

Biblical answers about design in creation

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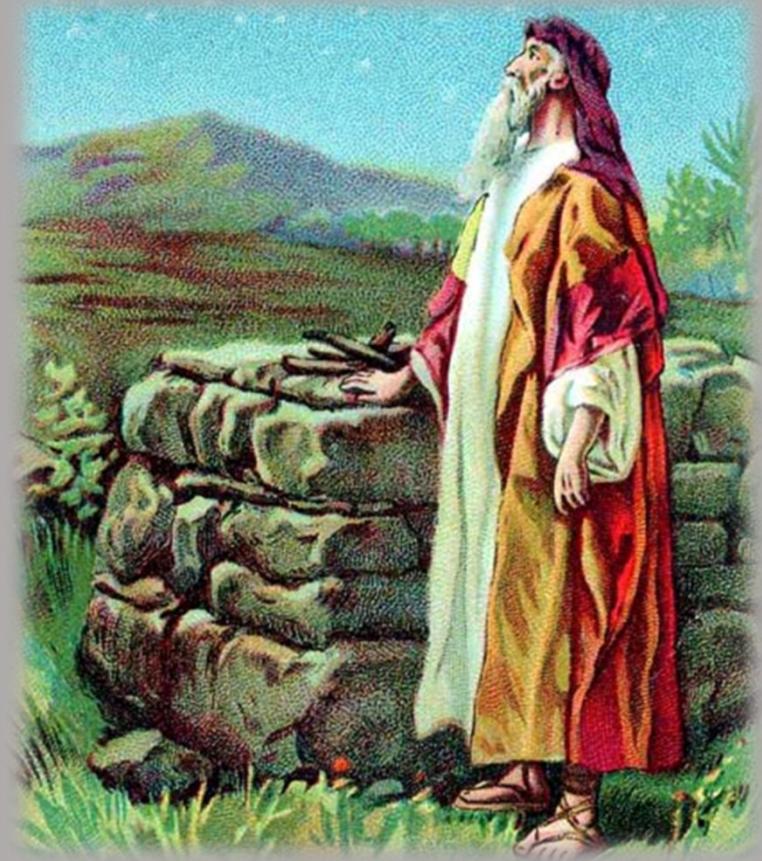
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Why are people ‘without excuse’ about creation?

Because it is not hard to see that everything around us has design and purpose.

“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20)



All types of obvious design in creation!

- The sun at the right distance from the Earth.
- The air with the right composition for breathing.
- Seeds with the blueprint to grow into full plants and animals.
- Water fit to sustain life and growth.
- The firmament (atmosphere) acting as a protective barrier.
- The structure of animals for movement and function.
- The wings of fowl (flying creatures) made for flight.
- The moon's tidal action regulating the oceans.

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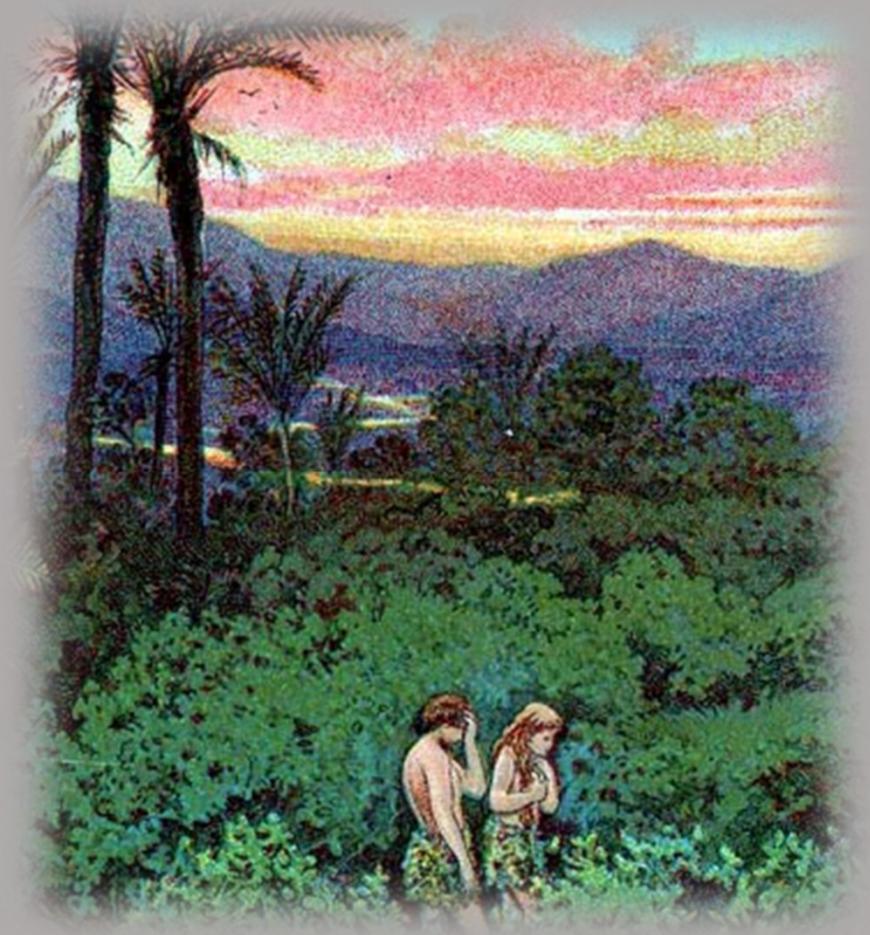
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- A house must be designed before being built.
- All things are ‘built’ by God, so all things must be designed.
- When we examine creation, we find building blocks, such as atoms and molecules.
- Natural laws underlying built things imply a law-maker or designer.

Has the Earth been created purposefully?

“For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, **he formed it to be inhabited**: I am the LORD; and there is none else.” (Isaiah 45:18)



Do God's laws uphold creation?

God is “upholding all things by the word of his power” (see Hebrews 1:3);
“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”

(Colossians 1:16,17)

- God's Word or law keeps all things together.
- We observe natural laws, such as electrostatic and gravitational, in creation – evidence of a law maker.

God's Word is Law

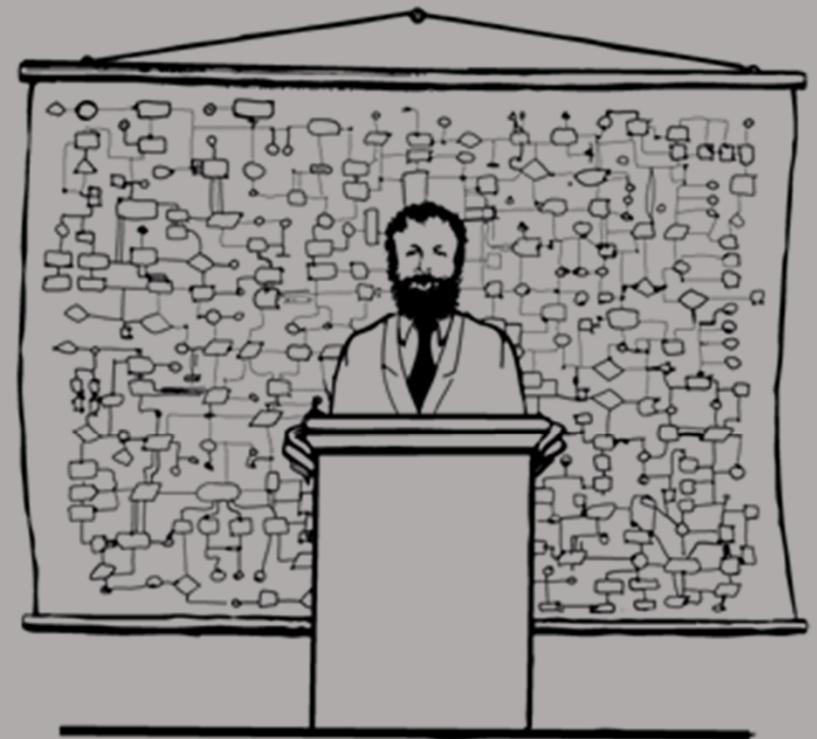
“The law of thy mouth
is better unto me than
thousands of gold and
silver.” (Psalm 119:172)



How does God's creation show His glory?

From the very large things to the very small things, God's glory can clearly be seen (see Psalm 19:1 and Matthew 10:30):

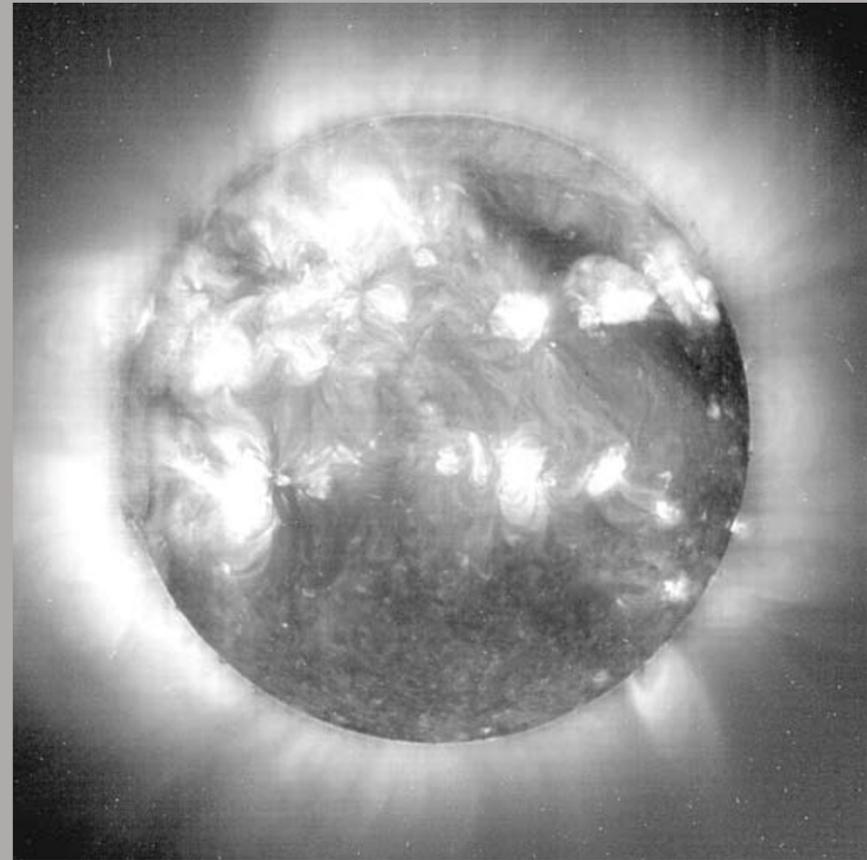
- **Complex systems** interacting.
- **Machinery** evident all through creation.
- **Programs and codes**, indicating a Master programmer.



"Now that you have an overview of the system, we're ready for a little more detail"

The large things declare God's glory

“The heavens **declare** the glory of God;
and the firmament **sheweth** his
handywork. Day unto day **uttereth**
speech, and night unto night **sheweth**
knowledge. There is no speech nor
language, where their voice is not
heard.” (Psalm 19:1-3)



NASA Photo of the sun through filter.

The little things show God's glory

“And why take ye thought for raiment? **Consider*** the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even **Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.**” (Matthew 6:28,29)

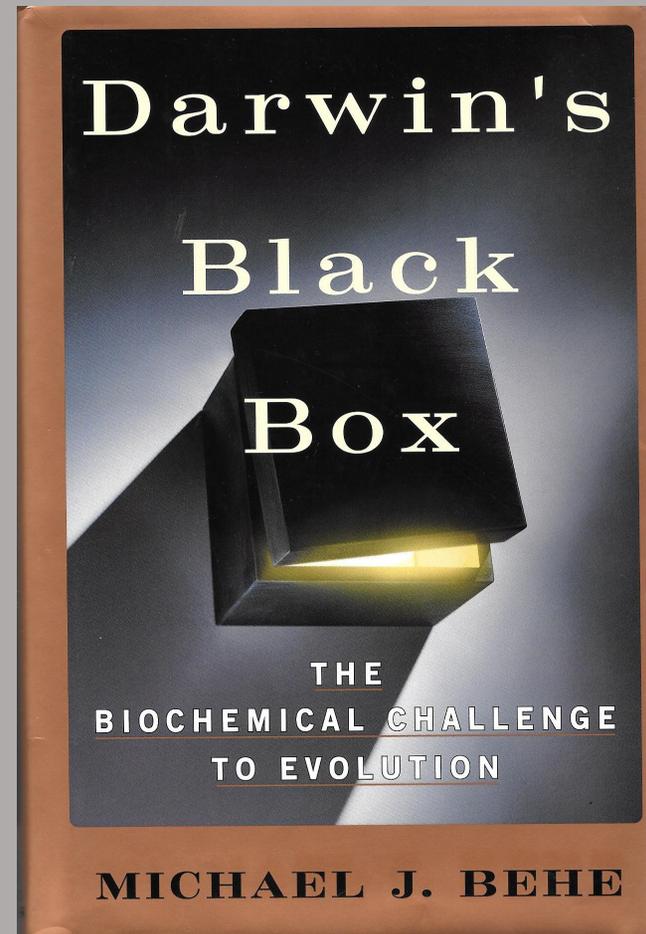
* Flowers have all types of patterns, shapes and colours.



Is there evidence of design in creation?

Only in the last century has man been able to use microscopes to uncover molecular design.

“As strange as it may seem, modern biochemistry has shown that the cell is operated by machines – literally molecular machines.” (Michael J. Behe, Darwin’s Black Box. The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution, 1996, p. 51.)



Is the Bible ‘anti-science’?

The Bible has many statements of correct scientific exactness:

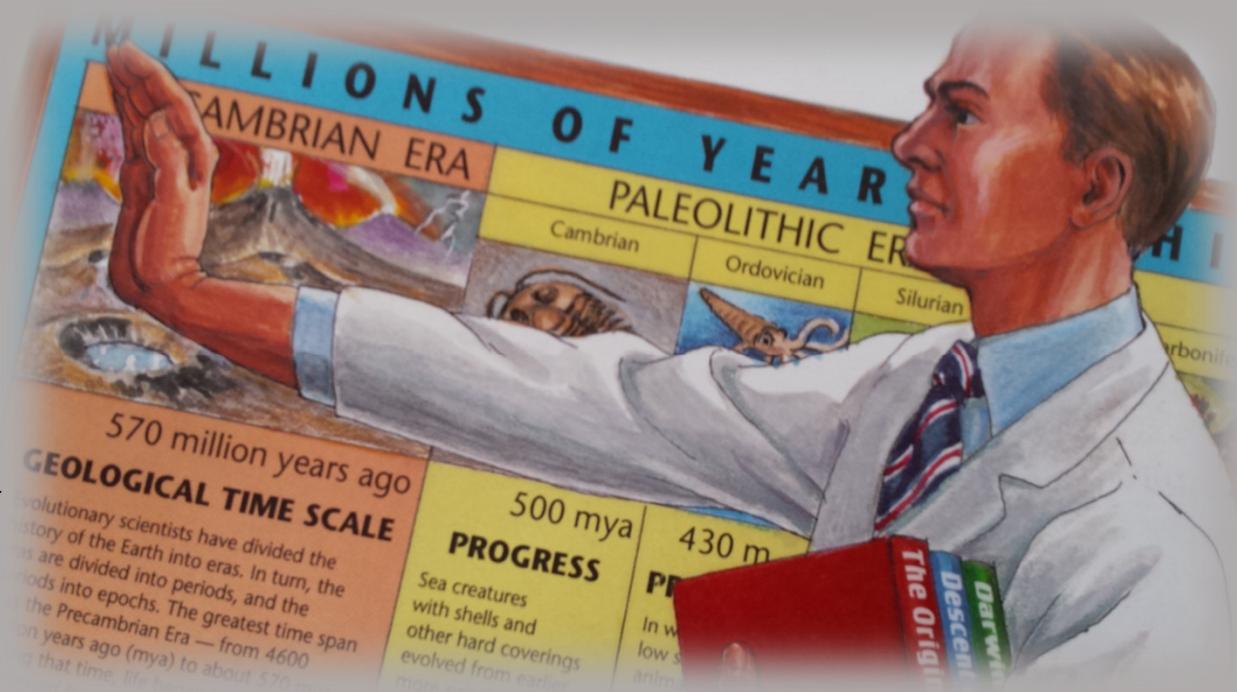
“He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.” (Job 26:7)

“Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?” (Job 38:35)

“All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.” (Ecclesiastes 1:7)

The Bible is against false 'science'.

“O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called”. (1 Timothy 6:20)



Evolution – a philosophy of atheists.

Why do evolutionists deny design?

For spiritual reasons they refuse God. Even if they see 'design', they deny that it is God and seek to explain it away.

“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen ... so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.” (Romans 1:19-21)

Why do evolutionists deny design?

“In whom the god of this world hath **blinded the minds** of them which believe not” (2 Corinthians 4:4a)

“**The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.** Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.”
(Psalm 53:1)

“For this **they willingly are ignorant** of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water” (2 Peter 3:5)

Why do sharp fangs and thorns exist?

Everything was “very good” at the beginning (see Genesis 1:31).

But when sin entered into creation, it became cursed and corrupted, causing changes to reflect the curse.

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin ...”

(Romans 5:12a)



Why do sharp fangs and thorns exist?

“And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life”. (Genesis 3:14)

See also Romans 8:22.



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