

Intelligent Design

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Every time we see an object, we know that it had to have been designed by an intelligent being.

Look at the watch on your arm.

Do you think the pieces just fell into place one day?

Do you think that some intelligent person had to design and then assemble the pieces in a unit that had a purposeful function?

Consider a baby.

Do you think all of the many parts of a baby just fell into place one day?



Have you ever thought of all the many conditions that had to come together in perfect order for the baby to be normal?

Jeremiah 1:5 – □ Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you,



One change in a baby is how the circulation system works before the child is born and how it works after the birth.

In your heart and mine there are two circulatory systems that keep

pure and impure blood separate.

I bet you didn't realize before birth a baby's heart has an opening that allows uninterrupted blood flow from the right to left sides of the child's heart.

That condition if present in us would cause death, but not so in a fetal heart.

But at the time of birth the flap closes and seals the opening.

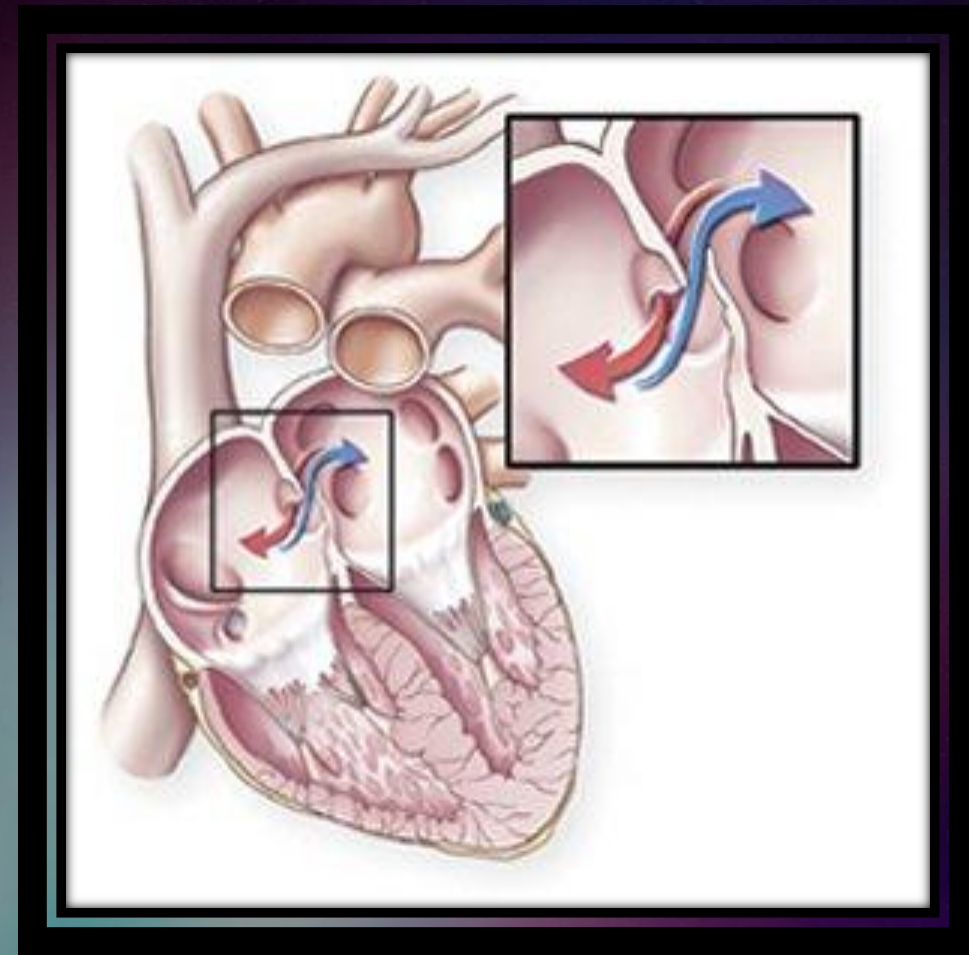
Now the child is independent and a lifetime of blood circulation and cleansing has begun.

Do you think this was by accident?

“Oh, that’s just nature and that’s the way it works.”

Well, who designed “nature.”

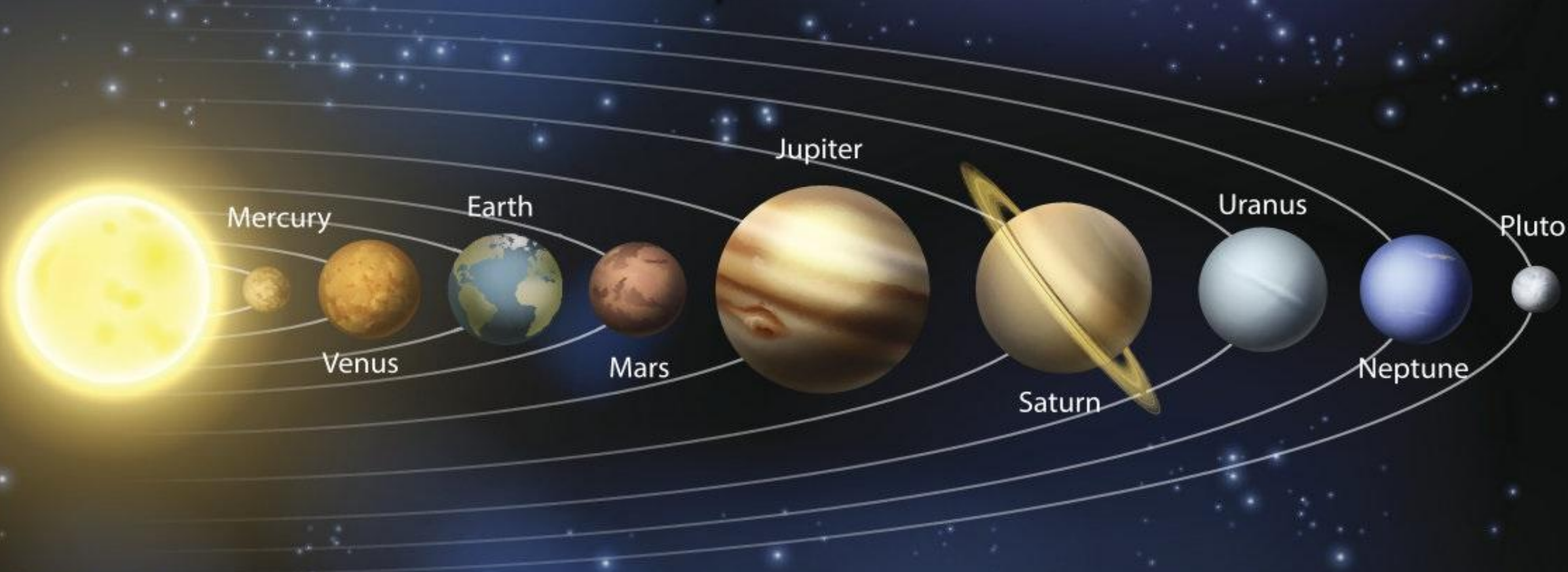
The watch didn’t just have all the pieced fall in place of its own accord, the watch needed a watchmaker.



The baby’s heart also needed a great designer.

We call the great designer, God.

Who created our universe and more importantly who keeps everything in place?



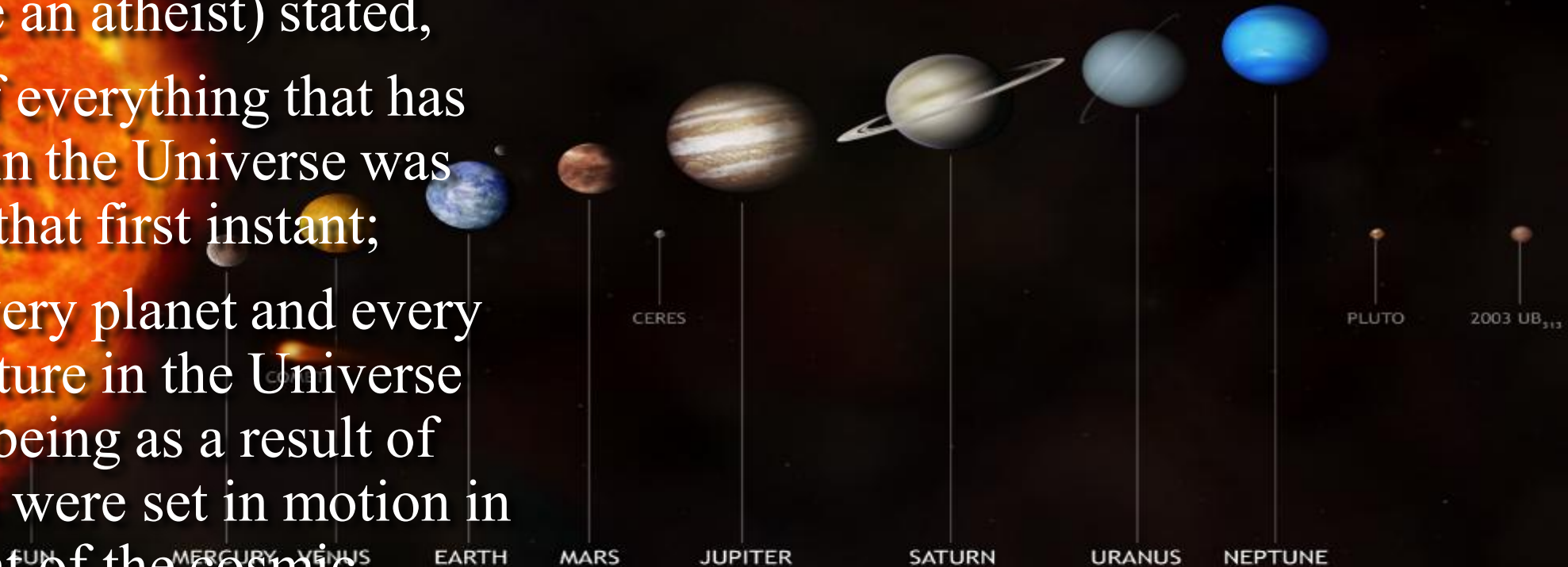
Earth is the only known planet equipped with an atmosphere of the right mixture of gases to sustain plant, animal and human life.

OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Astrophysicist Robert Jastrow, a self-described agnostic, (a person who is skeptical about the existence of God but does not claim to be an atheist) stated,

"The seed of everything that has happened in the Universe was planted in that first instant; every star, every planet and every living creature in the Universe came into being as a result of events that were set in motion in the moment of the cosmic explosion..."

The Universe flashed into being, and we cannot find out what caused that to happen."¹



1. Robert Jastrow; "Message from Professor Robert Jastrow"; *LeaderU.com*; 2002.



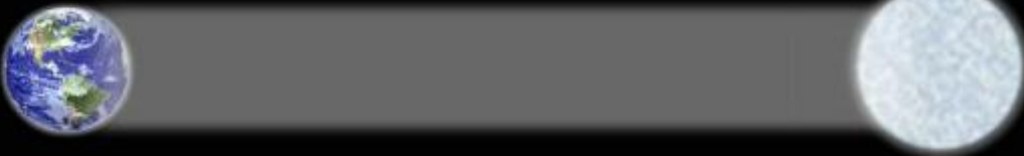
Earth to Moon = 1.3 Light seconds



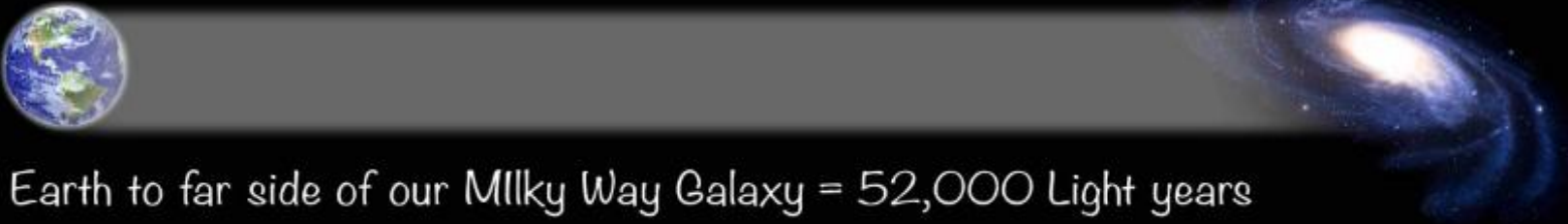
Earth to Sun = 8 Light minutes



Earth to Mars = 12.7 Light minutes



Earth to Alpha Centauri = 4.4 Light years



Earth to far side of our Milky Way Galaxy = 52,000 Light years

Speed of Light =
299,792 km/sec

We can identify laws of nature that never change they are always constant.

It would be very easy to imagine a universe with unpredictably from moment to moment.

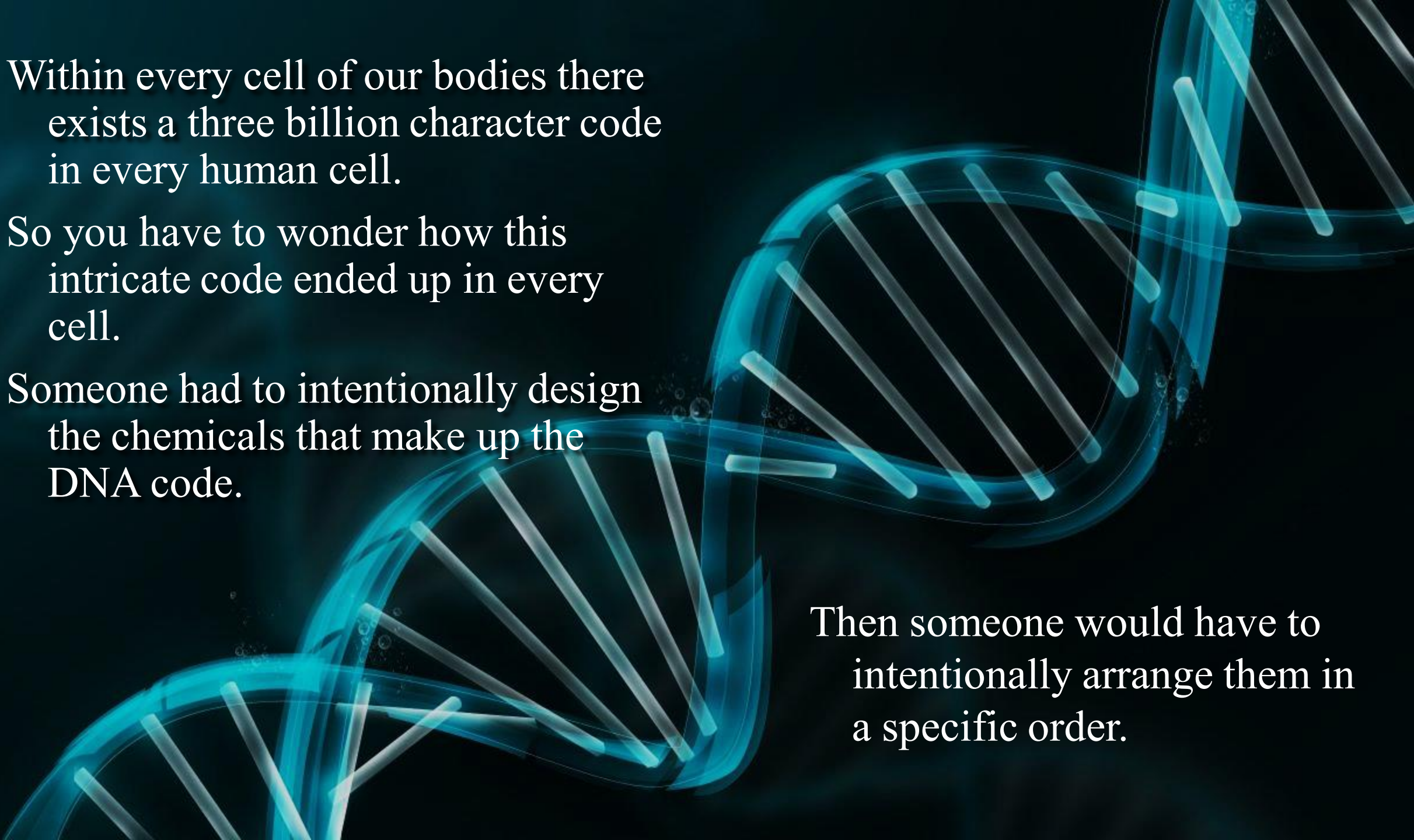
Yet we live in a universe with predictable laws of nature, who keeps them predictable?

Within every cell of our bodies there exists a three billion character code in every human cell.

So you have to wonder how this intricate code ended up in every cell.

Someone had to intentionally design the chemicals that make up the DNA code.

Then someone would have to intentionally arrange them in a specific order.





Symbol of Atheism

What is it about atheists that causes them to spend so much time, attention, and energy refuting something that they don't believe exists?

When Marilyn Adamson was an atheist, she attributed her

intentions as caring for those poor, delusional people...to help them realize their hope in the afterlife was completely illogical.

To be honest, she also had another motive. “As I challenged those who believed in God, I was deeply curious to see if they could convince me otherwise.

Part of my quest was to become free from the question of God. If I could conclusively prove to believers that they were wrong, then the issue is off the table, and I would be free to go about my life.”²

I have come to find out that God wants to be known. He created us with the intention that we would know Him.

He has surrounded us with evidence of Himself and He keeps the question of His existence squarely before us.

It was as if I couldn't escape thinking about the possibility of God.

In fact, the day I chose to acknowledge God's existence, my prayer began with, "Ok, you win..."³

3. <https://www.everystudent.com/features/isthere.html>

How do we know there is a great designer called God.

Jesus the Son of God came to earth to tell us about our loving Father in heaven.

How do we know Jesus was from God?

All we have to do is look at the historical facts that surround His life on earth.

He performed many healing miracles by curing the blind, crippled, deaf and even raised people from the dead.

No one else on earth was able to

duplicate them.

He had the power to create food out of thin air, walked on water, quelled storms and many people followed Him because they view the miracles as signs of God's power, thus Jesus must have been from God.

Is there a God, you bet there is because how else can you explain the laws of nature, the maintenance of those laws and the historical facts that support Jesus' miracles, past and present.



In today's gospel we hear how Peter, James and John witnessed the Transfiguration.

They saw for themselves the glory of God, His Son Jesus and two prophets who had died many centuries before.

You will recall in the Gospel of John we hear the story of the Apostle Thomas who said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my

finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."¹

After Thomas had examined the wounds of Jesus, "John 20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."²

1. New American Bible. (2011). (Revised Edition, Jn 20:25). Washington, DC: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

2. New American Bible. (2011). (Revised Edition, Jn 20:29). Washington, DC: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.