



Is God Guilty of
Fraud?

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The Role of Science and Faith

Options on interplay of science and faith

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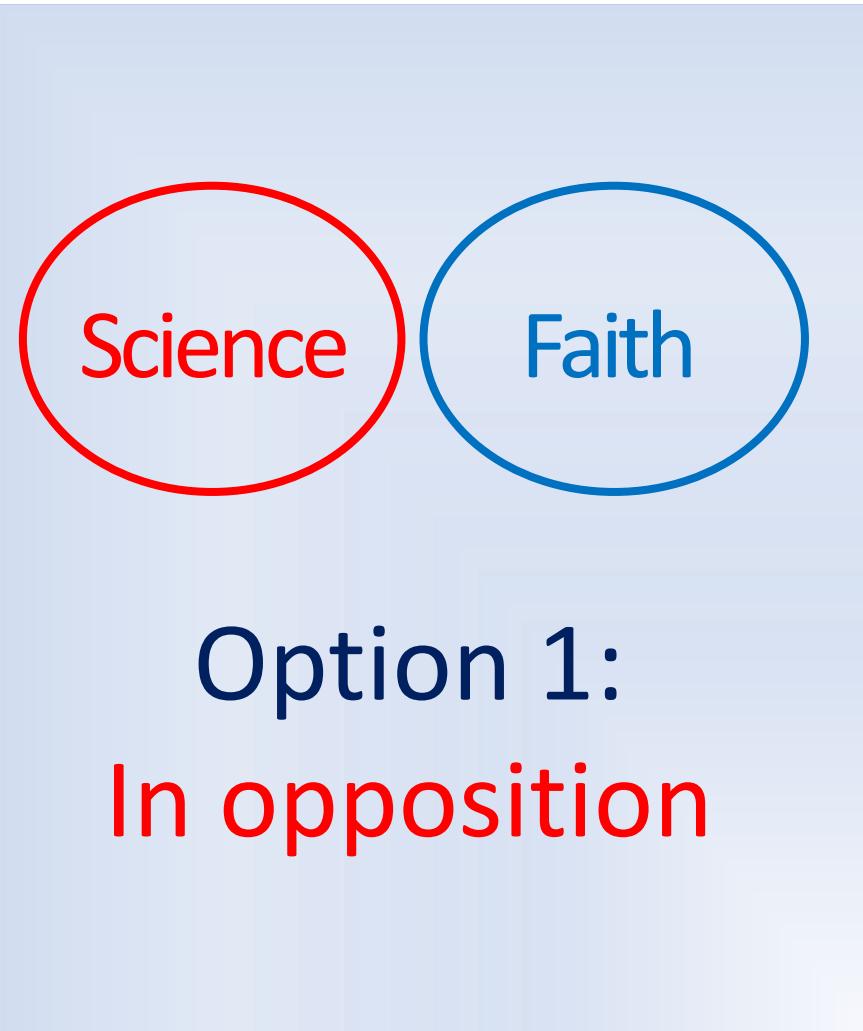


Science

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Faith

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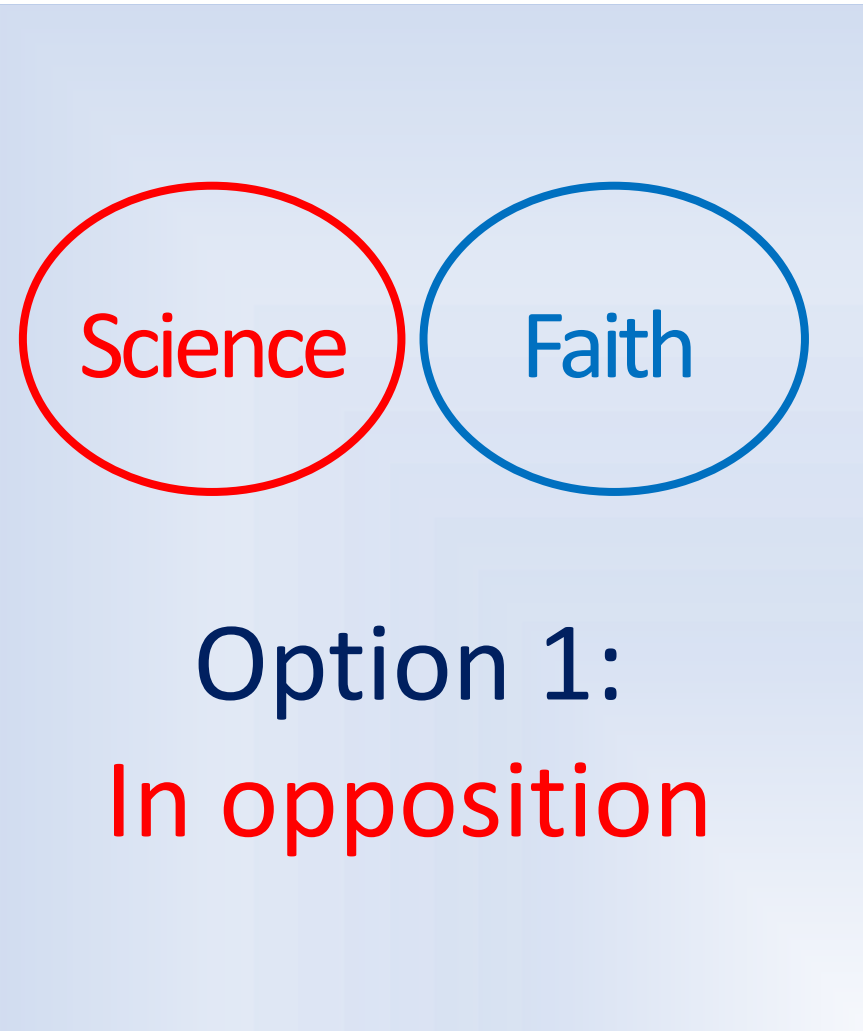




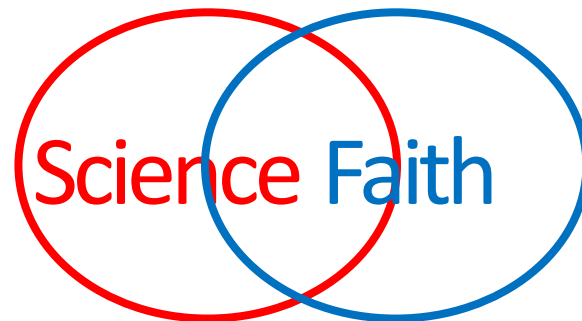
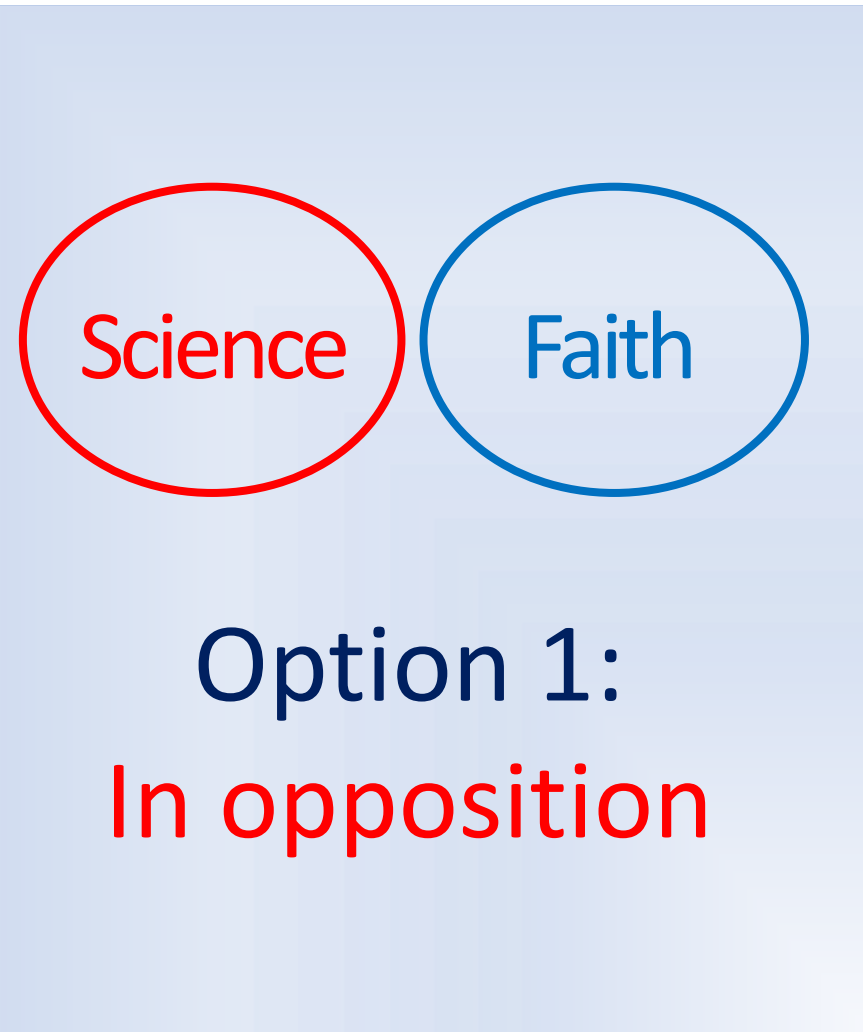




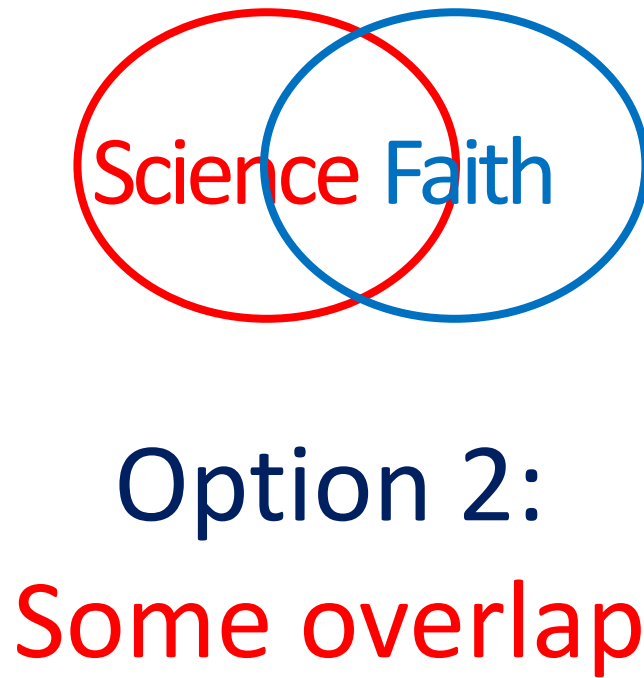
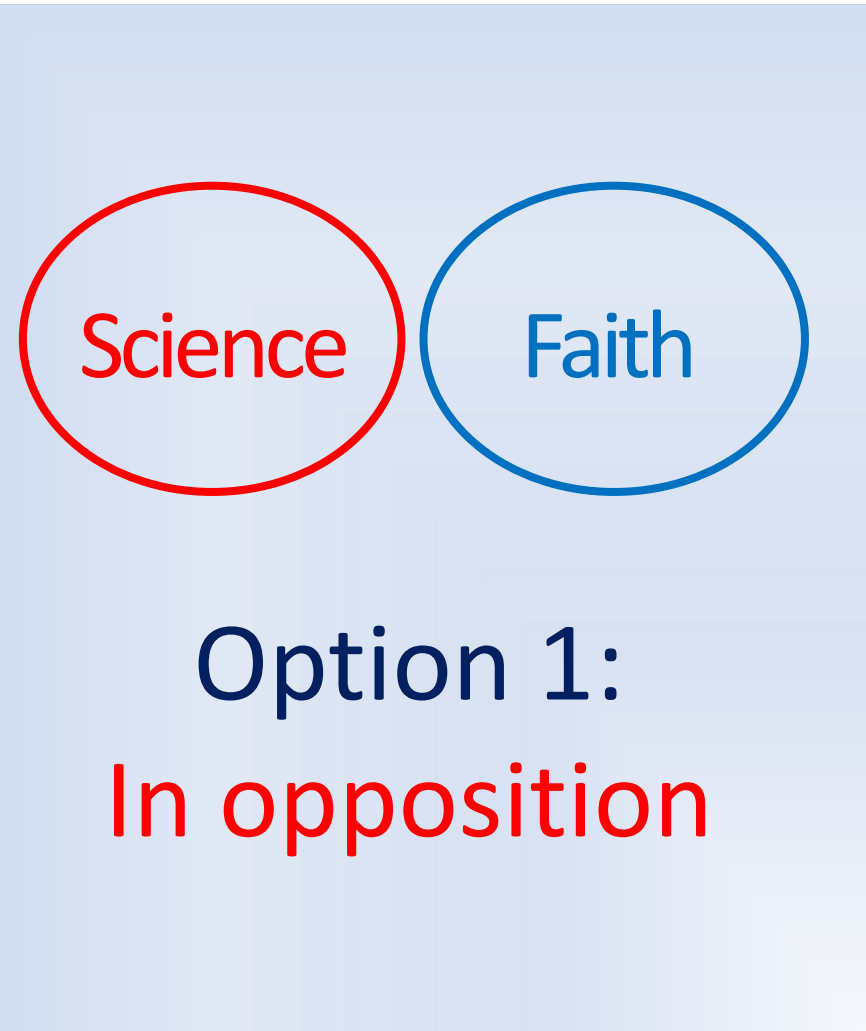
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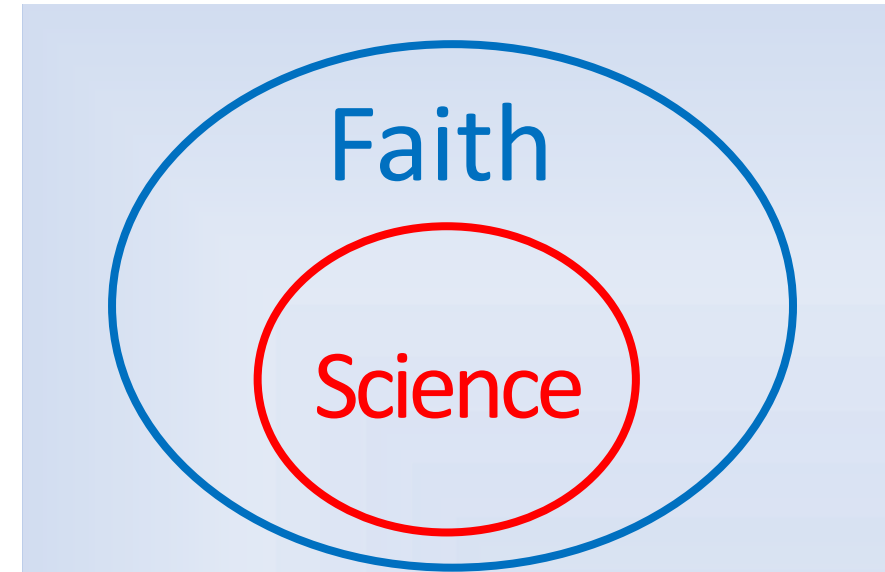
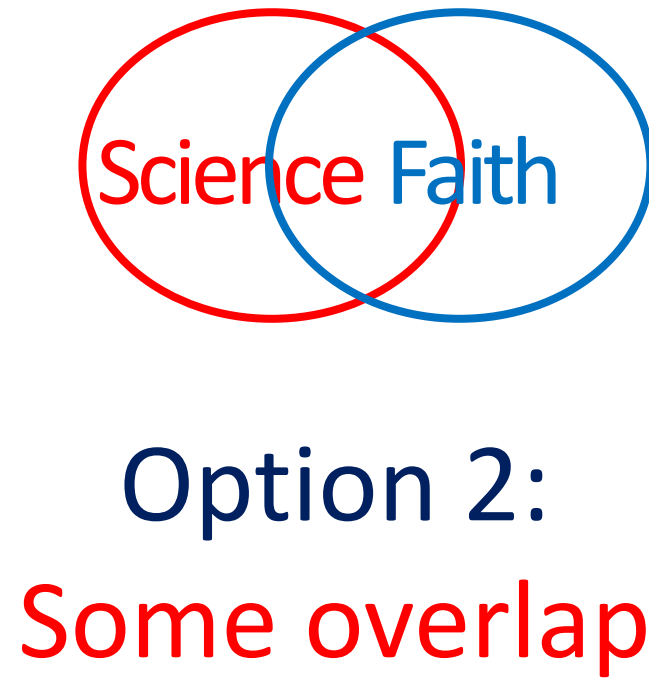
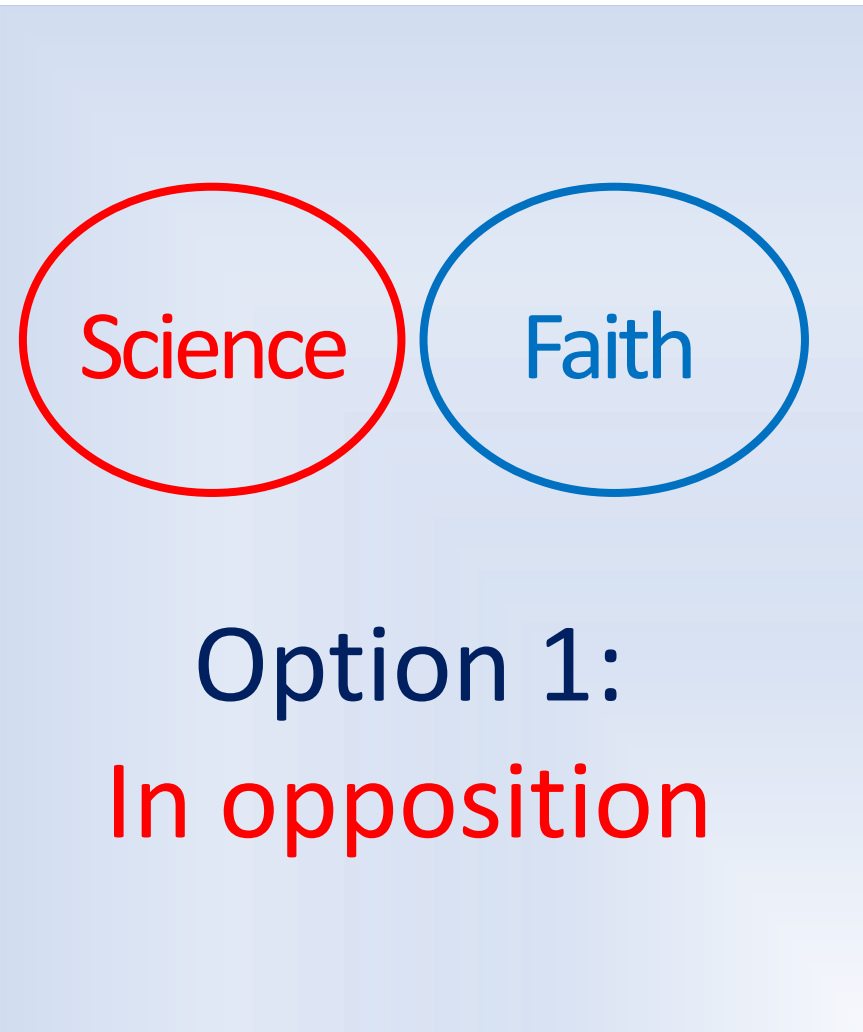
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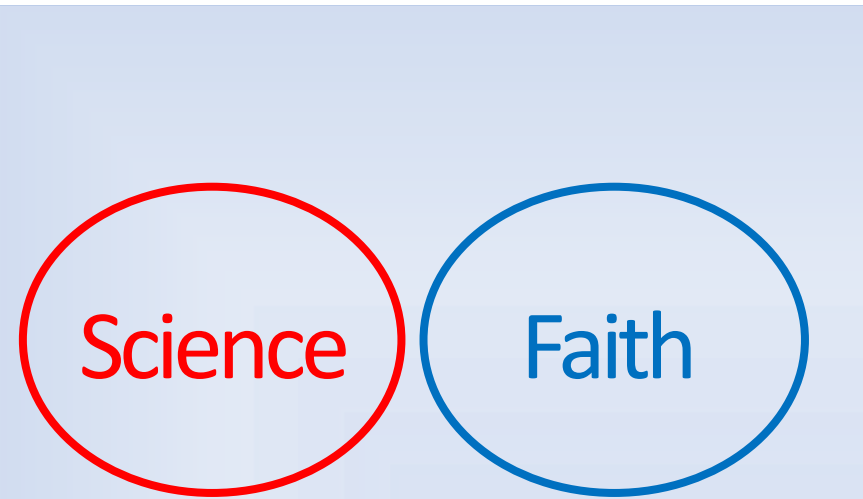
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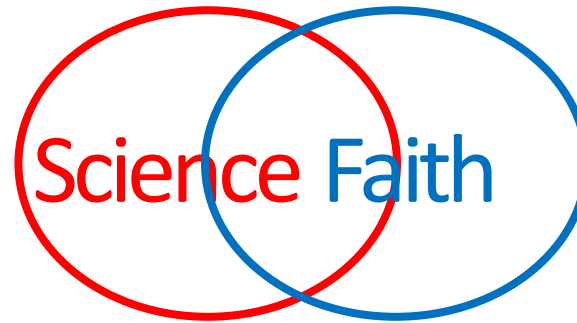
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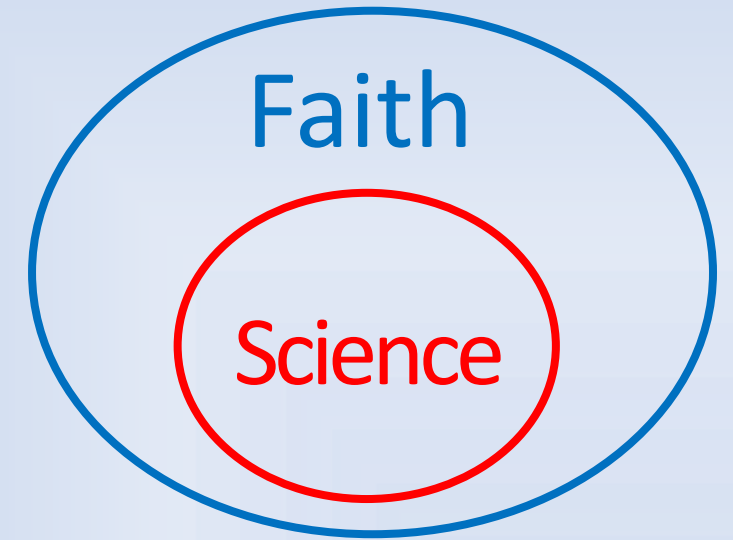
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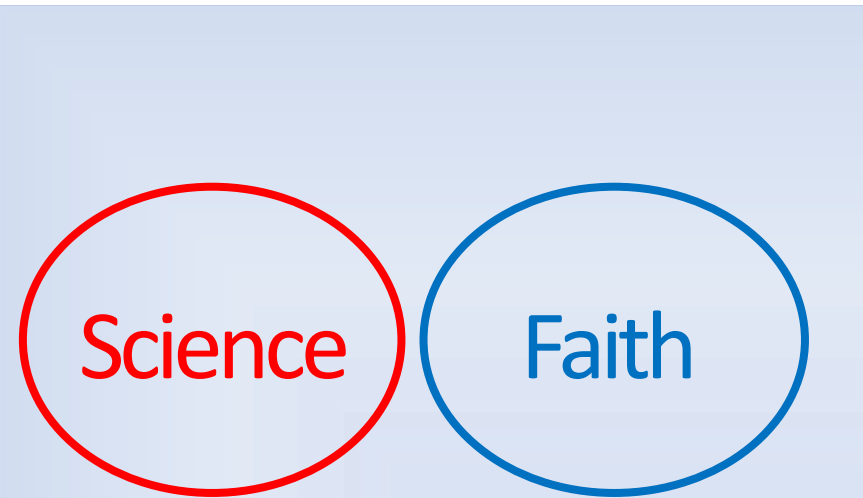
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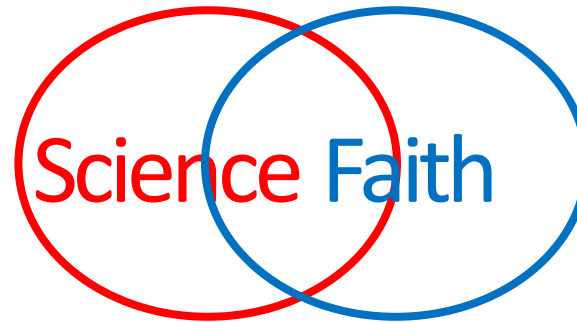
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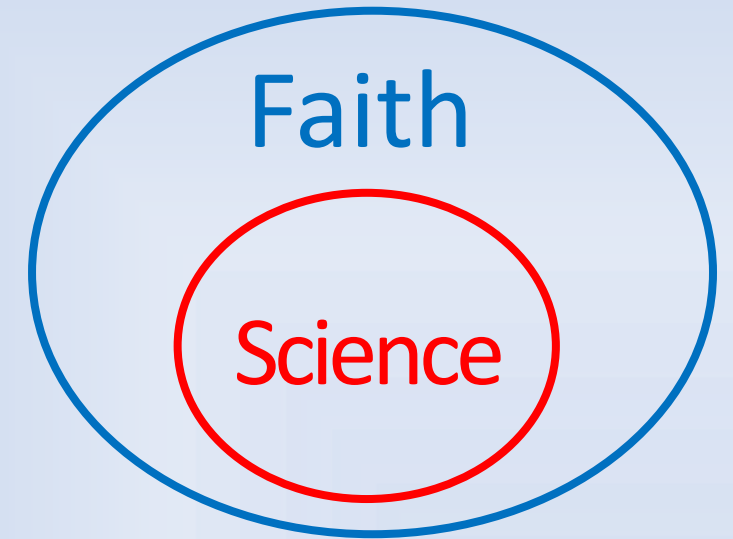
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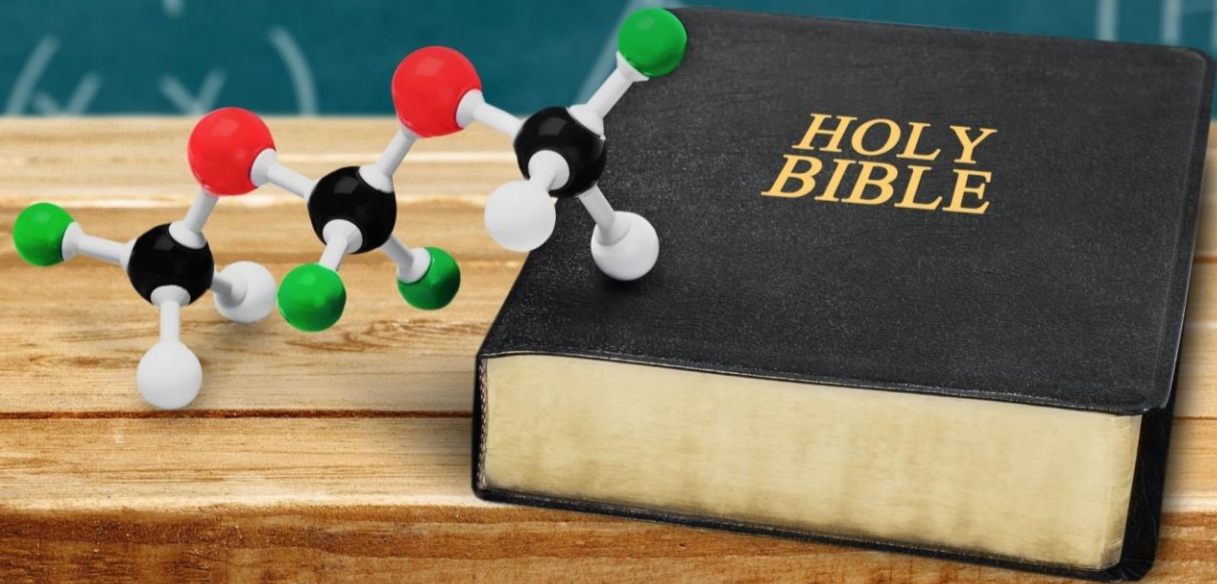


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Science is God's tool
for humanity to learn
and use to good ends





The beauty of this world
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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
combat the fallen world



**God works to bring
good from evil... so should we**



A Biblical View of Science

Science is faith's physical tool for fighting the physical pain and difficulties of the fallen world.



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Can't Christians just ignore science?



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Reason 1

Embracing science enhances
our reading of Scripture

If Scripture and science seem to differ – keep digging!



Is the earth flat?



Is the earth flat?



Ps. 74:17

“You have fixed all the
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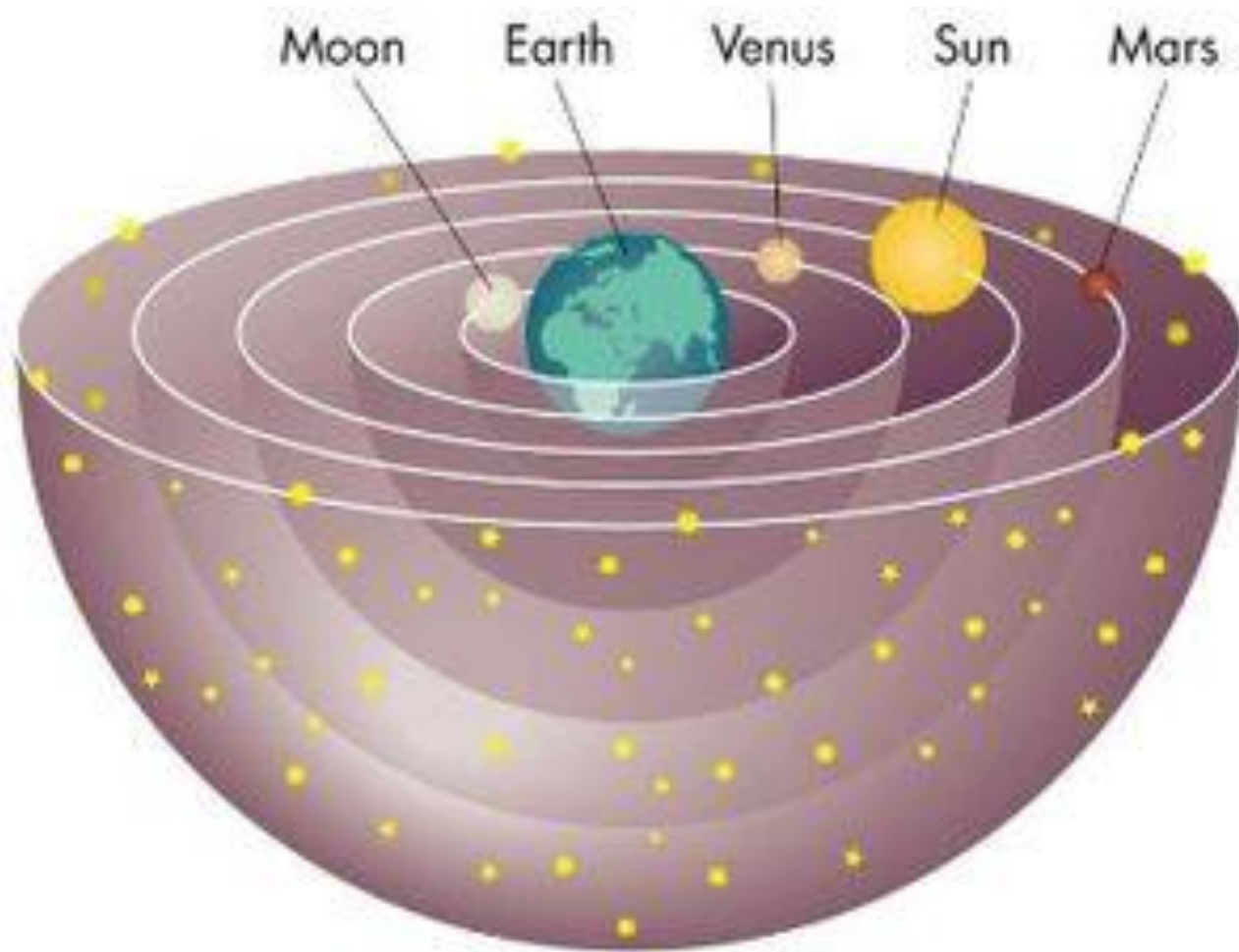
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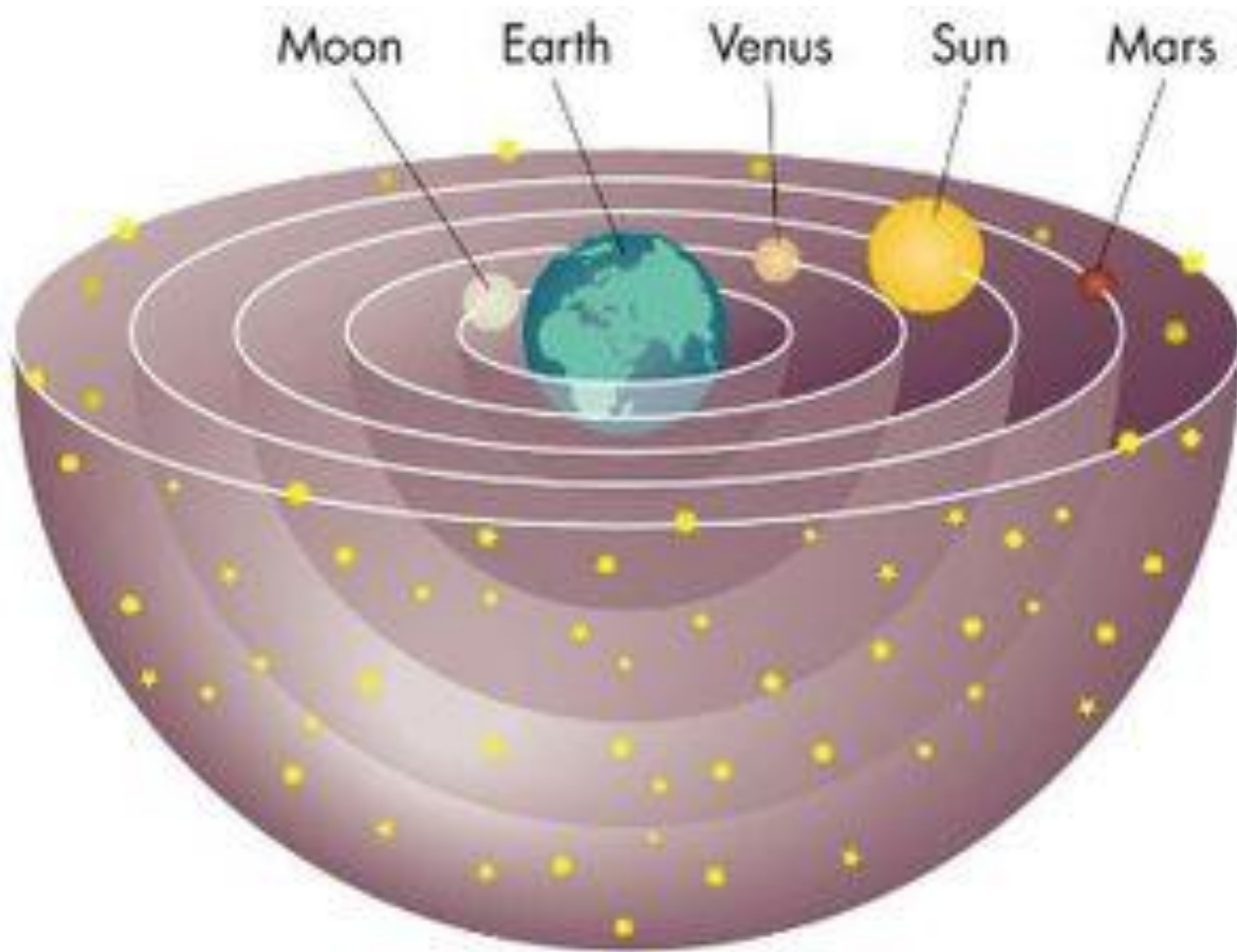
Ps. 72:8

“... the ends of the earth”

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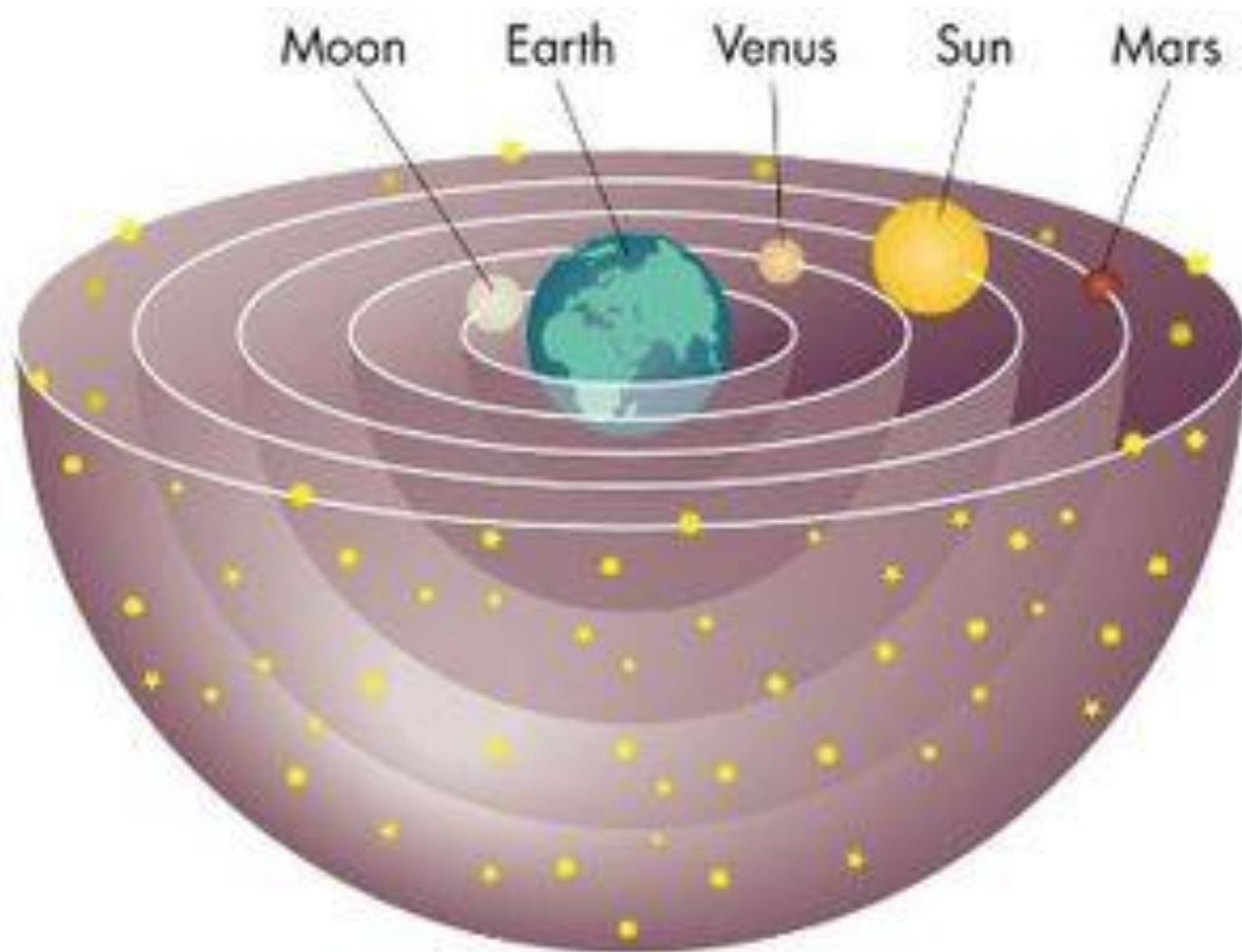


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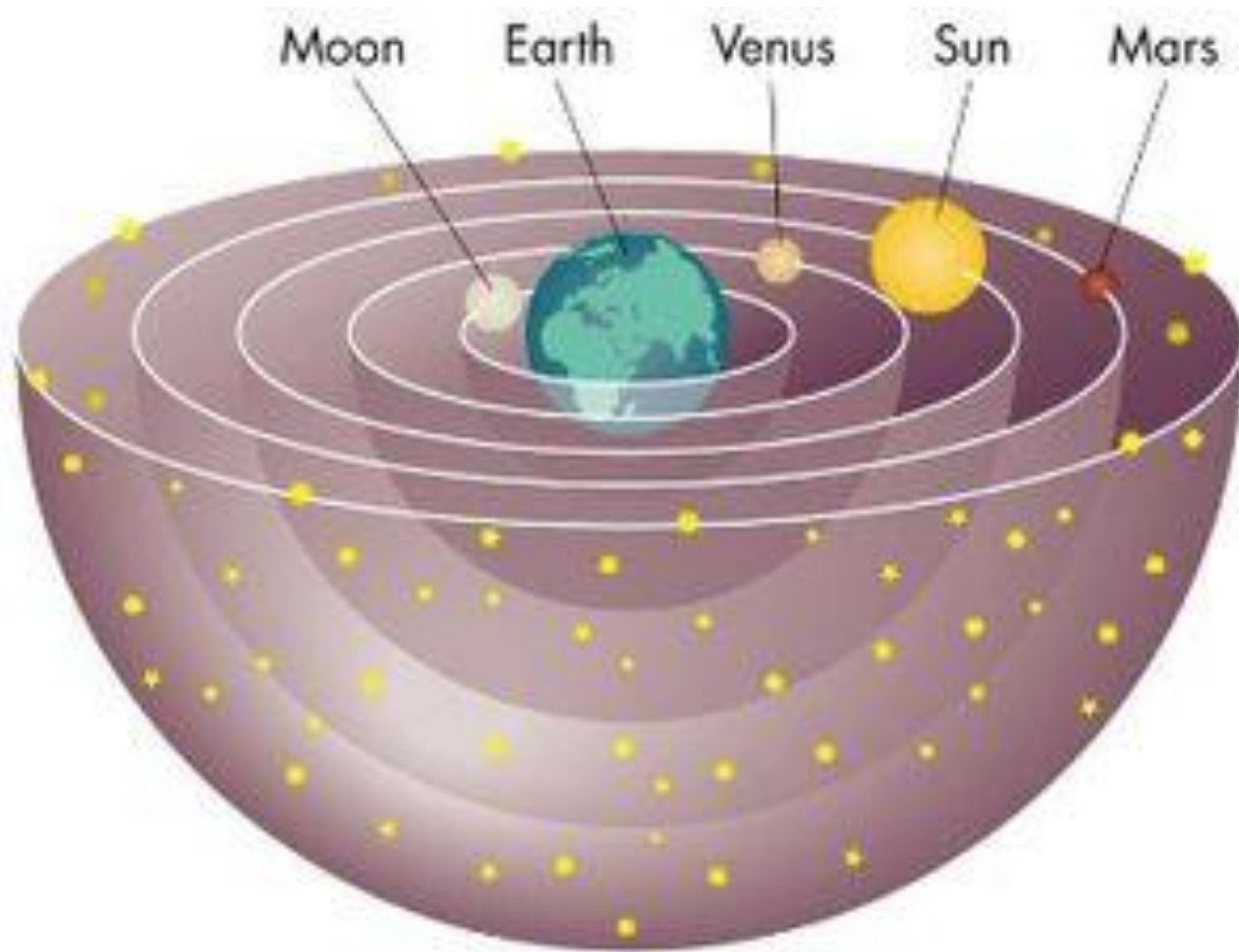
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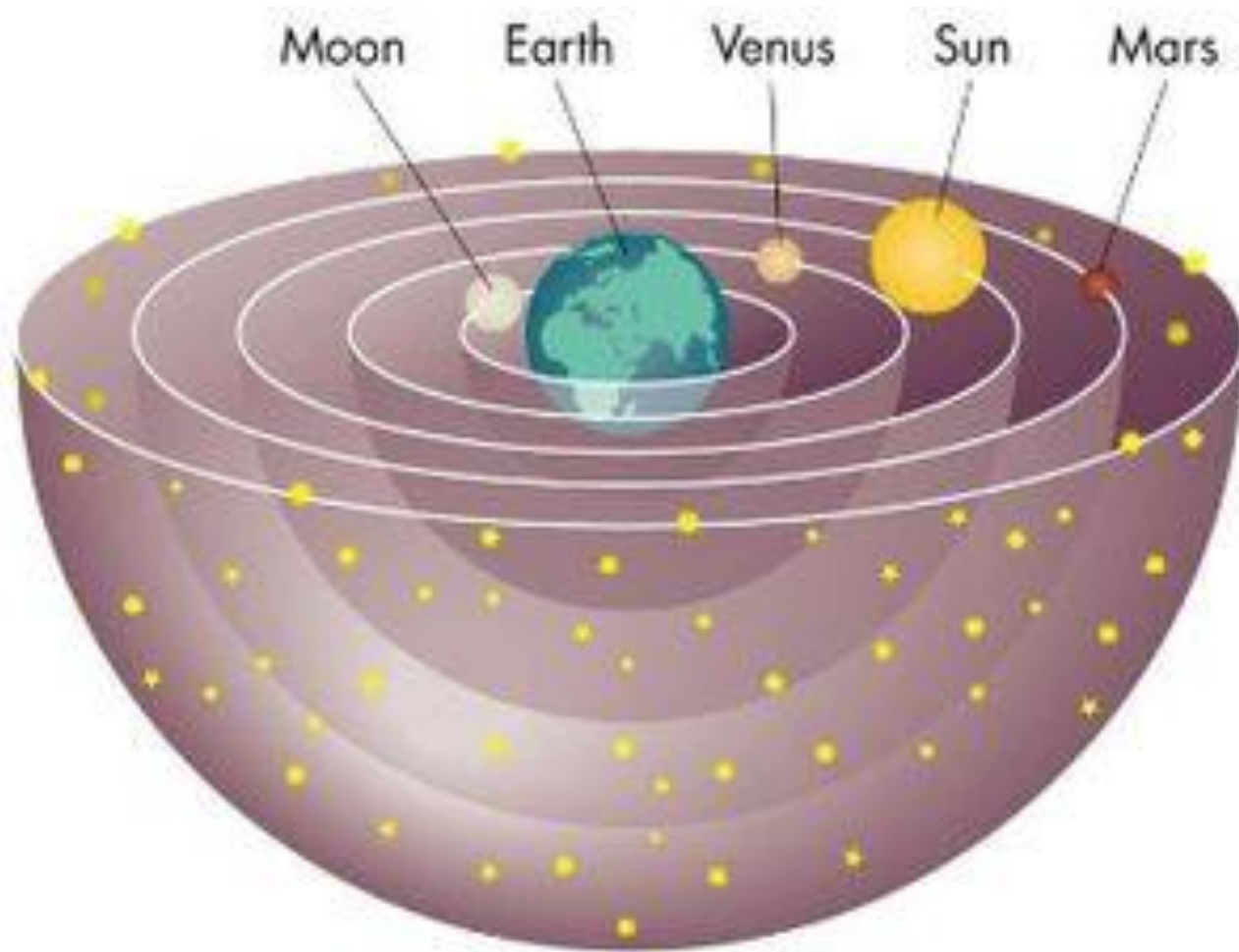
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Eccl. 1:5

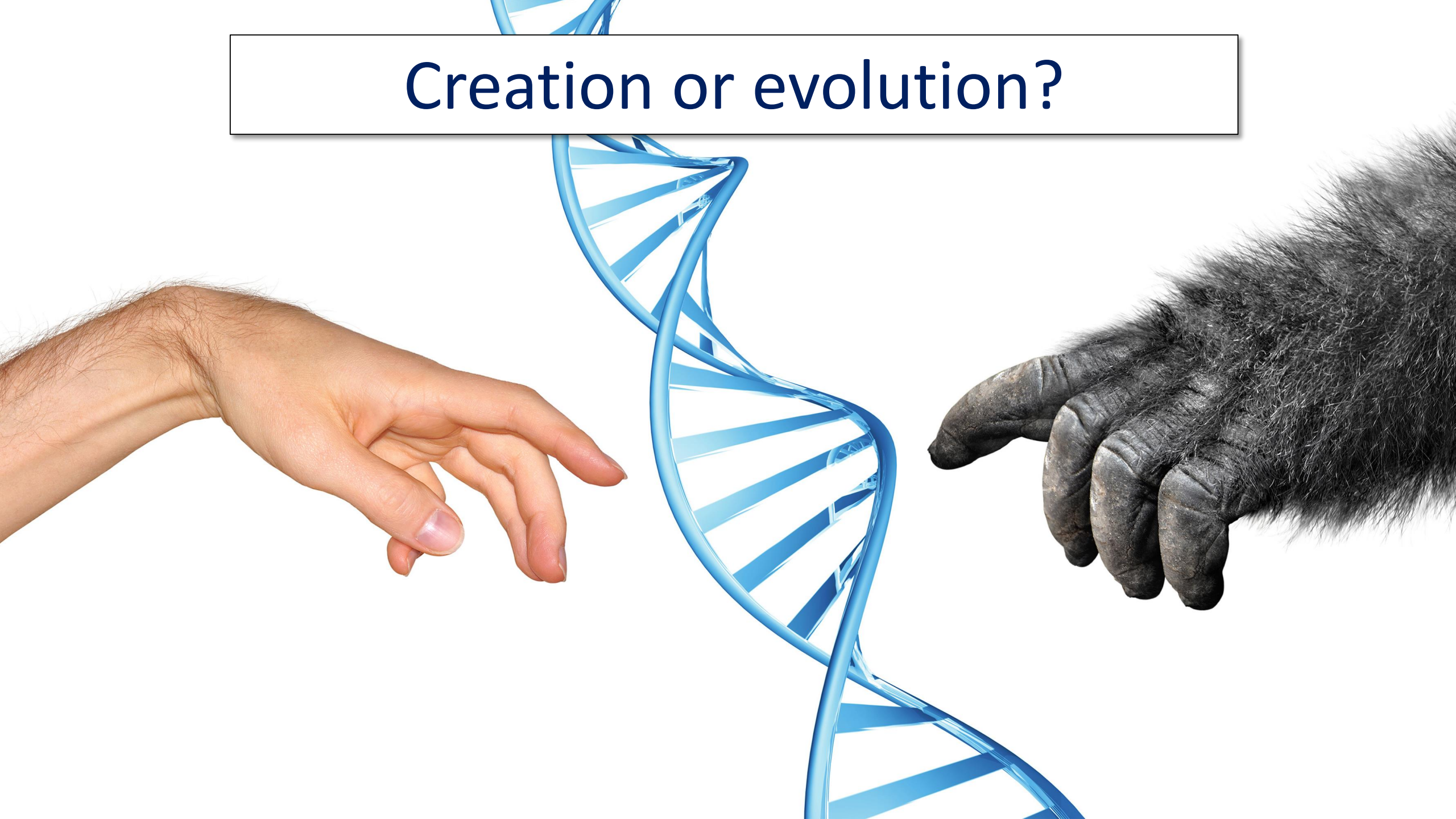
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Creation or evolution?



Two major concerns for most



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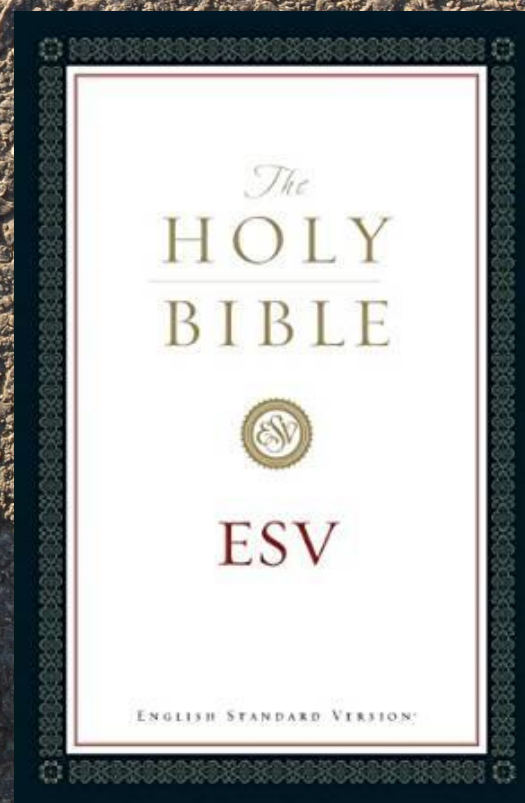


The integrity
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Whether there's a
need for God

START HERE



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In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

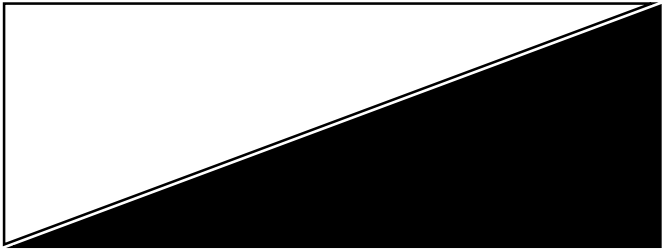
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And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Seven “days” of creation/rest

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Light separated from darkness

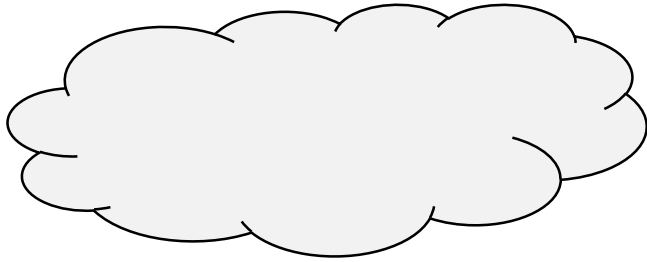
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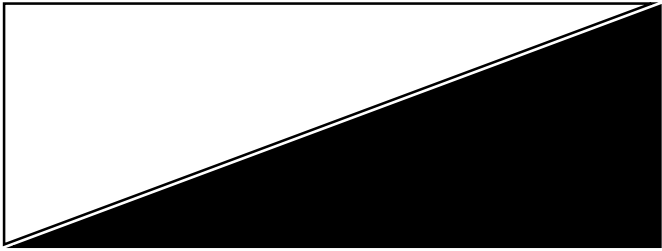
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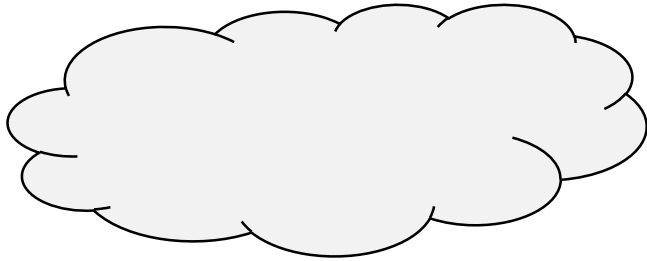
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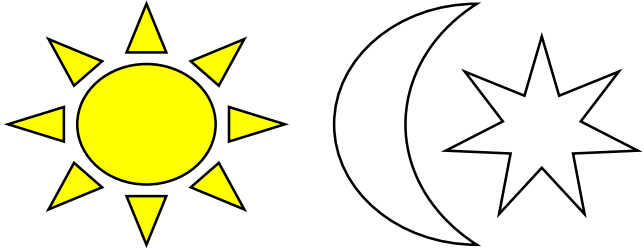


Gathers waters so land appears;
earth sprouts vegetation

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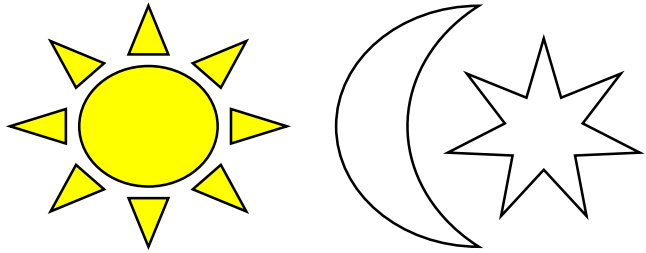
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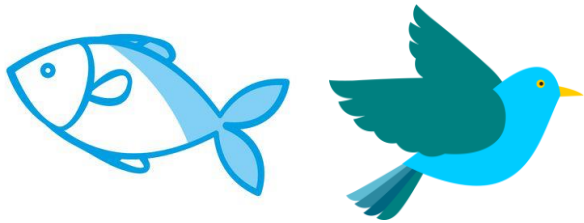
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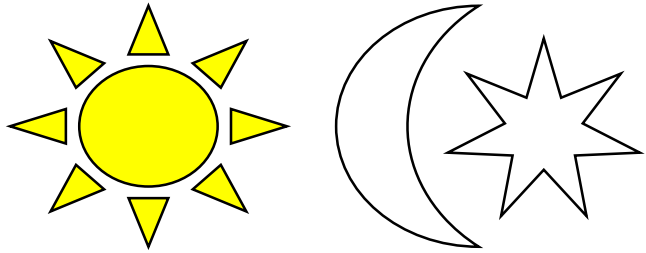
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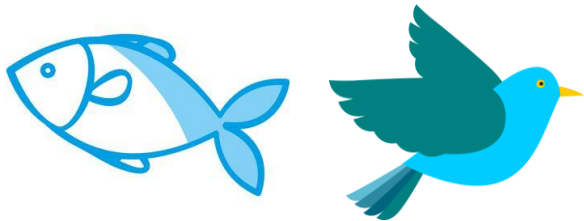
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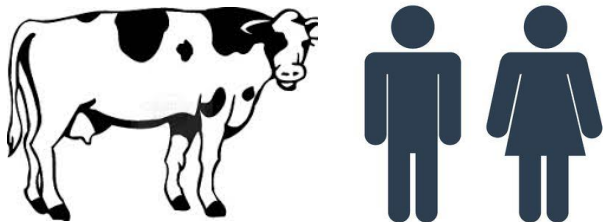
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Animals, bugs, people

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God rests

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These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed the man

Key question:



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How literal do we
take Genesis 1:1-2:3?



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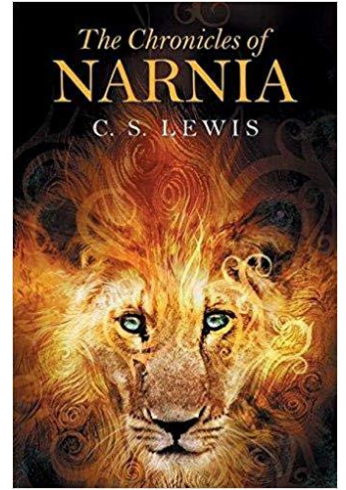
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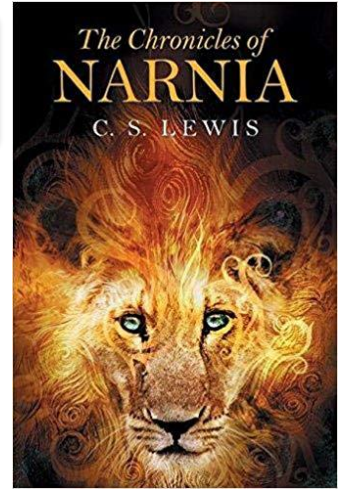
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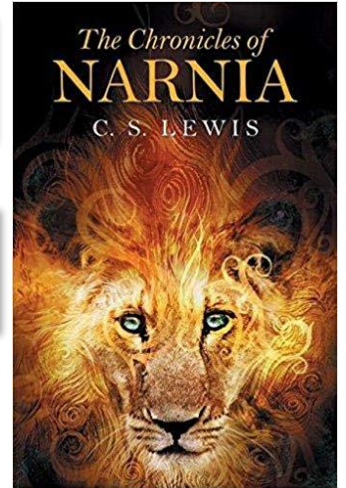
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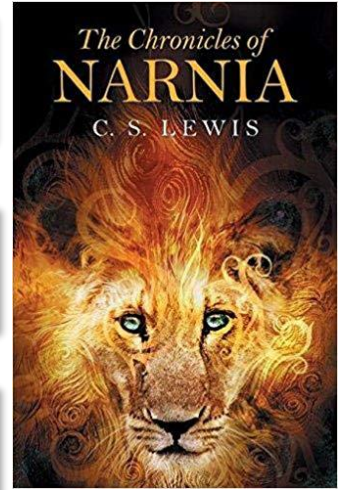


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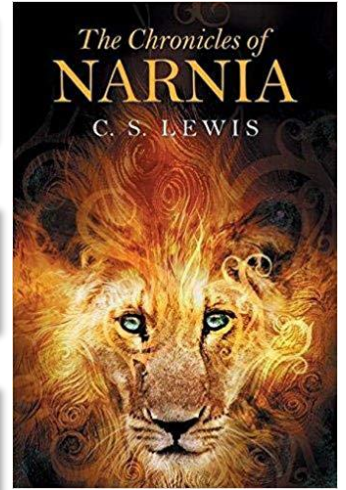


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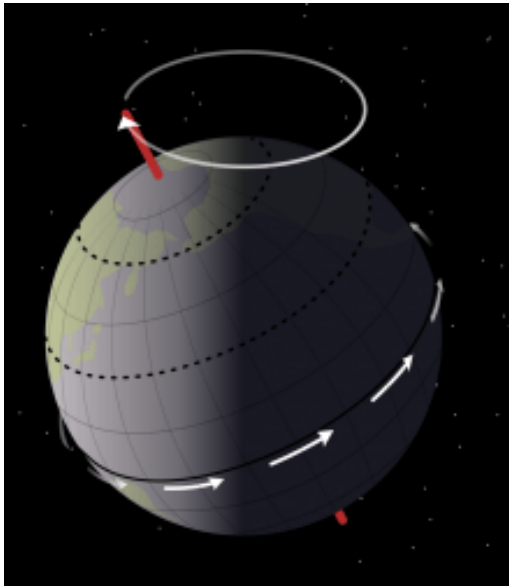
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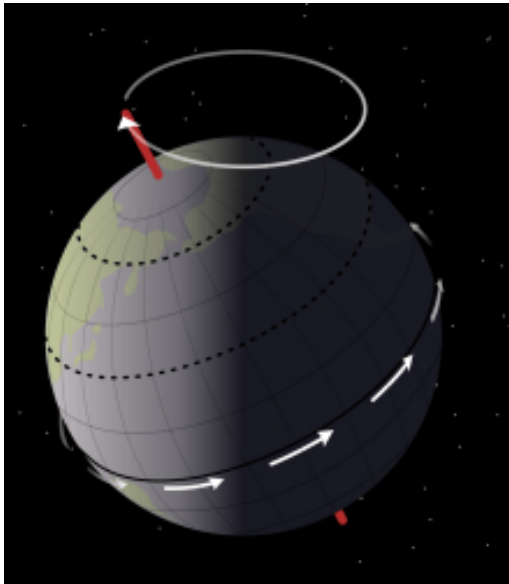
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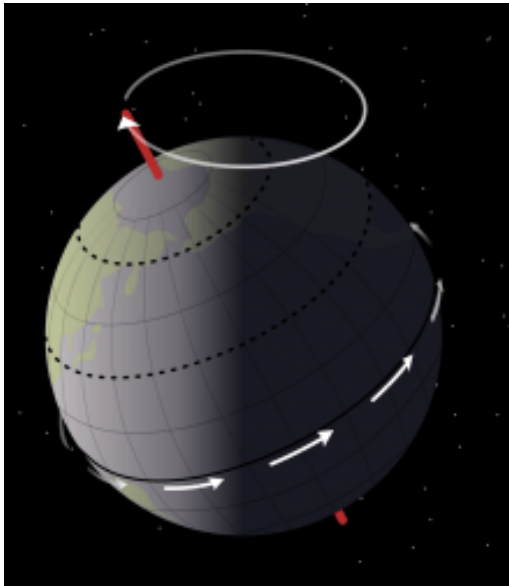


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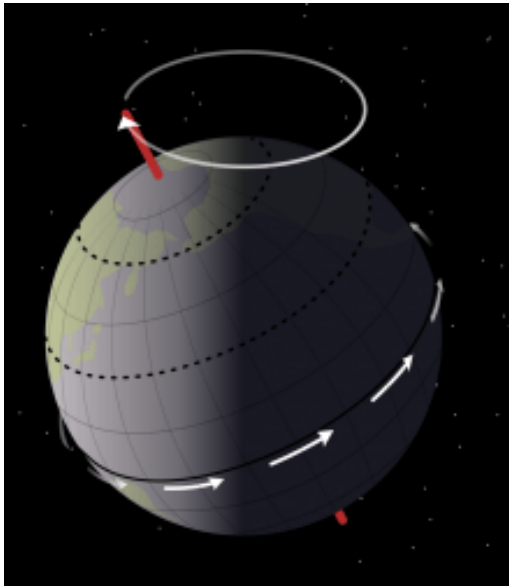
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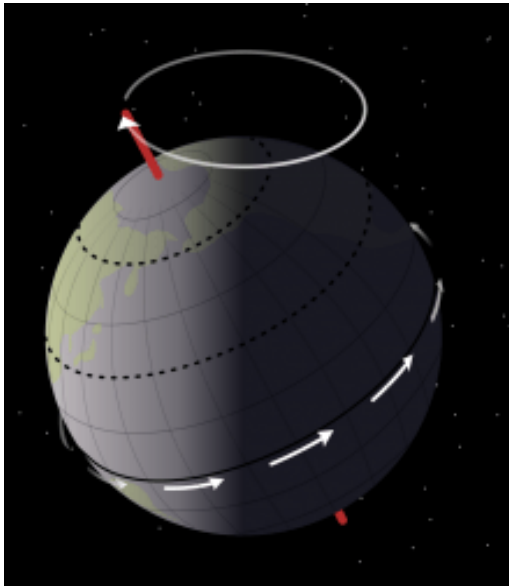
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“Solar day”

Plus, over
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“In that day [יוֹם] I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name” – Amos 9

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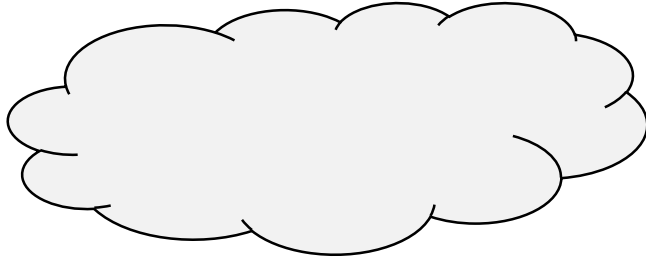
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Light separated from darkness

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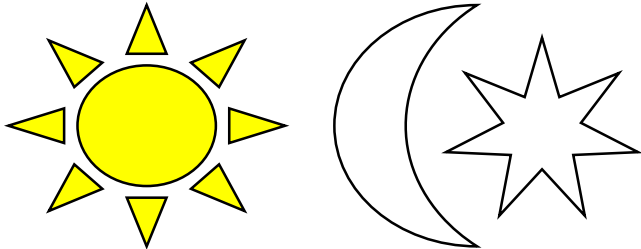
Heaven to separate the waters

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Gathers waters so land appears;
earth sprouts vegetation

4



Sun - day; moon and stars - night

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Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. (Gen. 2:1-3)

Genesis 1

← Option 1

Option 2 →



כִּרְאִשִּׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת
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In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **The earth was without form and void**, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

“The earth was without form and void”

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

Forming

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Forming

Filling

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Forming

Filling

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Light/darkness

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

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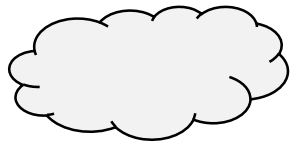
Filling

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Light/darkness

2



Heavens separate
from waters

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

Forming

Filling

1  Light/darkness

2  Heavens separate
from waters

3  Land

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

Forming

1  Light/darkness

2  Heavens separate
from waters

3  Land

Filling

4  Sun; moon/stars

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

Forming

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Filling

4  Sun; moon/stars

5  Fish – sea;
birds - heavens

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

Forming

1  Light/darkness

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from waters

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Filling

4  Sun; moon/stars

5  Fish – sea;
birds - heavens

6  Animals, bugs,
people

“The earth was without form and void”

7



God rests

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

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

7



God rests

Two major concerns for most



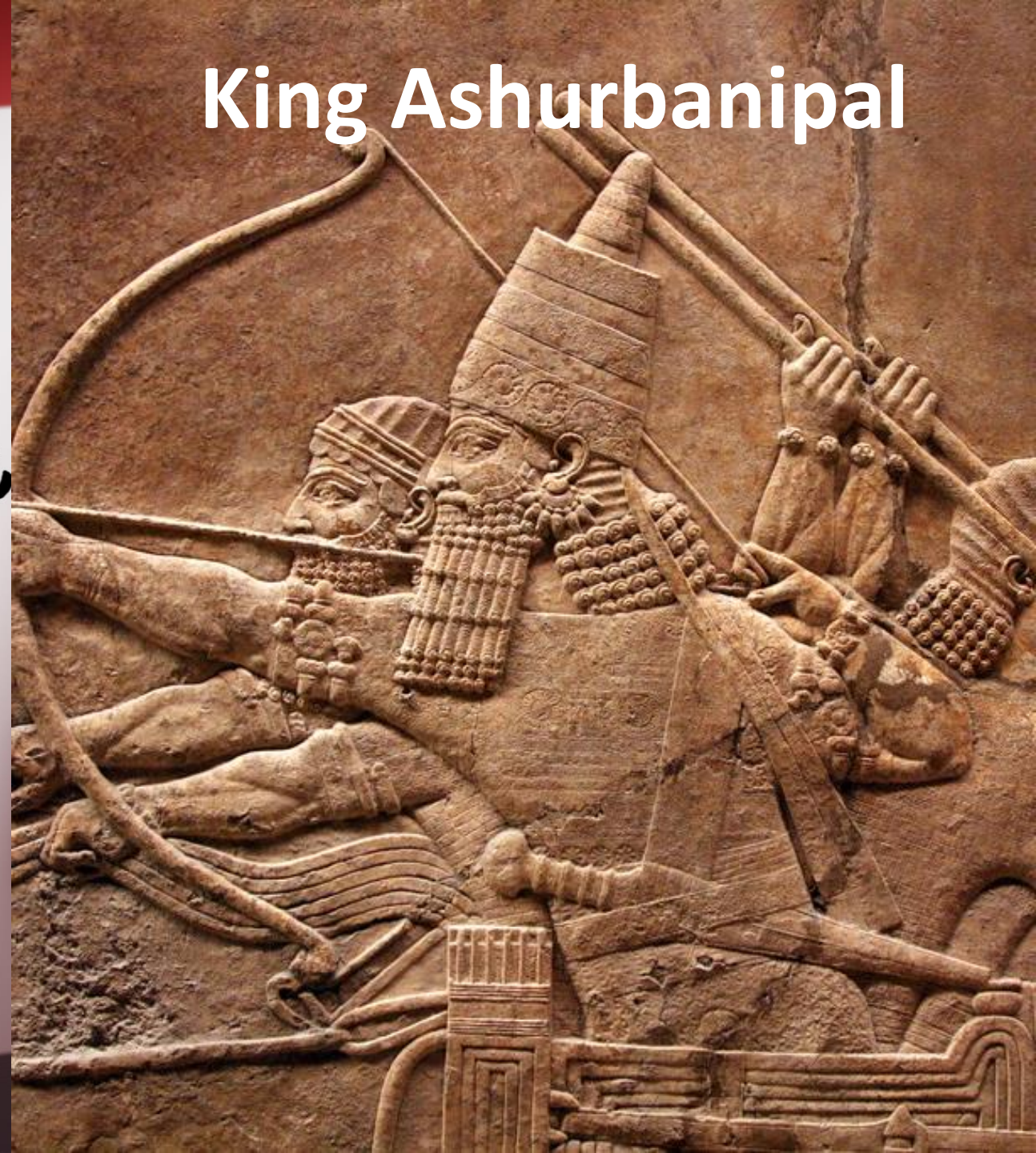
The integrity
of Scripture



Whether there's a
need for God



King Ashurbanipal



TAKE ACTION NOW



TAKE ACTION NOW

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

Sing the wonders of God



TAKE ACTION NOW

Sing the wonders of God

“In the beginning, God...”

(Gen. 1:1)

TAKE ACTION NOW



TAKE ACTION NOW



Hear and see God



TAKE ACTION NOW

Hear and see God

“And God said...” (Gen. 1:3*ff*)

TAKE ACTION NOW



TAKE ACTION NOW



Thank God!

TAKE ACTION NOW



Thank God!

“And it was good ” (Gen. 1:10*ff*)