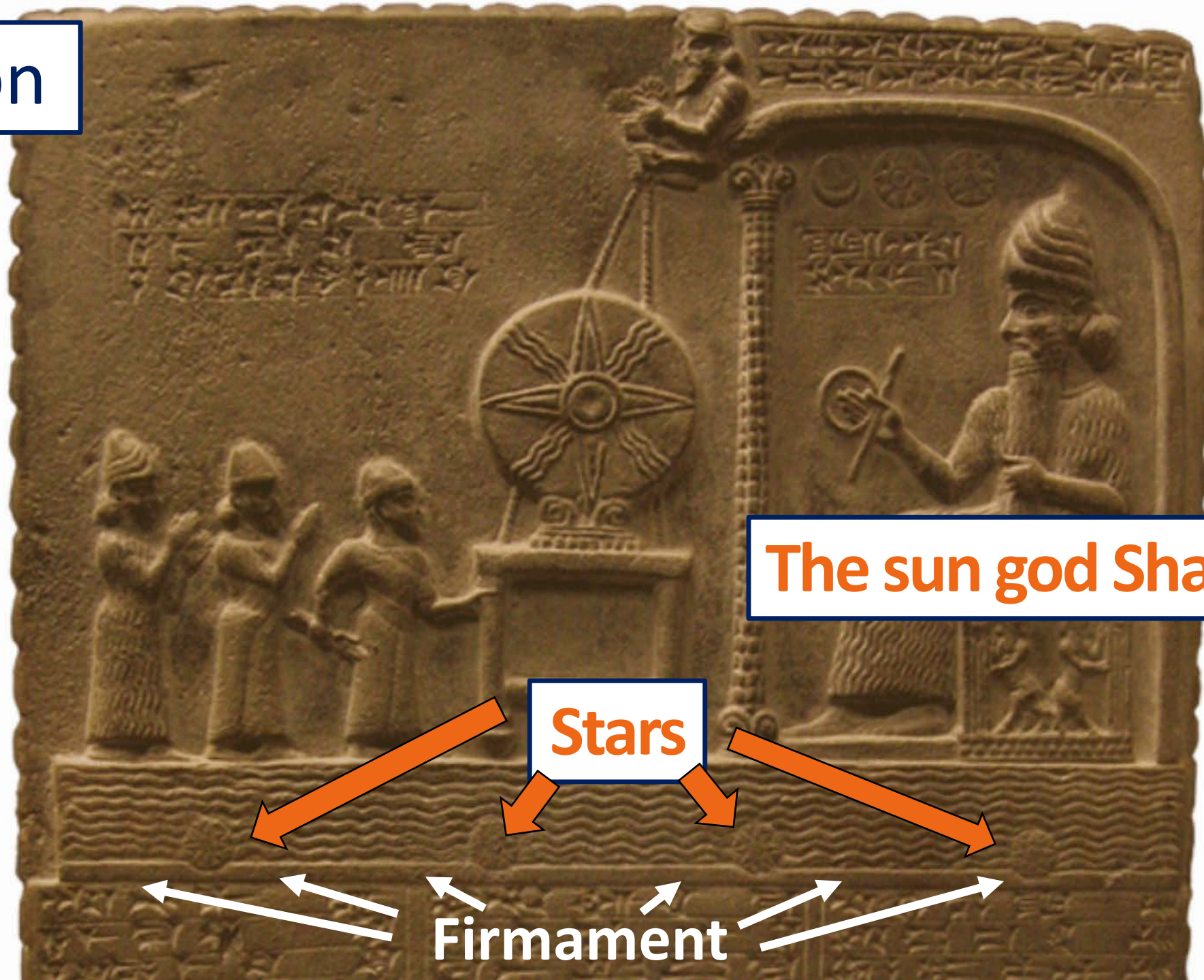
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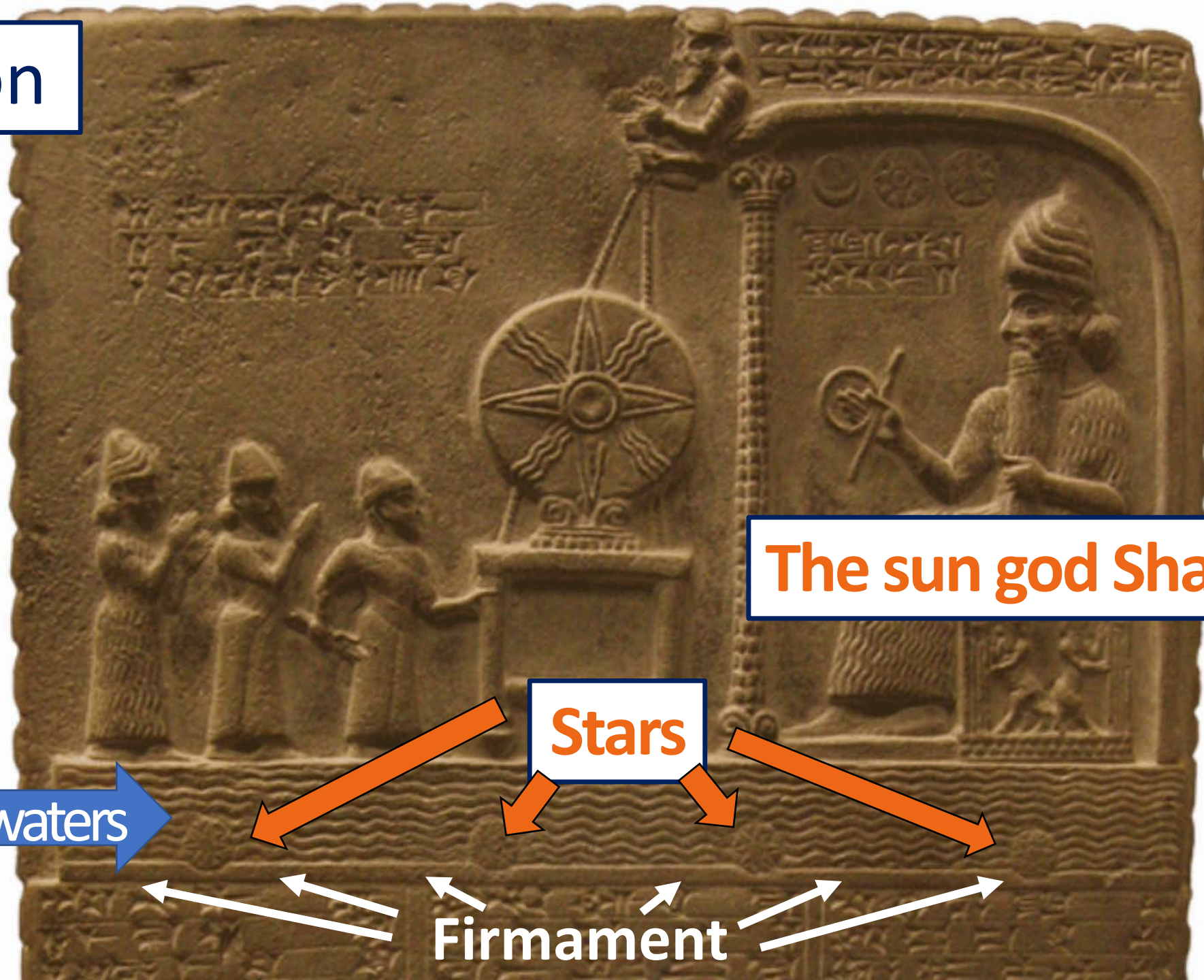
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Heavenly waters

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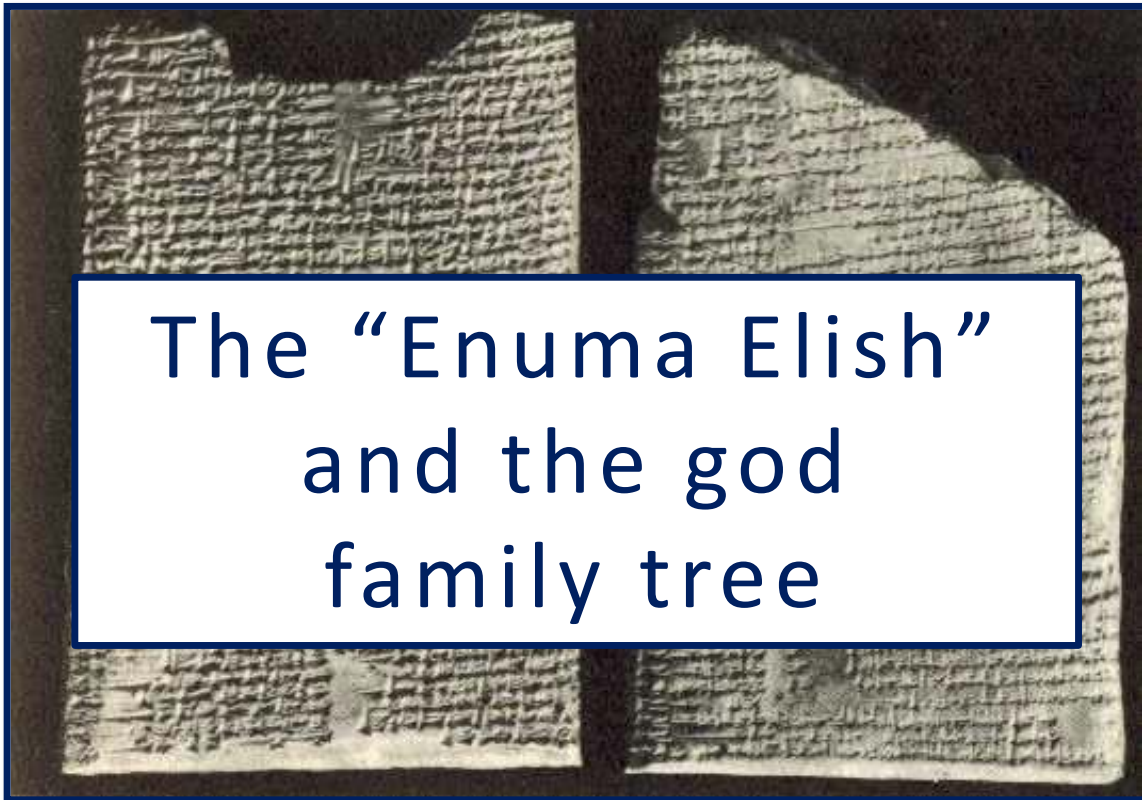
God used ancient cosmology,
but gave **an entirely different message!**



One God
Not many gods



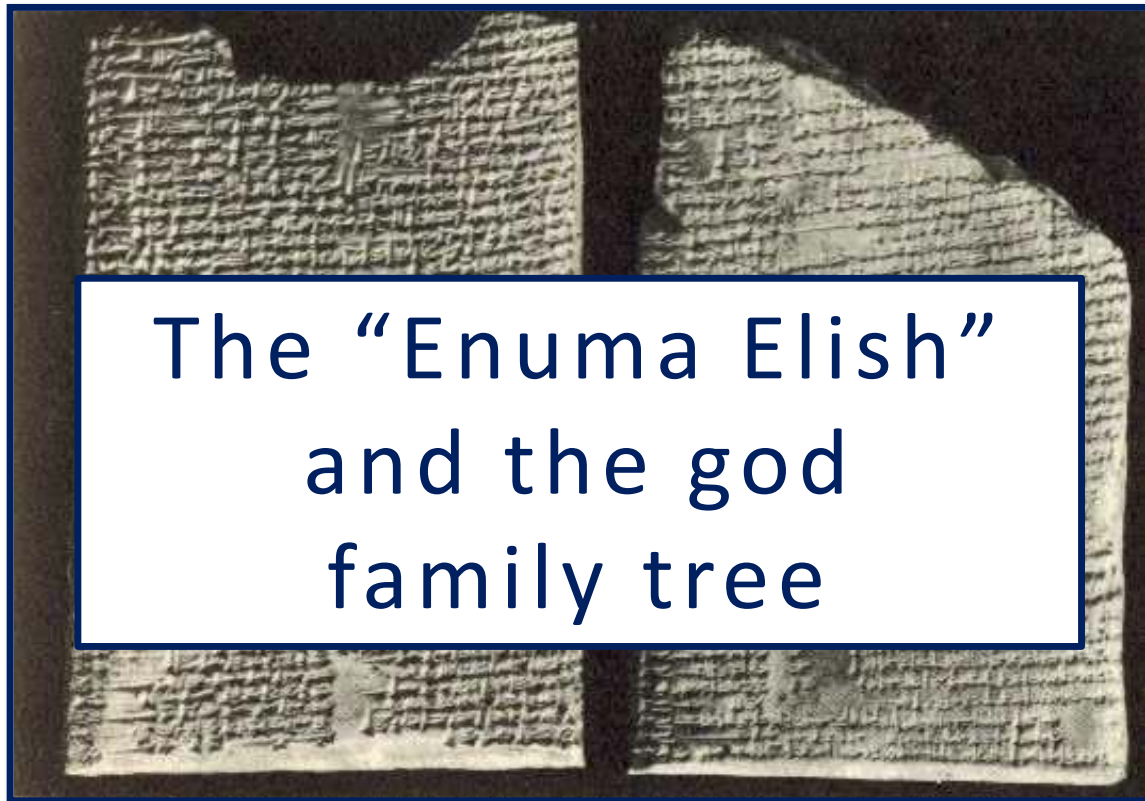
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The "Enuma Elish"
and the god
family tree

One God

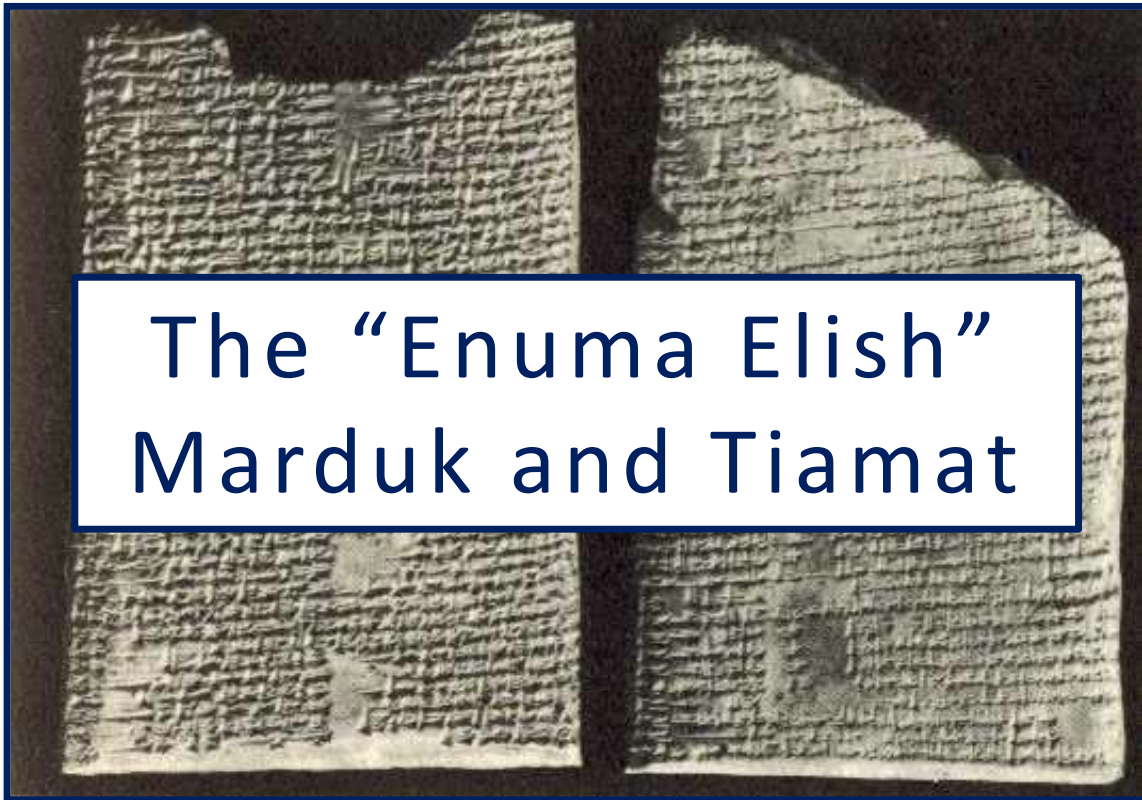
Not many gods



One God apart from nature.
Not many gods as part of nature.



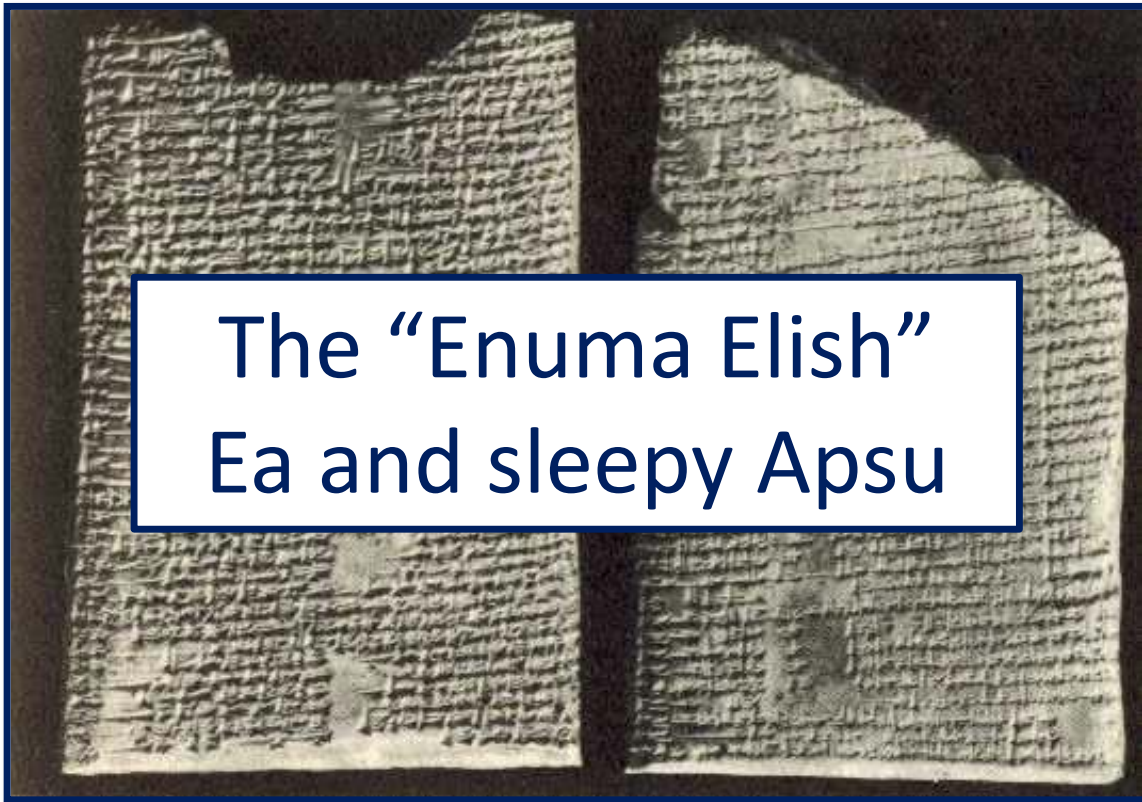
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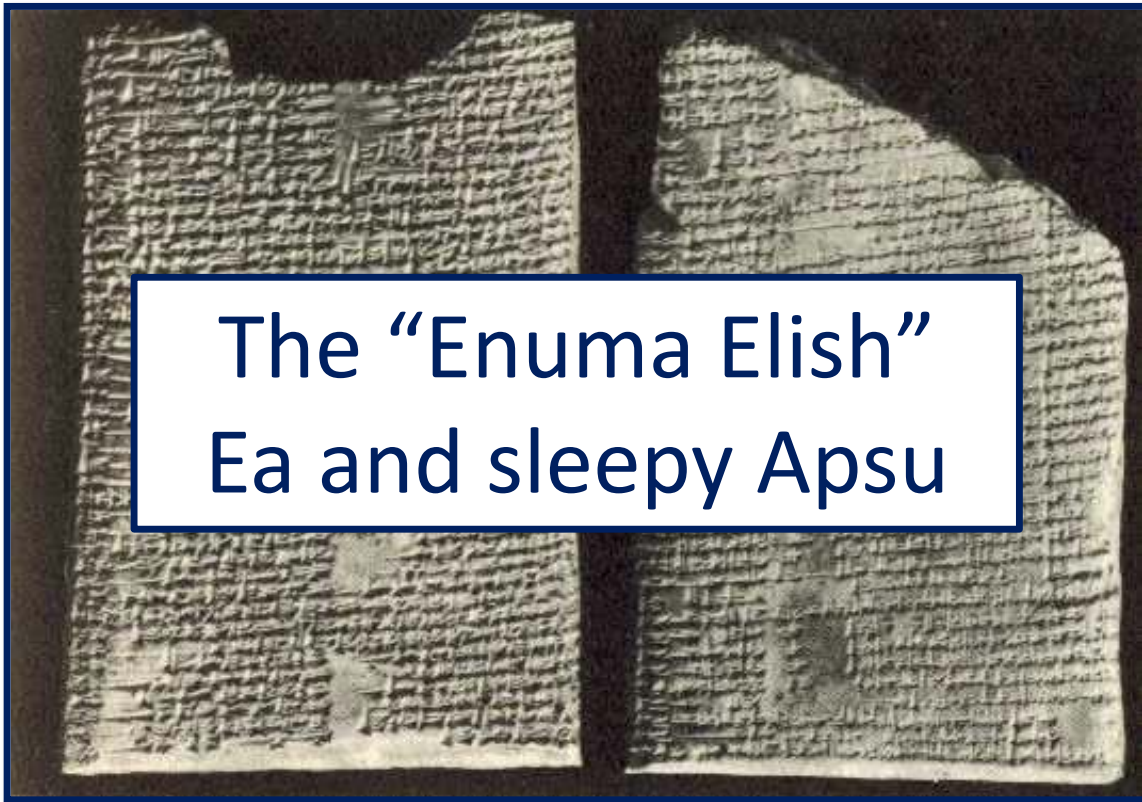
God is outside space/time.
Not captive to space/time.



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The “Enuma Elish”
Ea and sleepy Apsu



Gen. 1:3-5

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Gods are gendered.



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“Elkunirsa and Asertu”
El, Asertu, and Ba'al



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Gen. 1:27

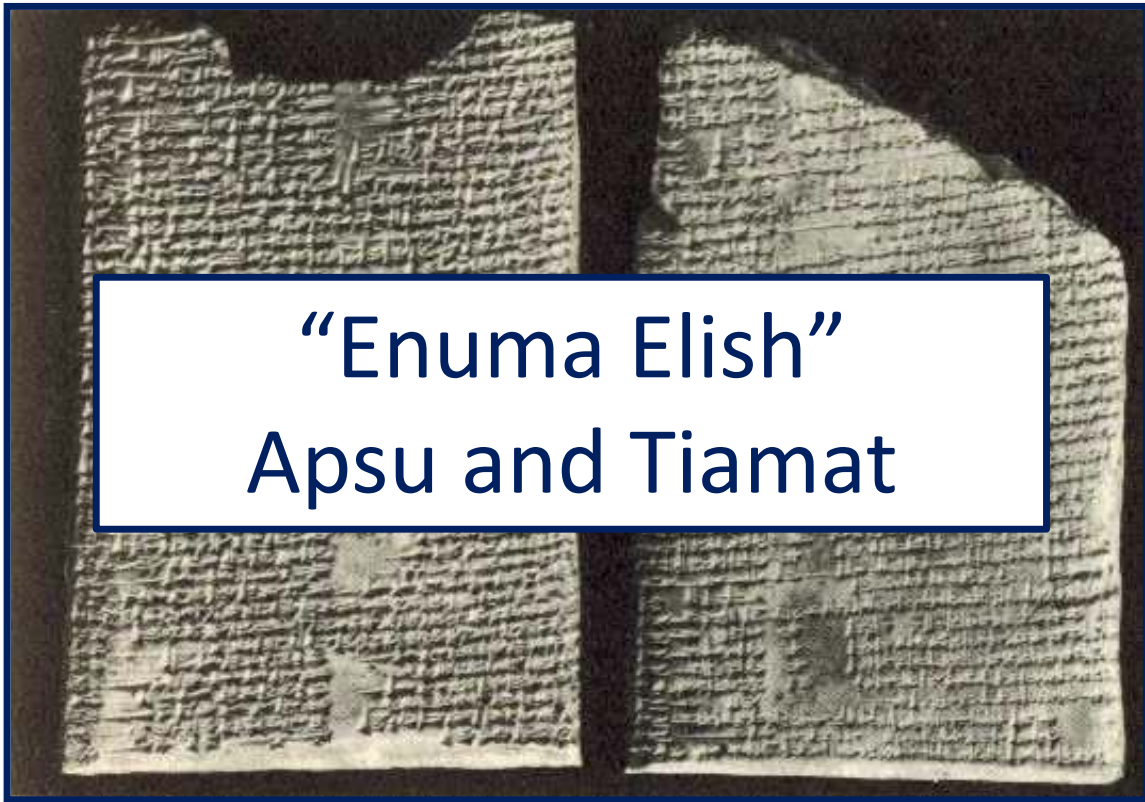
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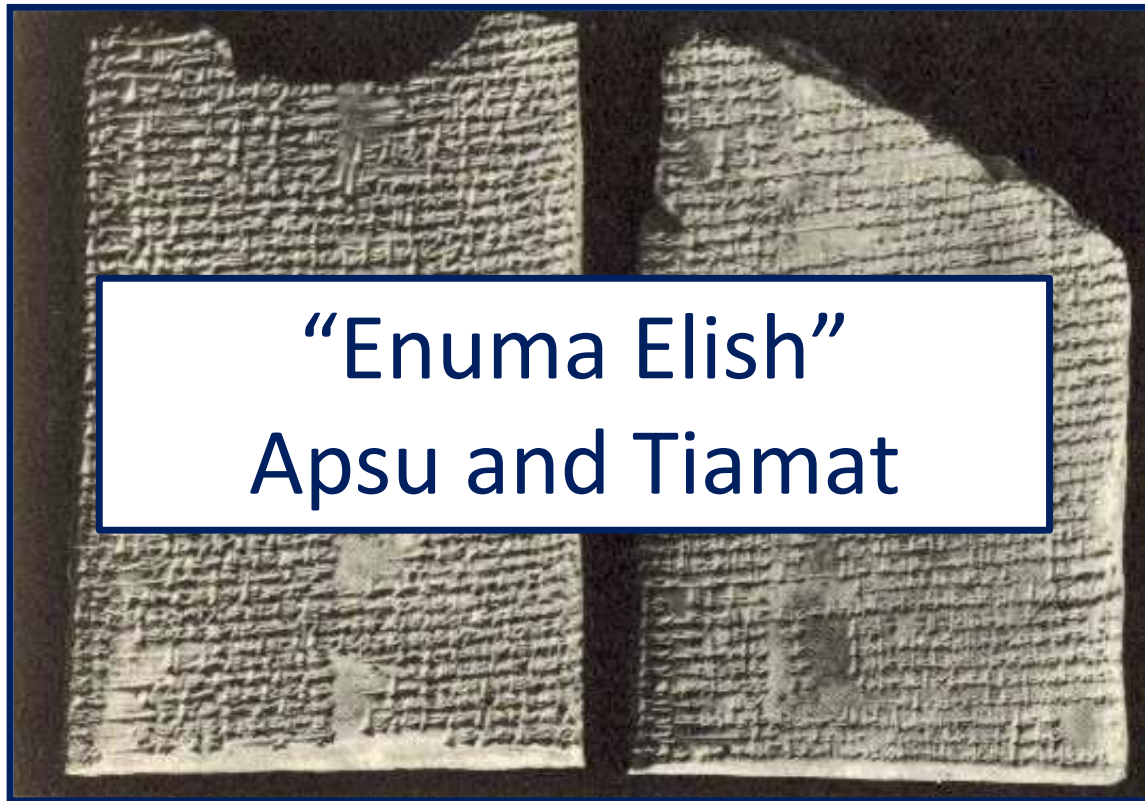
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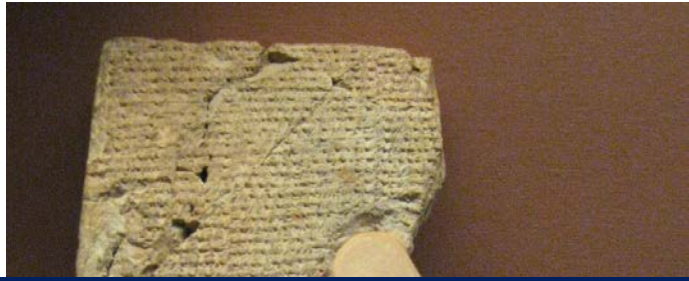
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Gen. 2:1-3

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“Atrahasis”
Purpose of men



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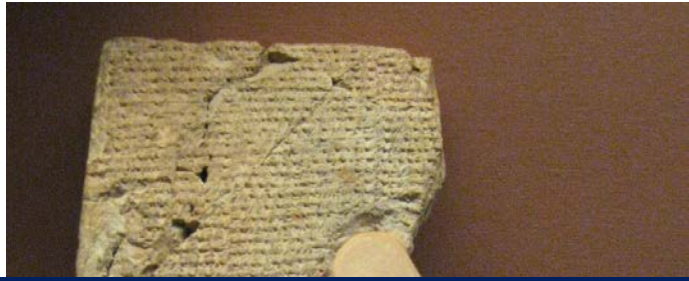


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God cares deeply for people

Gods use people for their own ends

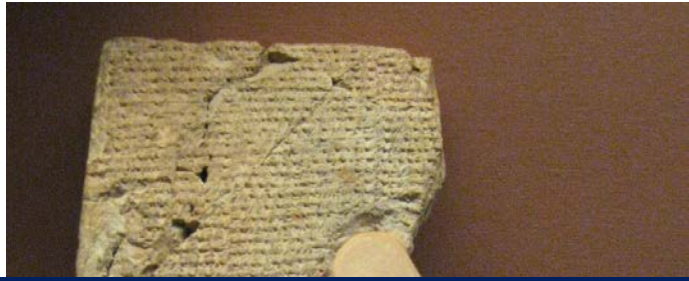


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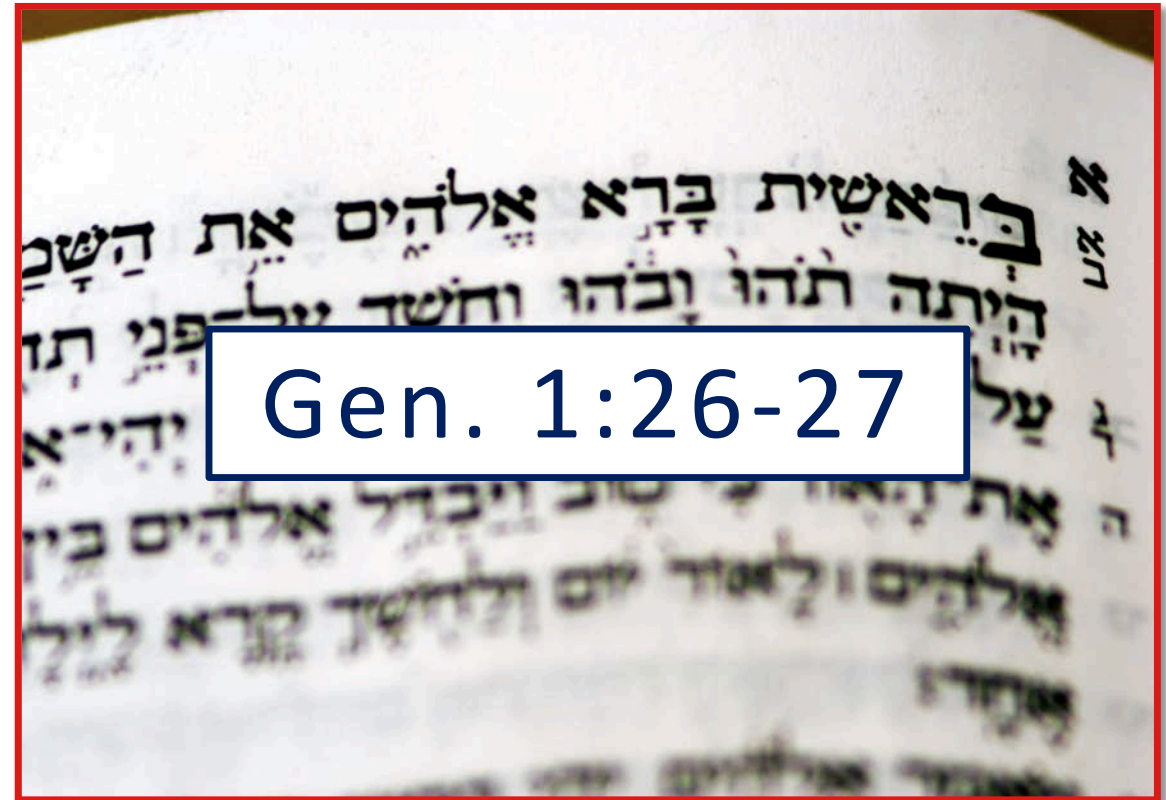


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God makes nature for humans.
Gods tame nature for the gods uses.



God makes humans for fellowship.
Gods make humans for ease of life.



Lots more to think about...



TAKE ACTION NOW



TAKE ACTION NOW

See God!

TAKE ACTION NOW



See God!

“In the beginning, God...” (Gen. 1)

TAKE ACTION NOW



TAKE ACTION NOW

A hand holding a red marker, drawing a horizontal line across the text.

See the wonders of God



TAKE ACTION NOW

See the wonders of God

“In the beginning, God created...”

(Gen. 1:1)

TAKE ACTION NOW



TAKE ACTION NOW

See the love of God



TAKE ACTION NOW

See the love of God

“... It is not good for man to be
alone...” (Gen. 2:18)