

CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS: CLASS 5

TRUTH IN A WORLD OF FALSITY



PSALMS 9:1, "THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD; THE SKIES PROCLAIM THE WORK OF HIS HANDS."



OPENING PRAYER



“THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD”

- SCIENCE IS THE STUDY AND OBSERVATION OF NATURE THROUGH
 - BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, GEOLOGY, ASTRONOMY, ETC.
- **THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF THE FIRST LIVING CELL TO BE EVOLVED VIA RANDOM CHANCE WILL BE PROVEN:**
 - **IF THE FIRST LIVING CELL CANNOT BE RANDOMLY EVOLVED, THERE IS NOT OTHER ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT THE EXISTENCE FOR A CREATOR**
 - PHOTOSYNTHETIC PROCESSES: LIGHT ENERGY → KINETIC ENERGY
 - EXISTENCE AND COMPLEXITY OF THE RNA AND DNA:
 - UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN INFORMATION WITHIN THE RNA AND DNA, THAT DRIVES THE SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS **VS.**
 - THE SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT ALL THE FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE CELL
- **ALL OF WHICH WILL POINT US TO THE EXISTENCE OF AN INTELLIGENT DESIGNER / CREATOR AS THE SOURCE FOR LIFE**

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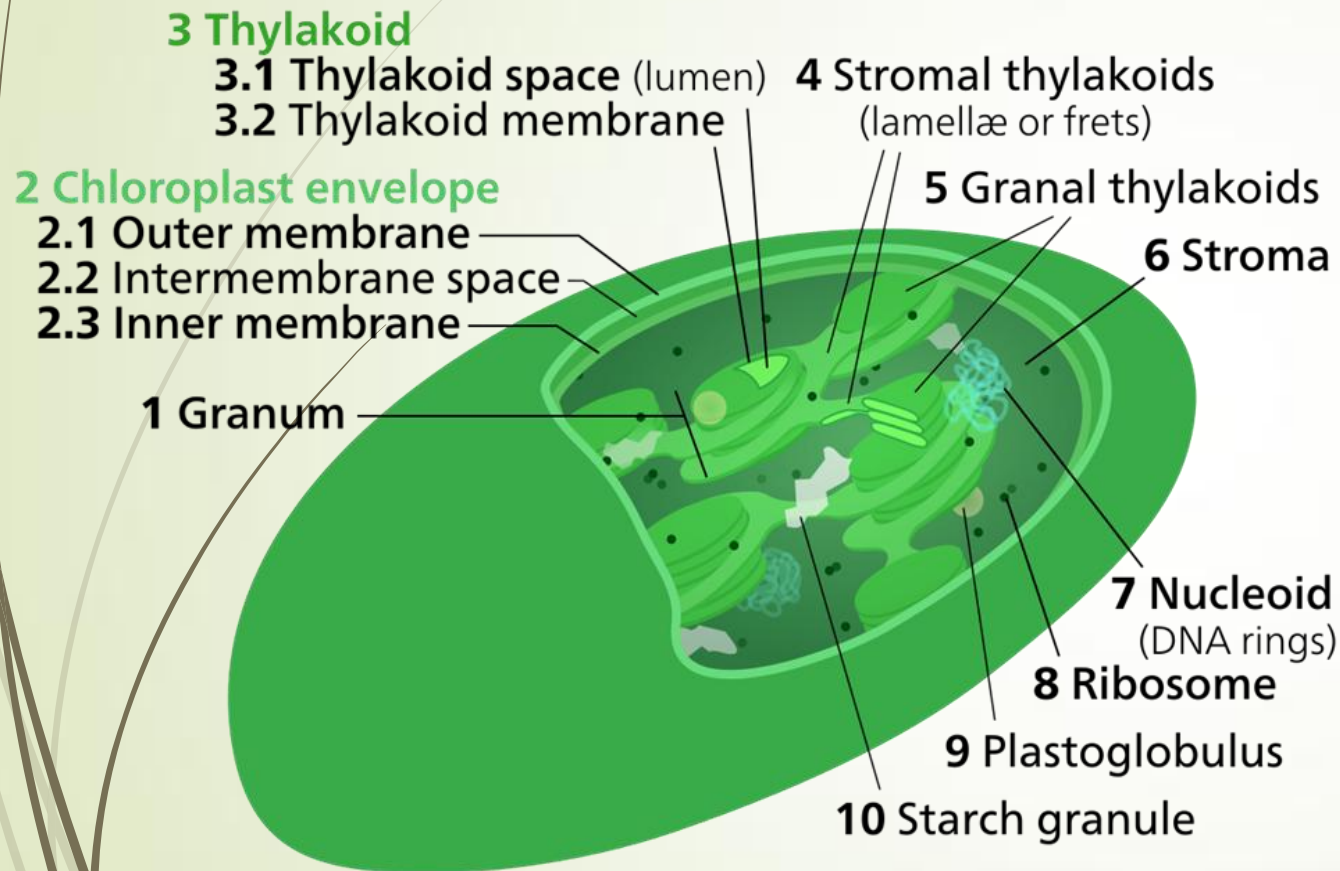
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SCIENCE OF PHYSICS: 2ND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

- **2ND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS: A.K.A. “THE LAW OF ENTROPY”**
 - **WHEN THINGS ARE LEFT ALONE, ALL MATTER AND ENERGY WILL TEND TOWARDS EQUILIBRIUM OR A STATE OF DISORDER AND RANDOMNES.**
 - **FOR ANYTHING TO GO FROM CHAOS AND DISORDER TO A MORE ORDERED STATE, TWO THINGS ARE REQUIRED:**
 - **ENERGY INPUT: WHICH IMPLIES AN “ENERGY INPUTTER”**
 - **DIRECTED PURPOSE: WHICH IMPLIES A DESIRE TO BRING ORDER TO DISORDER**

SLOW EVOLUTION OVER TIME THRU TRIAL AND ERROR

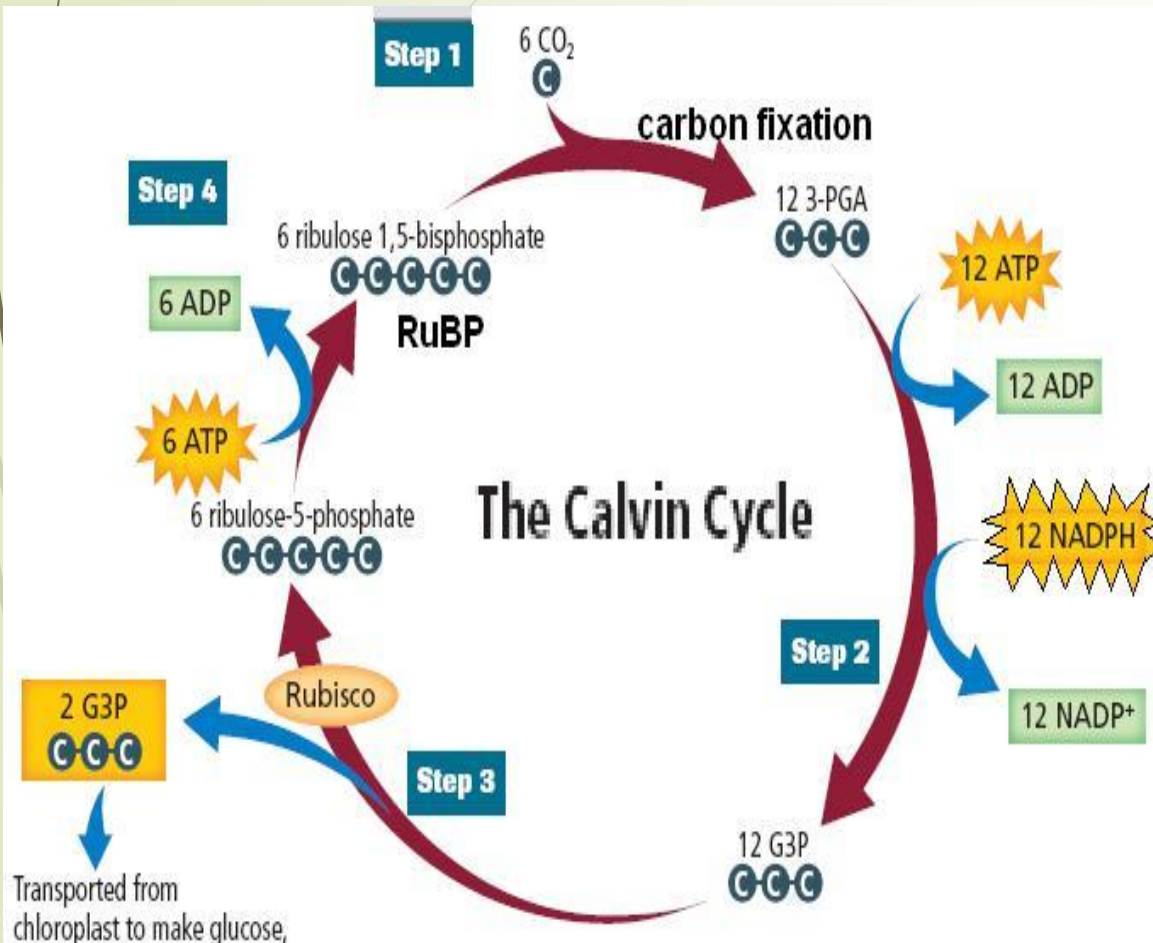
NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE FIRST CELL TO BE VIABLE



Cornelius Van Niel, 1930's, general equation for photosynthesis, but not until electron microscope was developed, 1940-60, were all parts viewed

- **PHOTOSYNTHETIC CYCLE:**
- **IMAGINE EVERY SINGLE UNIQUE COMPONENT FOR THIS SYSTEM;**
- **EACH WITH A SINGULAR PURPOSE TO FULFILL;**
- **YET, EACH WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER COMPONENTS;**
- **ALL IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE SINGULAR PURPOSE OF CONVERTING LIGHT ENERGY FROM THE SUN, INTO KINETIC ENERGY TO POWER THE NEEDS OF THE BACTERIAL CELL;**
- **HOW DID NON-LIVING, NON-MOVING MATTER KNOW IT WOULD NEED TO PROVIDE AN ENERGY SOURCE TO DRIVE AND MOVE EVERYTHING AROUND THE CELL?**

PHOTOSYNTHESIS: CONVERSION OF LIGHT ENERGY INTO KINETIC ENERGY



- **CALVIN CYCLE: THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THE CALVIN CYCLE IS CARBON FIXATION, WHICH IS MAKING SIMPLE SUGARS FROM CARBON DIOXIDE AND WATER.**
- **IT USES THESE CARBONS TO PRODUCE SUGARS, WHICH PROVIDE THE ENERGY TO DRIVE THE NEEDS OF CELL FUNCTION**
- **HOW WOULD NON-LIVING, NON-THINKING MATTER, COME UP WITH SUCH A COMPLEX CHEMICAL CONVERSION;**
- **IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1957 WHEN MAN, DR. CALVIN, FINALLY UNDERSTOOD THE CHEMICAL PROCESS BEHIND PHOTOSYNTHESIS**

Dr. Melvin Calvin, 1957

PHOTOSYNTHESIS

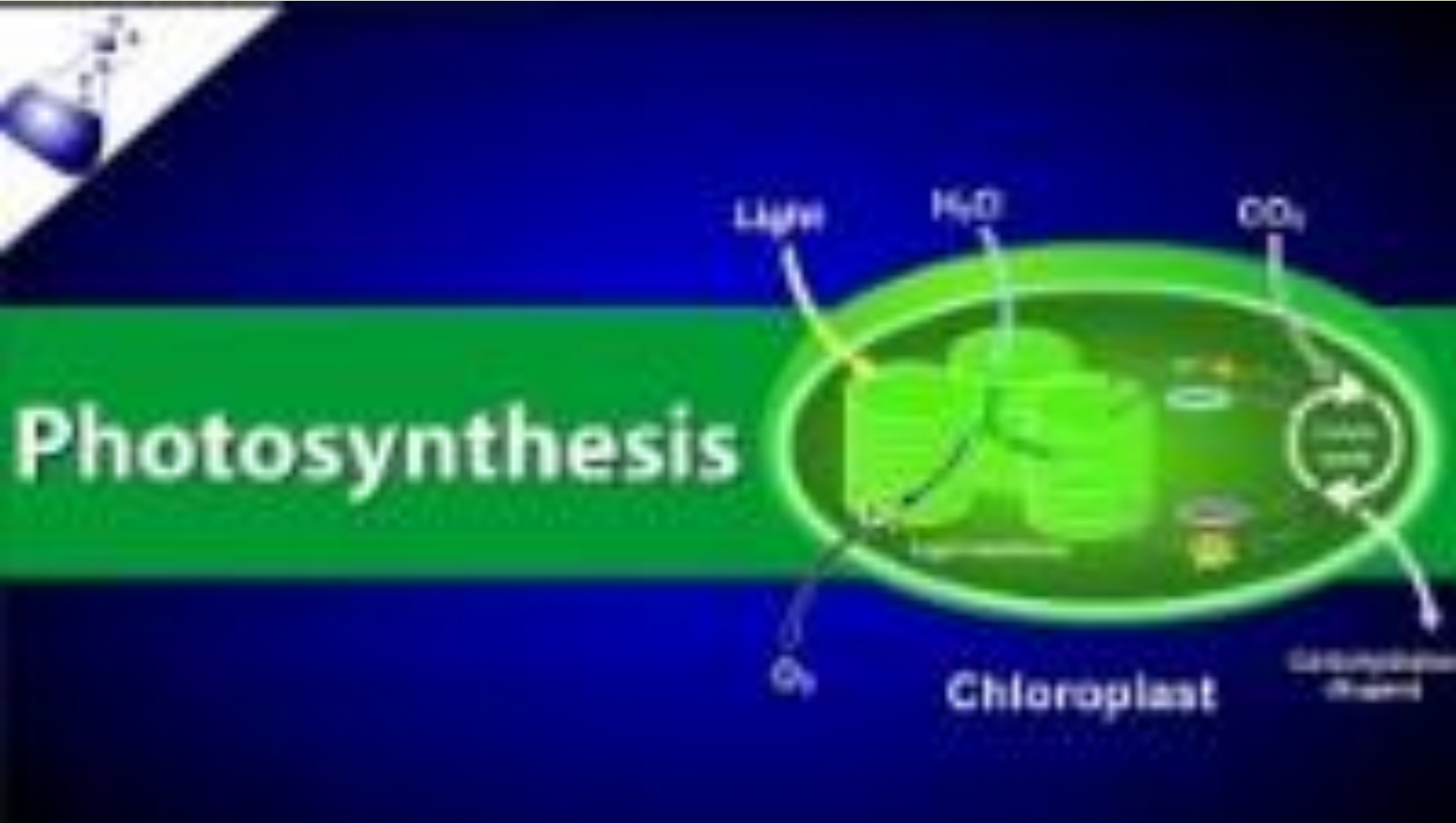
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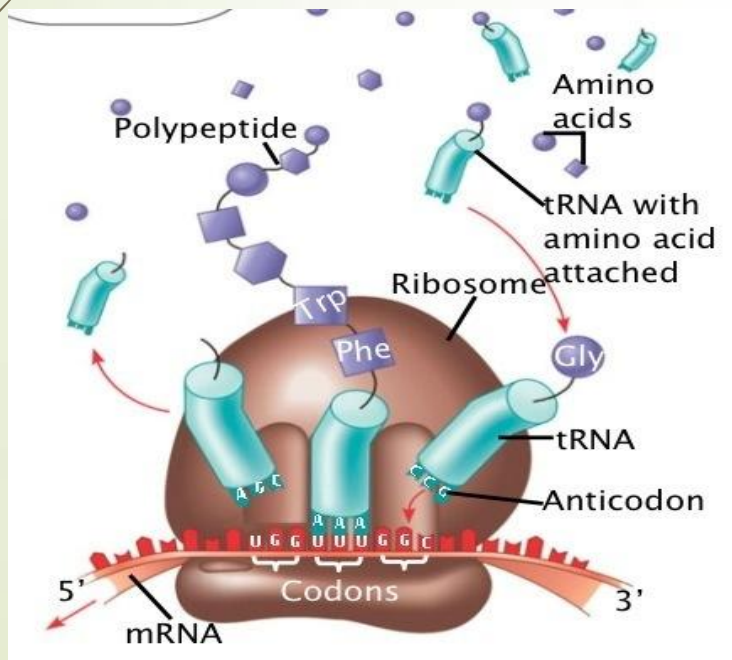
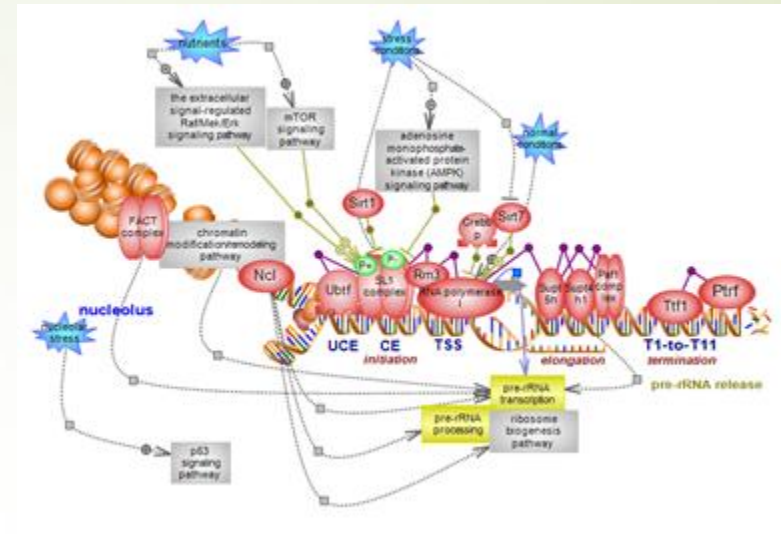
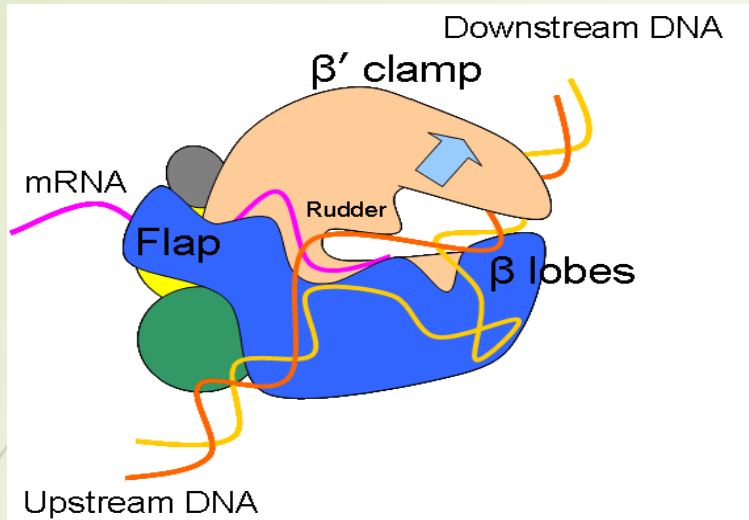
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- **USING LIGHT ENERGY AND CONVERTING IT INTO KINETIC ENERGY:**

- **TAKING CARBON DIOXIDE AND WATER AND TURNING IT INTO SUGARS (GLUCOSE), ATP (ENERGY PACKETS), AND OXYGEN (FOR US TO BREATHE)**
- **GOD DID THIS, KNOWING PLANTS WOULD PROVIDE OXYGEN FOR ALL THE HUMANS AND ANIMALS ON EARTH, AND REDUCING POISONOUS CARBON DIOXIDE**

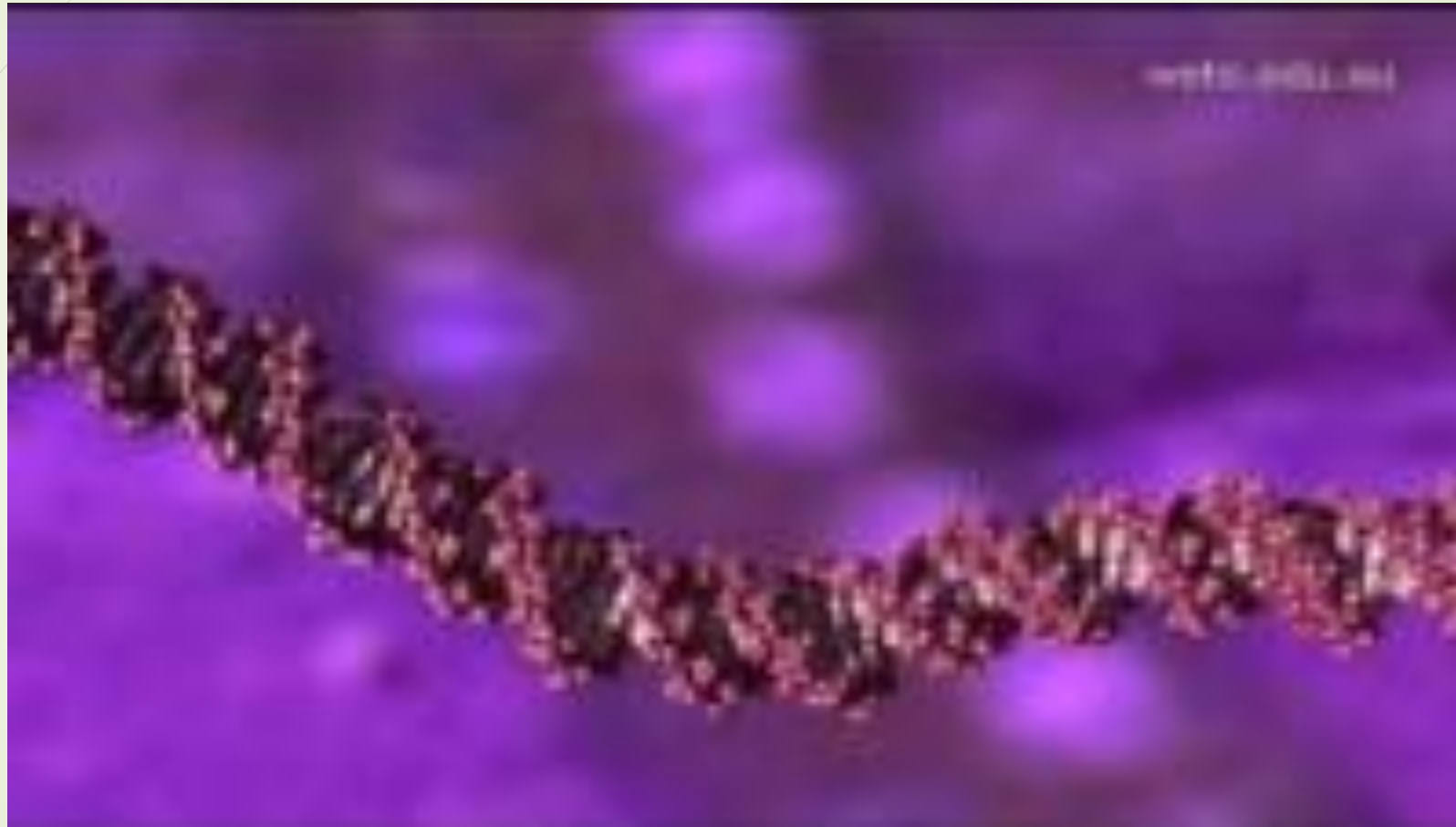
PHOTOSYNTHESIS





- TATA BOX
- BETA CLAMPS
- OKAZAKI STRANDS
- POLY PEPTIDE PRODUCED
- AMINO ACID ATTACHMENT
- SUPERCOILING PREVENTED

**OBSERVE THE PRECISION AND ORDER
WHAT BROUGHT ON THIS ORDER FROM DISORDER**





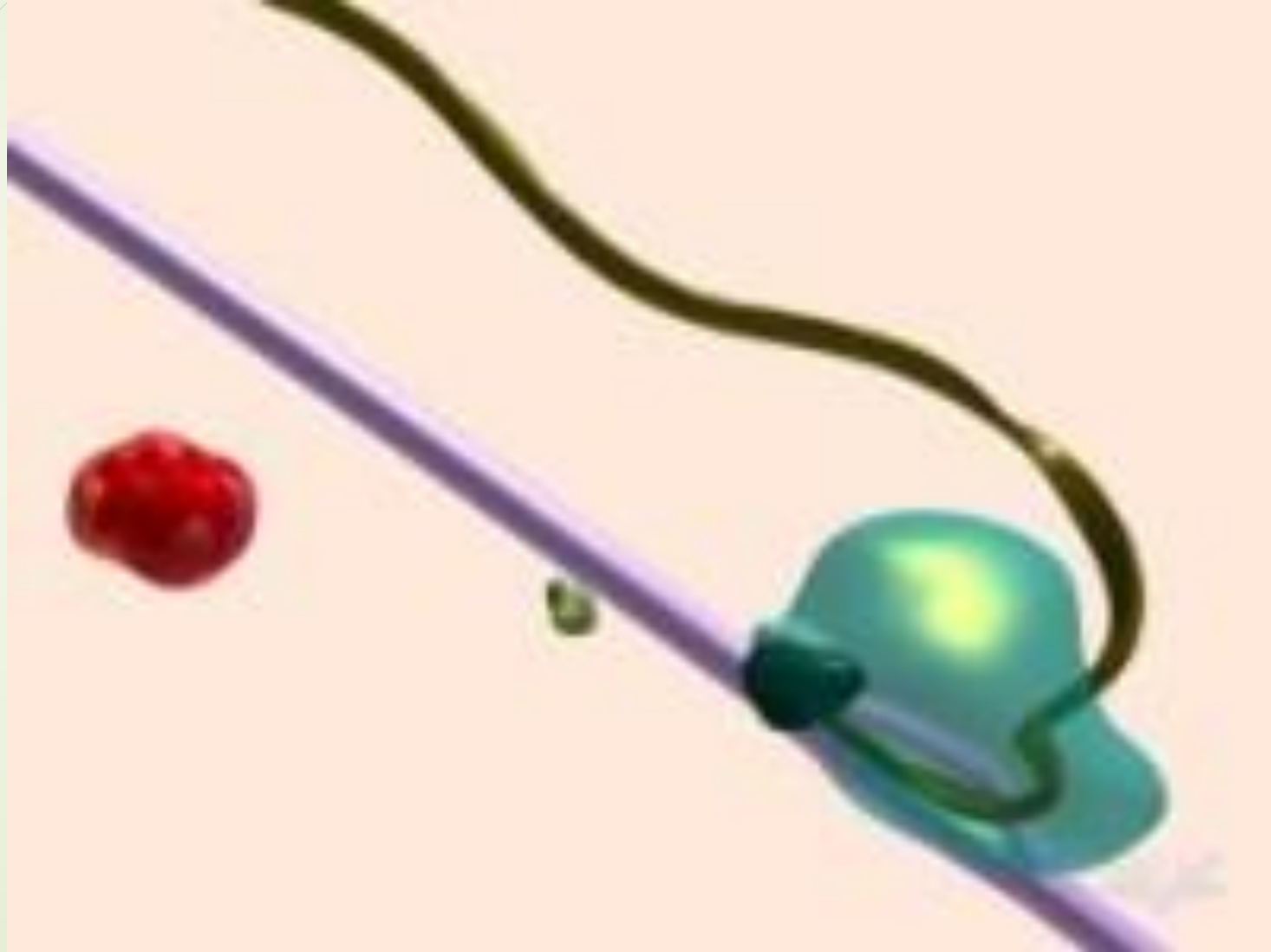
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D.N.A. WRAPPING and
REPLICATON (3:05) *View what DNA
looks like when wrapping itself up and
duplicating itself for cell division.*

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Transcription is the first step of gene expression, in which a particular segment of DNA is copied into RNA by the enzyme RNA polymerase. Both DNA and RNA are nucleic acids, which use base pairs of nucleotides as a complementary language. **NOTE THE EXACT ORDER IN WHICH EACH ENZYME BINDS TO THE TATA SECTION OF DNA.**

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D.N.A. TRANSCRIPTION (2:51)
View the complexity of already-formed components which are needed to accomplish this transcription process.

OBSERVE THE PRECISION AND ORDER
HOW CAN WE DENY THERE IS A CREATOR?



SOFTWARE VS. HARDWARE

- ✓ RNA AND DNA, THE SOFTWARE, CANNOT BY THEMSELVES, MAKE OR PRODUCE ANYTHING. THEY ONLY CARRY THE INFORMATION.
- ✓ THEY CANNOT DO ANYTHING WITHOUT THE HELP OF ACTUAL FUNCTIONING PARTS.
- ✓ THE FUNCTIONING (WORKING) PARTS OF A CELL CANNOT DO ANYTHING WITHOUT THE INFORMATION FROM THE DNA GIVING INSTRUCTION TO THEM OF WHAT TO DO.
- ✓ ALSO, THEY CAN ONLY BE PRODUCED WITH THE INSTRUCTION FROM THE DNA
- ✓ THIS PRODUCES A “CATCH 22” SCENARIO

SOFTWARE VS. HARDWARE

✓ THE “CATCH-22” PROBLEM:

- ✓ RNA AND DNA CANNOT BE REPLICATED WITHOUT THE FUNCTIONING PARTS FIRST BEING PRESENT TO CARRY OUT THE REPLICATION OF THE RNA AND DNA,
- ✓ BUT THOSE FUNCTIONING PARTS CANNOT BE CREATED, WITHOUT THE INFORMATION OF THE RNA AND DNA ALREADY BEING PRESENT, TO DIRECT THE PRODUCTION OF THOSE FUNCTIONING PARTS .

✓ IN OTHER WORDS, ONE CANNOT EXIST BEFORE THE OTHER, ALL MUST EXIST AT THE SAME TIME.

- ✓ THIS MEANS THEY WERE CREATED AT THE SAME TIME; NOT GRADUALLY EVOLVED ONE AFTER THE OTHER OVER TENS OF MILLIONS OF YEARS.
- ✓ EVERY SINGLE COMPONENT HAS A UNIQUE AND SINGULAR PURPOSE AND ARE IRREDUCIBLY COMPLEX IN STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION; THEREFORE NOT EVOLVED FROM EACH OTHER.

THE TWO INSTRUCTION MANUALS

1. **D.N.A. – THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL TO LIFE**

1. **WRITTEN LANGUAGE FOR ALL LIVING THINGS TO FUNCTION BY**
2. **EVERY NUCLEOTIDE IS IN A SPECIFIC SEQUENCE THAT IS READABLE BY THE ENZYMES DESIGNED TO CARRY OUT THEIR PURPOSE**
3. **INSTRUCTS ALL CELL FUNCTION AS CREATED AND DESIGNED BY THE CREATOR**

2. **BIBLE – THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR LIFE**

1. **WRITTEN LANGUAGE FOR MAN TO LIVE BY**
2. **EVERY LETTER IS SPELLED OUT SPECIFICALLY TO FOR UNDERSTANDABLE WORDS TO DIRECT OUR PATH AND HELP US UNDERSTAND OUR PURPOSE**
3. **INSTRUCTS HOW TO LIVE A GOOD AND GODLY LIFE AS OUR CREATOR HAS INTENDED AND CALLED US TO LIVE**
3. **DO YOU REMEMBER THE “ALPHABET CEREAL” FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD, AND TRYING TO SPELL WORDS IN YOUR SPOONFUL OF SPALSHING MILK? IMAGINE DOING THAT IN A TURBULENT OCEAN FOR A WORD SEQUENCES MADE UP OF 1,340,000,000,000 LETTERS.**
4. **TO BELIEVE THAT EITHER MANUAL, CAN BE PUT TOGETHER BY SIMPLY TOSSING ALL THE LETTERS INTO THE AIR, AND EXPECT THEM TO COME DOWN IN PERFECT SEQUENTIAL ORDER, AND MAKE SENSE AND WORK, IS WHAT RANDOM CHANCE EVOLUTIONISTS ARE TRYING TO CONVINC EVERYONE HAS OCCURRED IN NATURE. ABSOLUTE LUNACY!**

SLOW EVOLUTION OVER TIME THRU TRIAL AND ERROR WILL NEVER WORK FOR THE FIRST CELL TO BE VIABLE

- **ALL THE ENZYMES REQUIRED FOR RNA OR DNA REPLICATION PROCESS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE SAME TIME, NOT EVOLVED SLOWLY OVER TIME:**
 - **EVERY PROCESS IS DEPENDENT UPON THE OTHER TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION FOR THE ENTIRE SYSTEM TO WORK**
- **DNA REPLICATION PROCESS:**
 - **PRODUCES OVER 1,000 NEW NUCLEOTIDES PER SECOND**
 - **OVER 60,000 NUCLEOTIDES PER MINUTE**
 - **OVER 600,000 NUCLEOTIDES PRODUCED IN TEN MINUTES**
 - **OVER 3,600,000 NUCLEOTIDES IN ONE HOUR;**
- **EACH UNIQUE, PERFECT, AND THREE DIMENSIONAL IN STRUCTURE;**
- **EACH IN CHOREOGRAPHED PERFECT SEQUENCE TO FUNCTION CORRECTLY**
- **ALL PRESENT AND WORKING AT THE BEGINNING ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS THAT MAKE UP THE SIMPLEST CELL IN EXISTENCE!**

WHERE DOES YOUR HOPE LIE?

- **KNOWING WHAT WE KNOW, WHY DO WE, ESPECIALLY SCIENTISTS WHO UNDERSTAND HOW IMPOSSIBLE IT IS, STILL CLING ON TO DARWIN'S IDEAS?**
- **ATHEISTS OFTEN SAY THAT, "CHRISTIANS ONLY CLING ON TO GOD OUT OF HOPE, NOT REALITY." BASED UPON TRUE SCIENTIFIC FACTS, ISN'T THIS WHAT ATHEISTS AND AGNOSTICS ARE ACTUALLY DOING?**

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE EVIDENCE; IT'S ABOUT THE HEART

- **WOULD YOU REALLY PUT YOUR ETERNAL LIFE ON THE LINE FOR THOSE ODDS THAT IMPOSSIBLE?**
- **ATHEISTS LIKE TO CLAIM THAT CHRISTIANS AREN'T INTELLIGENT OR SCIENTIFICALLY SUPPORTED**
 - **WHICH REQUIRES THE GREATER FOOL?**
 - **CREATIONISM OR ATHEISM?**
- **AT THE LEAST, THE ATHEIST SHOULD CONSIDER PASCAL'S (1623-1662) WAGER: "...LITTLE TO LOSE, EVERYTHING TO GAIN."**

“TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING”

(prov.3:5)

- **INTELLIGENCE IS NOT THE SAME AS WISDOM:**
 - I HAVE SEEN SIX YEAR OLDS WHO HAVE HAD MORE WISDOM THAN PROFESSORS WITH PHDs, AT TIMES.
 - I HAVE SEEN PLENTY OF INTELLIGENT MEN DO FOOLISH THINGS FOR LACK OF WISDOM.

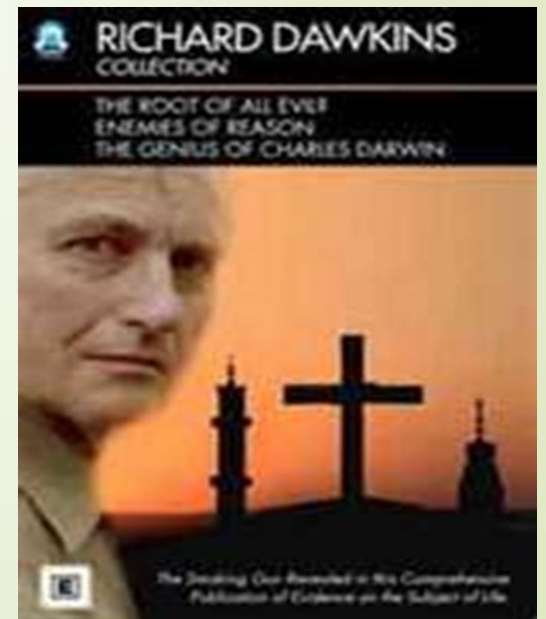
- **“FOR THE LORD GIVES WISDOM, AND FROM HIS MOUTH COME KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING” PROVERBS 2:6**

- **“FOR THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD IS WISER THAN HUMAN WISDOM, AND THE WEAKNESS OF GOD IS STRONGER THAN HUMAN STRENGTH.” 1 COR. 1:25**

HANDLING COMMONLY CITED PHRASES BY ATHEISTS

DAWKINS LOVES TO STATE, “GOD DIDN’T
CREATE MAN; MAN CREATED GOD OUT
OF HIS OWN NEED.”

LET’S LOOK INTO THE
LOGIC OF THIS STATEMENT



IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE REASON WE NEED GOD, IS BECAUSE GOD PLACED THAT NEED WITHIN US; JUST AS HE PLACED THE NEED FOR FOOD, WATER AND OXYGEN INTO US?

IS FOOD NOT REAL
BECAUSE MAN
HUNGERS FOR IT?



IS WATER A NON-EXISTANT
IMAGINATION BECAUSE WE
THIRST FOR IT?



DID MAN CREATE
OXYGEN, OR DID GOD
CREATE OXYGEN
BECAUSE HE KNEW WE
WOULD NEED IT?



**LOGICAL DEFENSE TO: "GOD DIDN'T CREATE MAN;
MAN CREATED GOD OUT OF HIS OWN NEED."**

- ▶ **FOLLOWING THAT LOGIC: THIS WOULD MEAN THAT EVERYTHING WE TURN TO OUT OF NECESSITY, WAS CREATED BY US AND DOESN'T ACTUALLY EXIST?**
- ▶ **1) COULD IT BE THAT THE REASON WE NEED GOD; IS THAT OUR CREATOR PLACED THAT NEED WITHIN US TO BEGIN WITH?**
- ▶ **2) DOES THE FACT THAT WE NEED GOD MEAN THAT GOD IS AN IMAGINATION OR IS IT POSSIBLE THAT GOD IS A REAL NECESSITY AND THAT IS WHY WE NEED HIM?**
- ▶ **3) WOULD MAN CONTINUOUSLY TURN TO GOD, IF GOD NEVER DELIVERED ANSWERS AND MIRACLES? (NOT BELIEVING IN GOD BECAUSE YOUR PRAYER HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED IS LIKE SAYING; BECAUSE I DIDN'T WIN THE LOTTO, NO WINNERS EXIST, BUT OF COURSE WINNERS DO EXIST, WHICH IS WHY SO MANY CONTINUE TO PLAY THE LOTTO.)
(BY THE WAY: SAVE YOUR MONEY, GO TO GOD INSTEAD!!!)**



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- **COULDN'T CHRISTIANS EQUALLY MAKE THE FOLLOWING COUNTER REBUTTAL TO ATHEISTS:**
 - **“EVOLUTION DIDN'T CREATE MAN, MAN CREATED EVOLUTION OUT OF HIS OWN NEED TO DENY GOD.”**

STUDENT QUESTIONS

- **HOW DO I EXPLAIN TO A NEW BELIEVER WHAT CHRISTIANITY IS?**
 - EXPLAIN THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND ALL OTHER RELIGIONS
 - EXPLAIN HOW WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE, NOT BY WORKS
 - EXPLAIN WHY WORKS DOESN'T WORK
 - RECOMMENDED BOOKS SUCH AS, "JESUS AMONG OTHER GODS" BY RAVI ZACHARIAS
- **BUT BEFORE ALL THAT, CONSIDER USING YOUR OWN TESTIMONY AND EXAMPLES TO MAKE A MORE PERSONAL CONNECTION**

THROUGH SUFFERING, CHRIST CONQUERED DEATH

- SUFFERING IS A REAL PART OF LIFE, THIS WE ALL ATTEST TO.
- LIFE IS PUNCTUATED BY SUFFERING;
- BUT IN THIS ONE TRUTH I CAN RISE ABOVE SUFFERING;
- IN ANGER THEY NAILED JESUS TO THE CROSS,
- WHAT THEY MEANT FOR HIS SUFFERING;
- GOD TURNED IT FOR GOOD.
- **WHEN JESUS DIED IN HIS EARTHLY BODY,**
- **HE TRIUMPHED IN HIS HEAVENLY SPIRIT;**
- **NOT CONQUERING IN SPITE OF WHAT THEY HAD DONE,**
- **BUT CONQUERING THROUGH IT.**
- MY SOUL, NOW RELEASED FROM BONDAGE,
- AS THE ISRAELITES FROM SLAVERY;
- AND SO I CAN ENDURE MY SUFFERING,
- IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT I WILL TOO REACH THE PROMISED LAND ONE DAY.
- RIDING UPON THE SHOULDERS OF THE KING OF GLORY;
- THAT IS THE PROMISE THAT JESUS ALONE CAN OFFER, OVER ALL OTHER RELIGIONS;
- CHRIST PREVAILS, WHERE OTHER RELIGIONS FAIL.

WHY CHRIST OVER OTHER RELIGIONS

- ▶ ASK ANY PERSON WHO IS SERIOUS ABOUT THEIR RELIGION, “IF THEY ARE CERTAIN THEY ARE GOING TO HEAVEN?”. OTHER THAN A CHRISTIAN, IF THEY ARE BEING HONEST, THEIR ANSWER WILL BE, “NO, I AM NOT CERTAIN.”
 - ▶ **THEY KNOW THEY ARE FOREVER HAVING TO PAY; PERFORM WORKS, TO UNDO THEIR PAST SINS.**
- ▶ ONLY CHRIST OFFERS TOTAL FORGIVENESS FOR PAST SINS;
- ▶ ONLY CHRIST OFFERS SALVATION BY GRACE;
- ▶ ONLY CHRIST OFFERS REST FROM WORKING NON-STOP FOR OUR PLACE IN HEAVEN
- ▶ ONLY CHRIST OFFERS US A WAY TO LIVE UNSELFISHLY TO HELP OTHERS, INSTEAD OF USING OTHERS TO HELP ATTAIN OUR SALVATION.

STUDENT QUESTIONS

- **HOW DO I EXPLAIN TO A NEW BELIEVER WHO CHRIST IS?**
 - **CHRIST IS GOD SENT TO US IN HUMAN FORM:**
 - **CHRIST WAS SENT TO LIVE AND GO THROUGH WHAT WE GO THROUGH AS A MAN (SON OF MAN), TO BECOME GOD'S SACRIFICE ON OUR BEHALF**
 - **GOD PROVIDED HIS OWN SON (SON OF GOD), AS OUR SACRIFICE; BECAUSE HE SO LOVED THE WORLD**
 - **CHRIST JUSTIFIES US BACK TO GOD (CHRIST THE REEDEMER), WHERE THERE WAS NO WAY THROUGH OUR OWN POWERS:**
 - **DUE TO SIN; MAN CANNOT JUSTIFY HIMSELF BACK TO GOD**
 - **MAN'S SENSE OF "GOOD" DOES NOT MEASURE UP TO GOD'S DEFINITION OF "GOOD", AND SO WE ALWAYS FALL SHORT**

“HE WHO FEARS HE WILL SUFFER, ALREADY SUFFERS BECAUSE HE FEARS” (Michel Montaigne)

➤ JESUS GIVES US ANSWERS ON HOW TO WALK THROUGH SUFFERING:

- JESUS EQUIPS US TO CONQUER SUFFERING
- JESUS EMPOWERS US TO HELP OTHERS THROUGH THEIR SUFFERING
- JESUS INDWELLS IN US THROUGH OUR DEEPEST SUFFERING
- JESUS SHOWS US HOW TO WALK THROUGH THIS LIFE OF SUFFERING;
- WHETHER IT BE IN LONELY BATTLES, FINANCIAL STRUGGLES, OR LOSS OF LOVED ONES.

➤ OTHER RELIGIONS DO NOT OFFER ANSWERS, ONLY MORE QUESTIONS:

- ONLY JESUS WALKS BESIDE YOU IN SADNESS
- ONLY JESUS CARRIES YOU IN WEAKNESS
- ONLY JESUS GIVES YOU HOPE IN DESPAIR
- “YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL; FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND **THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME.**”
- **THE “STAFF” IS THE STAFF OF MY SHEPHERD JESUS CHRIST, AND I WILL LEAN UPON IT, NIGHT AND DAY, THROUGH THICK AND THIN, AND BE COMFORTED.**

STUDENT QUESTIONS

➔ HOW THEY CAN KNOW WHO CHRIST IS?

- ➔ **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT TO UNDERSTAND WHY CHRIST WAS SENT, WHAT HE DID FOR US, THE MIRACLES HE PERFORMED, AND WHAT HE SAID.**
- ➔ **EXPLAIN TO THEM; WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL FAITH? HOW A PERSON CAN INCREASE THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST AND GOD?**
- ➔ **HOW I KNOW THAT CHRIST IS GOD? (“I AM”)**
- ➔ **READ THE OLD TESTAMENT TO UNDERSTAND THE CHARACTER OF GOD. READ ABOUT THE PROPHECY OF CHRIST THROUGHOUT THE OLD TESTAMENT AND WHAT HE WAS TO FULFILL.**
- ➔ **READ THE OLD TESTAMENT TO UNDERSTAND HOW GOD HAD FORESEEN MAN’S FALL FROM GRACE; AND HOW HE HAD PLANNED THE RETURN OF MAN BACK INTO RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM; EVEN BEFORE THE CREATION OF MAN.**
- ➔ **ONE CANNOT TRULY COMPREHEND AND RECEIVE THE WORDS OF GOD, WITHOUT FIRST ALLOWING GOD TO ENTER THEIR HEART**

STUDENT QUESTIONS

➤ HOW THEY CAN KNOW WHO CHRIST IS?

➤ **THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO KNOW HOW TO RIDE A BICYCLE, DRIVE A CAR, OR FLY AN AIRPLANE.**

➤ **KNOWING CHRIST IS A PERSONAL JOURNEY**

➤ **TO START ONE'S JOURNEY, ONE MUST**

➤ **1) ADMIT HE/SHE IS A SINNER,**

➤ **2) ASK FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF THEIR SINS,**

➤ **3) ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR LORD AND SAVIOUR,**

➤ **4) MUST BE DONE WITH AN HONEST AND OPEN HEART.**

➤ **NO ONE CAN WALK YOUR JOURNEY FOR YOU**

➤ **NO ONE CAN GO THROUGH THE SANCTIFICATION PROCESS FOR YOU**

➤ **IT IS THROUGH THE SANCTIFICATION PROCESS, THAT WE COME TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S CHARACTER AND OUR OWN CHARACTER**

➤ **IT IS THROUGH THE SANCTIFICATION PROCESS, THAT WE DRAW NEAR TO CHRIST AND HE IN TURN DRAWS NEARER TO US**

WHY MANY ACCEPT OTHER RELIGIONS BUT REJECT CHRISTIANITY

- ▶ *Luke 4:22-30, Jesus is rejected by the people of his town Nazareth. "...All were amazed at the words spoken by Jesus. Isn't he the son of Joseph the carpenter?"*
 - ▶ **THEY PROCEED FROM GETTING READY TO ACCEPT JESUS AS THE POSSIBLE MESSIAH; THEN TURN TO CHASE JESUS OUT OF TOWN. WHY?**
- ▶ **WHY DOES MAN REJECT CHRIST?:**
 - ▶ **THEY WOULDN'T HAVE REJECTED JESUS IF HE CAME ONLY TO SHARE GOOD TIDINGS,**
 - ▶ **THEY REJECT JESUS BECAUSE HE POINTED OUT THE TRUTH; SINFULNESS OF MAN AND MAN'S NEED FOR HIM; HIS GRACE.**
 - ▶ **JESUS FORCES US TO ADMIT WE NEED TO BE SAVED FROM OUR OWN SINFULNESS;**
 - ▶ **OTHER RELIGIONS ARE NOT REJECTED BECAUSE THEY SAY "WE CAN DO IT OUR WAY"; CHRIST IS REJECTED BECAUSE "HE POINTS OUT WE MUST DO IT HIS WAY".**

ACCEPTING TRUTHS IS MORE THAN EVIDENCE IT IS A MATTER OF THE HEART

STORY OF THE AGNOSTIC “CHRISTIAN” WHO WOULDN’T ACCEPT TRUTH

➤ WHO CREATED GOD?

- HE BELIEVED GOD HAD TO HAVE A CREATOR (ILLOGICAL: LEADS TO INFINITE CHAIN)
- THIS ASSUMPTION IS BASED UPON THE THOUGHTS OF A CREATED BEING, WHO CAN ONLY UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING AS BEING CREATED LIKE HIMSELF.
- (ACTS 17:23-31) APOSTLE PAUL PROCLAIMS TO THE ATHENIANS, REGARDING THEIR MULTIPLE STATUES AND IDOLS:
 - “I EVEN FOUND AN ALTAR TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. NOW WHAT YOU WORSHIP AS UNKNOWN I AM GOING TO PROCLAIM TO YOU.”
 - “IN THE PAST, GOD OVERLOOKED SUCH IGNORANCE, BUT NOW HE COMMANDS ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE TO REPENT. FOR HE HAS SET A DAY WHEN HE WILL JUDGE THE WORLD WITH JUSTICE BY THE MAN HE HAS APPOINTED. HE HAS GIVEN PROOF OF THIS TO ALL MEN BY RAISING HIM FROM THE DEAD.”

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➤ **ATHEISTS ACCEPT THAT THE UNIVERSE JUST IS; YET REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT GOD JUST IS.**

➤ “THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, ‘I AM, THAT I AM. THIS IS WHAT YOU ARE TO SAY TO THE ISRAELITES: ‘I AM HAS SENT ME TO YOU.’”
(EXO. 3:14)

➤ **WHAT HAPPENS IN A WORLD THAT REFUSES TO ACCEPT CERTAIN TRUTHS?**

WHAT HAPPENS IN A WORLD THAT DOES NOT WANT TO ACCEPT TRUTH?

- ▶ JOHN 18:37-38, "...Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a King. In fact, for this reason I was born, and **for this I came into this world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.**"
"What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews..."
- ▶ **PONTIUS PILATE ASKED ONE OF THE MOST PROFOUND QUESTIONS IN LIFE, BUT HE NEVER STUCK AROUND TO HEAR JESUS' ANSWER.**
 - ▶ YOU WILL OFTEN FIND THIS TO BE THE CASE WHEN IN CONVERSATION WITH ATHEISTS. THEY ASK THE QUESTION, BUT RUN BEFORE YOU CAN ANSWER; ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU RESPOND, "I'M GLAD YOU ASKED THAT QUESTION."
- ▶ MODERN MAN THINKS THEY ARE THE ONES TO COME UP WITH IDEAS OF "RELATIVISM", BUT PONTIUS PILATE SHOWS US THIS WAS A PROBLEM EVEN 2,000 YEARS AGO.
 - ▶ THIS IS NOT A "NEW-AGE" PROBLEM

JOHN 18:37-38,

“What is truth?” Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews...

➤ WHAT IS **YOUR** TRUTH?

➤ WHAT IS YOUR MORAL TRUTH?

➤ WHAT IS **MY** TRUTH?

➤ WHAT IS MY MORAL TRUTH? **IS IT THE SAME AS YOURS?**

➤ ACCORDING TO POST-MODERNISM, WHERE ALL TRUTHS ARE RELATIVE TO THE INDIVIDUAL, **EVEN $2+2=4$ IS QUESTIONABLE**; EVEN THE INTERPRETATION OF WRITTEN CONTRACTS IS DEPENDANT UPON THE INDIVIDUAL:

➤ **THAT IS UNTIL IT COMES TO CALCULATING THEIR PAYCHECK FOR WORK, THEN THEY WANT TO BRING OUT THEIR CONTRACT AND POINT OUT WHERE IT SAYS WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PAID.**

➤ **WHEN HAVING A HOUSE BUILT, WOULD THEY ACCEPT A CONTRACTOR'S MEASUREMENTS IF IT WAS DIFFERENT THAN THEIR MEASUREMENTS?**

➤ IS TRUTH RELATIVE?

➤ **IF SO, THEY SHOULD ACCEPT ANY MEASUREMENT AND SHOULD HAVE NOTHING TO SAY WHEN THE HOUSE COLLAPSES! OTHERWISE, THEY ARE ADMITTING THAT THEY BELIEVE IN ABSOLUTE TRUTH.**

WHEN TRUTH IS RELATIVE

- WHEN TRUTH IS RELATIVE TO EACH PERSON, IT WORKS OUT FINE UNTIL THERE'S A DISAGREEMENT:
 - WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE IS A DISAGREEMENT OF "TRUTHS"
 - IN A WORLD FILLED WITH MORAL RELATIVISM, WHOSE TRUTH IS MORE CORRECT; MINE OR MY NEIGHBOR'S
 - IF I SAY MY TRUTH IS MORE CORRECT THAN YOUR TRUTH, THEN I HAVE DESTROYED MY OWN ARGUMENT FOR "ACCEPTING AND PROMOTING THE IDEA OF RELATIVISM"

WHOSE TRUTH IS THE CORRECT TRUTH?

➤ SO THEN, WHOSE TRUTH IS THE CORRECT TRUTH?:

- **WHERE DO WE TURN TO FOR THE TRUE TRUTH IN A WORLD OF FALSE TRUTHS, HALF-TRUTHS, AND RELATIVE TRUTHS?**
- **WITHOUT GOD, THERE IS NO STANDARD OF WHAT TRUTH TRULY IS!**

➤ IN A WORLD WITHOUT AN ULTIMATE GOD, THERE CAN BE NO TRUE-TRUTH

- **WITHOUT A TRUE-TRUTH GIVER; MAN IS LEFT LOST UNTO HIMSELF. EVEN WITHIN HIS OWN SELF-CREATED TRUTHS, HE IS LOST.**
- **IF MAN IS LOST EVEN UNTO HIS OWN TRUTHS; WHEN TRUTHS TURNS INTO LIES, AND LIES TURN INTO TRUTHS, MAN IS LOST INDEED!**

CLOSING PRAYER

- GRACIOUS FATHER, WE NEED YOUR HELP OH LORD;
- YOU'VE GIVEN US THE INFORMATION, NOW GIVE US THE RIGHT HEART.
- GIVE US THE CORRECT POSTURE AND DISPOSITION TO BE YOU SERVANTS.
- LET OUR ATTITUDE BE ALIGNED WITH YOUR HEART, WITH YOUR PURPOSES, NOT OURS.
- OPEN OUR EYES, TO IDENTIFY THE PERSON YOU SEND US TO WITNESS TO;
- OPEN OUR HEARTS, TO FEEL THE HURT WITHIN THE HEART OF THOSE YOU PLACE BEFORE US;
- CLARIFY OUR MINDS, TO VISUALIZE THEIR PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS ;
- SO WE MAY BE USED MIGHTLY FOR YOUR PURPOSES, OH LORD.
- AND MAY WE HELP THEM TO SEE CLEARLY, THE NARROW PATH YOU HAVE DEFINED FOR US ALL. HAVING THE COURAGE TO SPEAK THE FULL TRUTH; NOT THE HALF TRUTHS OF THIS WORLD.
- WE PRAY THIS FATHER, IN JESUS' NAME
- AMEN