



God's Grand Design

Exploring Origins in Science and Scripture

Part 2

Where did life come from?

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questions at:

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Class Format:

7:00 - 7:20 lecture

7:20 - 7:40 video

7:40 - 8:00 discussion

Annular Solar Eclipse:



Two Theories of Origins

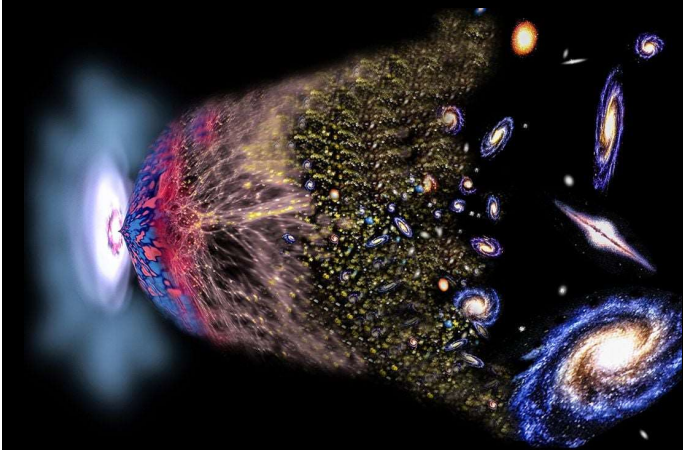
View #1 – God created the heavens and the earth.
(in six days, thousands of years ago)

View #2. The heavens and earth evolved, without God.
(millions and billions of years ago)

Evolution: the gradual development of something, especially from a simple to more complex form.

The Big Bang Theory is the leading explanation for how the universe began. Simply put, it says the universe started with an infinitely hot and dense single point that inflated and stretched – first at unimaginable speeds, and then at a more measurable rate – over the next 13.7 billion years to the still-expanding cosmos that we know today.

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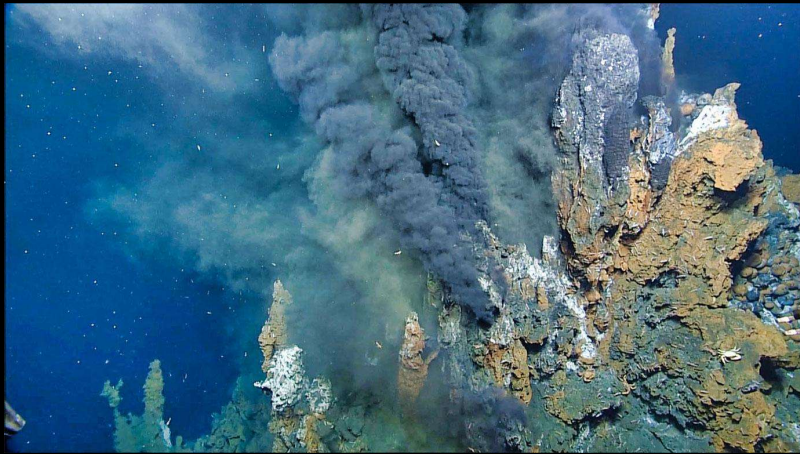
Earth formed from debris orbiting around our sun about 4.5 billion years ago.

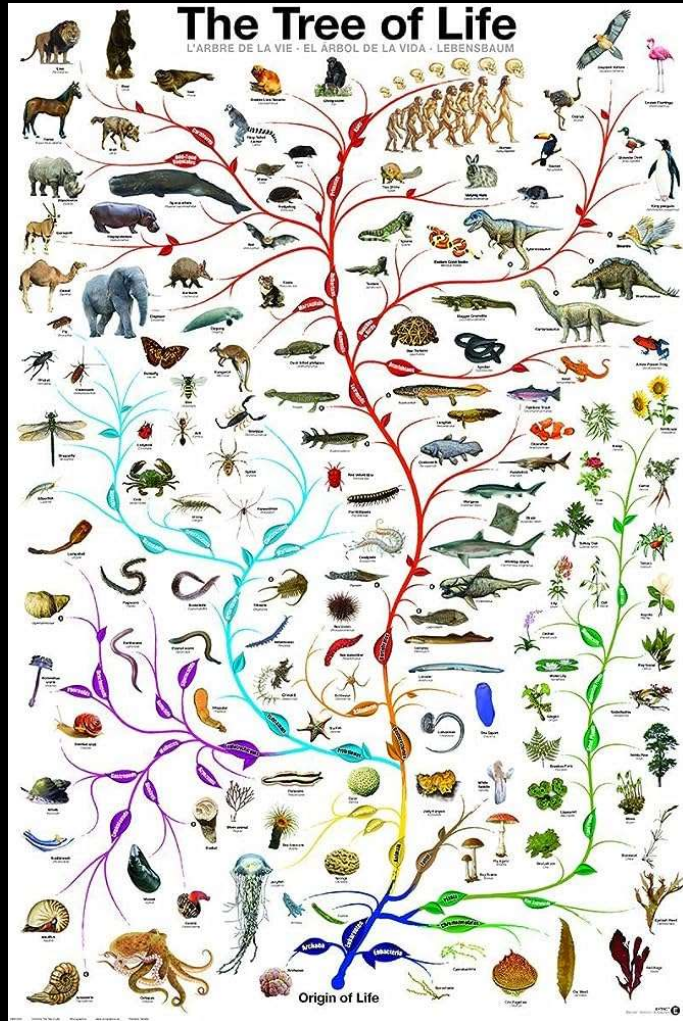
Los Alamos National Laboratory



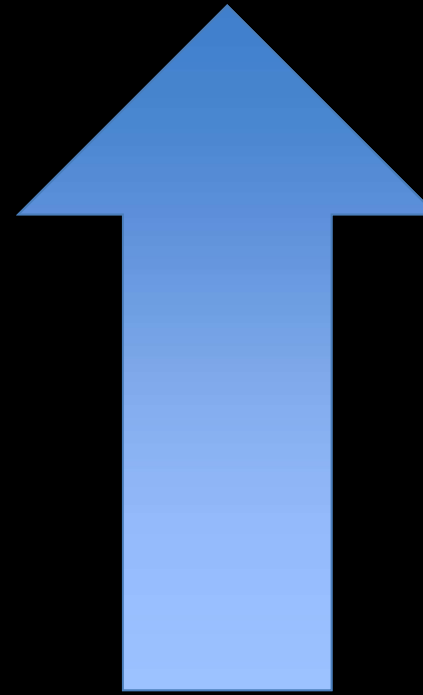
According to the conventional hypothesis, the earliest living cells emerged as a result of chemical evolution on our planet about 3.7 billion years ago in a process called abiogenesis.

Smithsonian Natural History





Today

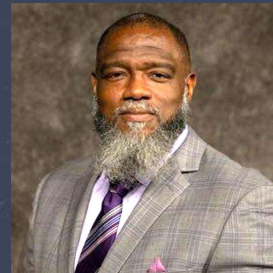


3.7 billion years ago

Genesis 1:1-2:3



Voddie Baucham - 14 minutes



Day 1



**Light
and
earth**

Day 2



**Separate
waters
above
and
below**

Day 3



**Dry land
and plants**

Day 4



**Sun,
moon,
planets,
and stars**

Day 5



**Flying
and sea
creatures**

Day 6



**Land
animals
and man**

6 Days of Creation

The Rock Church believes the Bible (the inspired Word of God) is completely true. This means we believe it's accurate as related to earthly events – both in the past and in the future. We believe events described in the Bible happened just as they were written. The miracles described in the Bible are true, historical events that took place as the Scriptures depicted them.

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Key Hebrew words from Genesis 1:1-2:3

Bara – create

Min – kind

Yom – day

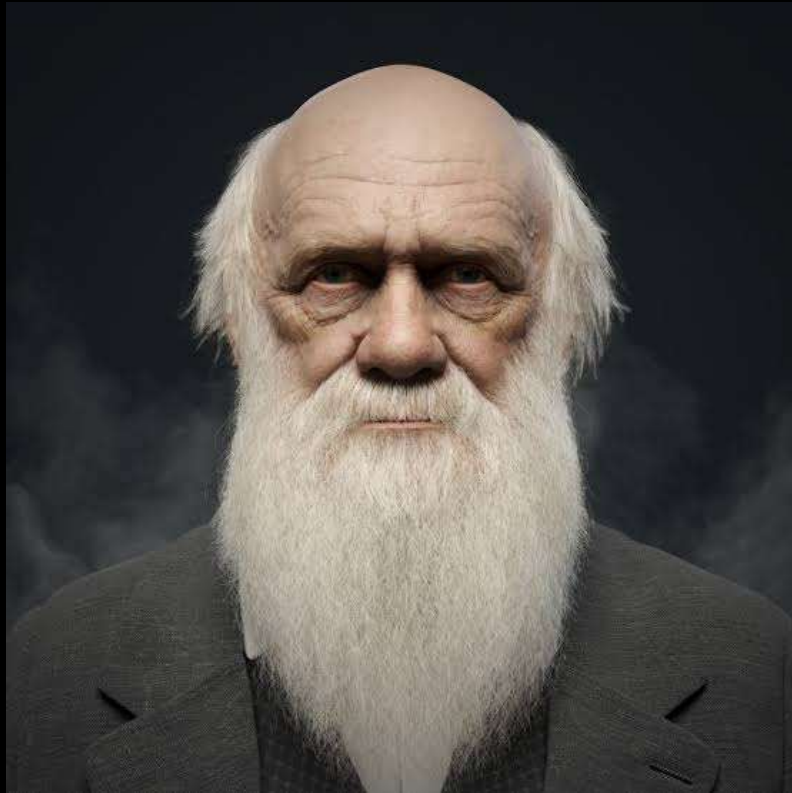
Kalah – finished

Key Hebrew words from Genesis 1:1-2:3

1. Create (Gen. 1:1, 1:21, 1:27, 2:3) (6 times)

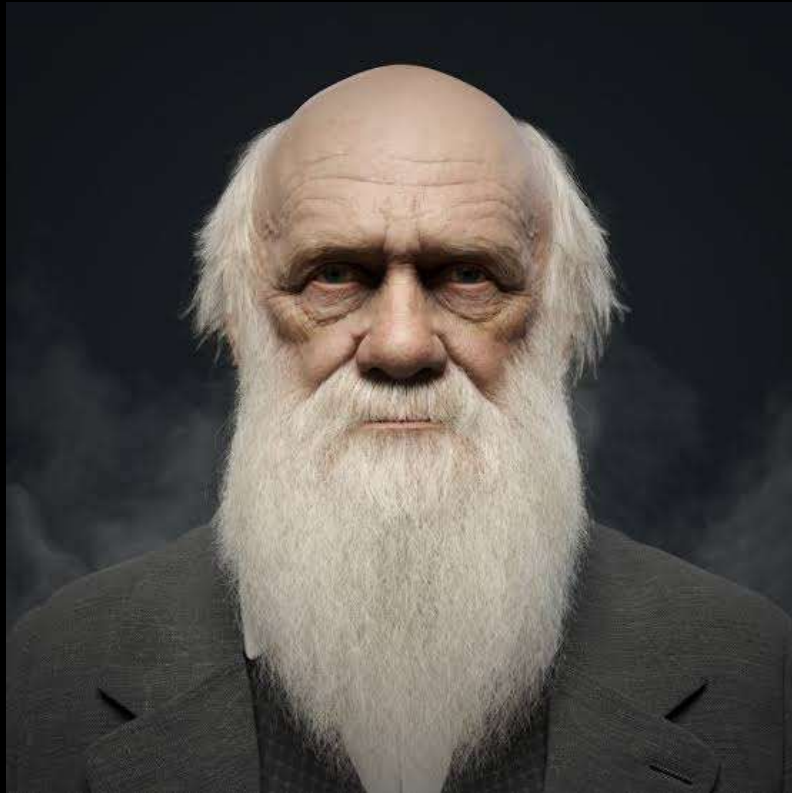
Bara: to create

1. It refers to the creation of something new that never had any existence before.
2. It refers to an act of creation by God.
3. The word does not exclude the use of pre-existing matter.
4. Creation ex nihilo is indicated by the Hebrew.



If we could conceive in some warm little pond with all sort of ammonia and phosphoric salts, light, heat, electricity present, that a protein compound was chemically formed, ready to undergo still more complex change.

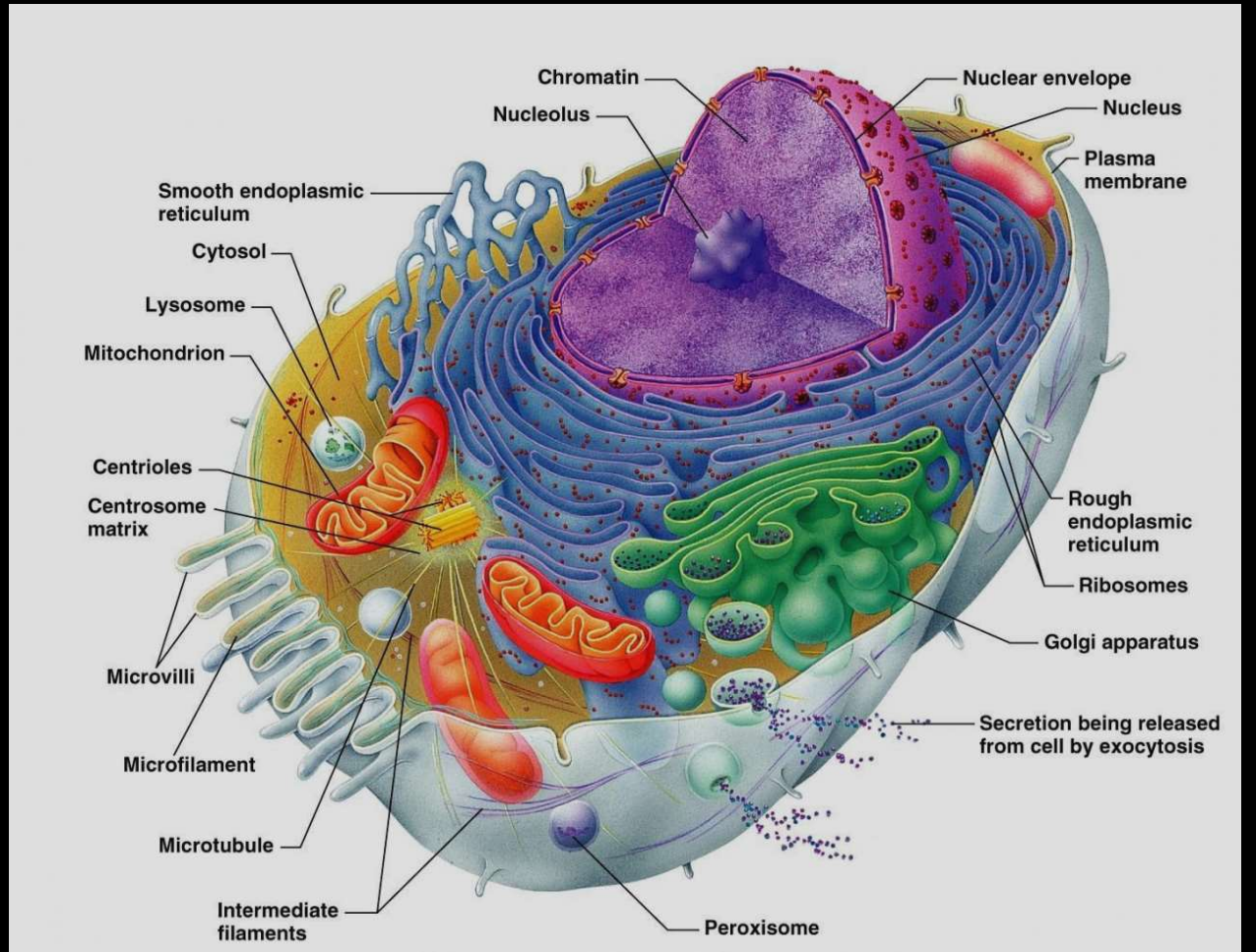
Charles Darwin

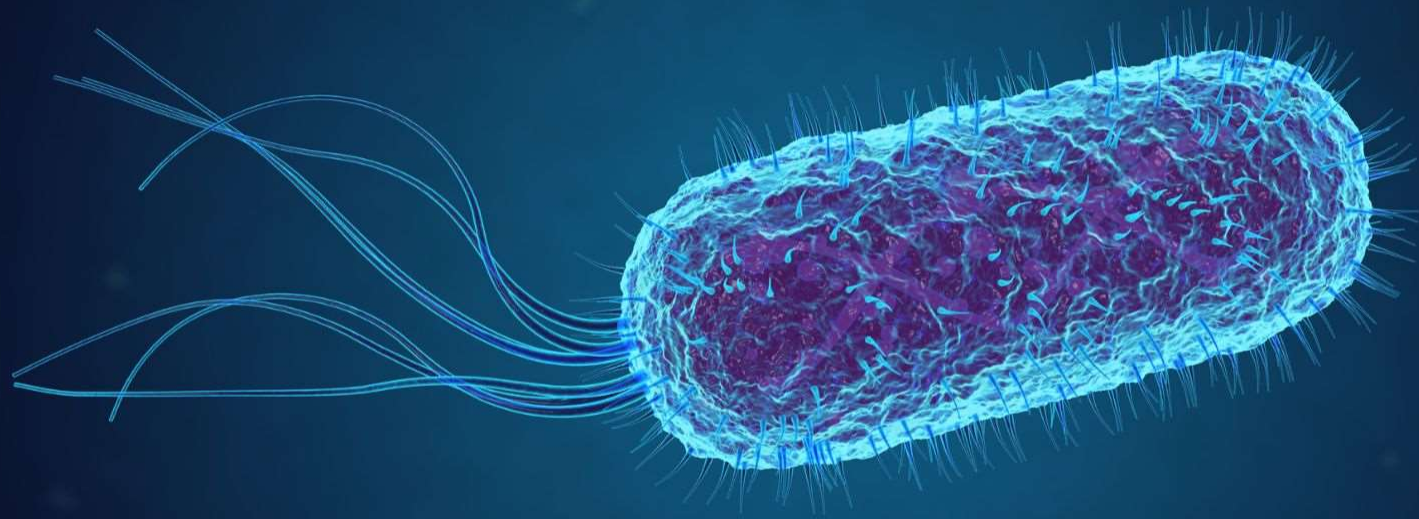


If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down. But I can find out no such case.

Charles Darwin

A simple cell





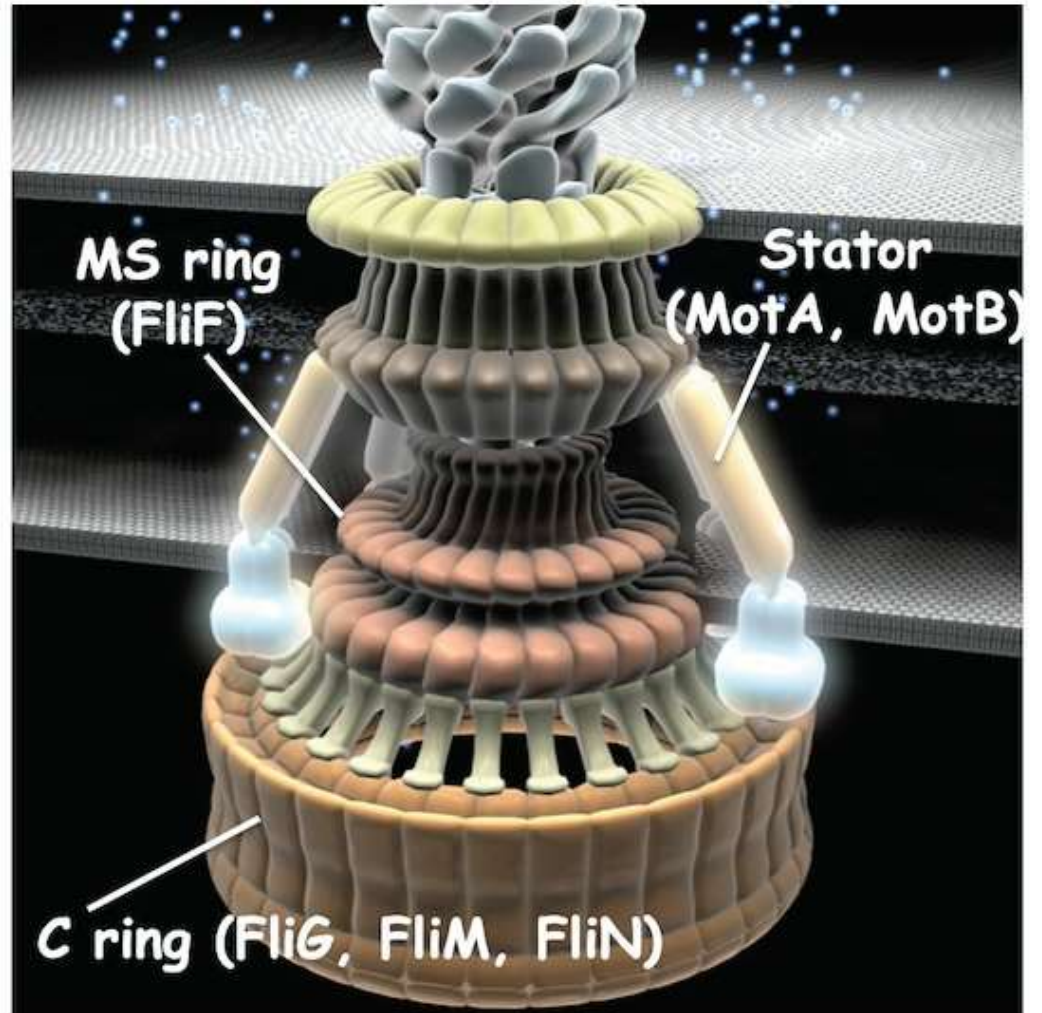
E-coli bacteria

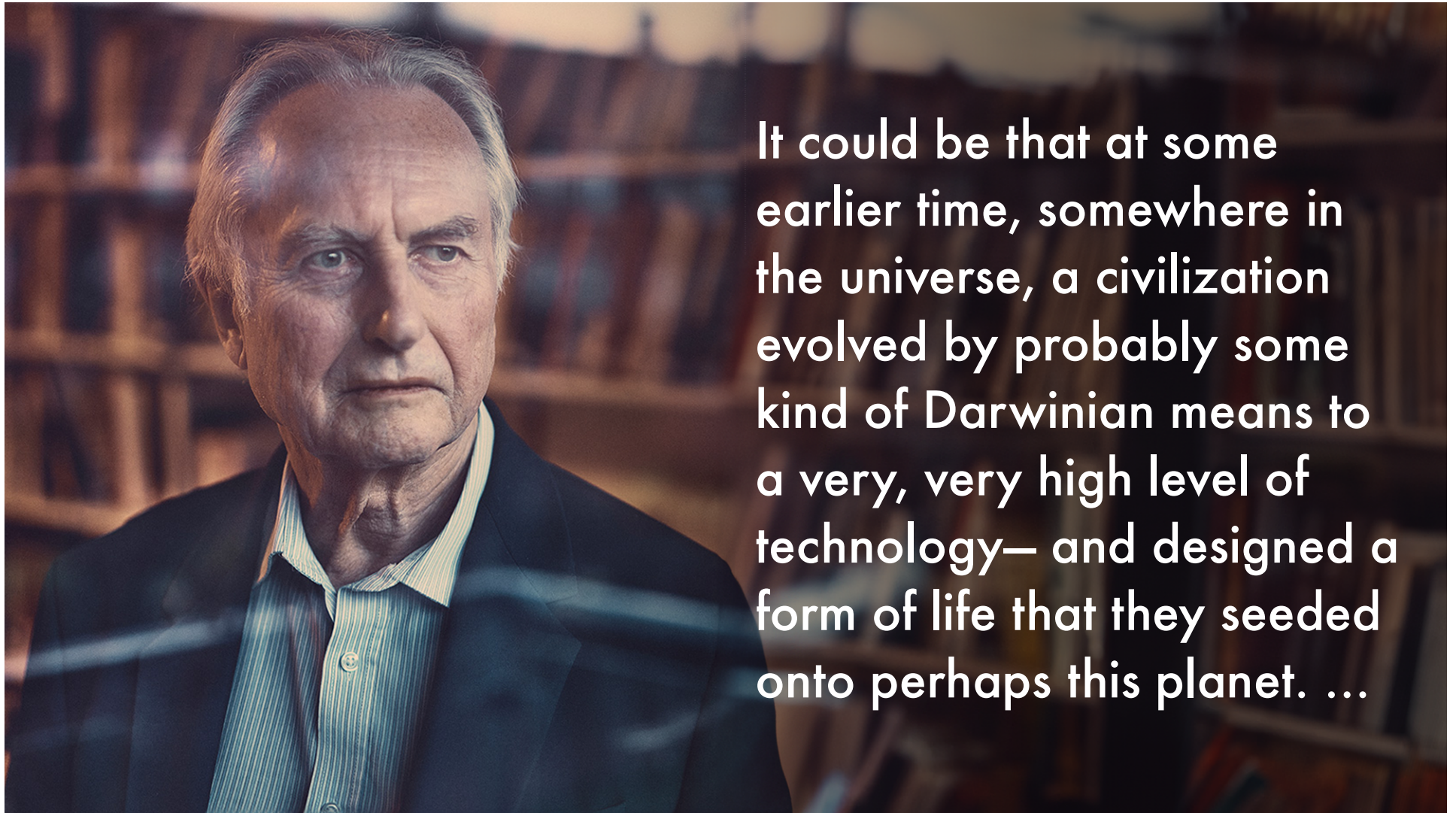
Bacterial Flagellum

Filament
(Screw)

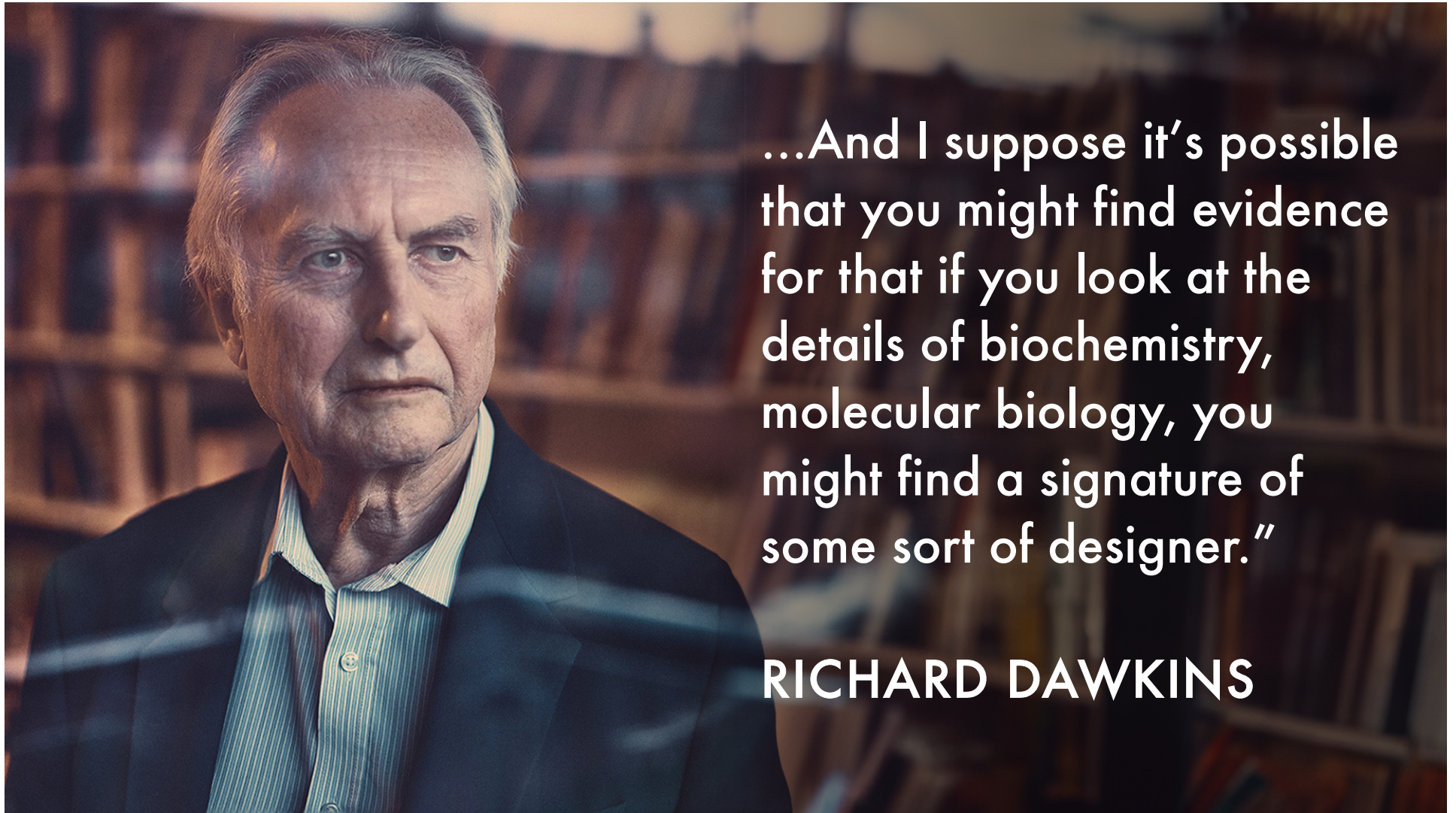
Hook
(Universal joint)

Basal body
(Rotary motor)





It could be that at some earlier time, somewhere in the universe, a civilization evolved by probably some kind of Darwinian means to a very, very high level of technology— and designed a form of life that they seeded onto perhaps this planet. ...



...And I suppose it's possible that you might find evidence for that if you look at the details of biochemistry, molecular biology, you might find a signature of some sort of designer."

RICHARD DAWKINS

Key Hebrew words from Genesis 1:1-2:3

2. Kind (Gen. 1:11, 1:12, 1:21, 1:24, 1:25) (10 times)

Min: kind, type of creature or plant

“According to its kind”

Day 3: God created plants according to their kind.

Day 5: God created fish and bird after their kind.

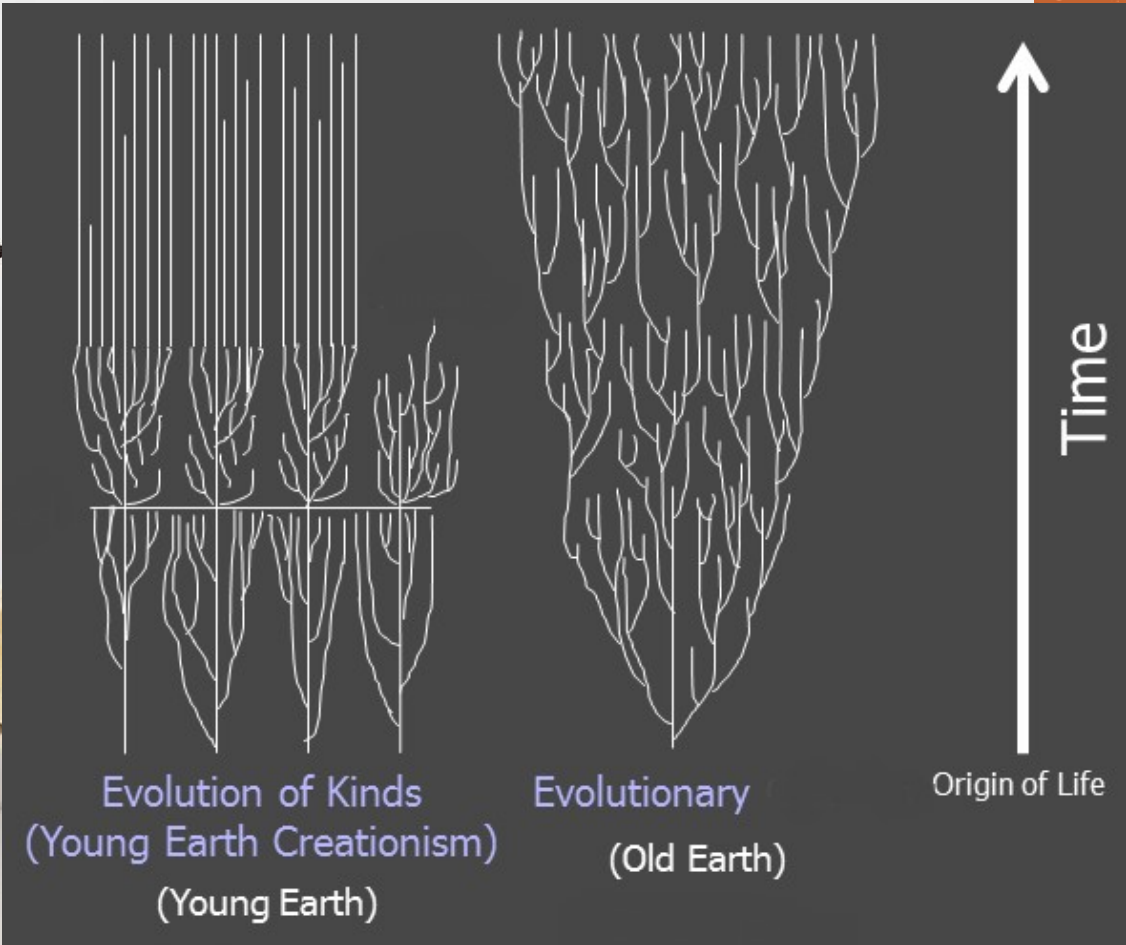
Day 6: God created land animals according to their kind.

Taxonomy: the classification of living and extinct organisms

Subspecies: <i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	 Dog								
Species: <i>Canis lupus</i>	 Wolf	 Dog							
Genus: <i>Canis</i>	 Jackal	 Wolf	 Dog						
Family: Canidae	 Fox	 Jackal	 Wolf	 Dog					
Order: Carnivora	 Cat	 Fox	 Jackal	 Wolf	 Dog				
Class: Mammalia	 Rabbit	 Cat	 Fox	 Jackal	 Wolf	 Dog			
Phylum: Chordata	 Fish	 Rabbit	 Cat	 Fox	 Jackal	 Wolf	 Dog		
Kingdom: Animalia	 Insect	 Fish	 Rabbit	 Cat	 Fox	 Jackal	 Wolf	 Dog	
Domain: Eukarya	 Plant	 Insect	 Fish	 Rabbit	 Cat	 Fox	 Jackal	 Wolf	 Dog



Common evolutionary source or common designer(s)?



Key Hebrew words from Genesis 1:1-2:3

3. Day (Gen. 1:5, 1:8, 1:13, 1:14, 1:16, 1:18, 1:19, 1:23, 1:31, 2:1, 2:2, 2:3) (14 times)

Yom: 24 hour day or period of time or daylight.

“On the day of Oct. 14, 2023, during the day, my dad told me stories from back in his day.”

Days in Genesis 1 & 2:

Gen. 1:5 - And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. (one day)

Gen. 1:8 - And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. (second day)

Gen. 1:13 - And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. (third day)

Gen. 1:19 - And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. (fourth day)

Gen. 1:23 - And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. (fifth day)

Gen. 1:31 - And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. (day sixth)


Gen. 2:2 - He rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. (day seventh)

EXODUS 20:11

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Lexicon :: Strong's H3117 - *yôm*

יֹם

Transliteration	Pronunciation
<i>yôm</i>	yome 
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
masculine noun	From an unused root meaning to be hot

Dictionary Aids

TWOT Reference: 852

KJV Translation Count — Total: 2,287x

The KJV translates Strong's H3117 in the following manner: day (2,008x), time (64x), chronicles (with H1697) (37x), daily (44x), ever (18x), year (14x), continually (10x), when (10x), as (10x), while (8x), full (8x), always (4x), whole (4x), always (4x), *miscellaneous* (44x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. day, time, year
 - A. day (as opposed to night)
 - B. day (24 hour period)
 - i. as defined by evening and morning in Genesis 1
 - ii. as a division of time
 - a. a working day, a day's journey
 - C. days, lifetime (pl.)
 - D. time, period (general)
 - E. year
 - F. temporal references
 - i. today
 - ii. yesterday
 - iii. tomorrow

88% of the time - *yom* means a 24-hour day.

BUT...

100% of the time – when used with a number, *yom* means 24-hour day. (410 cases)

100% of the time – when used with evening/morning or night/day, *yom* means 24-hour day. (113 cases)



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4. Finished (Gen. 2:1, 2:2) (2 times)

Kalah: to be complete, finished, accomplished.

GENESIS 2:1-3

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 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. 3 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.

CREATION MODEL:

- God created the universe
- Over six days
- Into distinct "kinds"
- Creation is finished

EVOLUTION MODEL:

- The universe evolved w/o God
- Over billions of years
- All the "kinds" are related
- Evolution is ongoing

HEBREWS 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you learn from tonight's lecture?
2. Which of these Hebrew words (created, kind, day & finished) do you find the most significant? Why?
3. Any observations about the different scientific subjects discussed tonight? What stood out to you?
4. Why do you think people would prefer to believe in an alien creator rather than a biblical Creator?
5. Have a few people pray.



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