The purpose of the sun in creation

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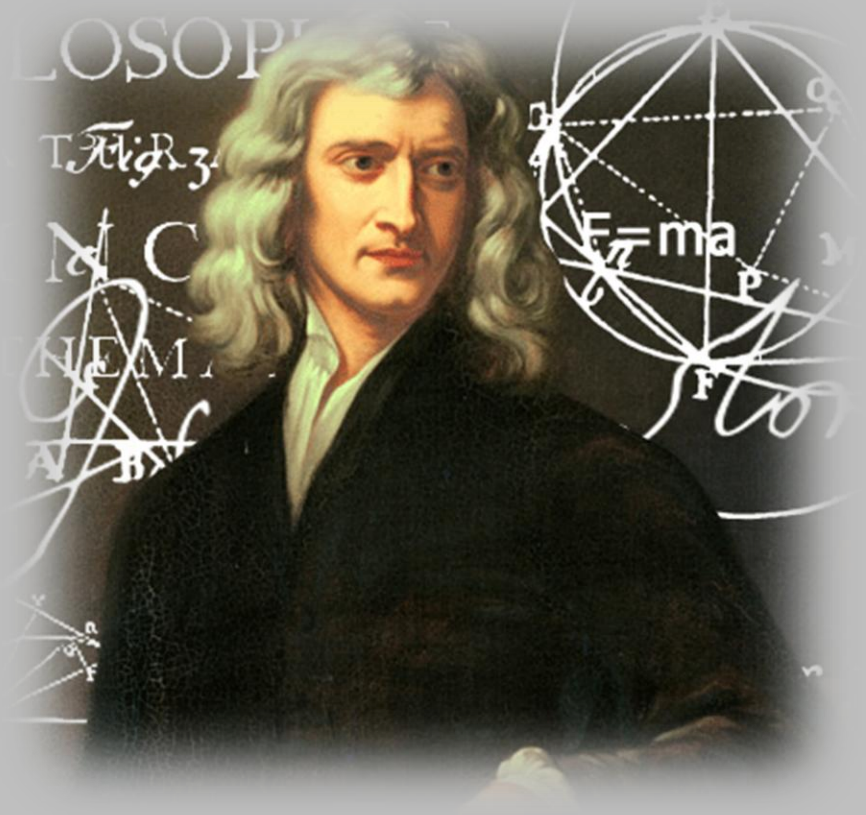
Isaac Newton's testimony

- Isaac Newton was known as "the father of modern science".
- He stated: "This most beautiful system of the sun, planets and comets could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being. … This Being governs all things, not as the soul of the world, but as Lord over all" (Isaac Newton, *Principia*, Bk. III, General Scholium, 1713)



Creation is built, including the stars

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them." (Genesis 2:1)

"For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God." (Hebrews 3:4)

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." (Revelation 4:11)

The Creator is "Lord God Almighty" (Revelation 11:7).

There is no excuse for not believing God

"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)

"… Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." (Revelation 19:6b)

The power of the Word of God

"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." (Psalm 33:6)

"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." (Genesis 1:3)

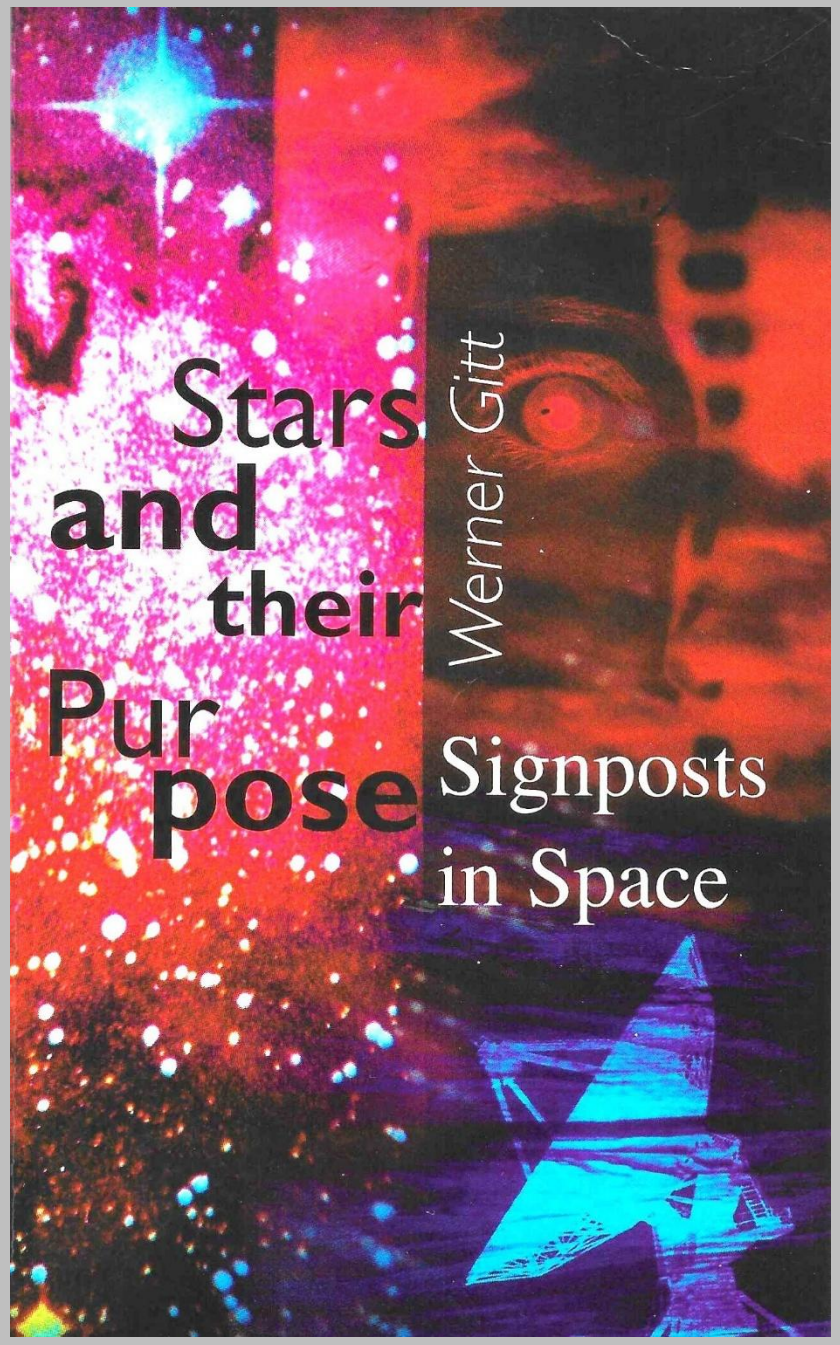
Stars have a purpose

"The heavenly bodies were created to

- shine on the earth as sources of light and energy,
- determine times and seasons,
- serve as signs or messengers.

These three functions indicate equivocally that all astronomical bodies were made for the purpose of serving the earth; more specifically to serve mankind."

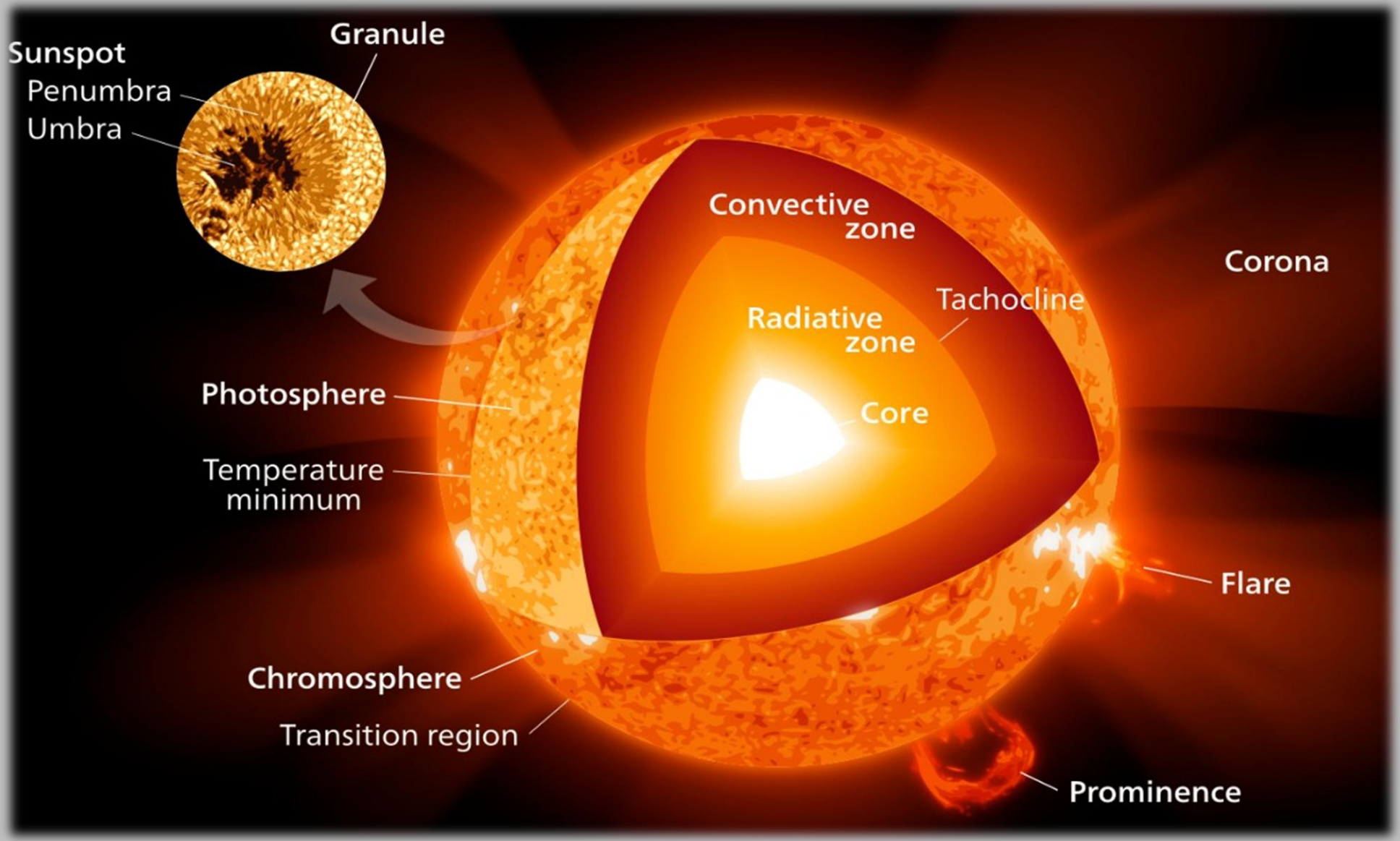
(Werner Gitt, "Stars and their Purpose – Signposts in Space", 1996, p. 47.)



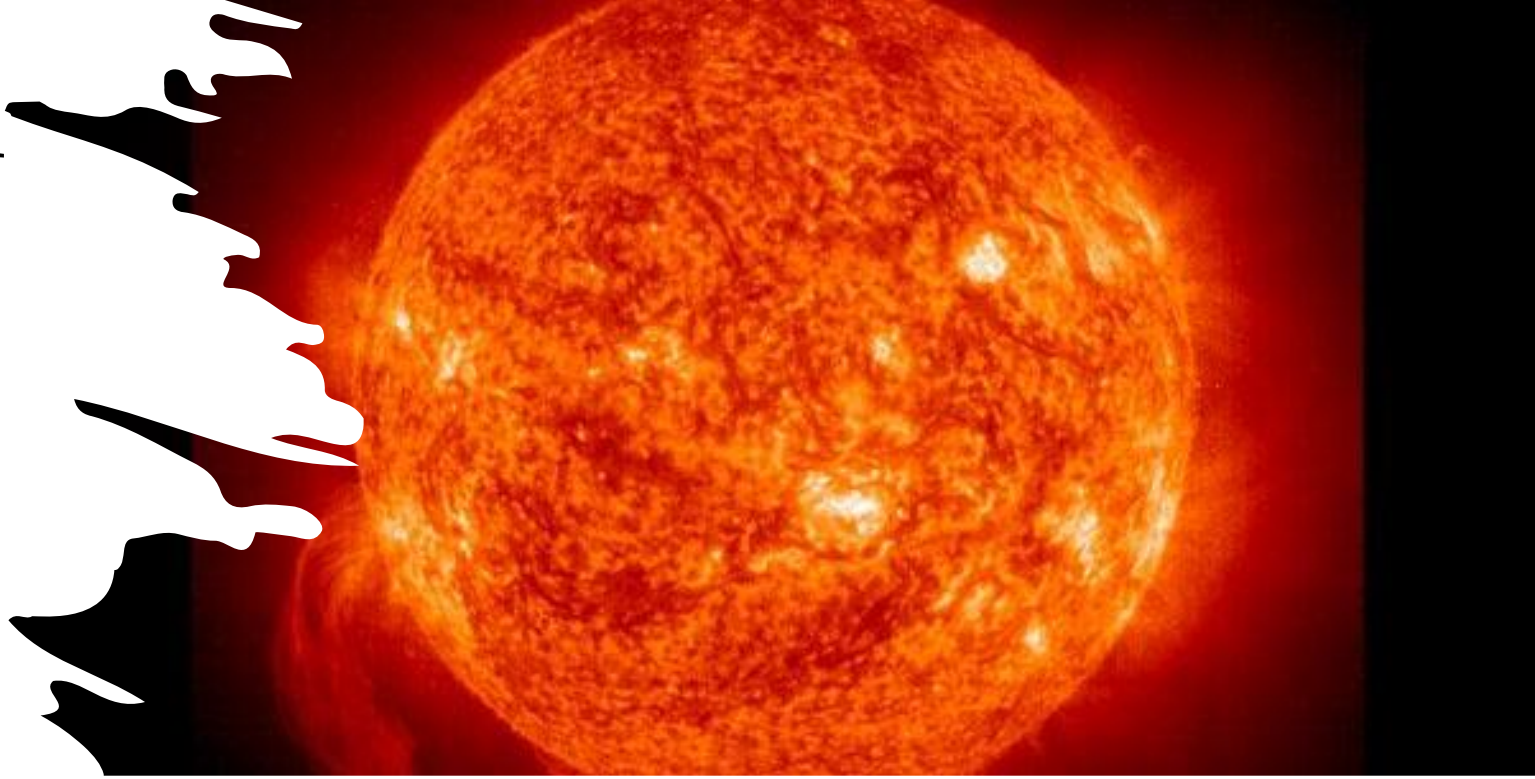
Stars, including the sun, have a purpose

"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so."
(Genesis 1:14, 15)

The sun is built with structure



The glory of God declared



"The heavens declare the glory* of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." (Psalm 19:1, 2)

* **Magnificence, majesty, might, splendour, radiance, awesomeness**

The stars are different in glory

“There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.” (1 Corinthians 15:41)

The color of a star is a direct indicator of its surface temperature, hotter stars appearing blue or white, and cooler stars appearing red or orange.

This phenomenon is known as Wien's Law.

The sun is of a different glory

"The Sun is a stable yellow dwarf star, scientifically classified as a G-type main-sequence star." (The Sun, Wikipedia)

The power of God on display in the sun

"It is probable that nuclear fusion processes occur in the sun's interior. … Every second about 655 million tonnes of hydrogen is converted to 650 million tonnes of helium. This means that 4.3 million tonnes of the mass of the sun are converted to energy every second." (Gitt, p. 50.)

"Some of God's majesty is revealed in the stars. A well known physical law is the conservation of energy … it is impossible to create energy out of nothing, neither can energy be destroyed. Where did the energy of the universe come from? It could not have created itself … it must have had an external source." (Gitt, p. 66.)

The connection of the heavens to Earth

"And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth" (Genesis 1:16,17)

Earth is connected to the Sun

"And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun …" (Deuteronomy 33:14a)

"To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever: The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever: The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever." (Psalm 136:7-9)

Earth is connected to the Sun

"The sun … is by far the most massive object in our solar system. Over 1 million Earths would fit inside the sun. It is exactly the right distance from Earth to provide the heat and light that our trees and plants need. It also evaporates water from our oceans, lakes, and rivers to form clouds that provide the rain that sustains our crops and gives us fresh water to drink. For us, it is certainly no ordinary star." (Russell Grigg, "Our Amazing Created Solar System", 2016, p. 15,)

Earth relies upon the sun for life

"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)

The sun is a special star

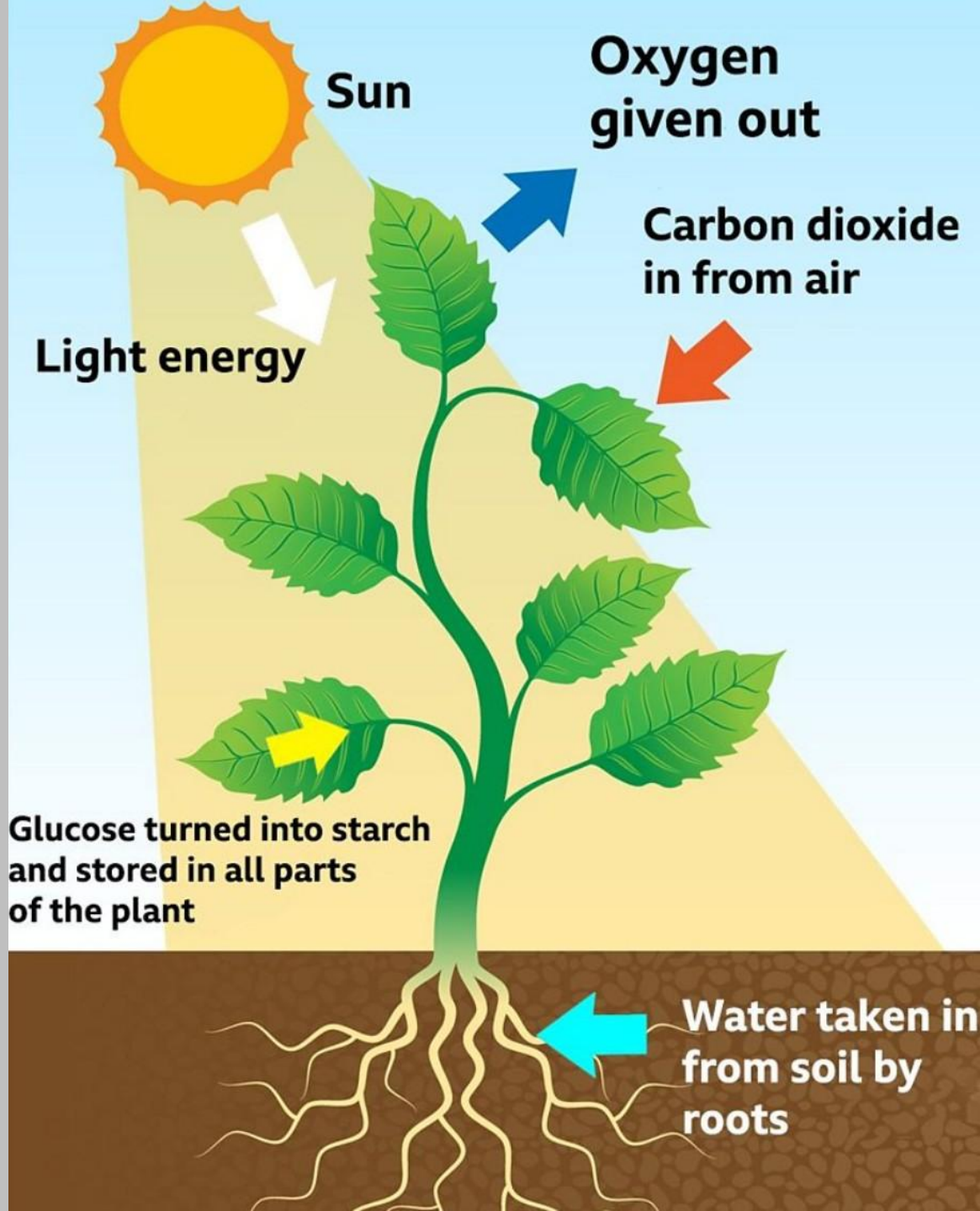
“At present, it is possible to claim that, unlike most stars, (1) the sun is unassociated with nearby giant companions, (2) its planetary system seems to be a non-typical one, and (3) it is relatively stable. These three characteristics may be related and, taken together, appear to be necessary for the existence of life on earth. The sun can therefore be taken as an evidence of special creation with the purpose of making the earth habitable.” (Jonathan Henry, ‘The sun is not an average star’, 2003, p. 35)

No plants without the sun

Plants are essential for life (food, products, oxygen production) using photosynthesis.

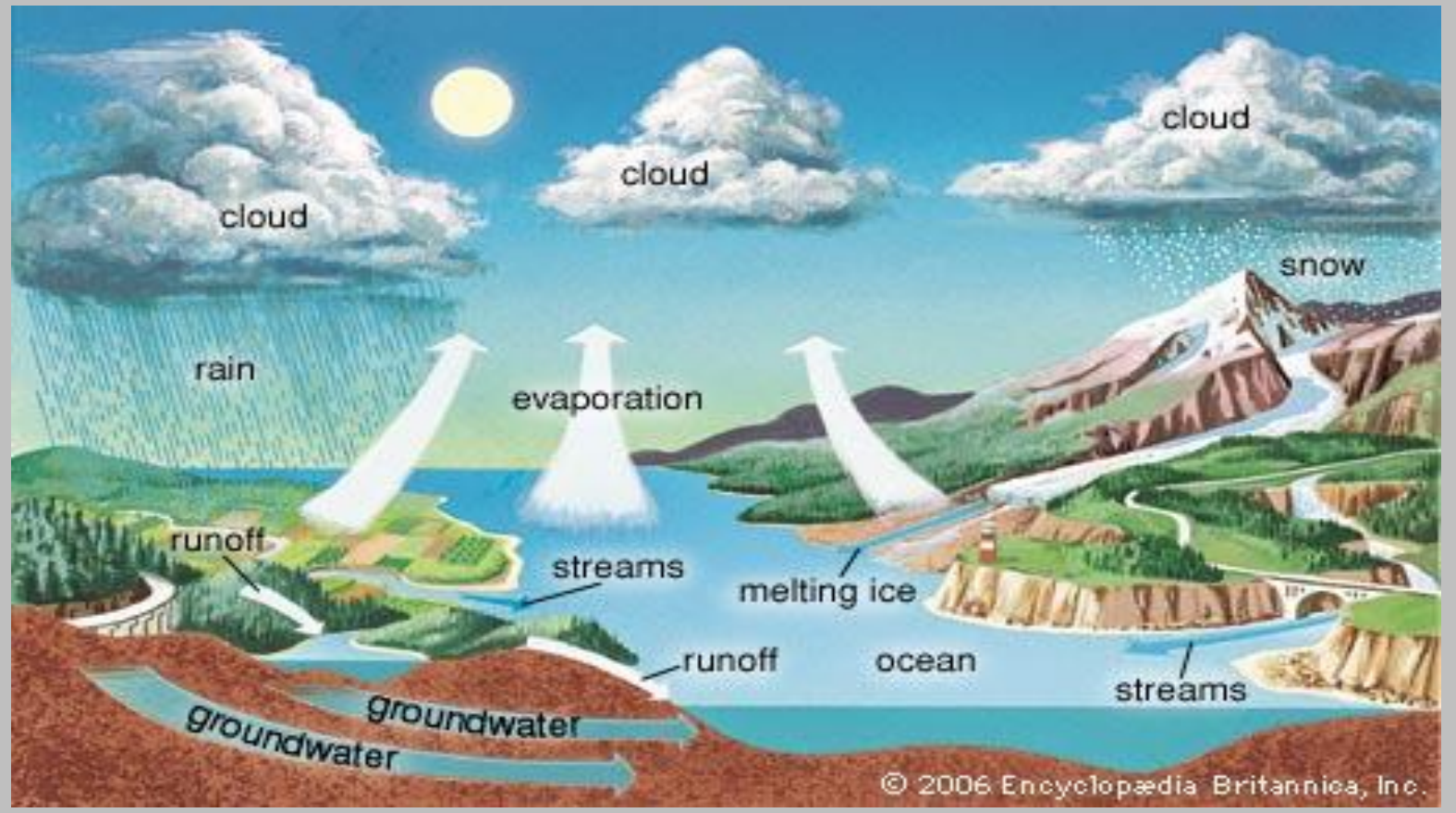
Photosynthesis is the process by which plants, algae, and some bacteria convert light energy into chemical energy. During this process, **carbon dioxide** (CO_2) and **water** (H_2O) are absorbed, and **sugar** ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) and **oxygen** (O_2) are produced. The overall reaction can be summarized as:

$$6CO_2 + 6H_2O + \text{light energy} \rightarrow C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2$$



The sun is crucial for the water cycle

"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)



Compare the sun with the nearest star

"Proxima Centauri is the nearest star to Earth after the Sun, located 4.25 light-years (1.3 parsecs) away in the southern constellation of Centaurus. … Proxima Centauri is a red dwarf star with a mass about 12.5% of the Sun's mass (M_S), and average density about 33 times that of the Sun. … Although it has a very low average luminosity, Proxima Centauri is a flare star that randomly undergoes dramatic increases in brightness because of magnetic activity." ('Proxima Centauri', Wikipedia)

The nearest star's "Earth-like" planet

"Proxima Centauri b is an exoplanet orbiting within the habitable zone of the red dwarf star Proxima Centauri in the constellation Centaurus. … it is probably a terrestrial planet with a minimum mass of 1.06 M_E and a slightly larger radius than that of Earth. … Proxima Centauri is a flare star with intense emission of electromagnetic radiation that could strip an atmosphere off the planet." ('Proxima Centauri b', Wikipedia)

Jesus Christ the Creator

"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" (Colossians 1:16)

"Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth." (Isaiah 40:26)

Jesus Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life

Jesus said, “If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?” (John 3:12)

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

Jesus Christ the Saviour

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins … For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."
(Ephesians 2:1,8,9)

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."
(Romans 10:9)

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