

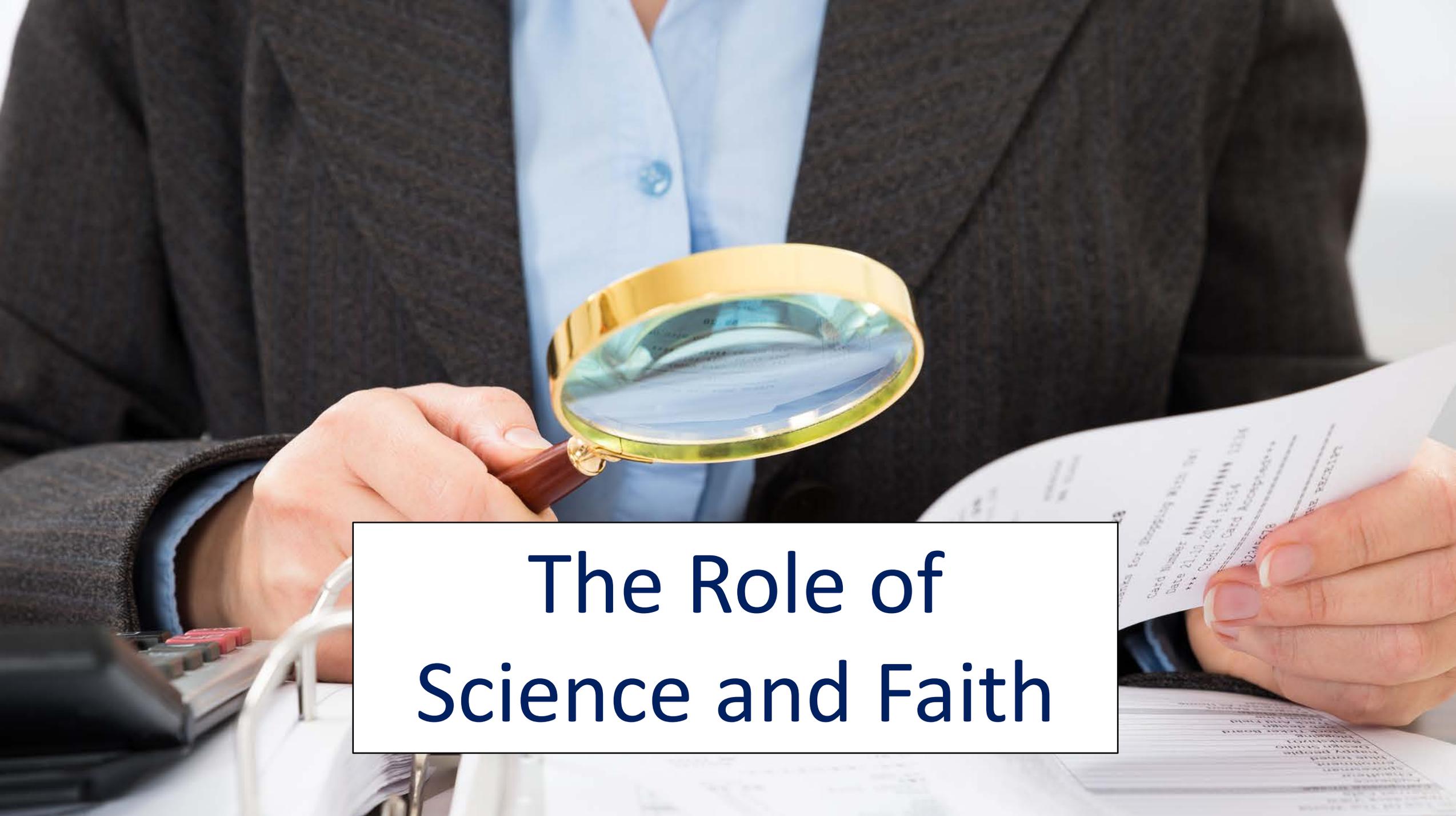


Is God Guilty of
Fraud?

Clients

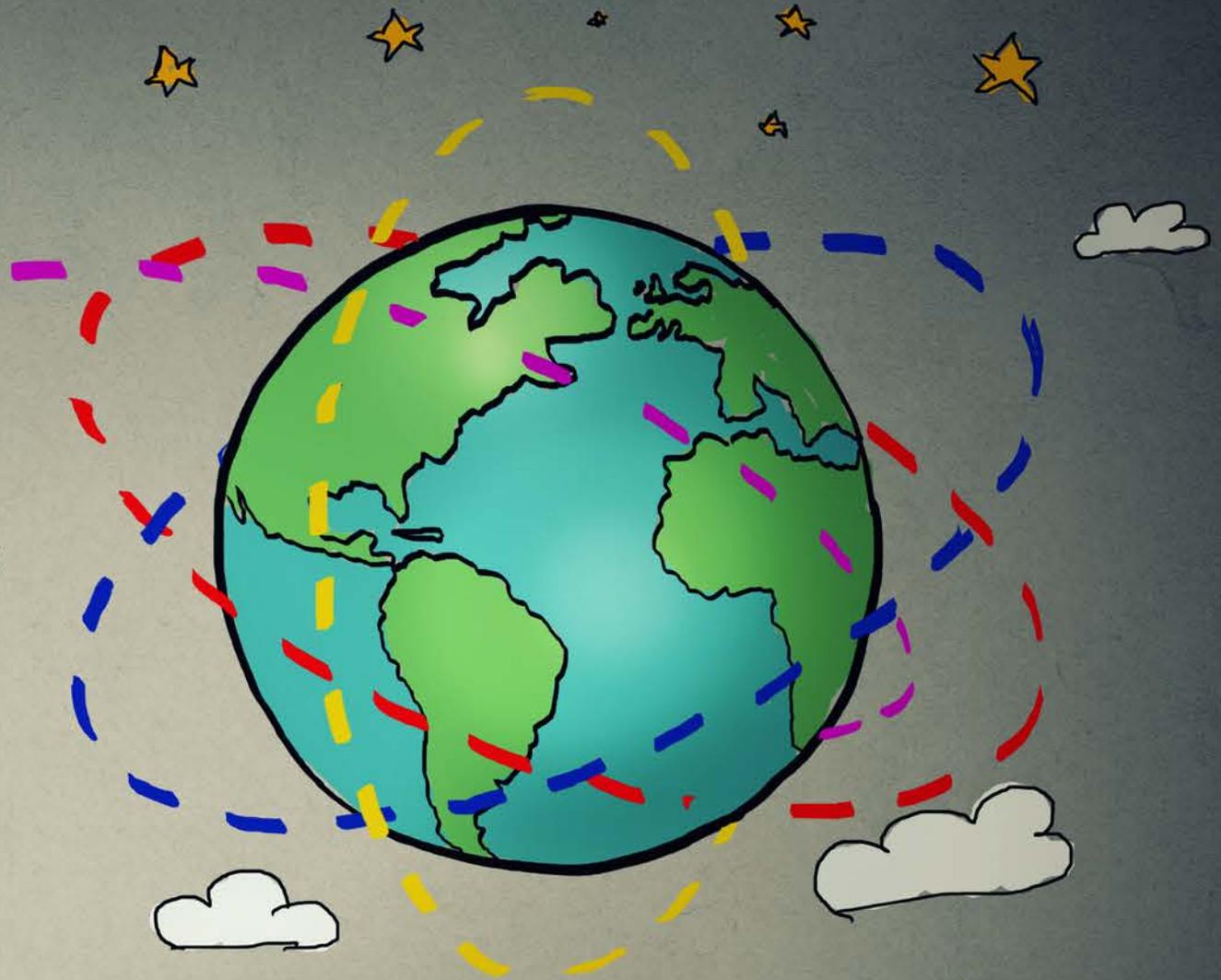
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The Role of Science and Faith

We are trying
to make sense
of the world

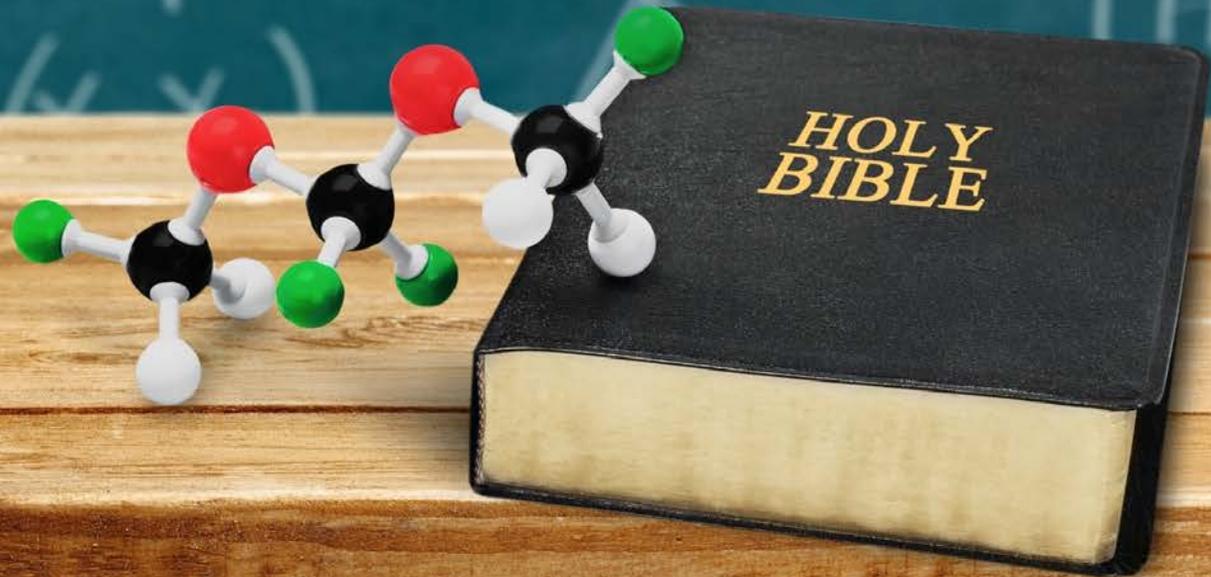






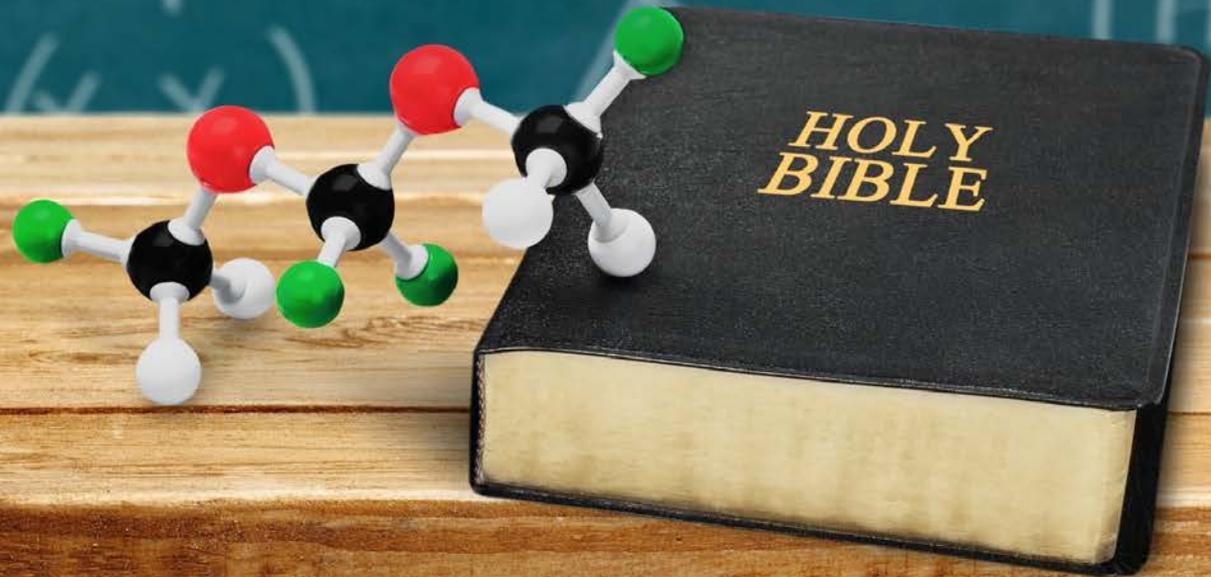
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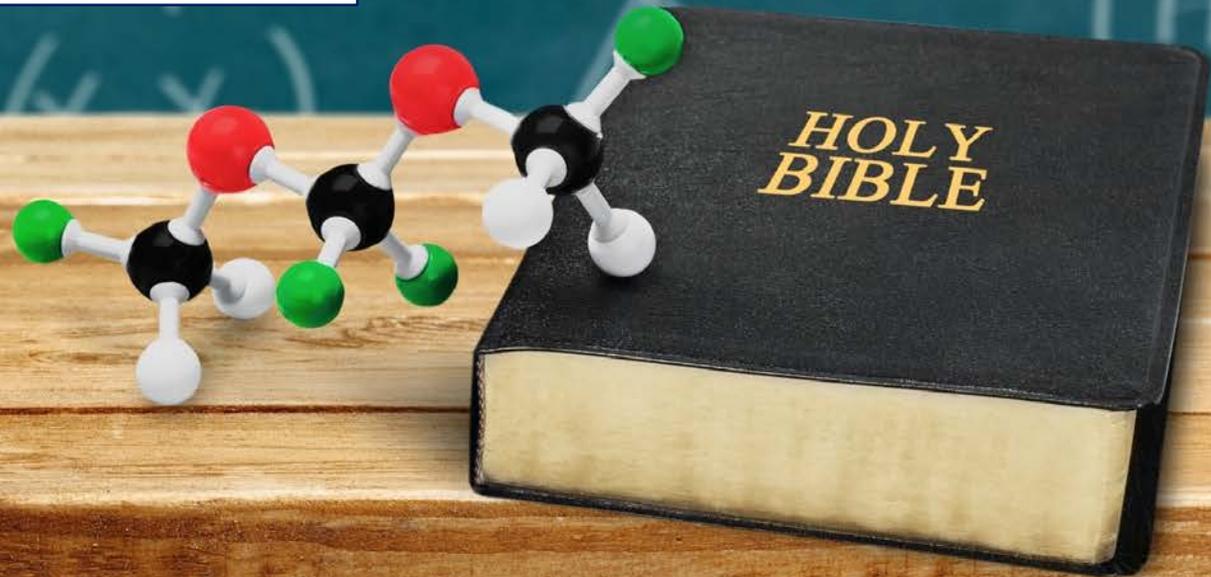
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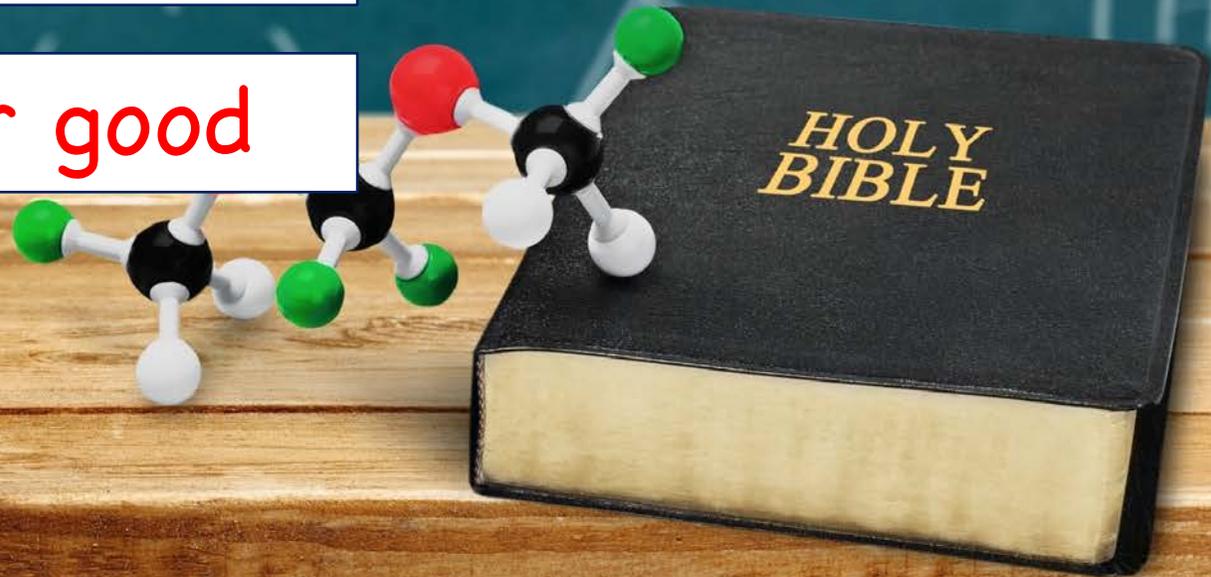


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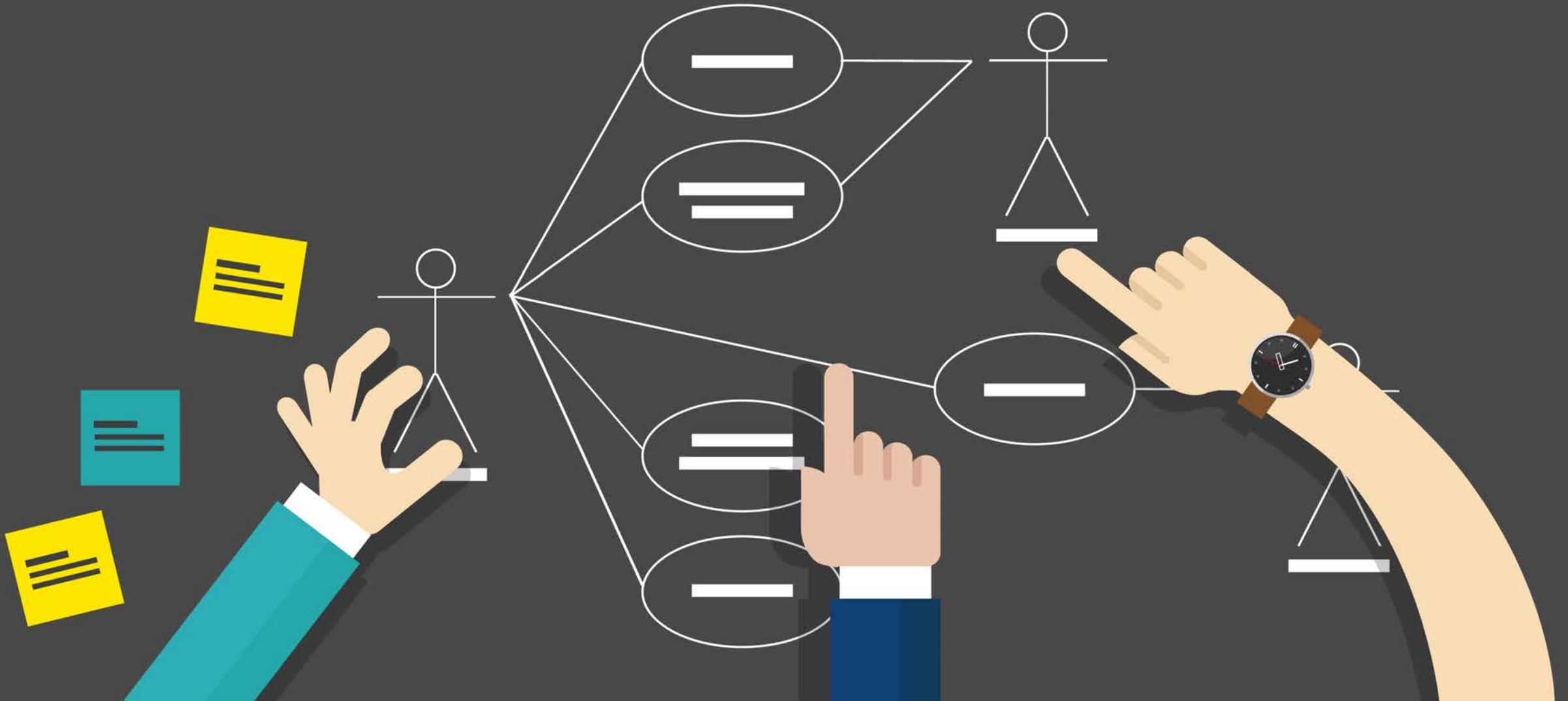
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Pursue understanding

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

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1



Light/darkness

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

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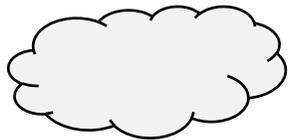
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Light/darkness

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Heavens separate
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Forming

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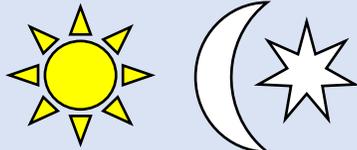
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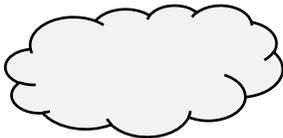
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Forming

Filling

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4  Sun; moon/stars

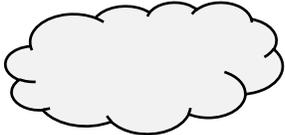
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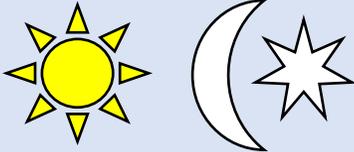
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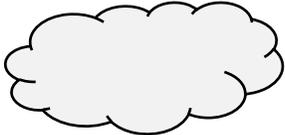
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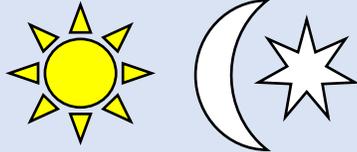
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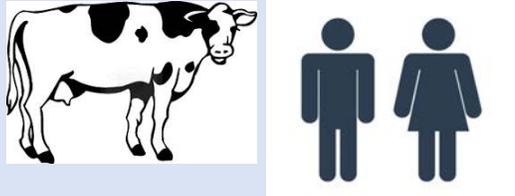
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6  Animals, bugs,
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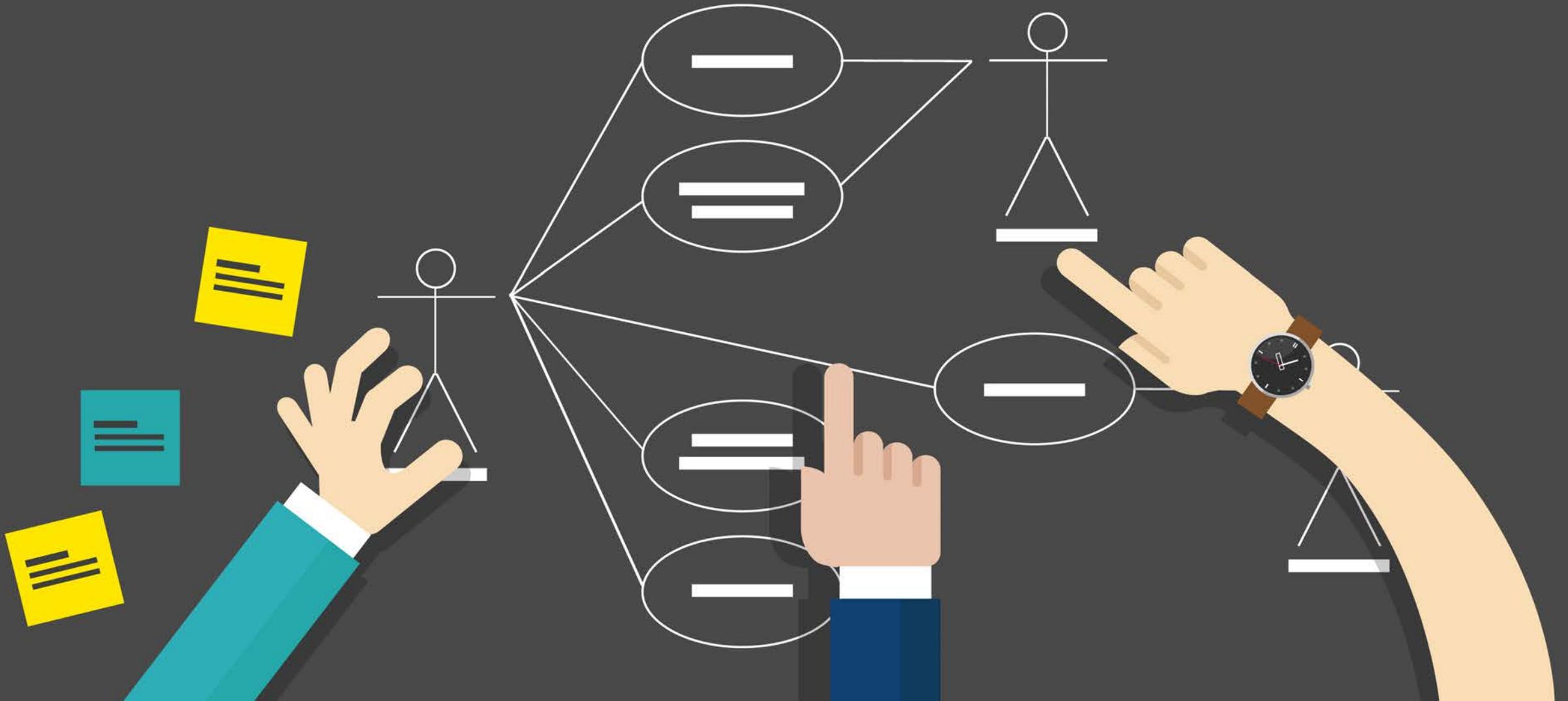
The earth is **formed** and **filled**

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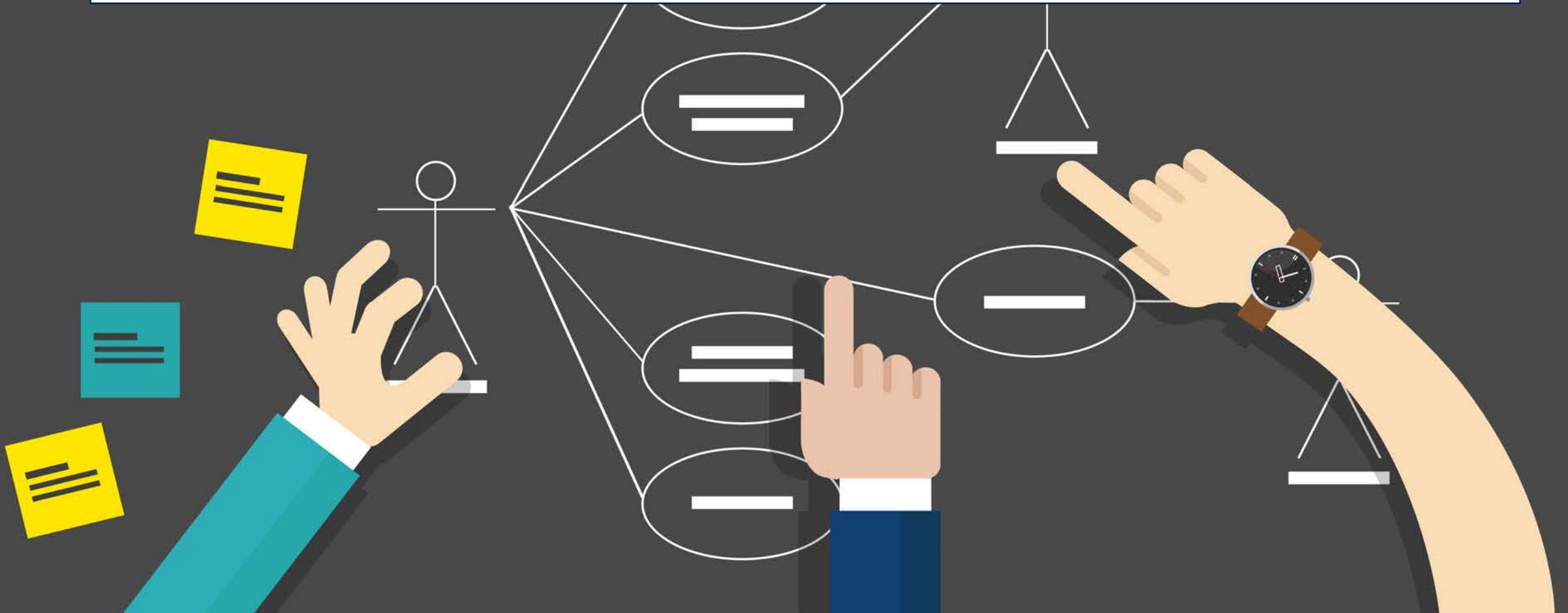
God rests

God “formed” and “filled” a sensible cosmos



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God made the world orderly and self-sustaining





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MUTAT, EGES
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MAURIS AC LIBERO SPATTIS, LAO-
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“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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“Be fruitful
and multiply.”



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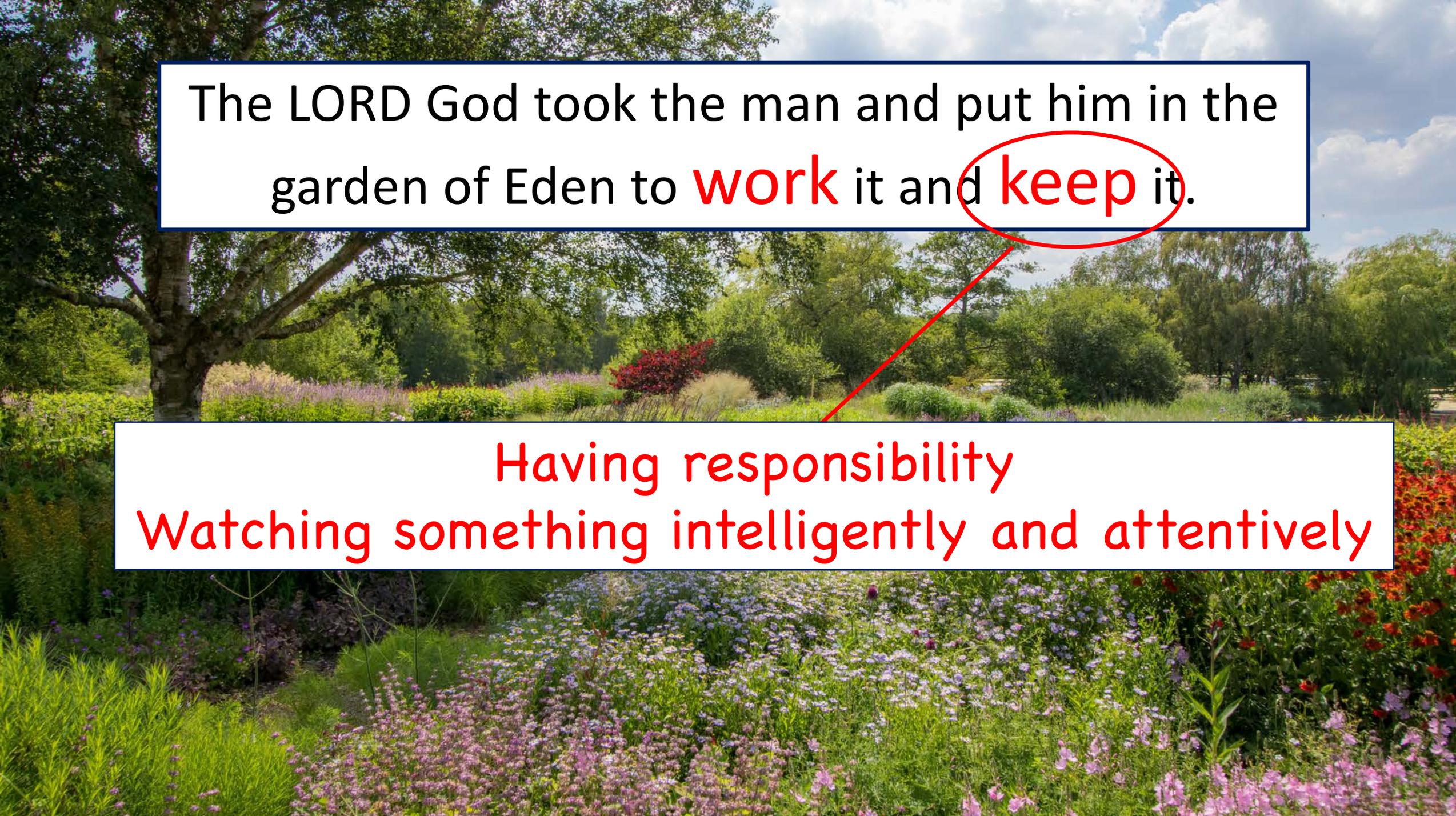
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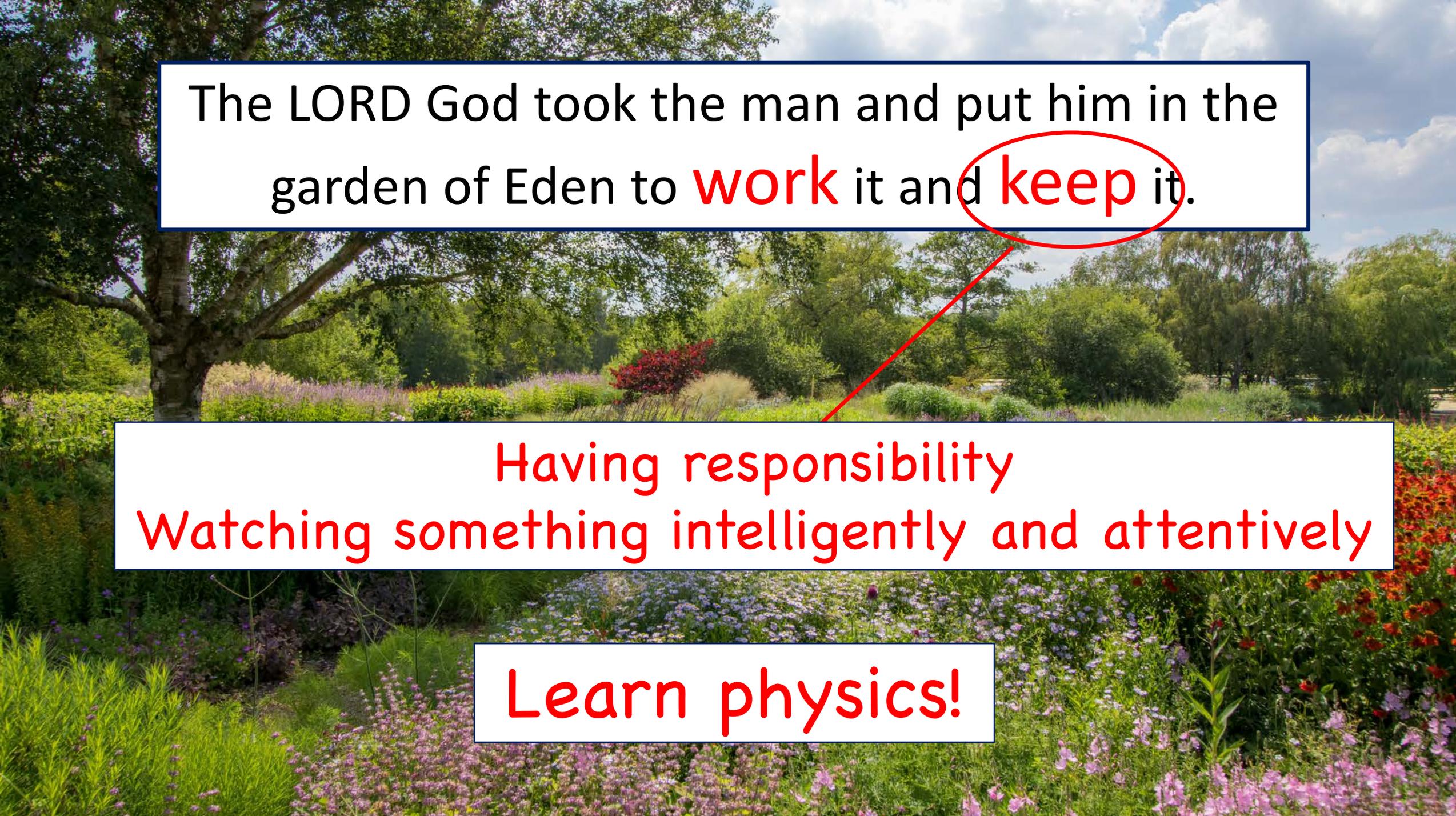
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Tilling a field, tending a vineyard, serving.



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Learn physics!



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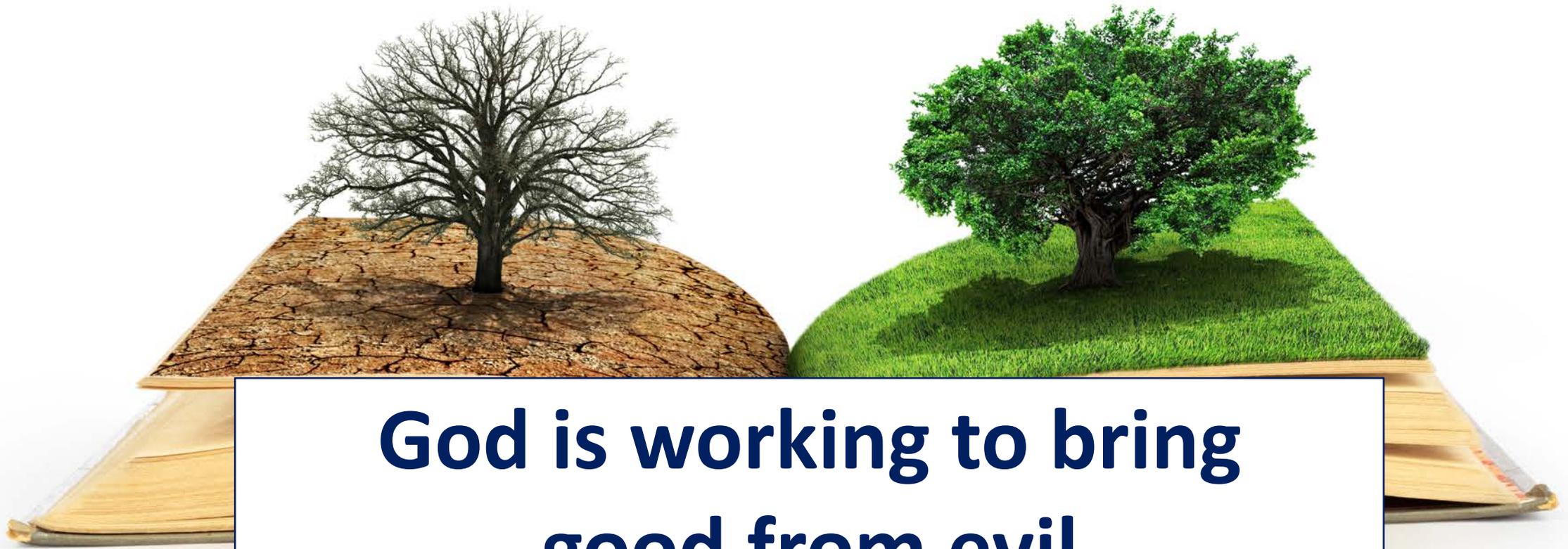


To the woman he said, "... in pain you shall bring forth children... And to Adam he said, ... cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you... By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return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

Where is God in the midst of evil?



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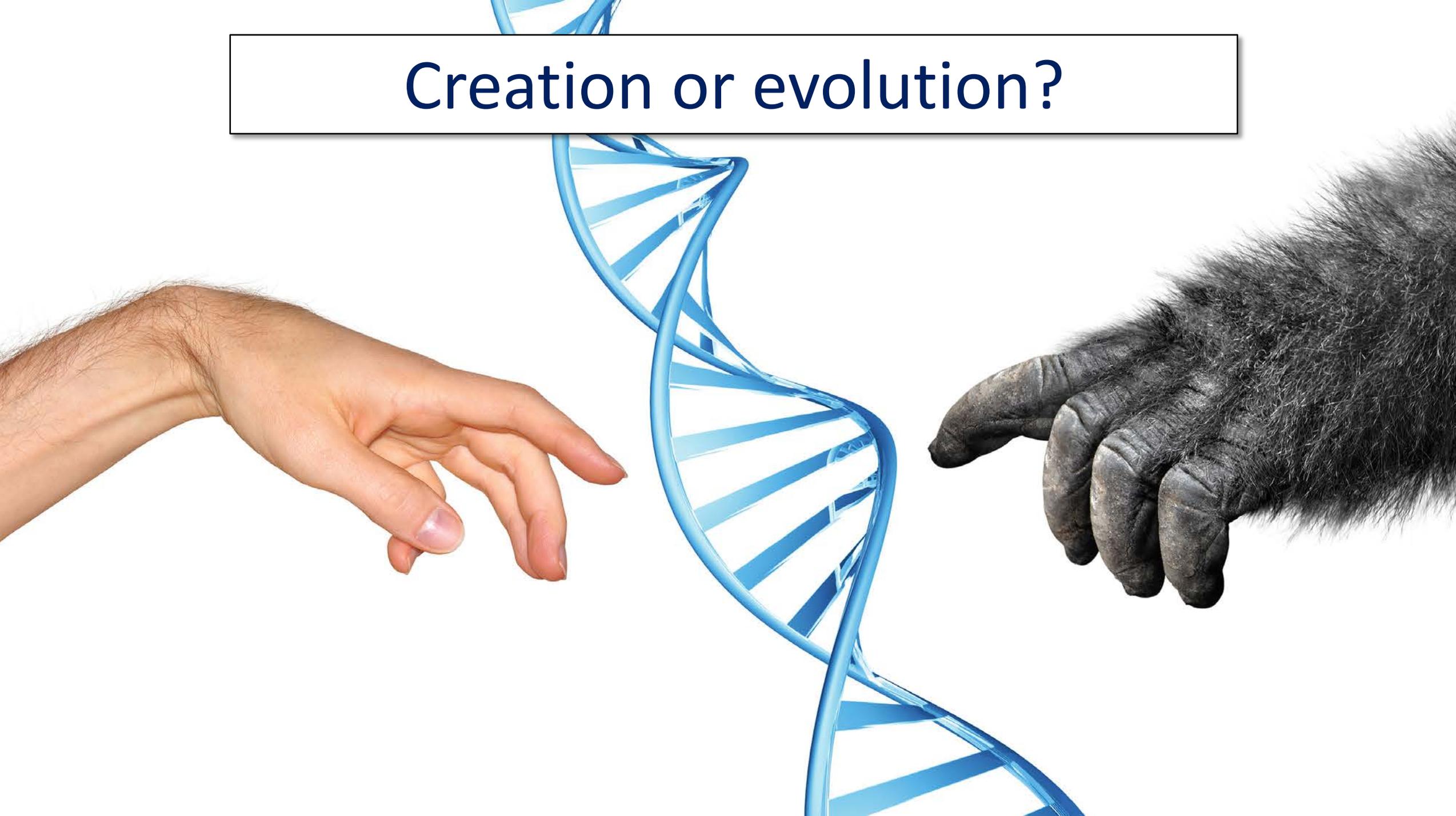
**God is working to bring
good from evil**

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Science is our tool to
combat the fallen world

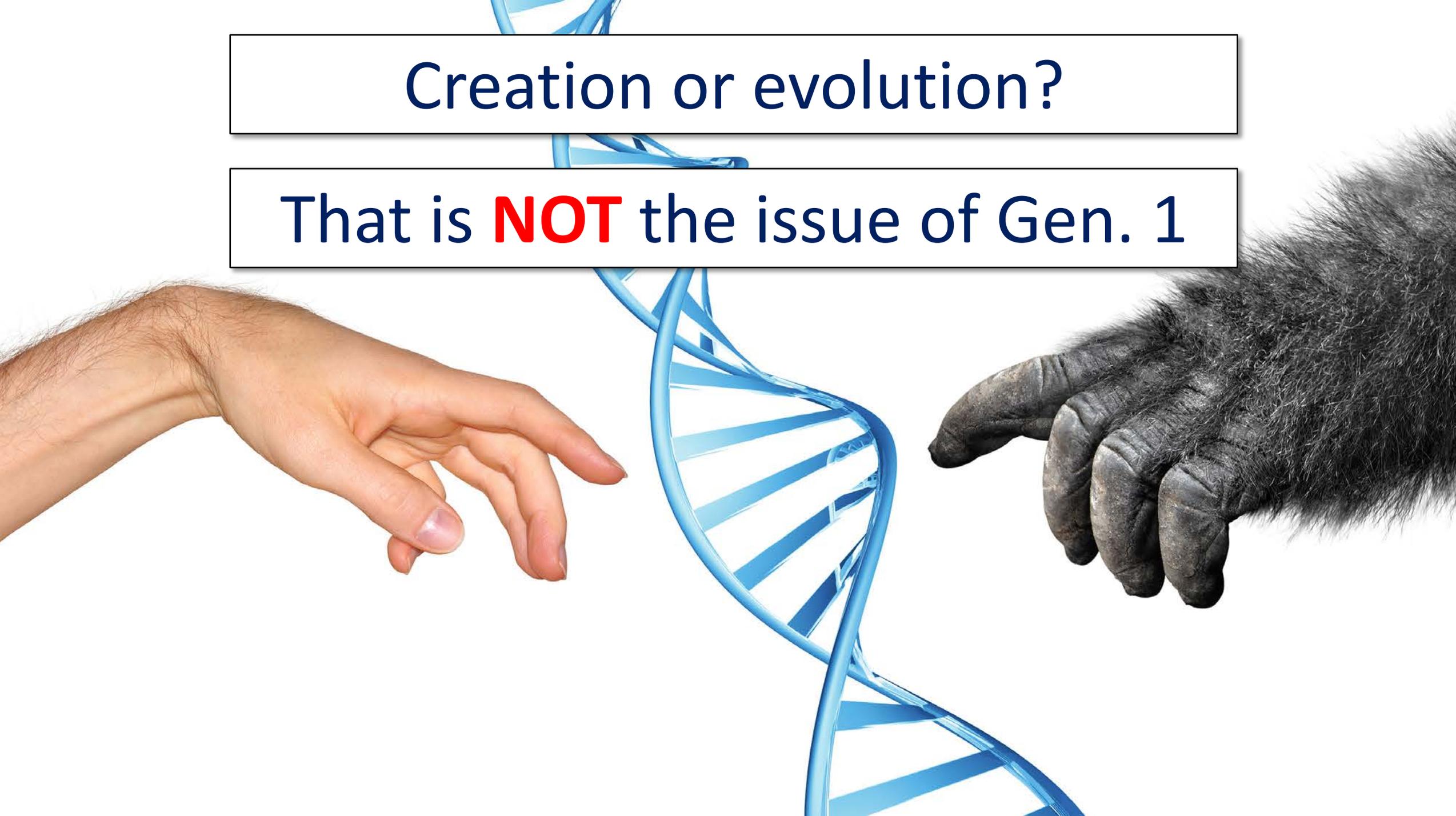


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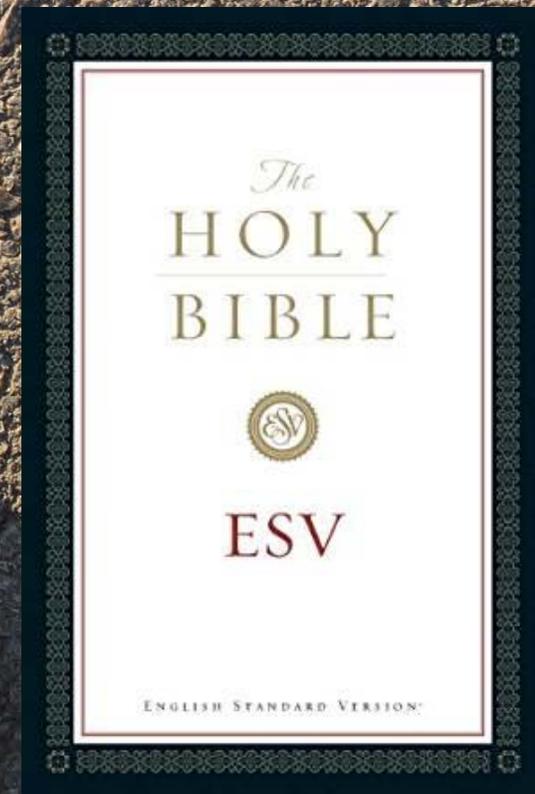


Creation or evolution?

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

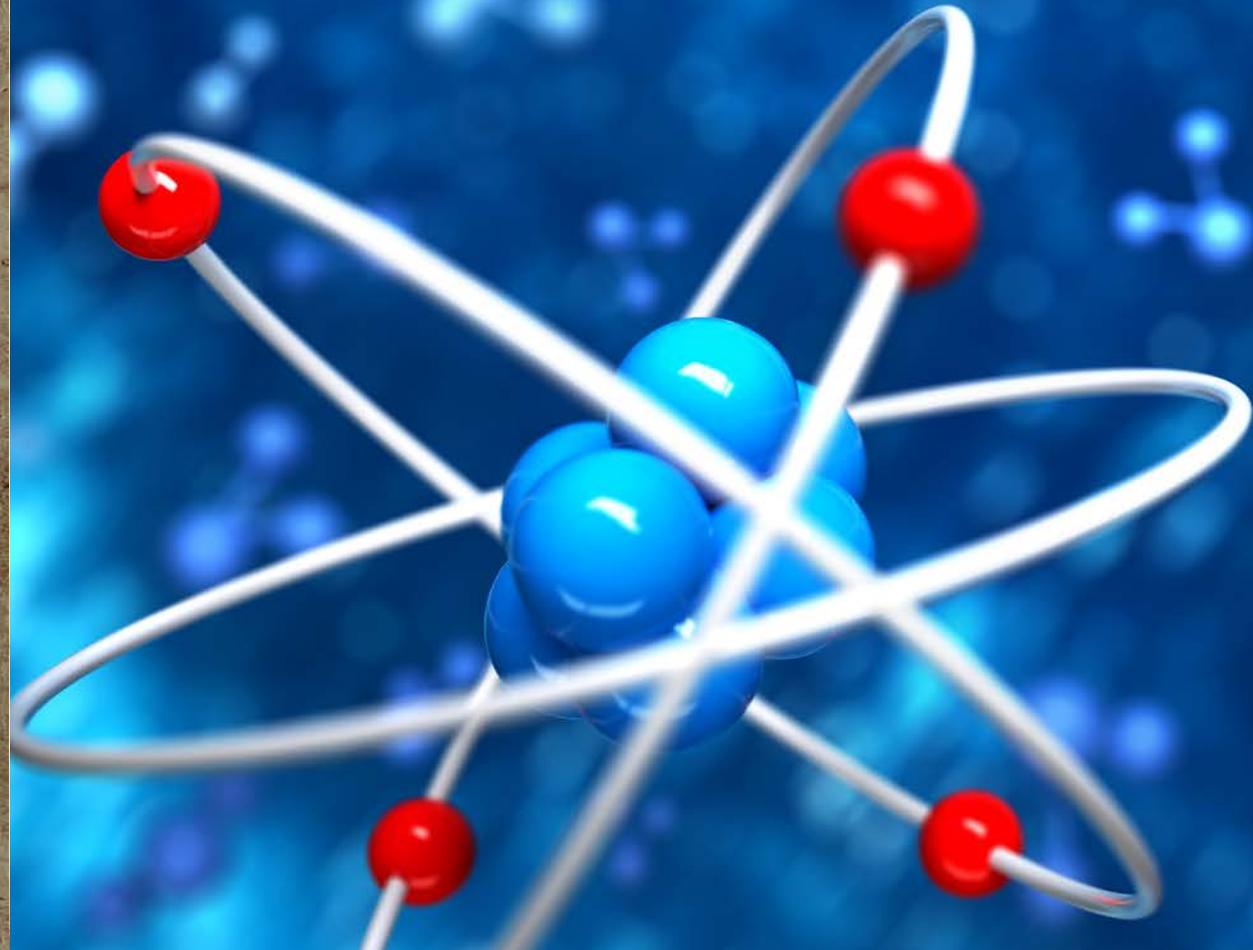
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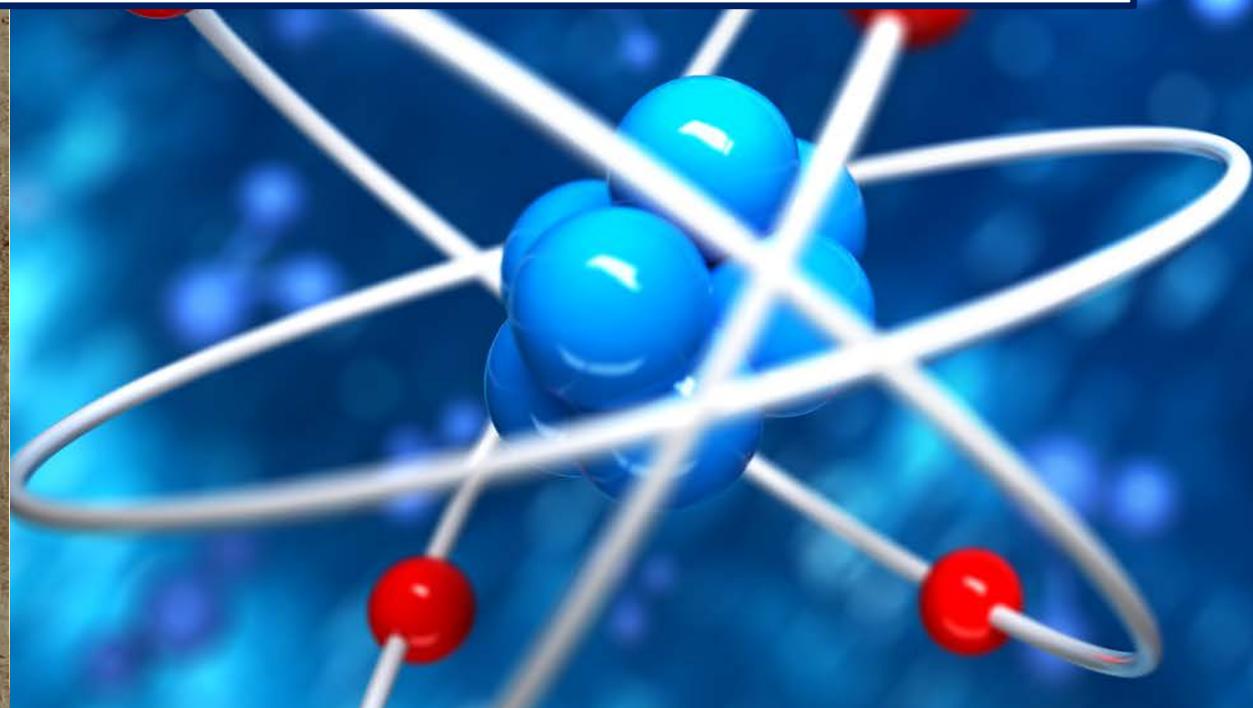
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God's concern wasn't with rectifying Israel's science. His concern was rectifying Israel's understanding of God, humanity, and other important matters.





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

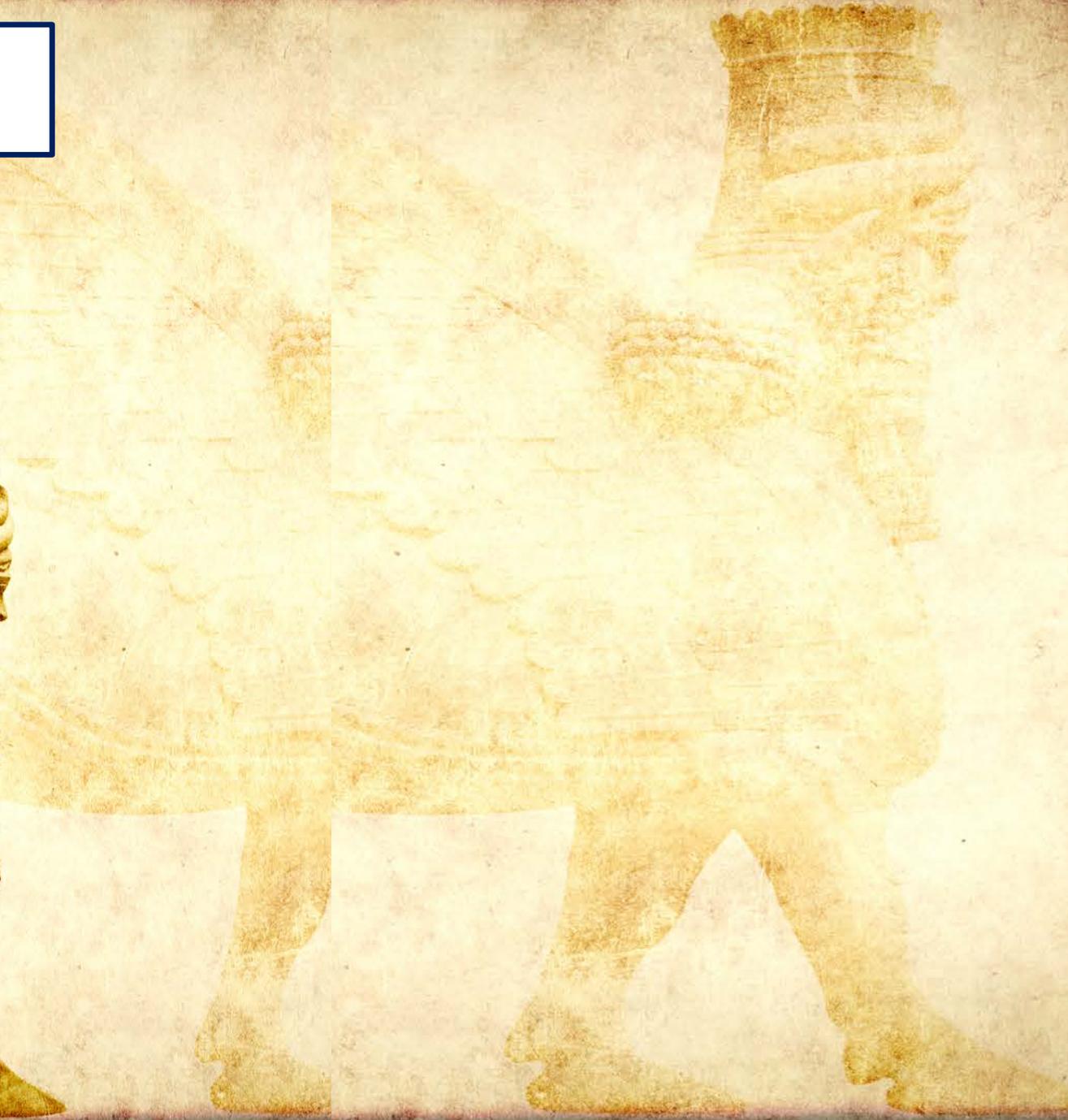
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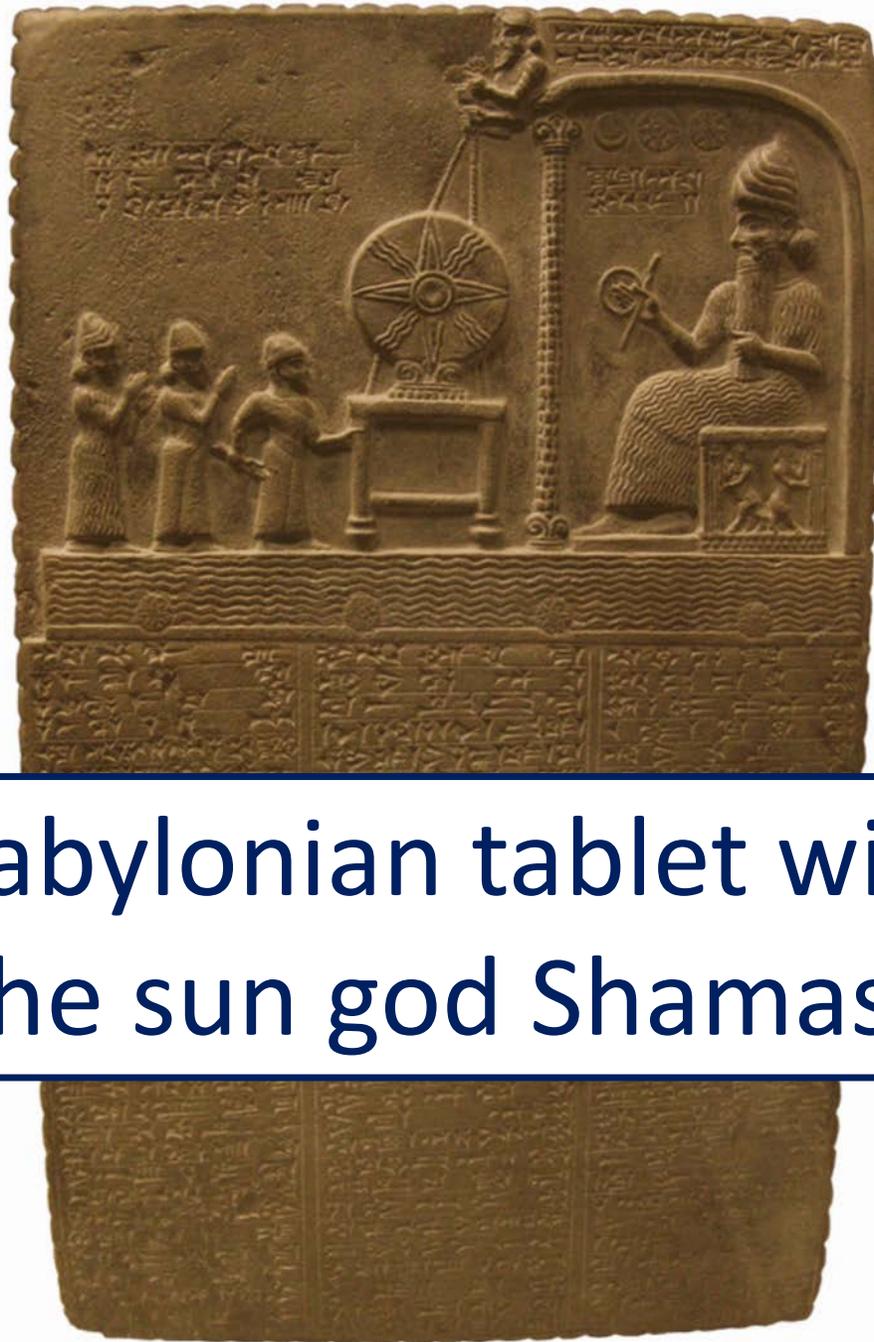
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Babylonian tablet with
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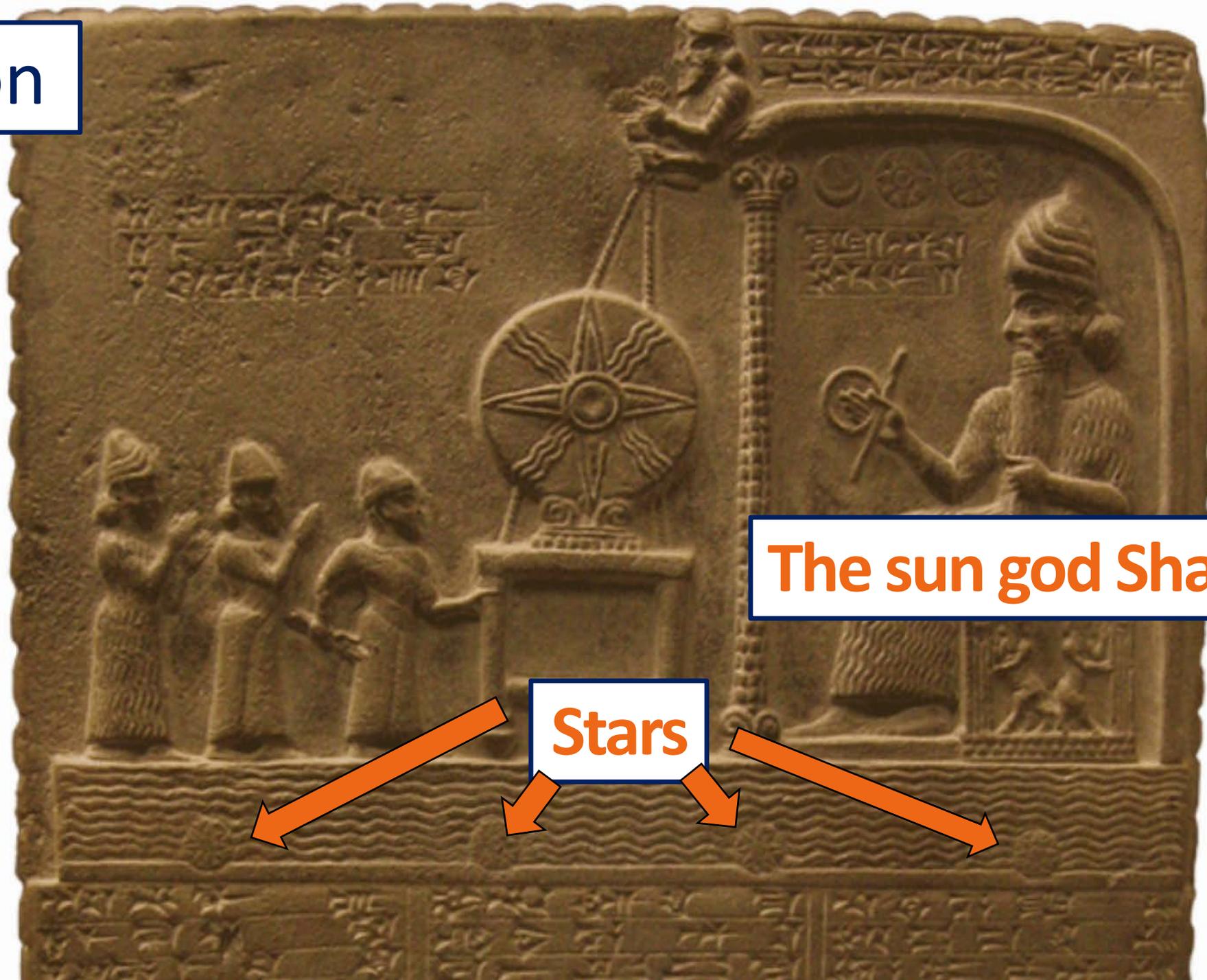


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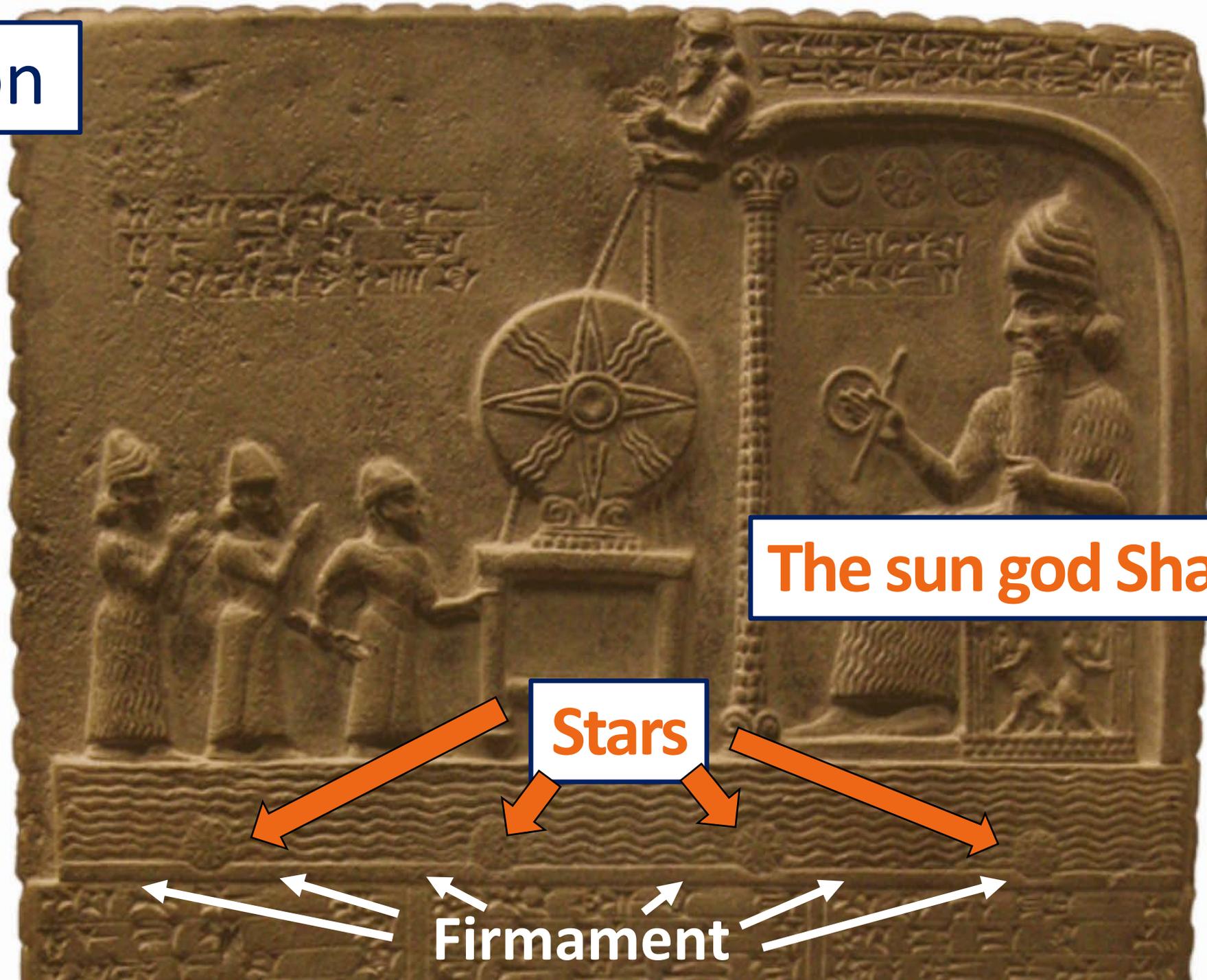


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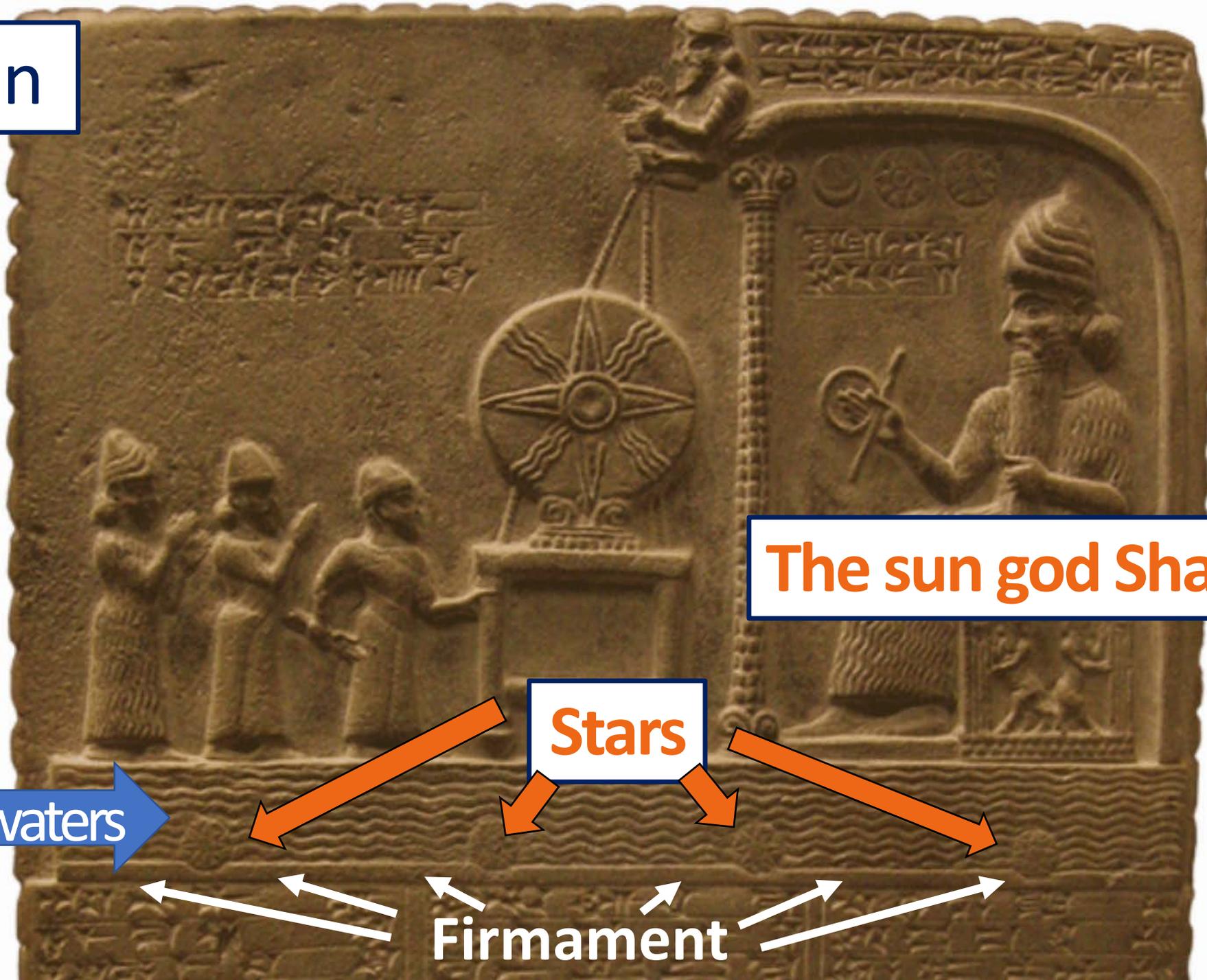


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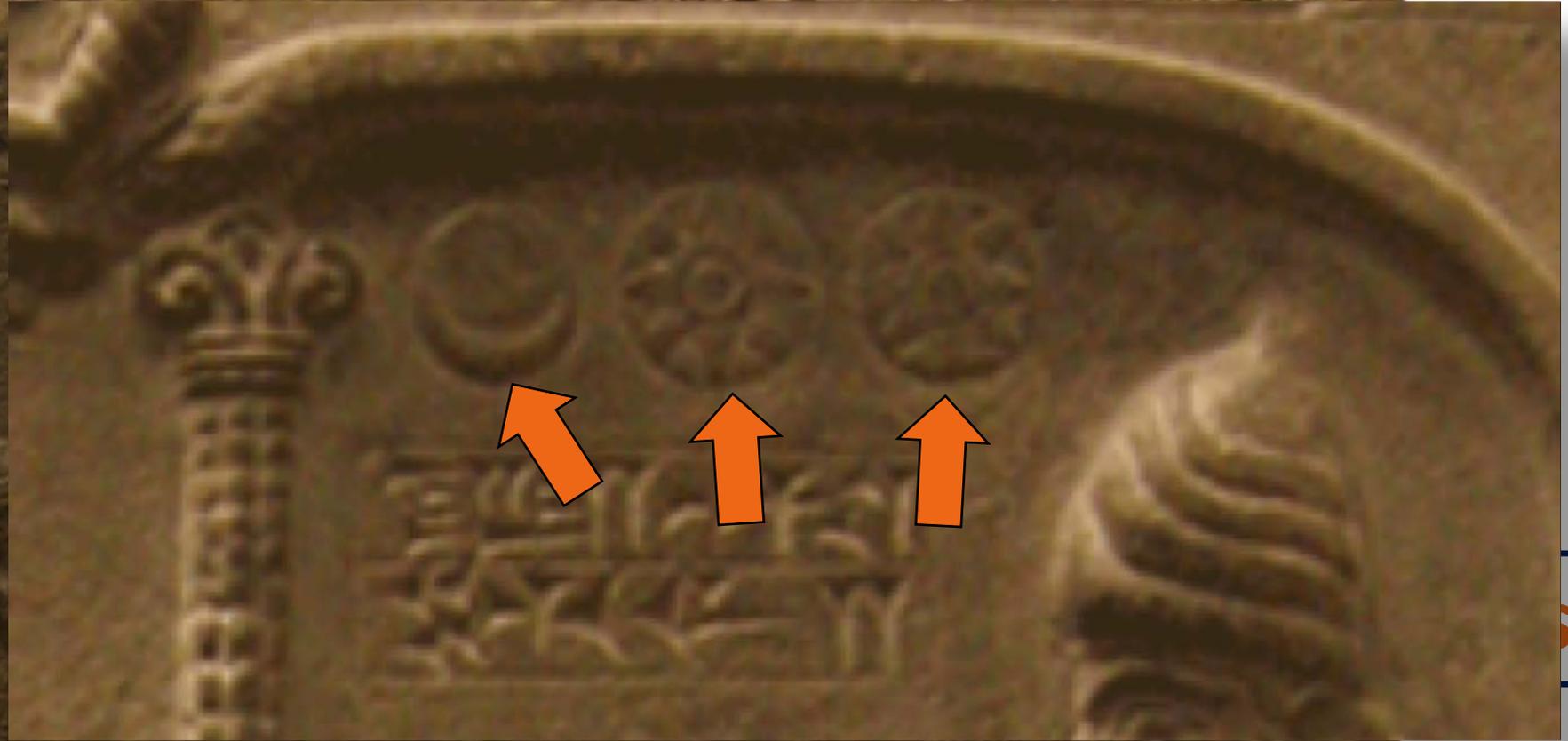
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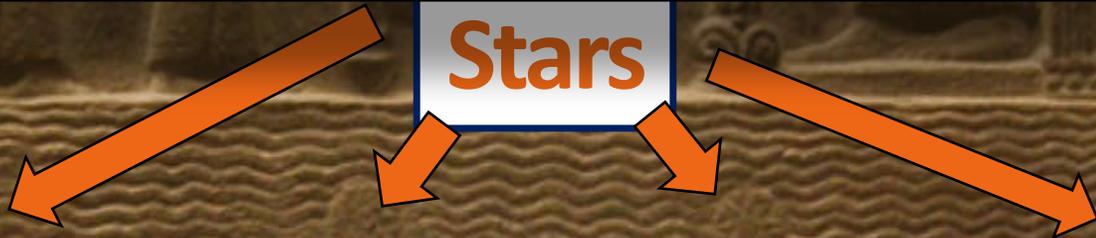
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God used ancient cosmology,
but gave **an entirely different message!**

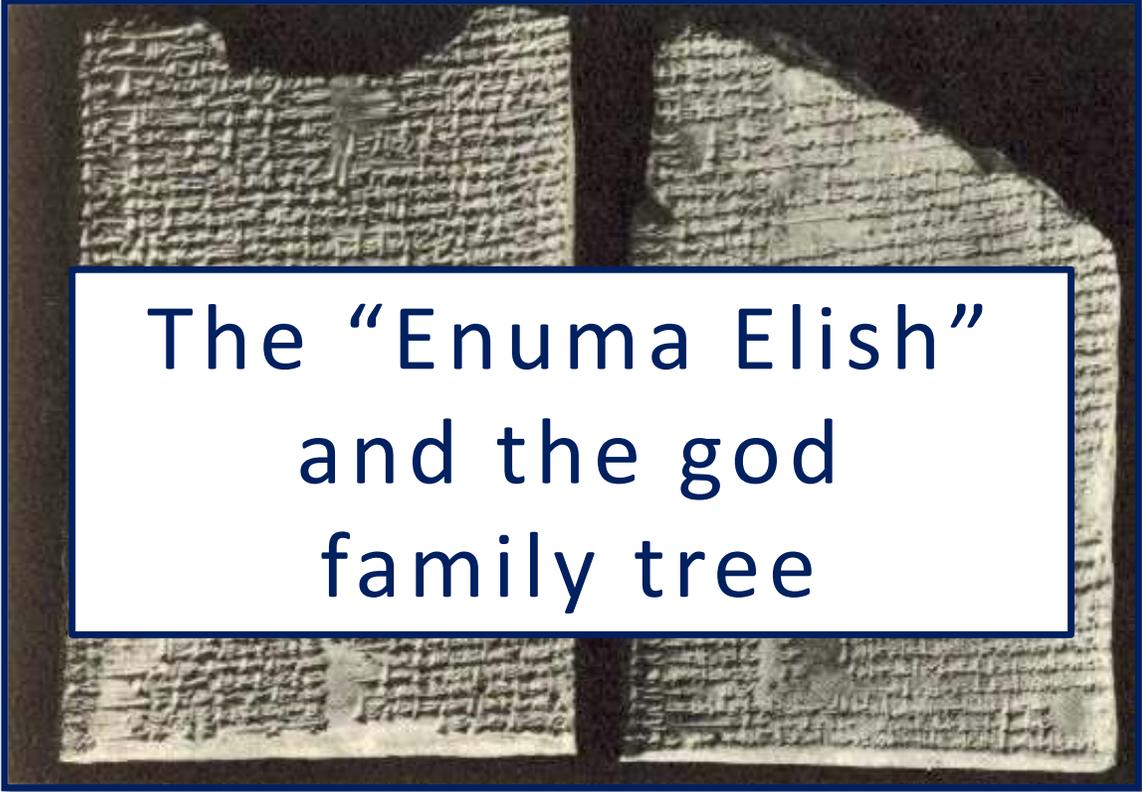


One God
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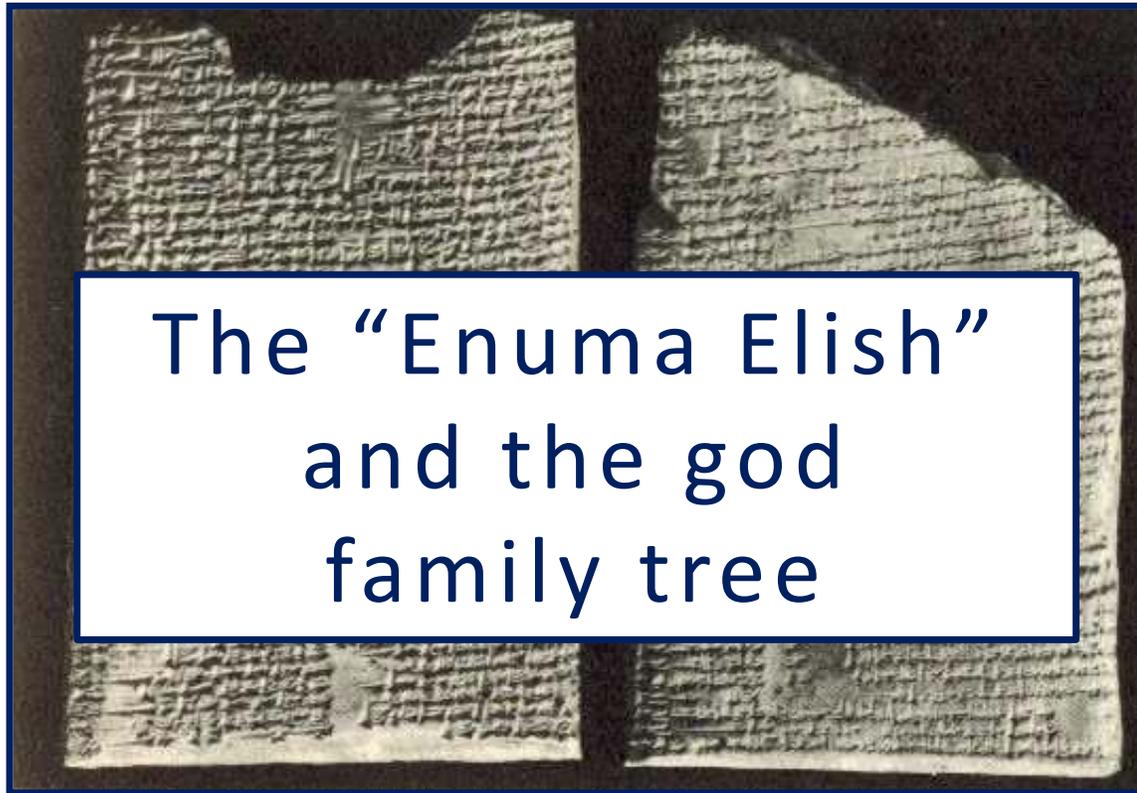
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A photograph of a fragment of an ancient cuneiform tablet, showing several columns of text. A white text box with a dark border is overlaid on the lower portion of the image.

The “Enuma Elish”
and the god
family tree

One God

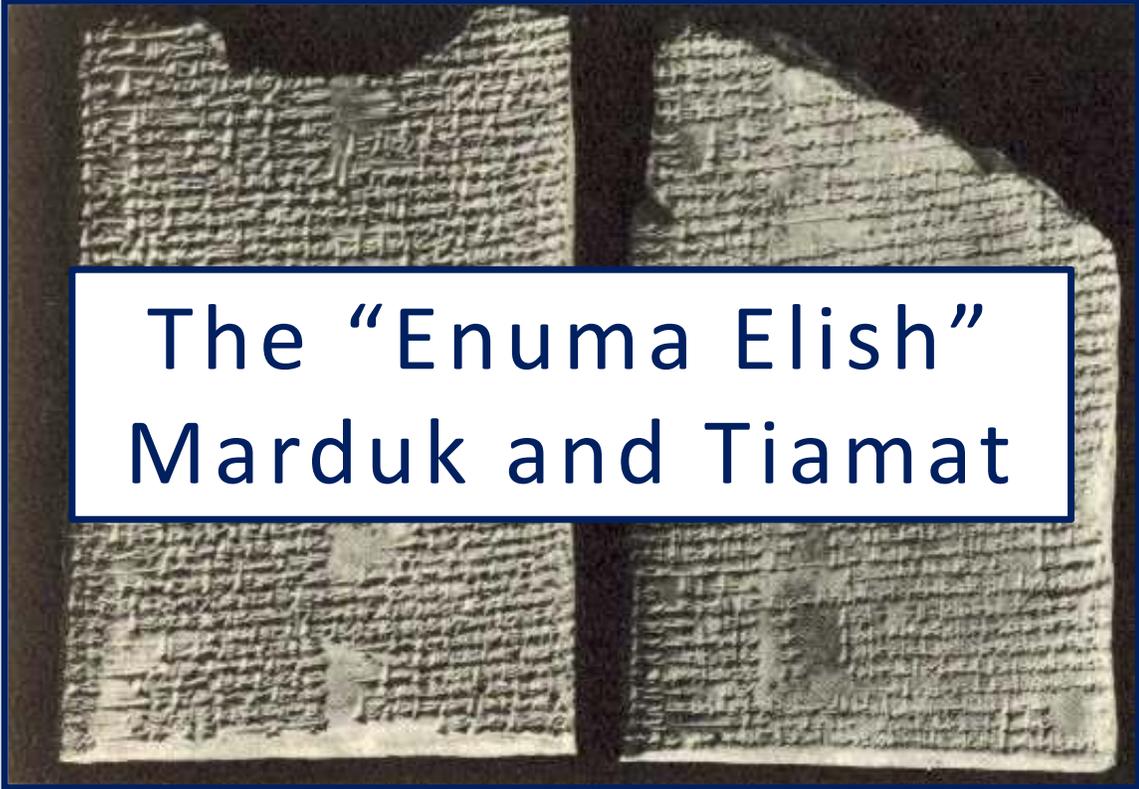
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One God apart from nature.
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The “Enuma Elish”
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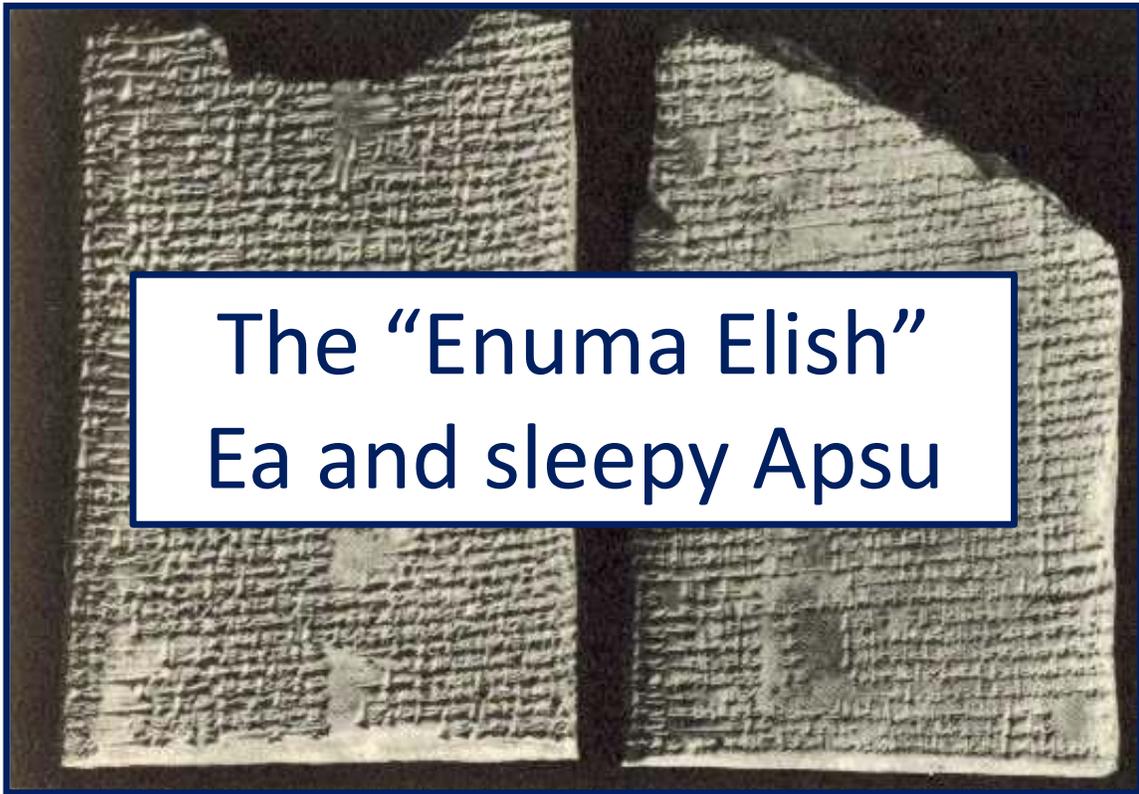


Gen. 1:6-7

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

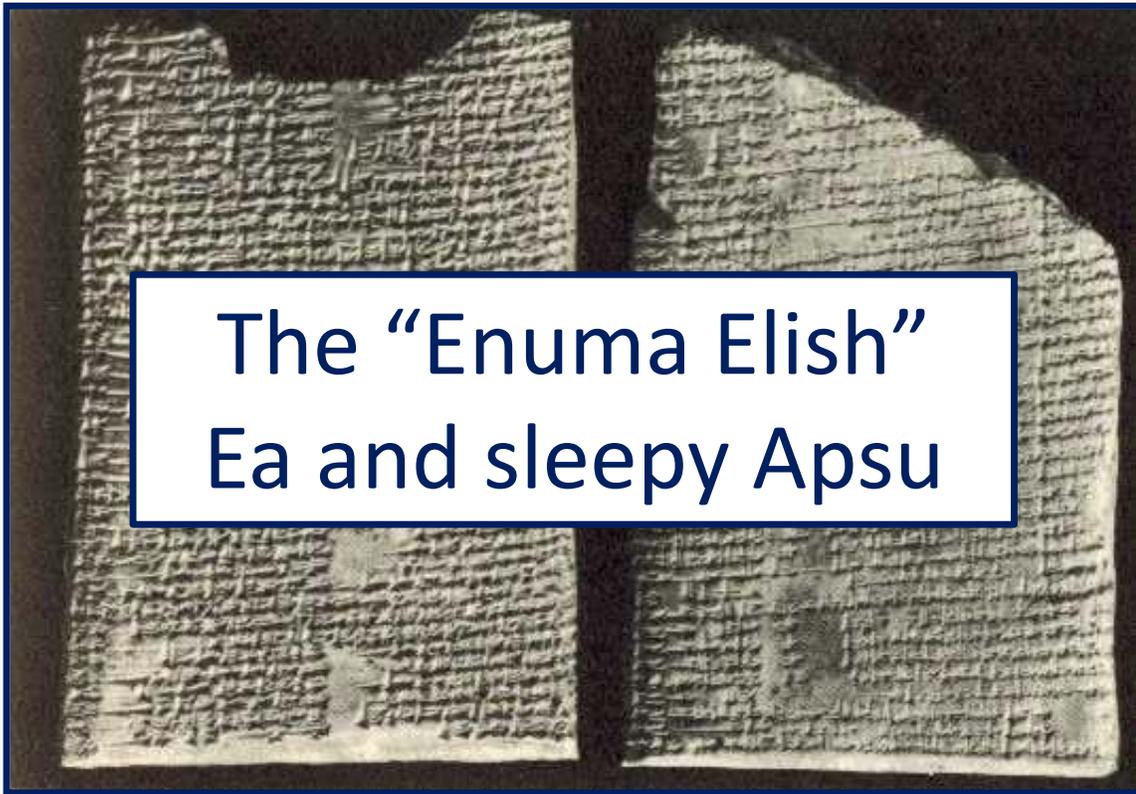


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Gen. 1:3-5

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



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Gen. 1:27

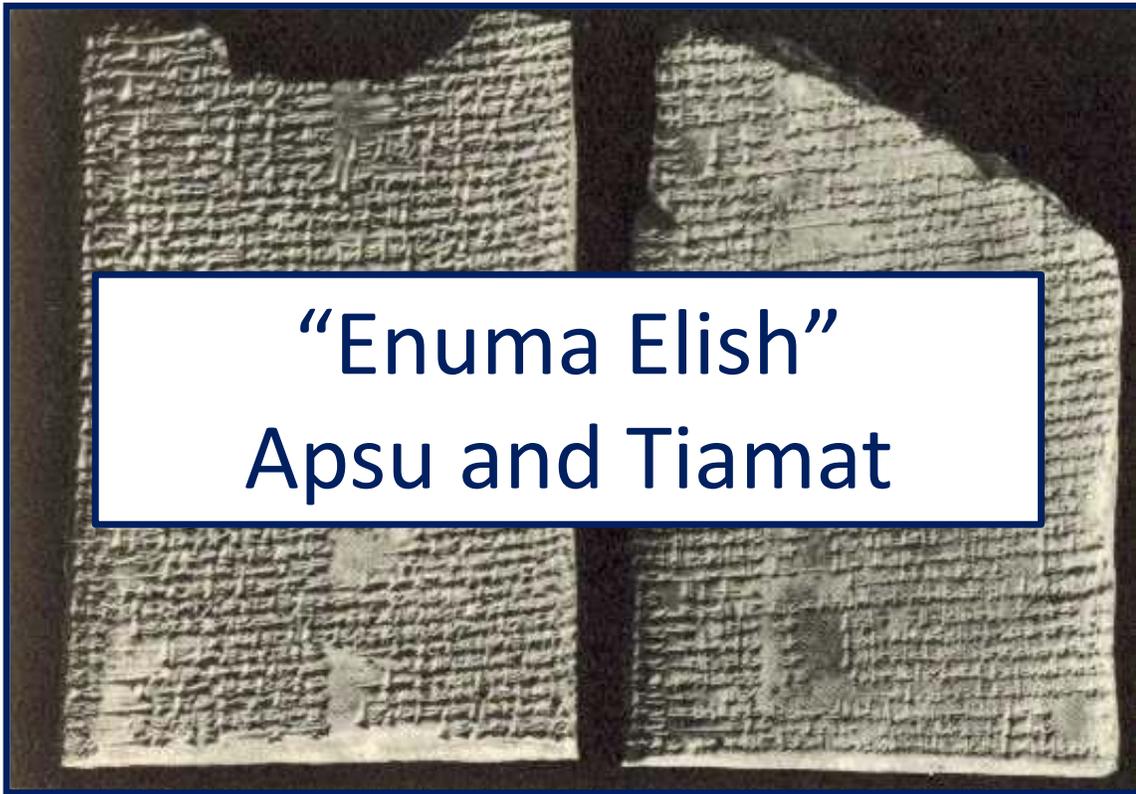
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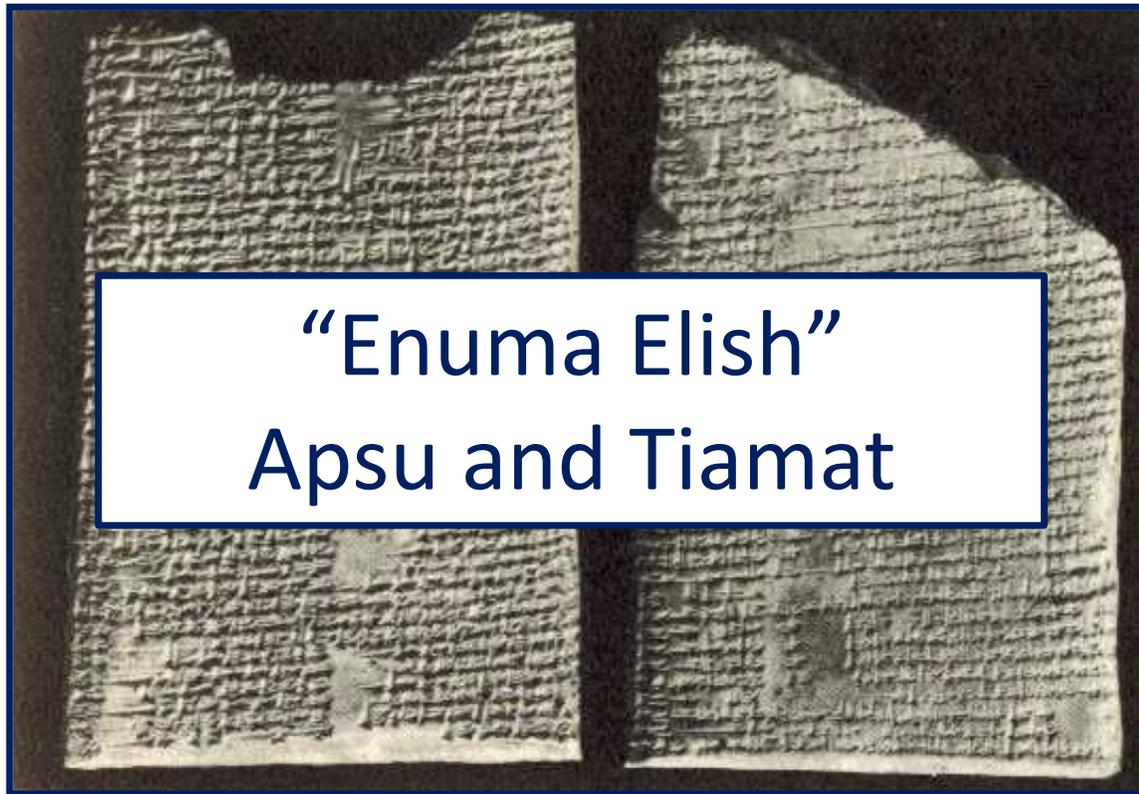
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Purpose of men



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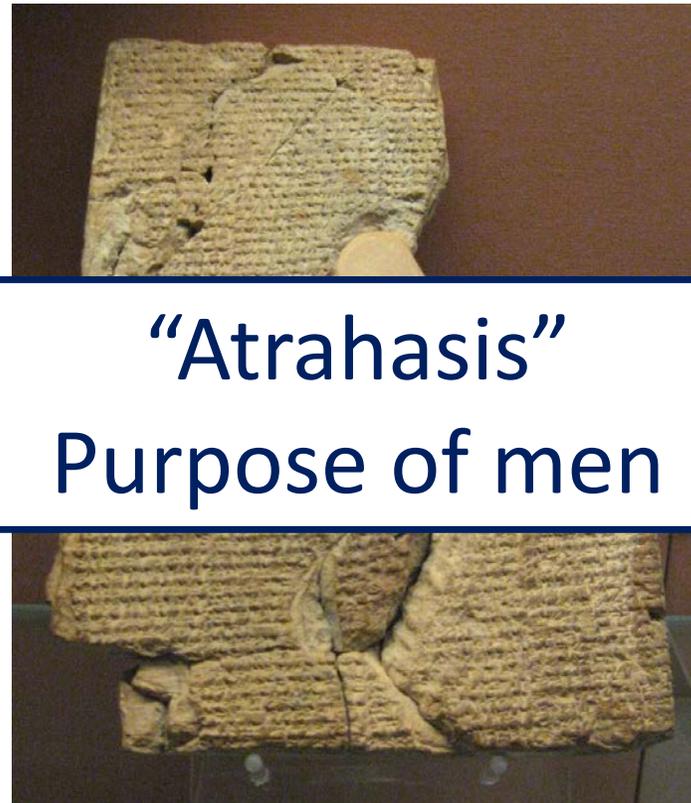


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Gen. 2:1-3

God cares deeply for people

Gods use people for their own ends

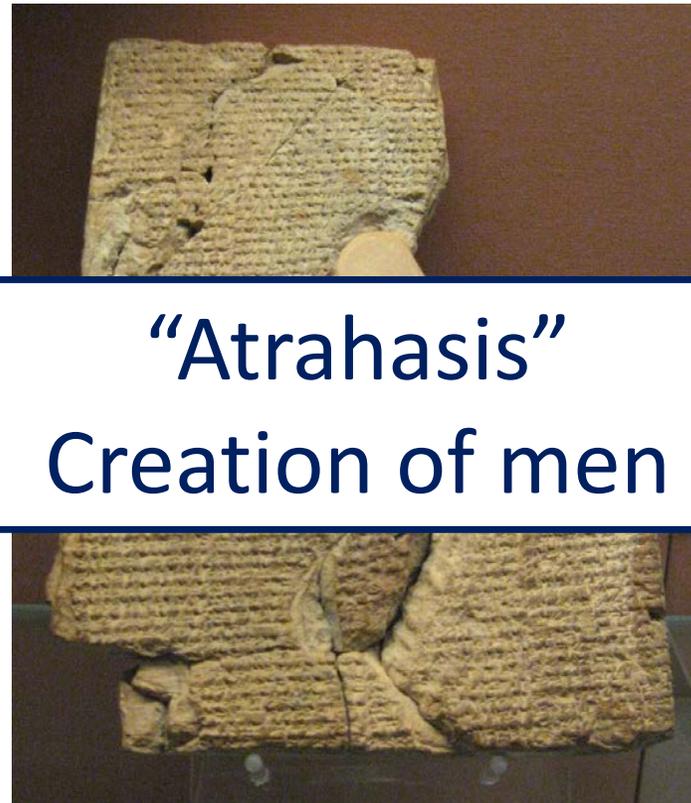


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Creation of men

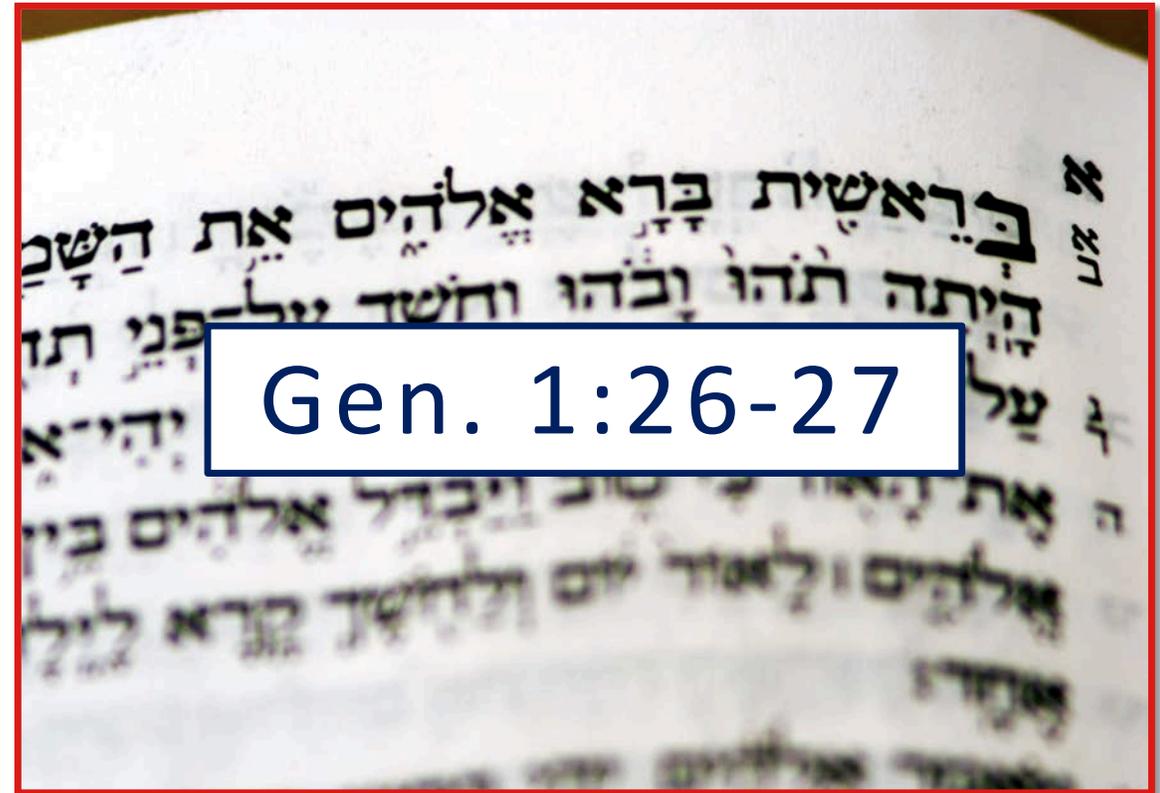


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Gen. 1:26-27

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



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



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



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)