

Isaiah 8:11-20

v.11 – Walk a different way

v.12 – Talk a different talk

v.13 – Sanctify Yehovah – Make God your all – total - exclusive

v.16 – Torah and testimony

Torah is the talk – Teaching – Truth – God's way

Testimony is the walk – Lifestyle – Evidence

v.17 – Wait on Yehovah

v.18 – Be living signs – that Yehovah's ways are LIFE - Good

v.20 – Torah and testimony – OR – NO Light

Deuteronomy 32:46-47 - ESV

- 46. Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this Torah.**
- 47. For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess.**

Revelation 14:7

**Fear God and give glory to Him,
for the hour of His judgment has come;
and worship Him who made heaven and earth,
the sea and springs of water.**

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“In the beginning Elohim...”
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Psalms 90:1-2 - A Prayer of Moses

1. LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
2. Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Psalms 53:1 – The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God”

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Psalm 33:6,9

6. By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.
9. For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.

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John 1:1-4

1. In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
2. He was in the beginning with God.
3. All things were made through Him,
and without Him nothing was made that was made.
4. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

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Psalm 19:1-4

1. The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament shows His handiwork.
2. Day unto day utters speech,
and night unto night reveals knowledge.
3. There is no speech nor language
where their voice is not heard.
4. Their line has gone out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

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Johannes Kepler

1571-1630

Mathematician – Astronomer
Laws of Planetary Motion

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1934-1996

Astronomer – Cornell University

National Academy of Science

TV Series: Cosmos

The cosmos is all that is, or ever was, or ever will be. Our contemplations of the cosmos stir us. There's a tingling in the spine, a catch in the voice, a faint sensation as if a distant memory of falling from a great height. We know we are approaching the grandest of mysteries.



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Some part of our being knows this is where we came from. We long to return. And we can because the cosmos is also within us. We're made of star stuff. We are a way for the cosmos to know itself.



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Romans 1:18-23

18. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
19. because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.
20. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

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21. Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.
22. Professing to be wise, they became fools,
23. and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man – and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

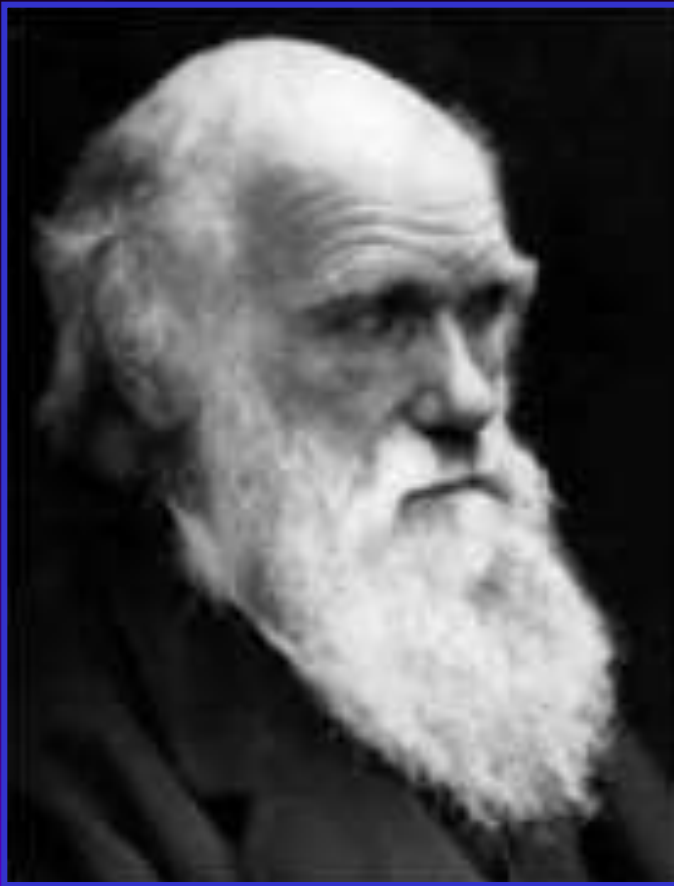
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**Dennis Prager &
Joseph Telushkin**

**The Nine Questions People
Ask About Judaism**

The believer in God must explain one thing,
the existence of suffering;
the nonbeliever, however, must explain
the existence of everything else.



1809 – 1882

Naturalist

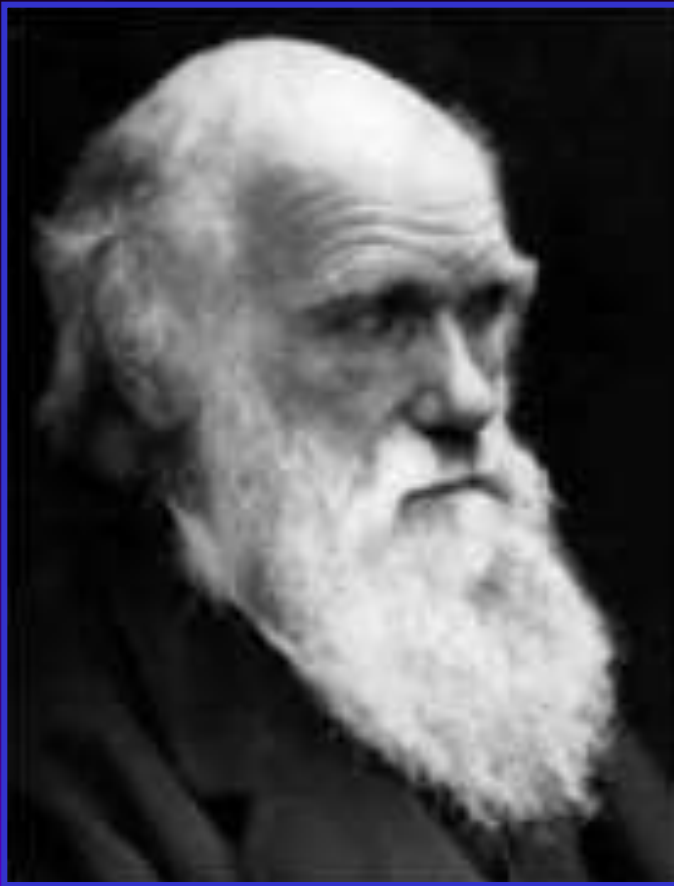
HMS Beagle – 1831-1836

5-year round-the-world voyage

The Origin of Species – 1859

The Descent of Man – 1871

***CHARLES
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TO

***ASA
GRAY***



Charles Darwin

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On the other hand I cannot anyhow be contented to view this wonderful universe and especially the nature of man, and to conclude that everything is the result of brute force. I am inclined to look at everything as resulting from designed laws, with the details, whether good or bad, left to the working out of what we may call chance.

Not that this notion at all satisfies me But the more I think the more bewildered I become; as indeed I have probably shown by this letter.

Charles Darwin

In nature Darwin saw –

“...**variation**... which leads to many **injurious deviations** of structure, as well as the redundant power of reproduction which inevitably leads to a **struggle for existence**, and, as a consequence, to the natural selection or **survival of the fittest**...”

In church Darwin was taught –

“...an omnipotent and omniscient Creator ordains...and foresees everything.”

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Darwin concluded –

“...when I come to think over this I get into an uncomfortable puzzle something analogous with "necessity and **Free-will**" or the "**Origin of evil**," or other subject quite beyond the scope of the human intellect.”

“Thus we are brought face to face with a difficulty as insoluble as is that of **free will** and **predestination**.”

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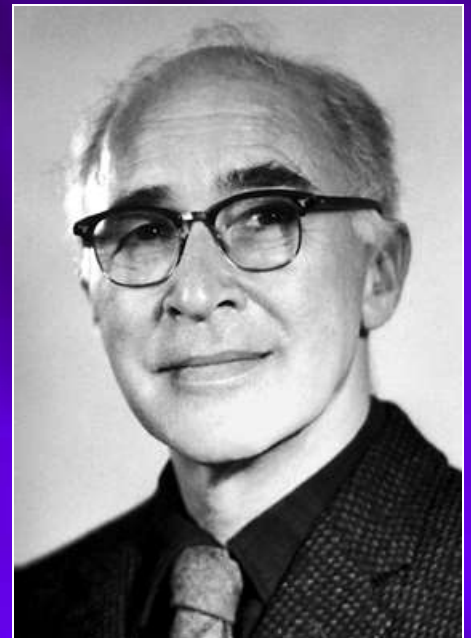
George Wald

1906-1997

National Academy of Science – 1950

Nobel Prize in Medicine - 1967

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what we regard as impossible on
the basis of human experience is
meaningless here. Given so
much time, the impossible
becomes possible.



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Paul Kurts

1925-2012

Author – Skeptic

Father of Secular Humanism

Using the powerful critical tools of science and logical analysis, modern man now recognizes that the universe has no special human meaning or purpose and that man is not a special product of creation.

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Clarence Darrow

1857-1938

ACLU Lawyer

1925 Scopes “Monkey” Trial

The purpose of man is like the purpose of the pollywog – to wiggle along as far as he can without dying; or, to hang to life until death takes him.

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Ingrid Newkirk

1945 –

Animal rights activist

Co-founder/ President of PETA

A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy.

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David Brower

1912-2000

Former Sierra Club President

**While the death of young men in war is unfortunate,
it is no more serious than the touching of mountains
and wilderness areas by humankind**

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Pentti Linkola

1932 –

Finnish Green Party activist

"If there were a button I could press, I would sacrifice myself without hesitating, if it meant millions of people would die."

He stated that he has more sympathy for threatened insect species, than for children dying of hunger in Africa

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Implications of modern Evolutionary Biology

- No gods or purposive forces
- No life after death
- No ultimate foundation for ethics
- No ultimate meaning in life
- No free will



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11. **Death** – Nature of Adam – Mortal vs. Immortal
12. **Partner** – Helper Comparable – Life-saving same-opposite
13. **Family** – Leave & Cleave – Marriage – Social structure unit
14. **Fall** – Sin – Curse – Consequences – Cruelty in creation
15. **Flood** – Geology – Age of earth – Short vs. Long

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Richard Dawkins

1941 -

Evolutionary Biologist

Popular Author

Natural selection, the blind , unconscious, automatic process which Darwin discovered, and which we now know is the explanation for the existence and apparently purposeful form of all life, has no purpose in mind. It has no mind, and no mind's eye. It does not plan for the future. It has no vision, no foresight, no sight at all. If it can be said to play the role of watchmaker in nature it is the blind watchmaker.

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Philosophy – The meaning of the stuff

Modern Science: Believes that...

- Nothing exists except the stuff in the box.
- By looking only at the stuff in the box, we can discover where the stuff came from and the meaning of the stuff.
- Anyone who considers the possibility of there being anything outside the box is “unscientific.”

The great cosmological question...?

Where did the cosmos come from?

Only TWO possible answers....

1. The cosmos has always been
2. The cosmos had a beginning

Laws of Thermodynamics

1. Matter/Energy cannot be created or destroyed
It can change forms – but the total remains constant
2. Energy is being used up – into an unusable form
Everything is slowing and cooling – disorganizing
Cosmos is irreversibly decaying into chaos – Entropy

The great Scientific-Philosophical-Cosmological questions...

Why is there something - rather than nothing?

Why is anything in motion - rather than everything still?

Why is anything hot - rather than everything cold?

Why is there order - rather than chaos?

Why is there life - rather than deadness?

Why is there music?

Only TWO possible answers...

- 1. There is a transcendent Creator**
- 2. The cosmos created itself – from nothing**

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It is absolutely safe to say that if you meet somebody who claims not to believe in evolution, that person is ignorant, stupid, or insane (or wicked, but I'd rather not consider that).



Francis Crick

1916-2004

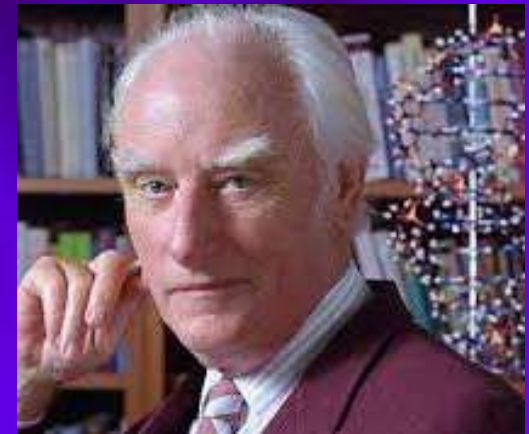
Molecular biologist, biophysicist

Co-discoverer of DNA

Nobel Prize in Medicine – 1962

One of the most frightening things in the Western world, and in this country in particular, is the number of people who believe in things that are scientifically false.

If someone tells me that the earth is less than 10,000 years old, in my opinion he should see a psychiatrist.



Colossians 2:8 NASB

See that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, and not according to Christ.