



***Twelve Points that
Show Christianity is True***

It is True that The Theistic God exists

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- 1. Truth about reality is knowable.**
- 2. The opposite of true is false.**
- 3. It is true that the theistic God exists.**
- 4. If God exists then miracles are possible.**
- 5. Miracles can be used to confirm a message from God.**
- 6. The New Testament is historically reliable.**
- 7. The New Testament says Jesus claimed to be God.**
- 8. Jesus' claim to be God was miraculously confirmed by:**
 - a. His fulfillment of many prophecies about Himself;**
 - b. His sinless and miraculous life;**
 - c. His prediction and accomplishment of His resurrection**
- 9. Therefore, Jesus is God.**
- 10. Whatever Jesus (who is God) teaches is true.**
- 11. Jesus taught that the Bible is the Word of God.**
- 12. Therefore, it is true that the Bible is the Word of God (and anything opposed to it is false).**

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Are There Reasons to Believe a Theistic God Exists?

Yes! There are 3 Good Reasons:

- 1. The Universe had a beginning*
- 2. Life reveals incredible design*
- 3. There is a moral law*

Three Great Arguments for the Existence of God



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Evidence that the Universe Had a Beginning



SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

UNIVERSE IS EXPANDING

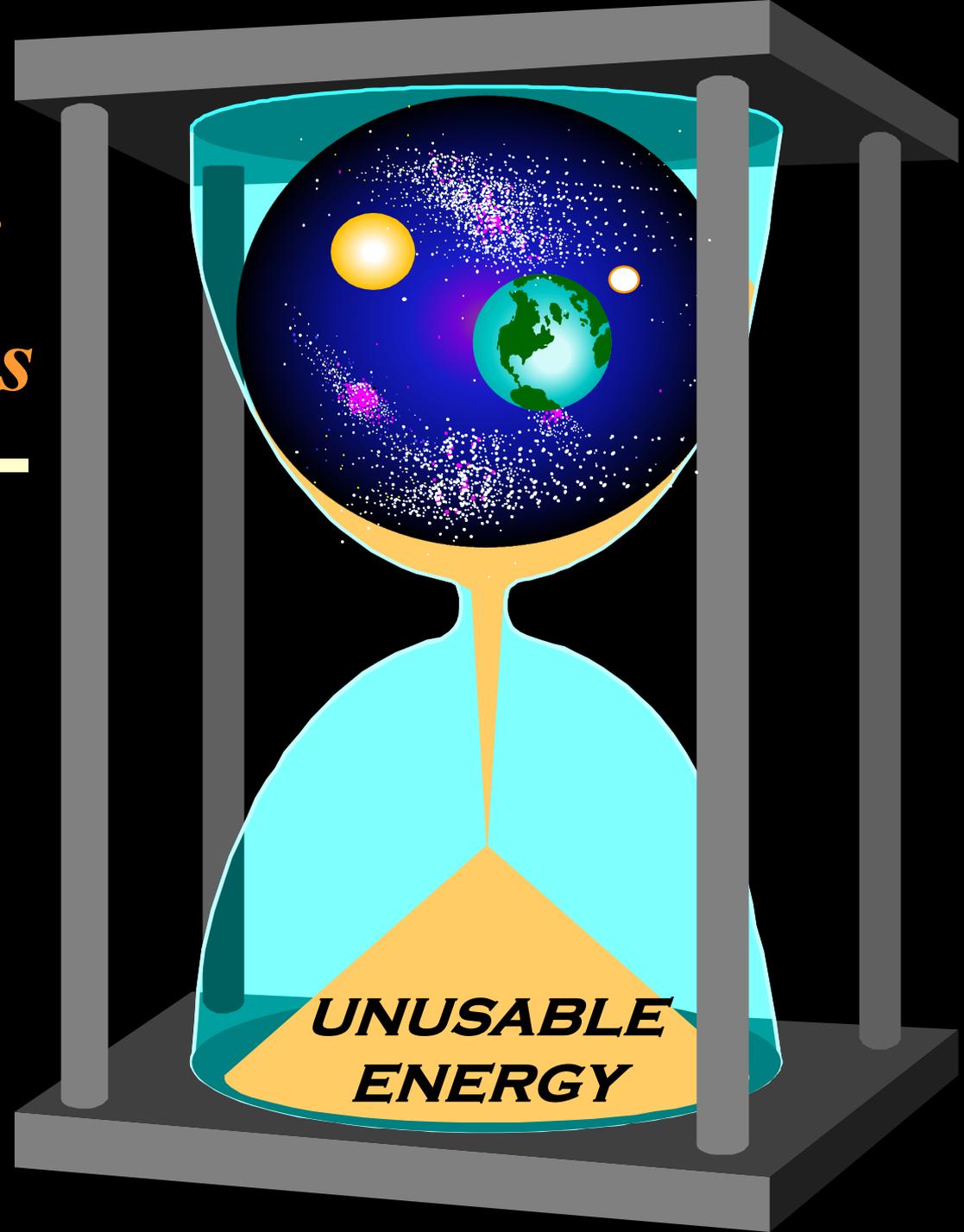
RADIATION ECHO

GREAT MASS OF MATTER

END OF INFINITE TIME IMPOSSIBLE

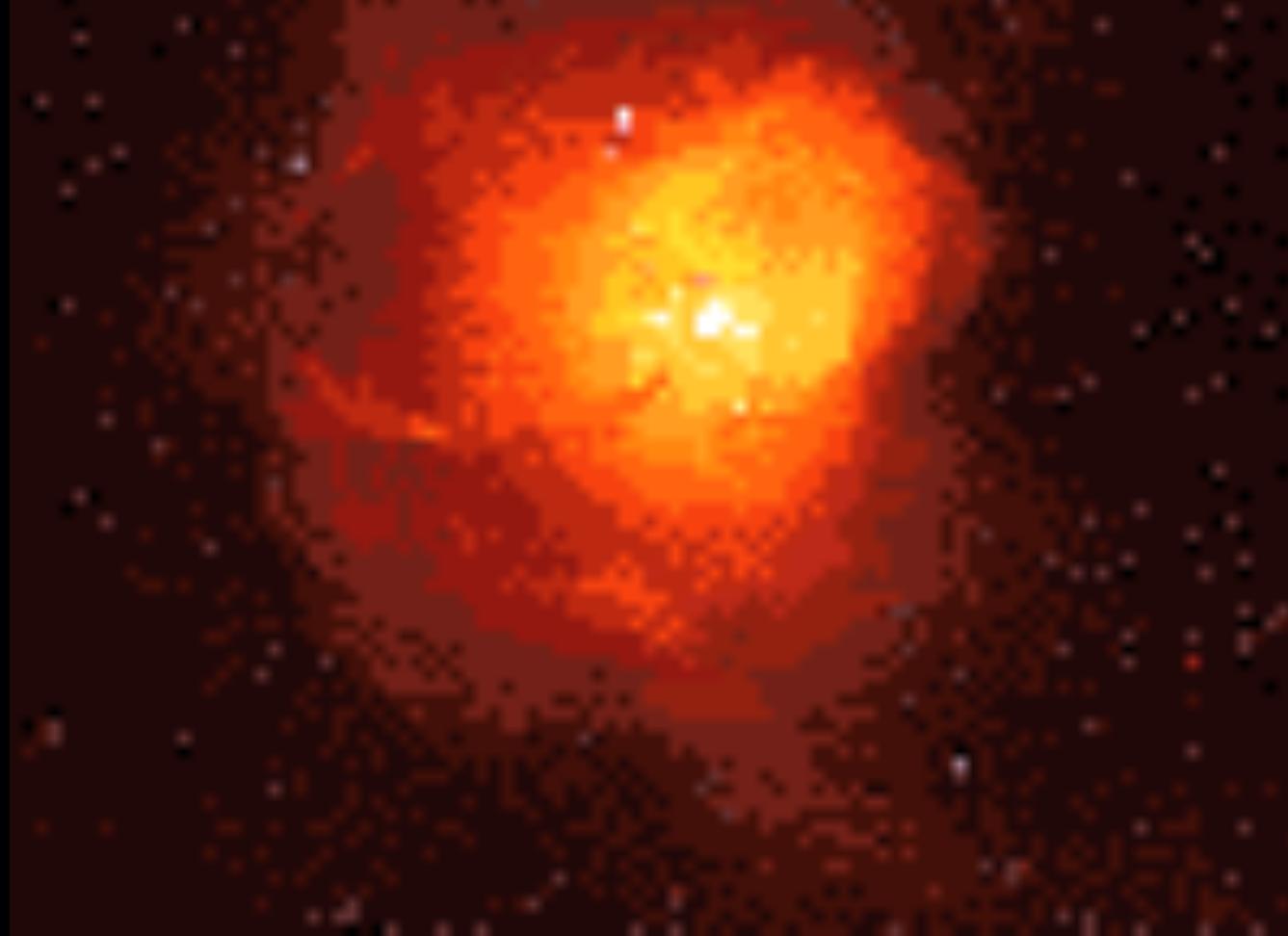
Second Law of Thermodynamics

*The universe is
running down;
it is running
out of energy*

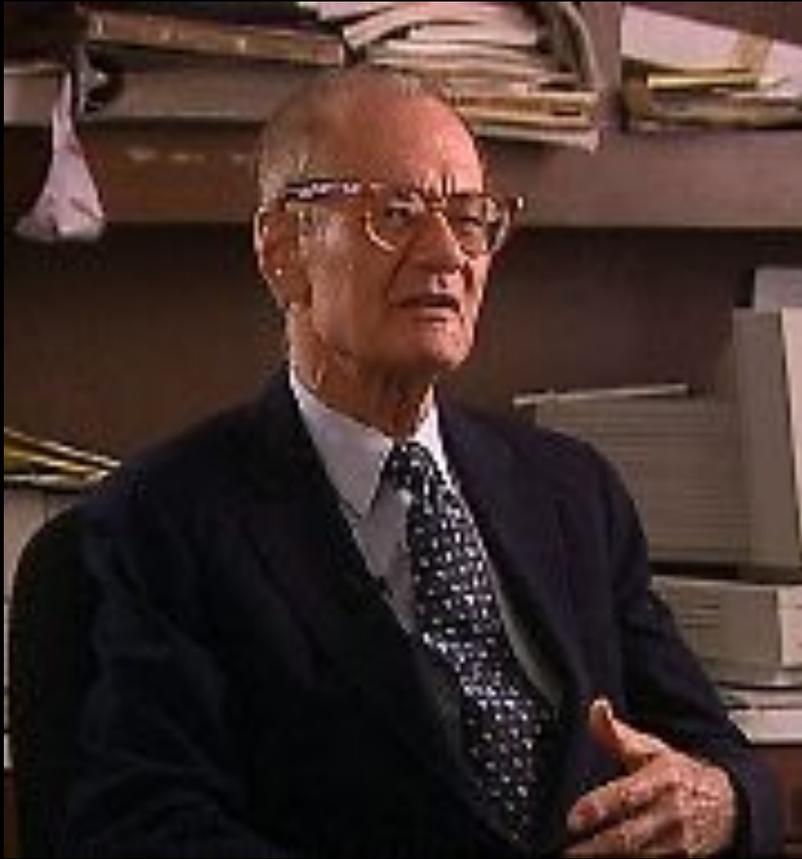


In the Beginning:

BANG!

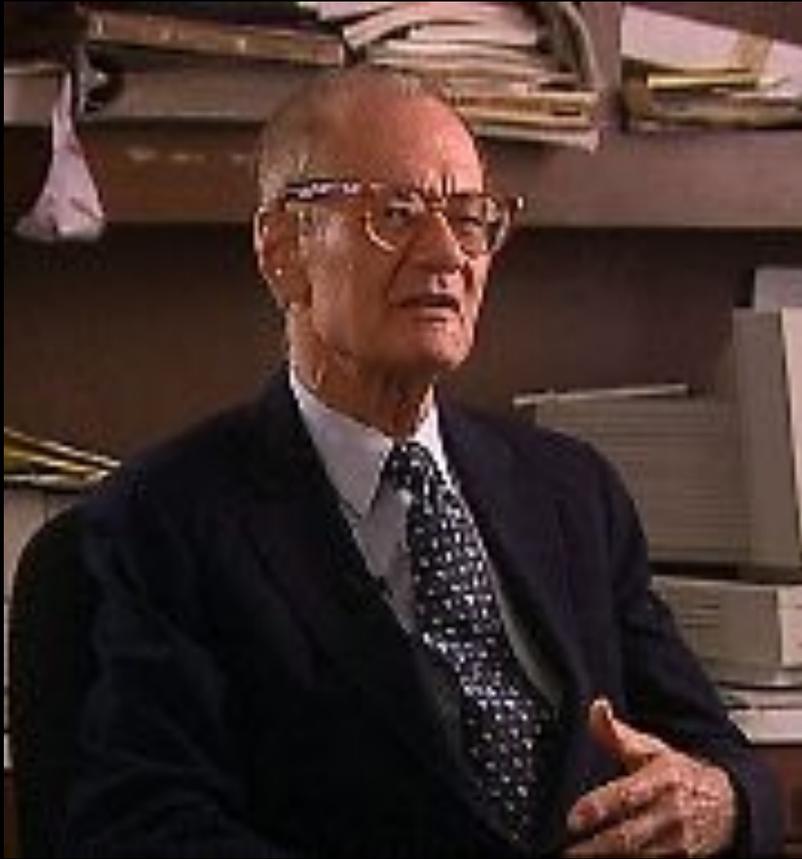


An Agnostic Astronomer



“Now we see how the astronomical evidence leads to a biblical view of the origin of the world.... The chain of events leading to man commence suddenly and sharply at a definite moment in time, in a flash of light and energy” (Robert Jastrow, *God and the Astronomers*, 14).

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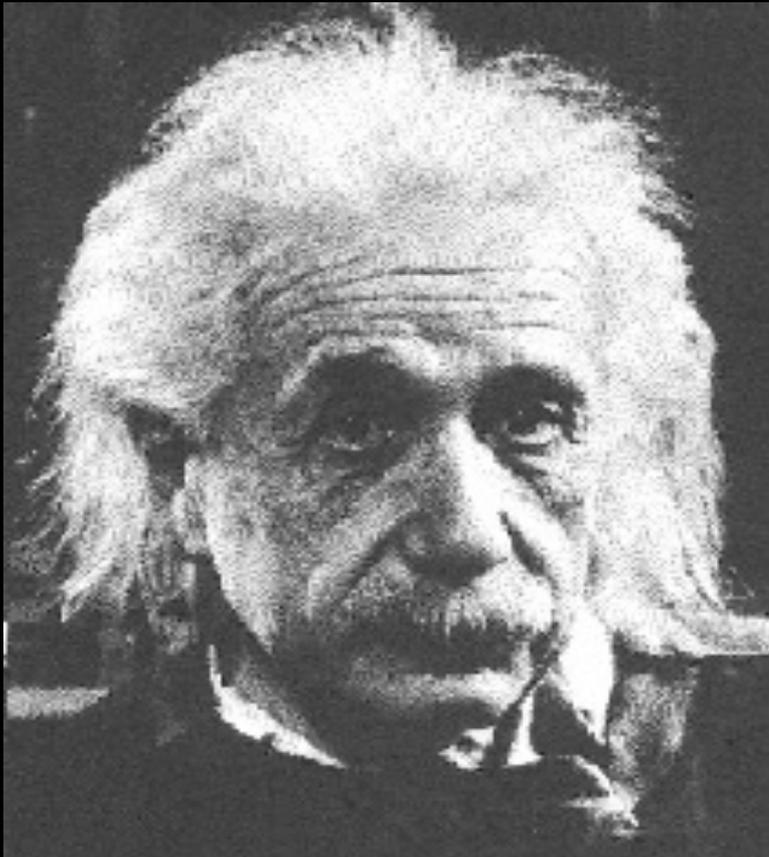


- "That there are what I or anyone would call supernatural forces at work is now, I think, a scientifically proven fact"
(Jastrow in *Christianity*)

Science Ends with a Beginning

"The scientists pursuit of the past ends in the moment of creation. This is an exceedingly strange development, unexpected by all but theologians. They have always accepted the word of the Bible: 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth'"

A Super-Intelligent Cause



- "The harmony of natural law. . . reveals an intelligence of such superiority that, compared with it, all the systematic thinking and acting of human beings is an utterly insignificant reflection" (in Heeren, *Shew Me God*, 66).

Three Great Reasons for the Existence of God



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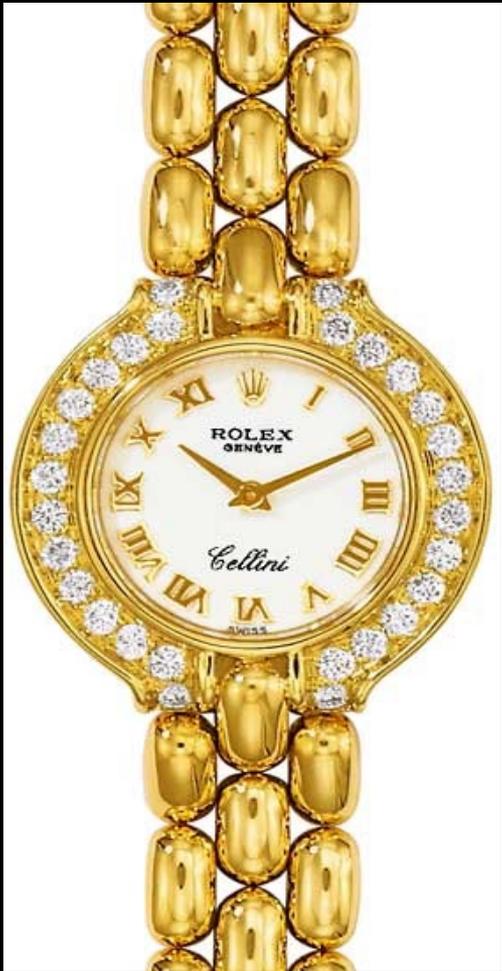
2. 2. The Second Reason

A. a. Every design has a designer.

B. b. The universe and life have highly complex design.

C. c. Therefore, the universe and life have a Designer

Every Design has a Designer





GRAND CANYON



MT. RUSHMORE

TWO TYPES OF CAUSES

INTELLIGENT

NATURAL



Mount Rushmore



Grand Canyon



BEACH SAND



... behold, now is
the accepted time:
behold, now is the day
of salvation.
II COR. 6:2
For all have sinned,
and come short of the
glory of God.
ROMANS 3:23

... a man's life can
profit him in the
abundance of the things
which he possesseth
LUKE 12:15
For what shall
it profit a man, if he
shall gain the whole
world, and lose his
own soul?
MARK 8:36

JESUS SAND

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Jesus Sand

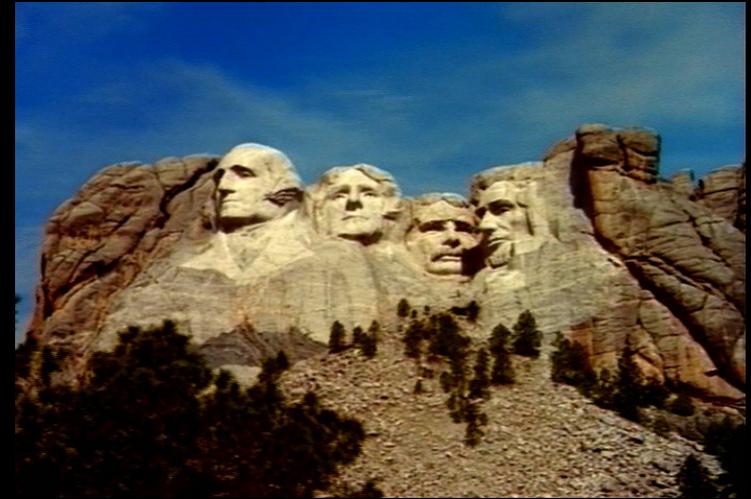
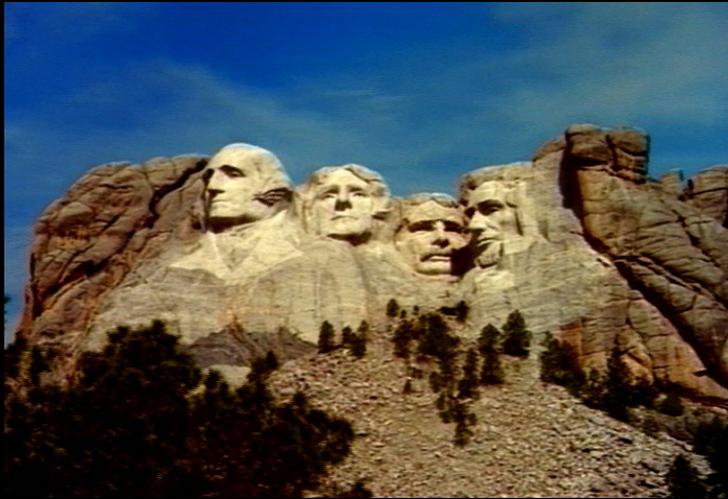


Beach Sand

What Caused Mt. Rushmore?

Past: Intelligent
Designer

Today: Intelligent
Designer



1000 BC

1 AD

1000

2000

Principle of Uniformity

**Causes in the past were
like those in the present**

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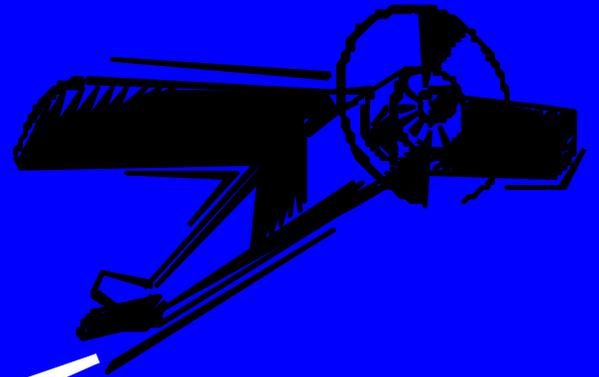
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Intelligent Design from an Intelligent Being! (Mom)

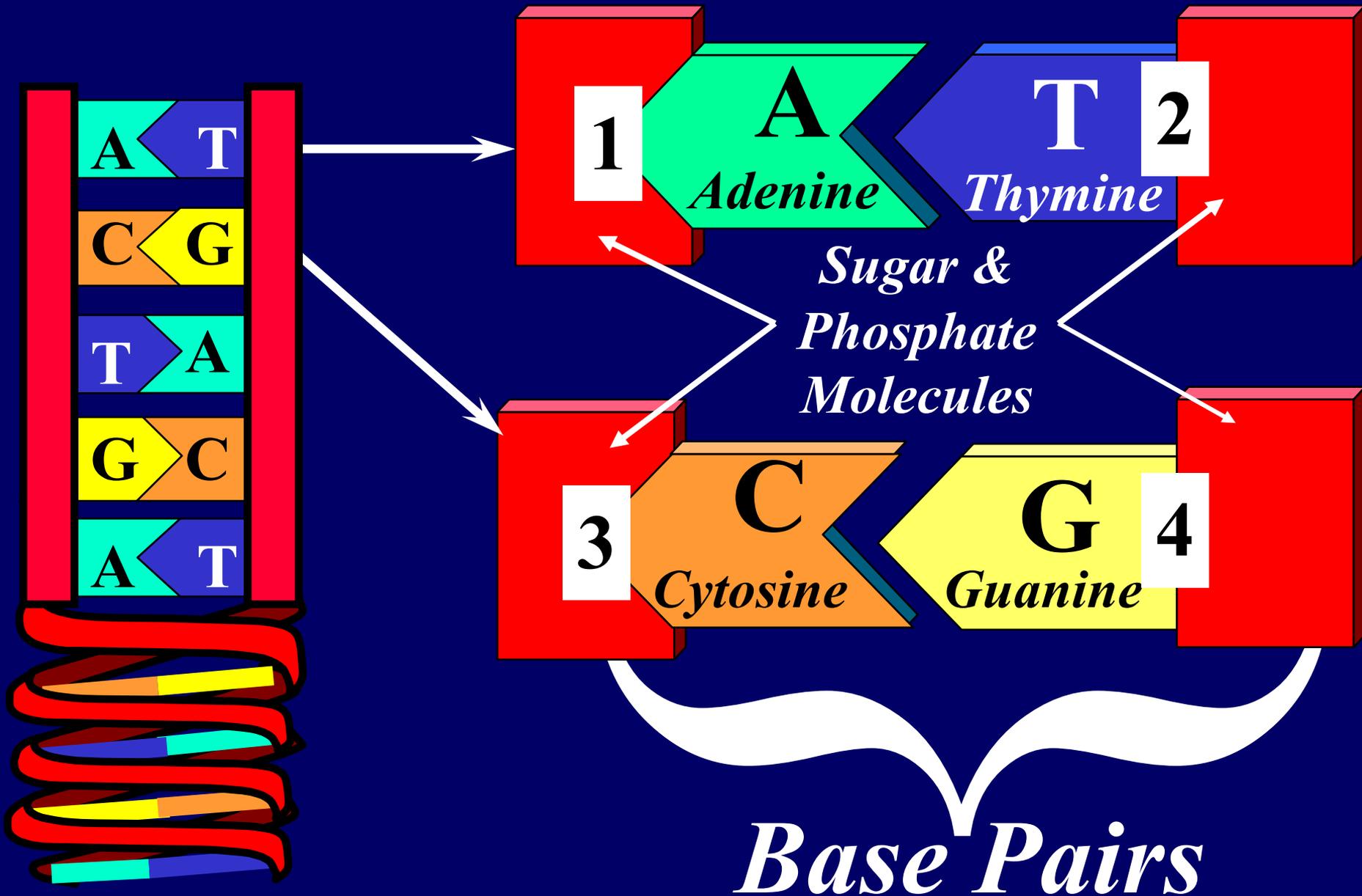
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T H E G A R B A G E
- M O M



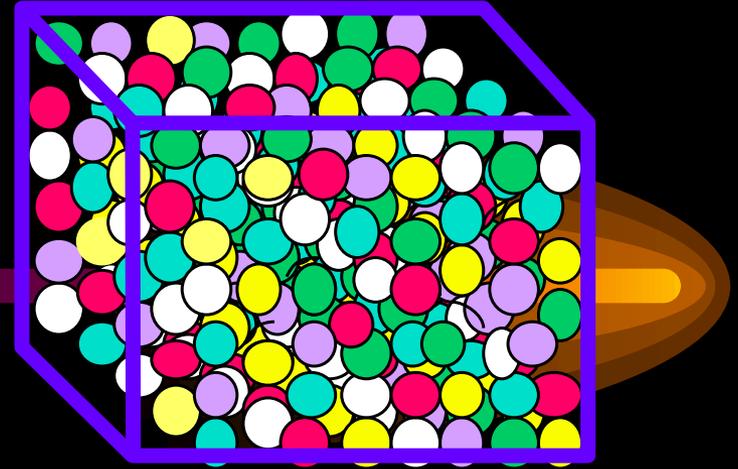
Drink
Coke



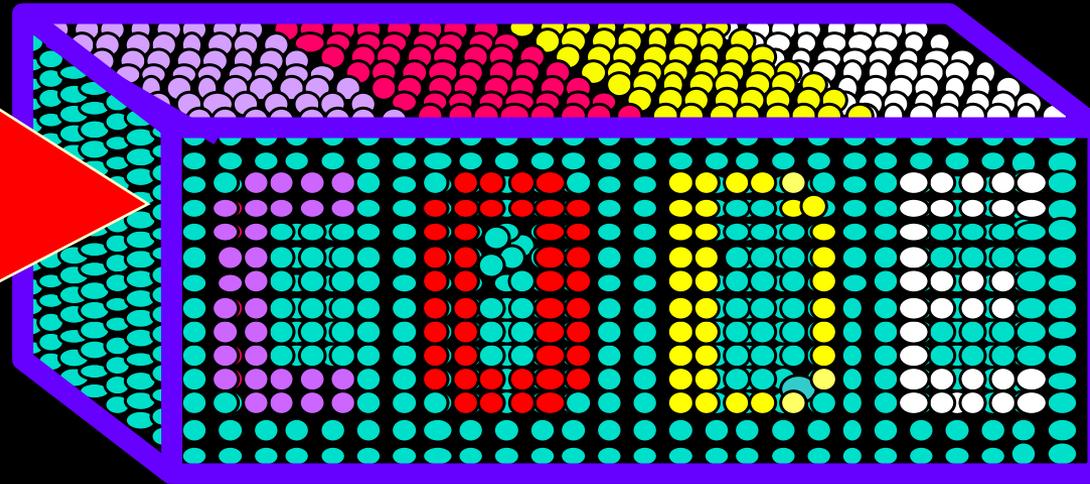
Who Designed the Genetic Code?



From Non-Living Matter



To A Living Organism



*The cause must be **intelligent!***

Darwin's

Black

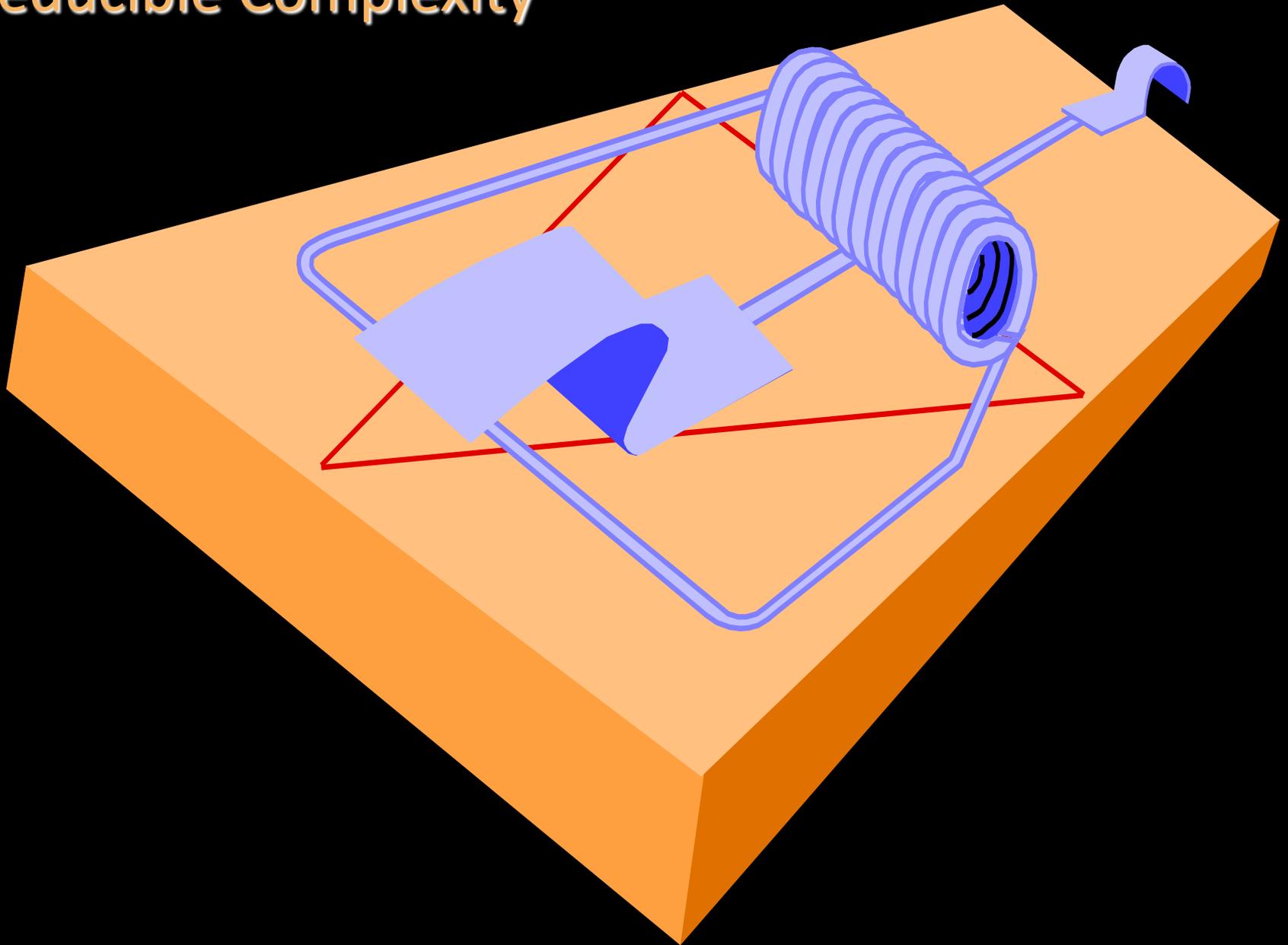


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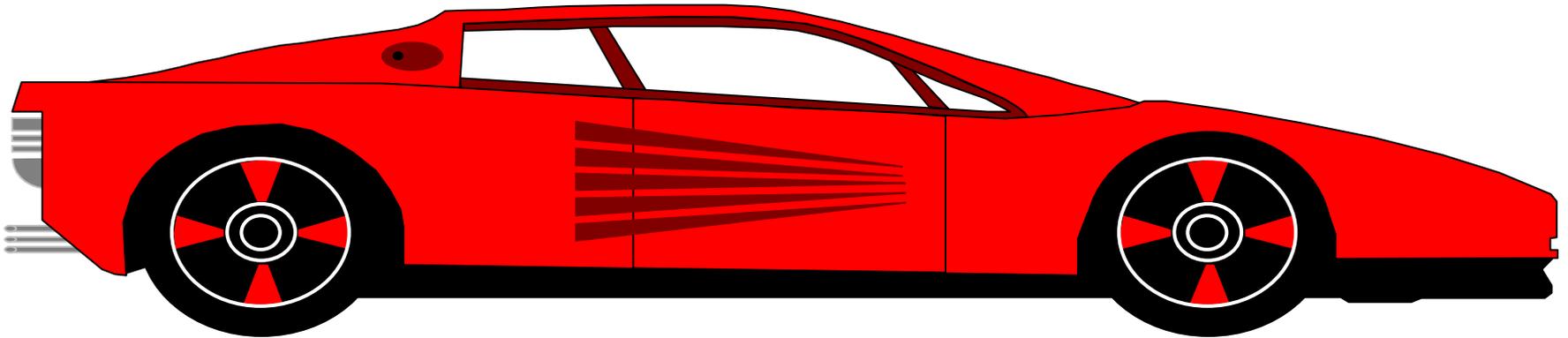
THE
BIOCHEMICAL CHALLENGE
TO EVOLUTION

MICHAEL J. BEHE

Irreducible Complexity

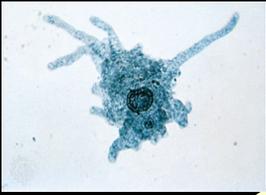


Your Car is Irreducibly Complex



So is Life

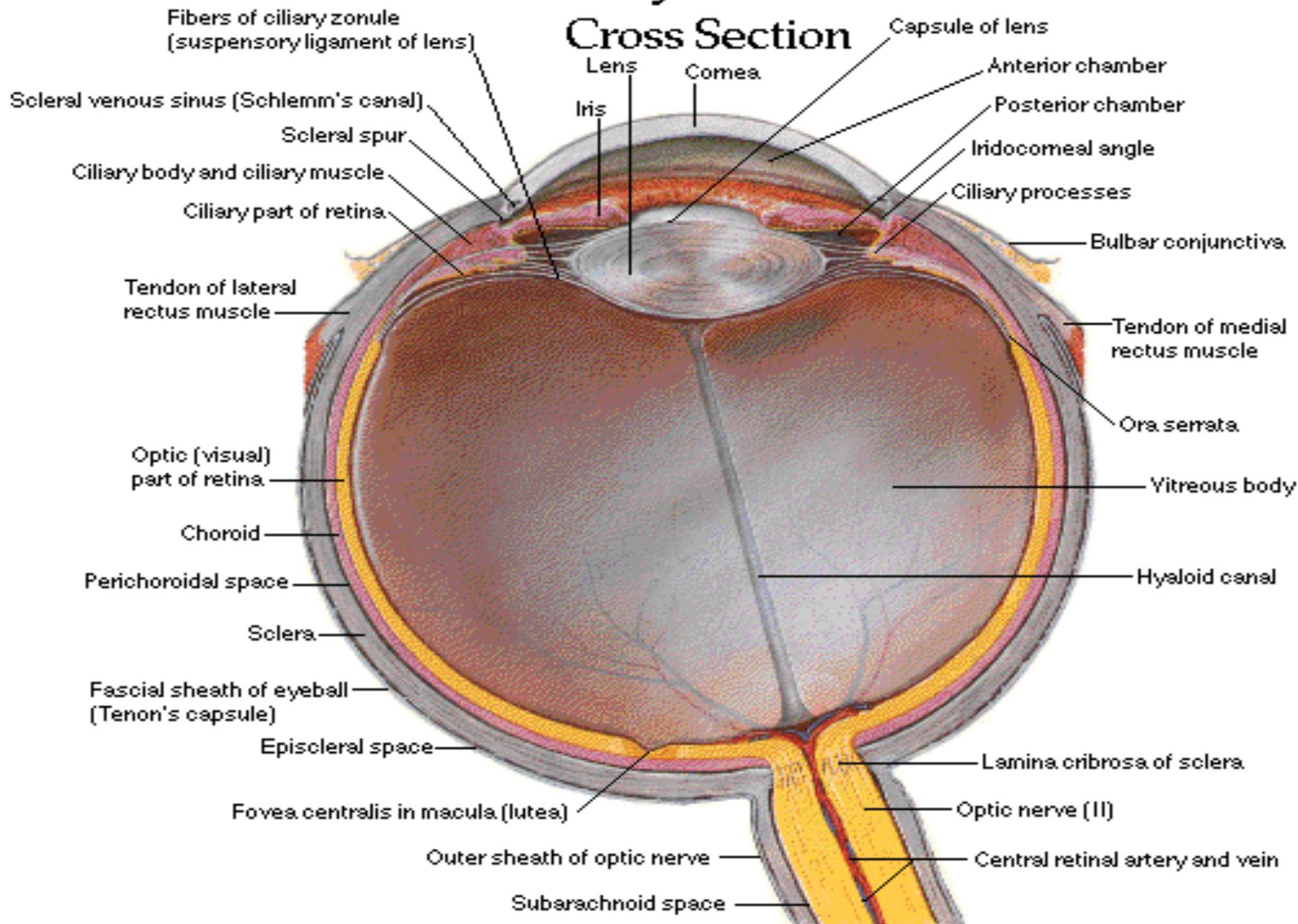




*One Ameba =
1,000 Volumes
of an Encyclopedia*

Eyeball

Cross Section

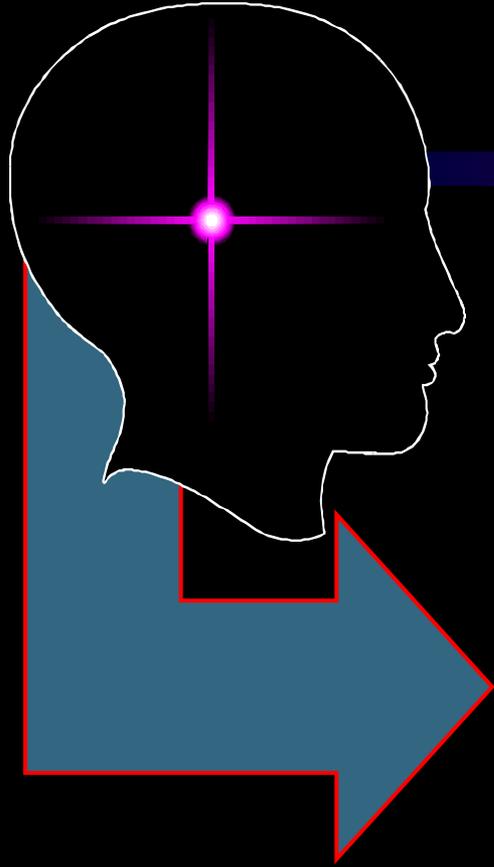


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Intelligent Design:

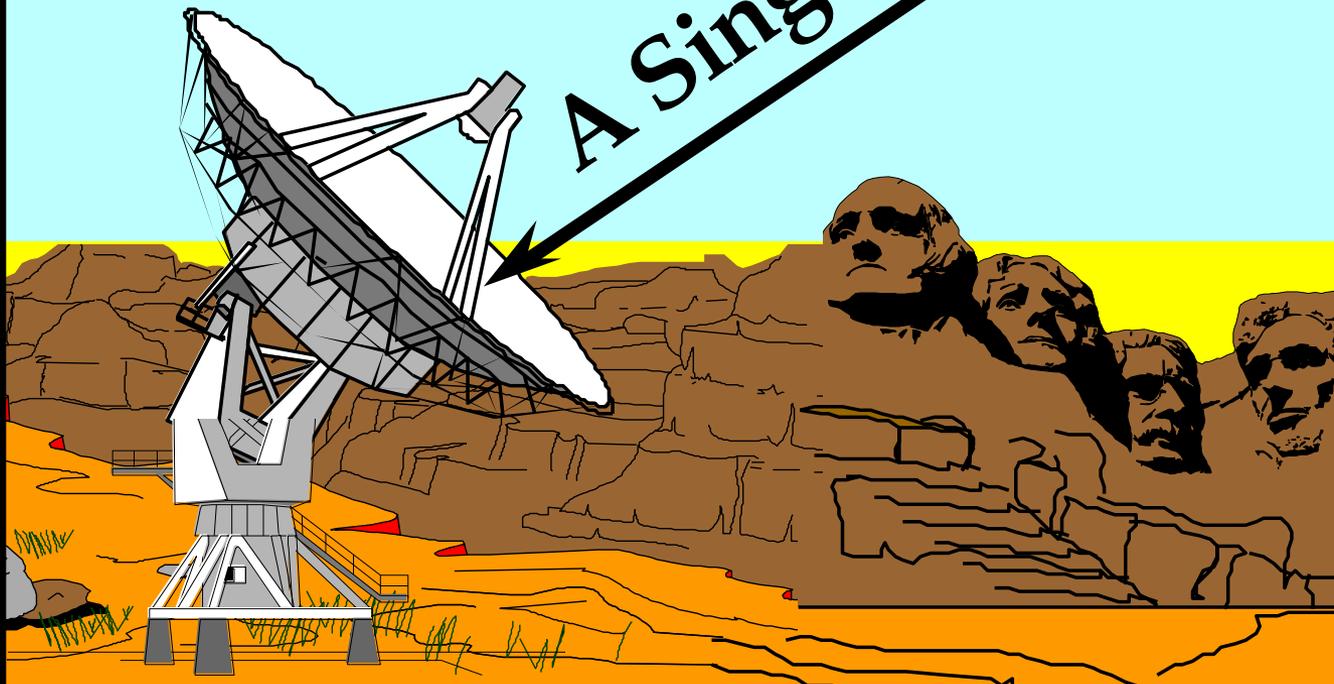
- Thus, "The conclusion of intelligent design flows naturally from the data itself--not from sacred books or sectarian beliefs. Inferring that biochemical systems were designed by an intelligent agent is a humdrum process that requires no new principles of logic or science" (Behe, *ibid.*, 193).

Who Designed the Human Brain?



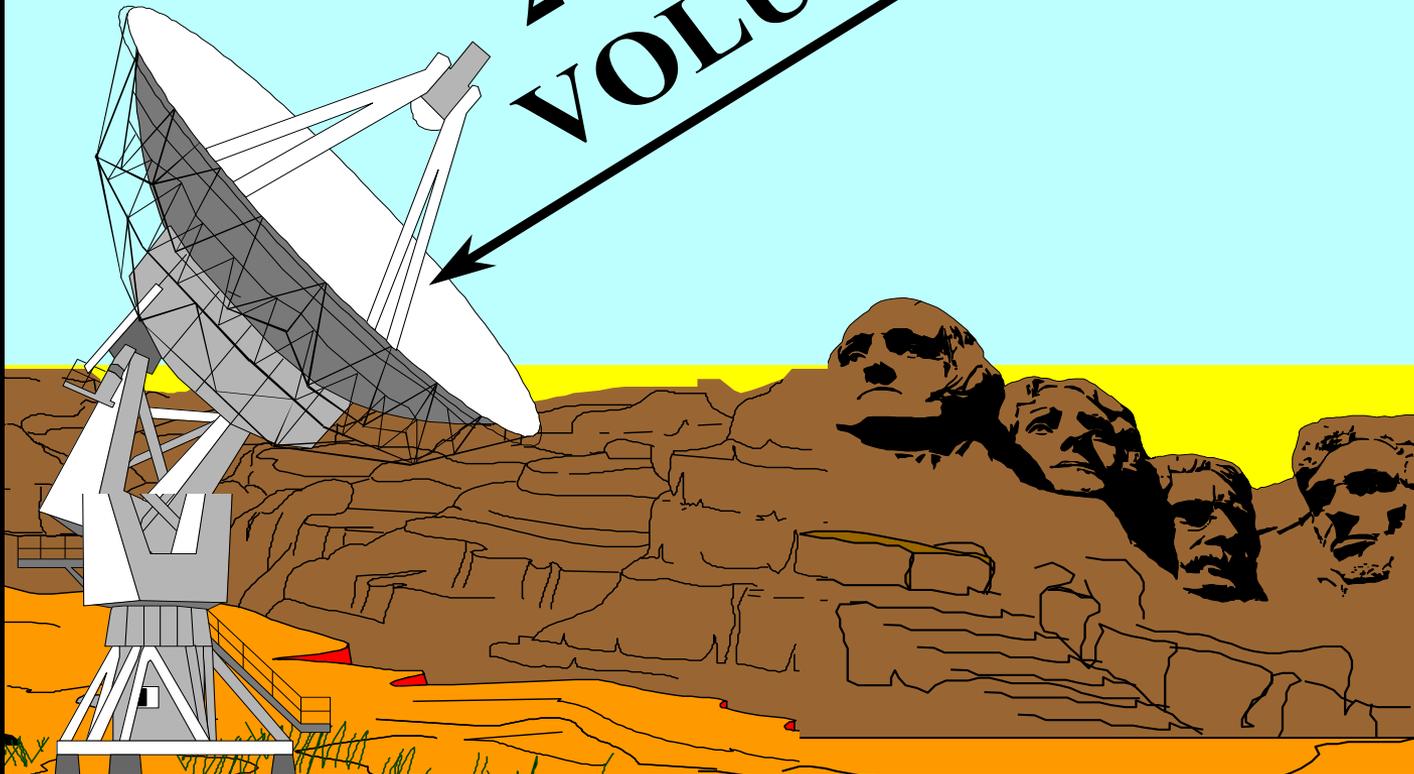
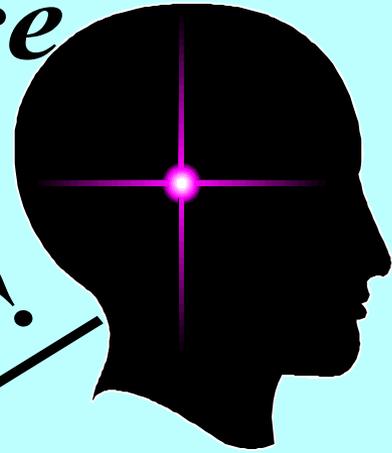
The Search For Intelligence

A Single Message

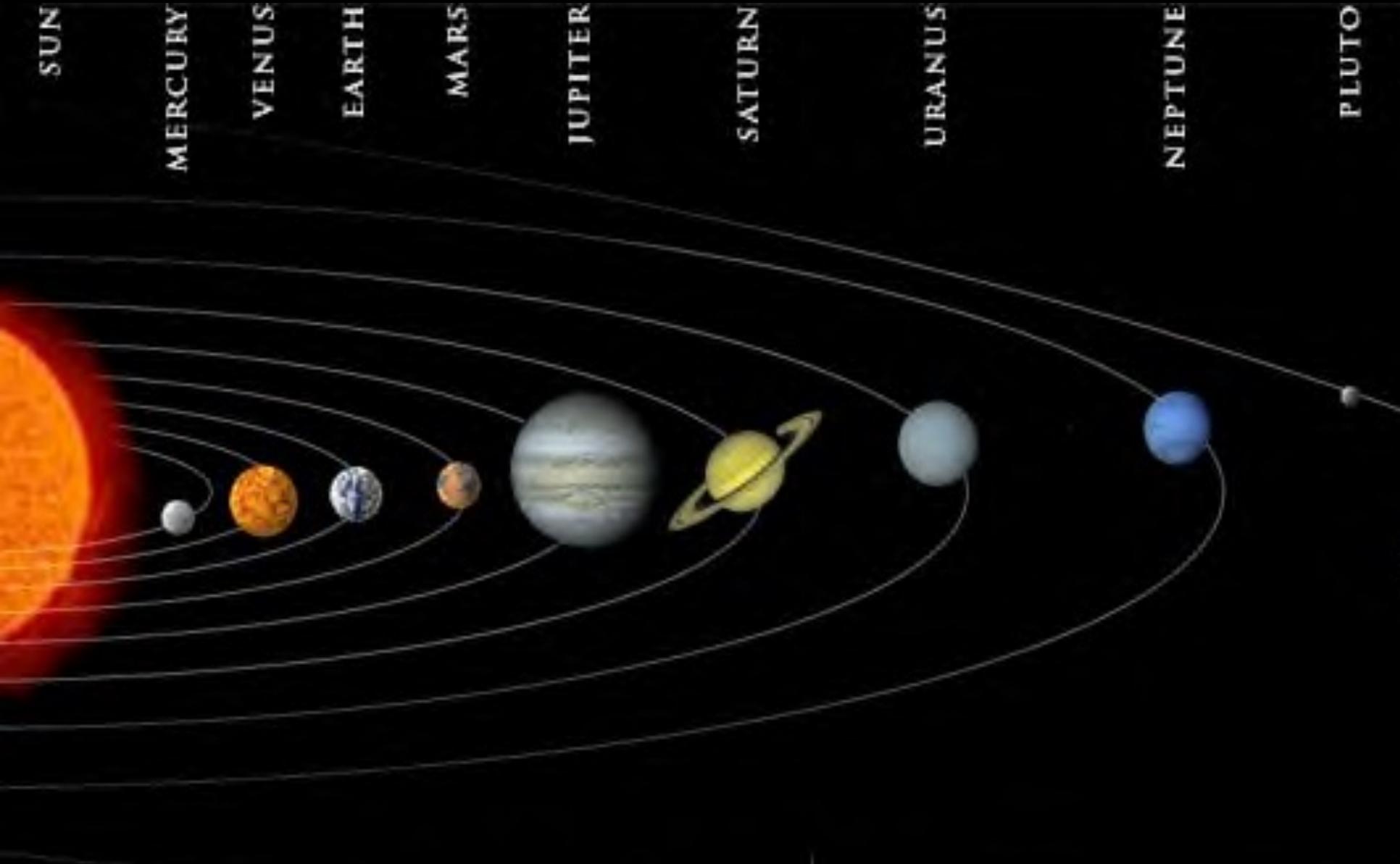


Super-Intelligence Found!

**20,000,000
VOLUMES!**



Who Designed the Universe?



Who Designed Man?

*. Once I was a tadpole
when I did begin:*

*Then I was a frog with my
tail tucked in:*

*Then I was a monkey
swinging in a tree:*

*Now I'm a professor with
a PhD*



Reason Three: The Moral Law



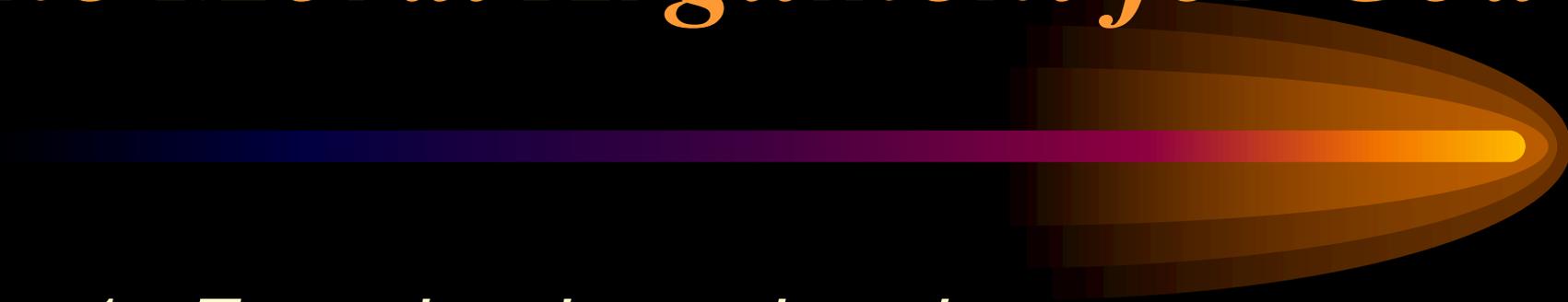
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The Moral Argument for God



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- 2. There is an absolute Moral law*
- 3. Therefore, there is an absolute Moral Lawgiver*

How we know there's a Moral Law



1. Absolutes are undeniable

a. *“You should never say ‘never’”*

b. *“You should always avoid ‘always’”*

b. *“I am absolutely sure there are no absolutes”*

How we know there's a Moral Law



- 2. We can't know in-justice unless we know justice.*

What's the Standard for Judgment?



“This world is absolutely unjust!”

What's the Standard for Judgment?



“This world is absolutely unjust!”

“How can he know what is absolutely un-just without knowing what is absolutely just?”



How we know there's a Moral Law
“Mother Teresa is better than Hitler”

3. *We can't make moral comparison without an objective moral standard. But we do.*



An Outside Standard of Measurement



The moment you say that one set of moral ideas can be better than another, you are, in fact, measuring them both by a standard, saying that one of them conforms to that standard more nearly than the other. But the standard that measures two things is something different from either.

C.S. Lewis

Mere Christianity, p 25.

How we know there's a Moral Law

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- 4. We wouldn't know the world was getting worse (or better) if there was no Moral Best.*

How we know there's a Moral Law



5. We know the moral law by our *reactions*, not by our *actions*:
 - a. *Not by what we do to others, but—*
 - b. *By what we want others to do to us!*

Skeptic: What Kind of God Exists?

Answer: A Theistic God

- 1. He is super-powerful—reason 1*
- 2. He is super-intelligent—reason 2*
- 3. He is morally perfect—reason 3*

Note: He is beyond the world

He is as different from the world



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