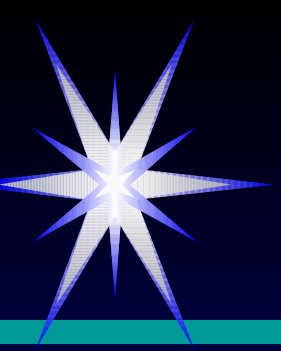


Design in Language

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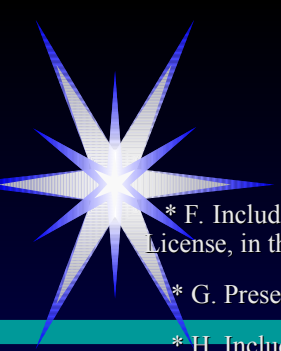
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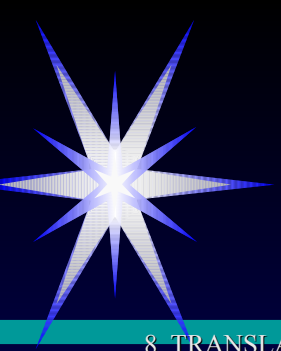
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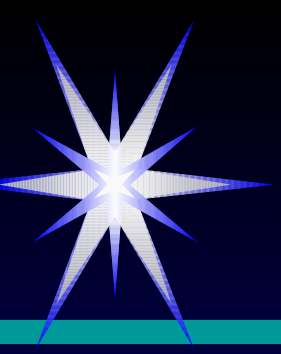
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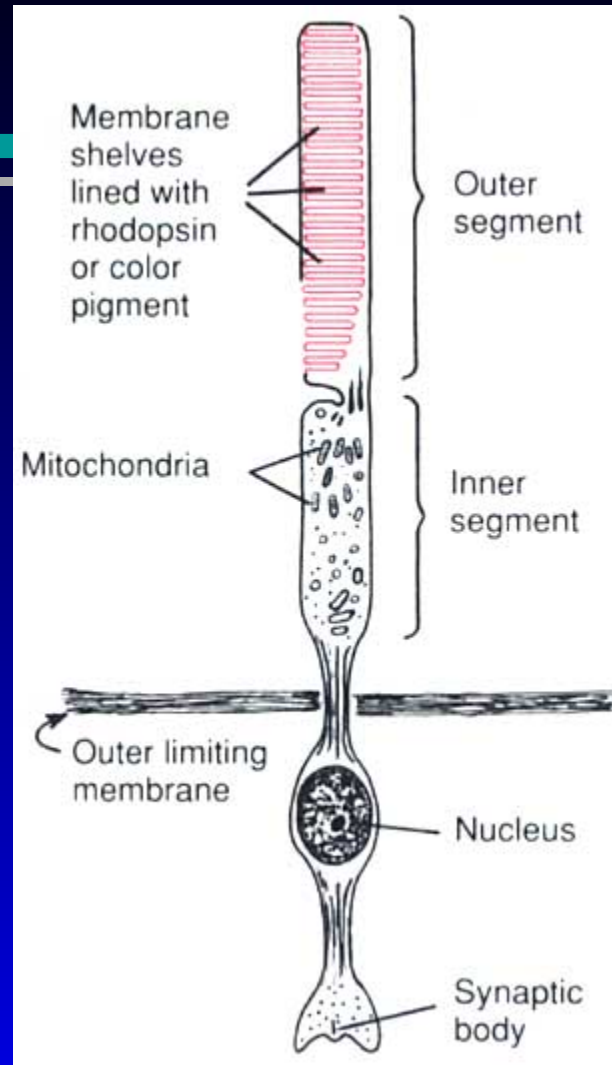
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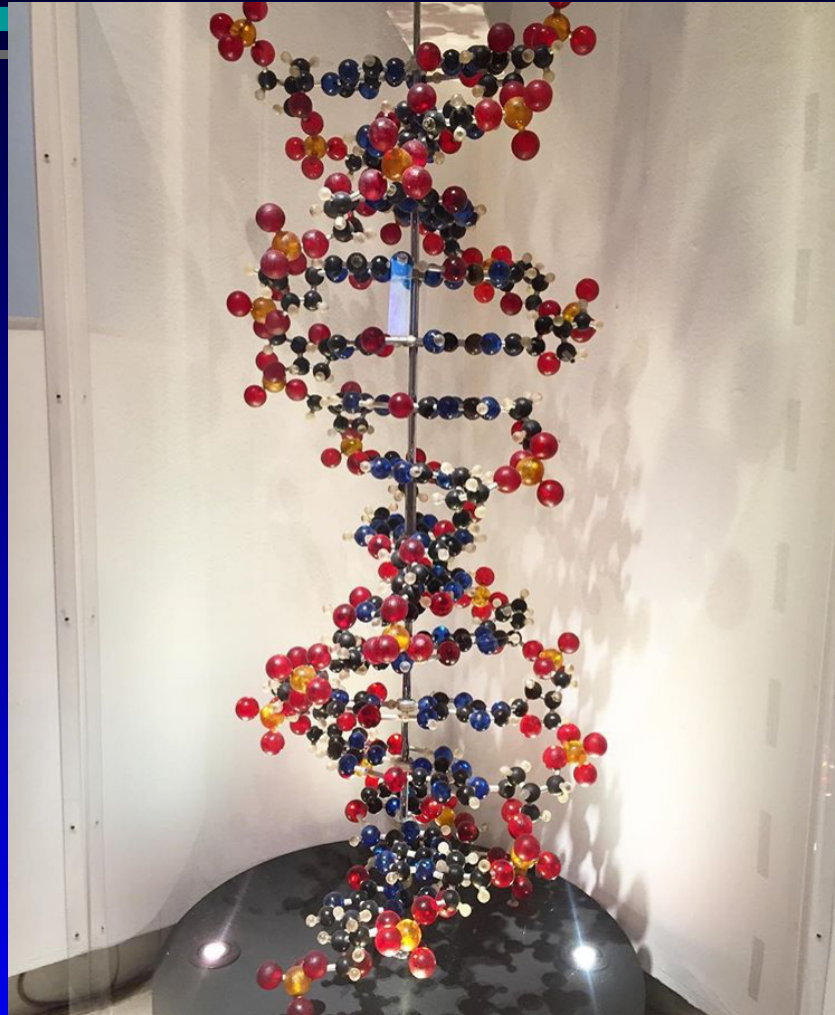




Retinal photoreceptor cell (rod or cone)



DNA Model

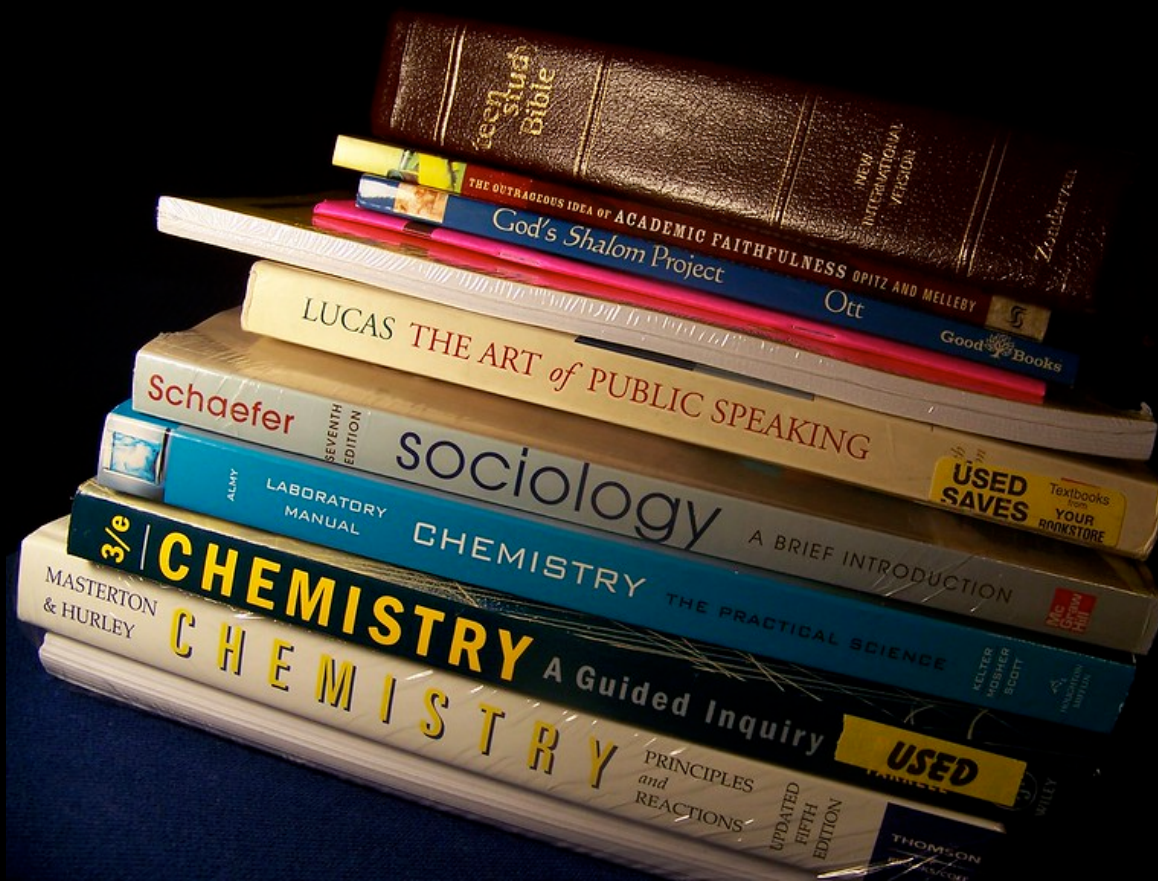


Design: Mathematics

$$2+2 = 4$$

$$\frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots$$

Design: Books



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A. Debating Whether Design Exists



Commitments: Impersonal vs. Personal Origin

Framework:
impersonal



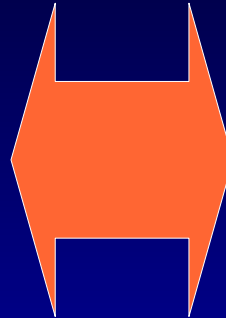
matter, motion



no innate purpose



no design



Framework:
personal God rules



personal actions



purpose



personal design



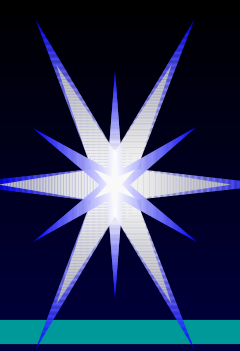
Ways of Finding Design—In What Context? What Assumptions?

Overcoming Resistance

- ▶ Skeptic denies personal supervision
- ▶ Hard to establish design
- ▶ Is human designer enough?

Exploring Implications

- ▶ Start with a knowledge of God
- ▶ Easy to see his benefits
- ▶ Human designers design in imitation and in cooperation with God



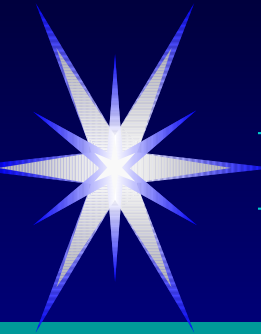
Regions for Design

Overcoming Resistance

- ▶ Is human designer enough?
- ▶ Look at physics, chemistry, and biology

Exploring Implications

- ▶ Human designers design in imitation and in cooperation with God
- ▶ Look at language



B. Examples of Design



A Specific Text

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

CHAPTER I.

IT is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.

However little known the feelings or views of such a man may be on his first entering a neighbourhood, this truth is so well fixed in the minds of the surrounding families, that he is considered as the rightful property of some one or other of their daughters.

‘My dear Mr. Bennet,’ said his lady to him one day, ‘have you heard that Netherfield Park is let at last?’

Mr. Bennet replied that he had not.

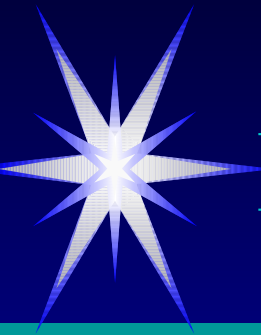
‘But it is,’ returned she; ‘for Mrs. Long has just been here, and she told me all about it.’

Mr. Bennet made no answer.

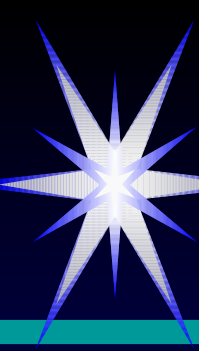
‘Do not you want to know who has taken it?’ cried his wife, impatiently.

‘*You* want to tell me, and I have no objection to hearing it.’

This was invitation enough.



Language as a Whole?



Indefinite Complexity

I saw

a hair on a leg on a flea on a wart on a frog
on a log on a rock at the edge of a pond
in the woods in southeastern Pennsylvania.



Abstraction

Infinity

Ideas

Citizenship

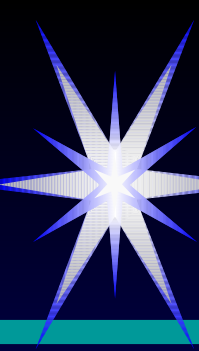
Aesthetics

Philosophy

Immateriality

Indefiniteness

Power

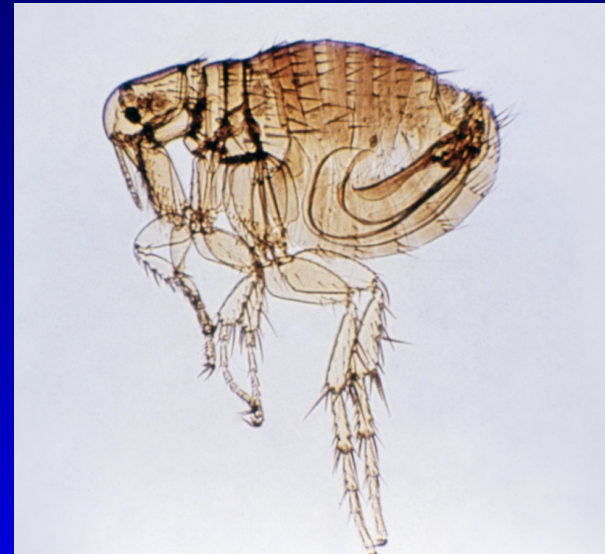


Communicative Purposes

- The hair is on the flea.
- Is the hair on the flea?
- Might the hair be on the flea?
- Why is the hair on the flea?
- Put the hair on the flea.
- Please put the hair on the flea.
- Where is the hair?
- Let's examine the hair on the flea.

Reference

- ▶ That hair is on the flea.
- ▶ The same hair that I told you about is tiny.





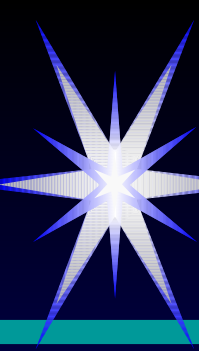
Reasoning

- ▶ The flea is tiny because all fleas are tiny.
- ▶ Dogs scratch when they have fleas. (Causal reasoning)



Focus

- It is the hair that is on the flea.
- It is the flea that has the hair on it.
- There is a hair on the flea.
- It is true that the hair is on the flea.
- That the hair is on the flea is peculiar.
- I saw the hair on the flea.



Poetry (Isaiah 40:3-5)

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."



Theology

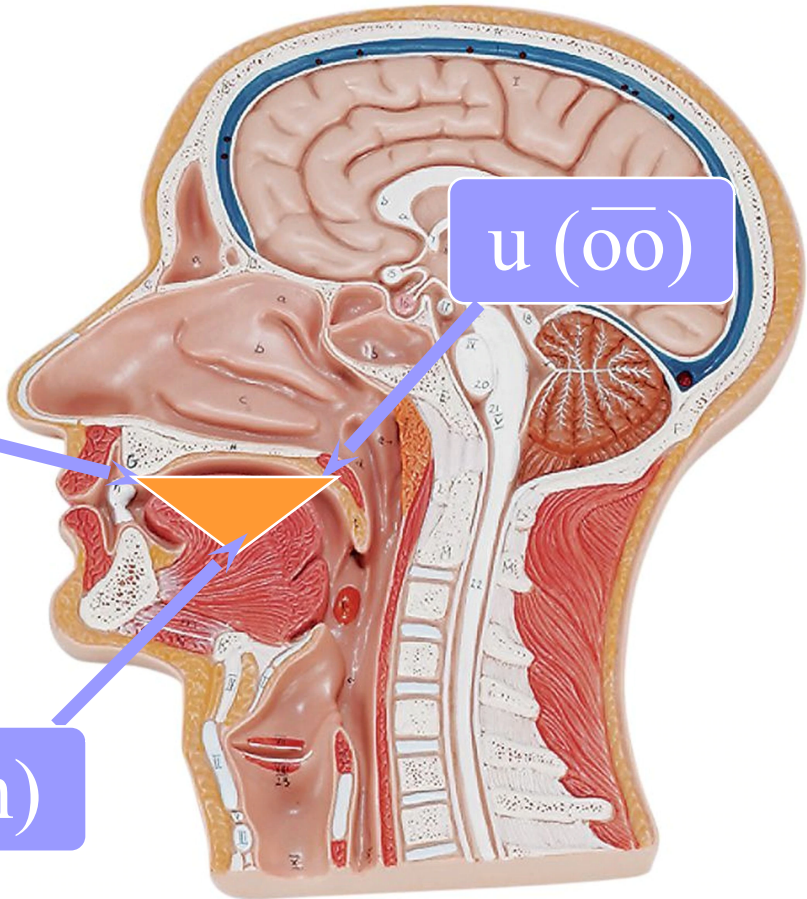
"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." – Gen. 1:1

"And God said, 'Let there be light,'
and there was light." – Gen. 1:3

"Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your
country and your kindred'" – Gen. 12:1

"[God] has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual
blessing in the heavenly places," – Eph. 1:3

Anatomical Equipment

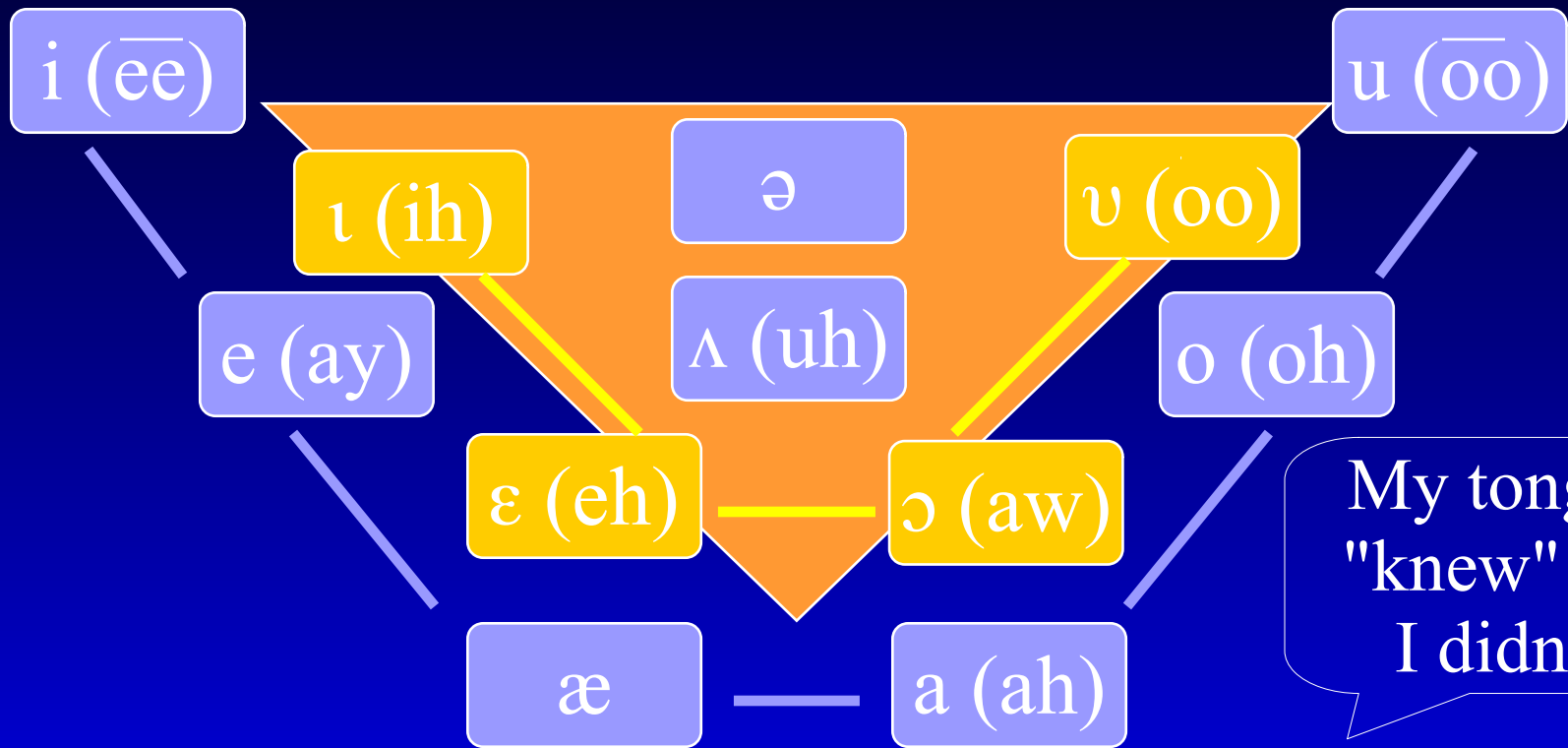


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u (ōō)

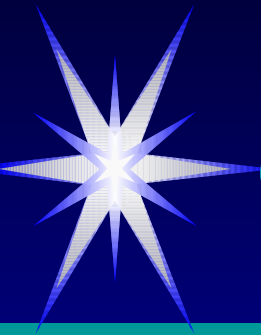
a (ah)

English Vowel System

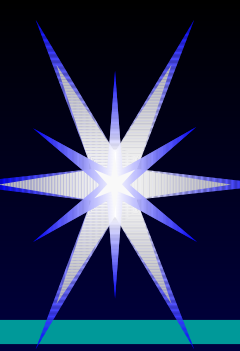


My tongue
"knew" but
I didn't.





C. Animal Language?

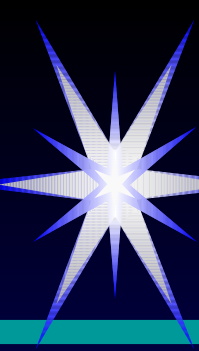


Dolittle's Delusion

Stephen R. Anderson,

Doctor Dolittle's Delusion: Animals and the Uniqueness of Human Language.

New Haven: Yale University Press, 2006.



A Dog's Vocabulary

- ▶ 100 words? 200 words?
- ▶ But single words or simple phrases, acting as signals for present action.



Animal Signaling

- ▶ Lack of indefinite complexity
- ▶ Lack of abstraction
- ▶ Immediacy
- ▶ Signal vs. complex meaning in human language
- ▶ Complex oral articulation



D. Language by Random Evolution?



Enough Time?

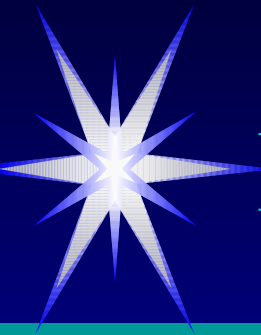
Biologically realistic numerical simulations revealed that a population of this type required inordinately long waiting times to establish even the shortest nucleotide strings. To establish a string of two nucleotides required on average 84 million years. To establish a string of five nucleotides required on average 2 billion years.¹

1. Sanford, John, Wesley Brewer, Franzine Smith and John Baumgardner. "The Waiting Time Problem in a Model Hominin Population," *Theoretical Biology and Medical Modelling* 12/18 (2015), DOI: 10.1186/s12976-015-0016-z, <https://tbiomed.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12976-015-0016-z>, accessed Jan. 13, 2020.

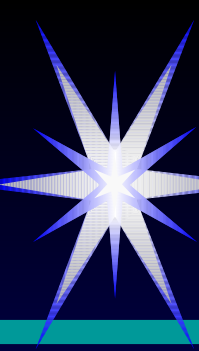


Where Does Language Come From?

- ▶ Evolution from grunts
- ▶ Human "construct"
- ▶ Innate
- ▶ Just-so story
- ▶ No one does:
only pieces
- ▶ Multiple languages
- ▶ Relation to worlds
 - ▶ Visible world
 - ▶ Ideas
 - ▶ Media
 - ▶ Persons



E. Necessary Pieces for Language

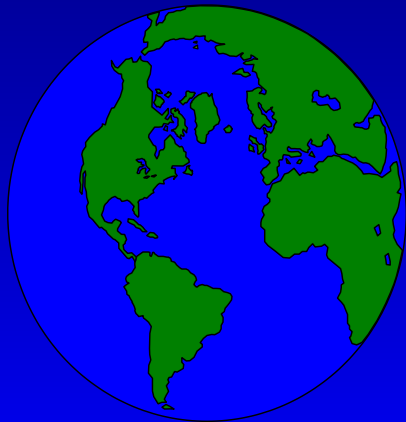


Pieces for Science

Law

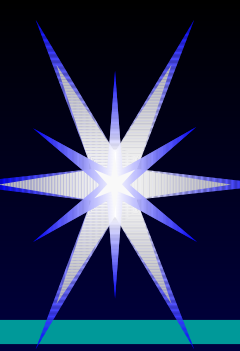
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World



Persons



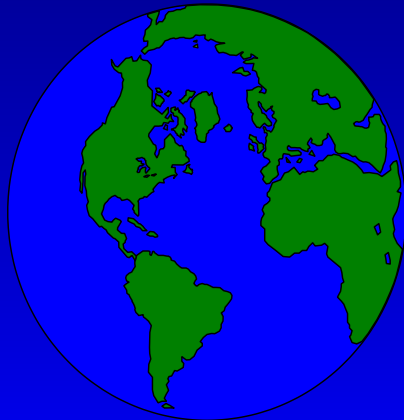


Pieces for Language: Laws

Law

regularities
for language

World

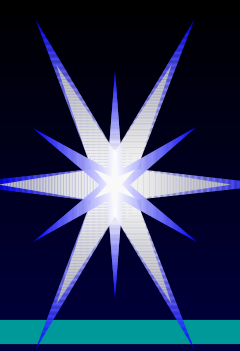


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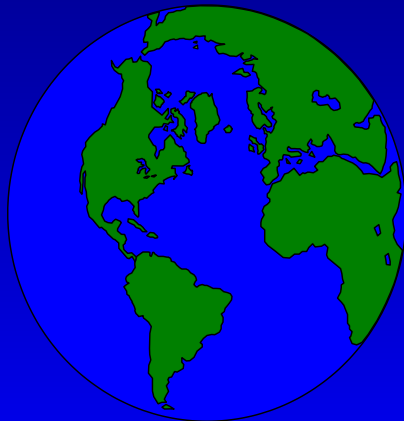




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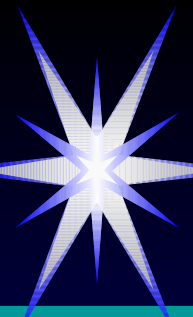
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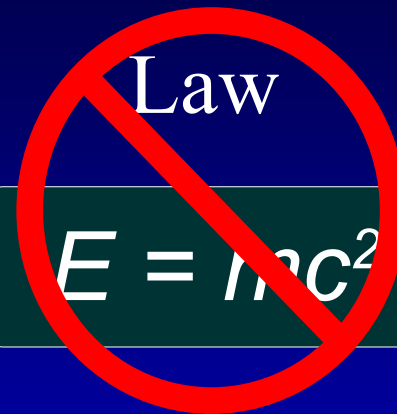
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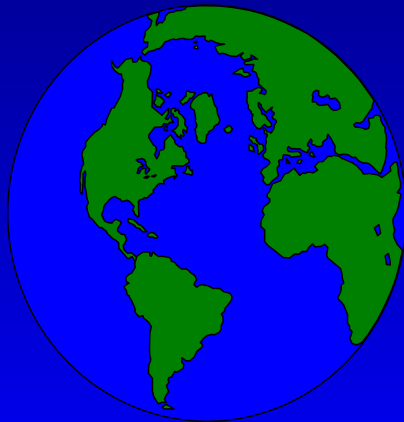


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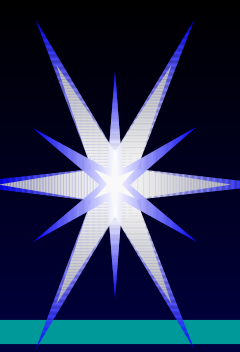
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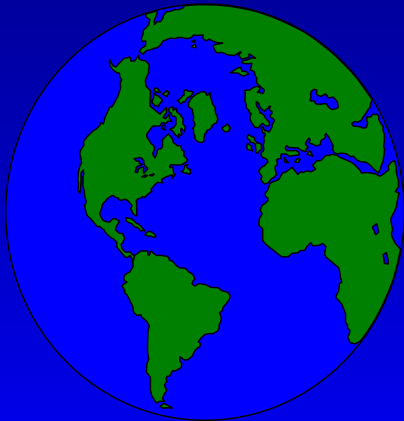
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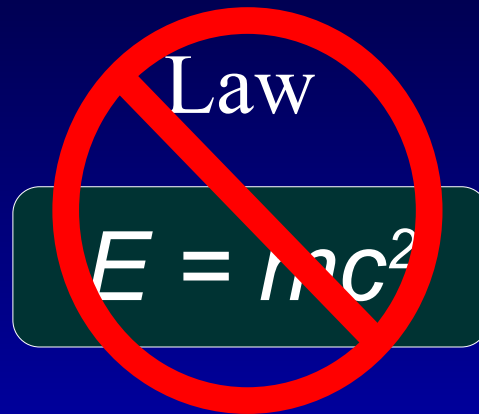
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Postmodern Relativistic Subjectivism



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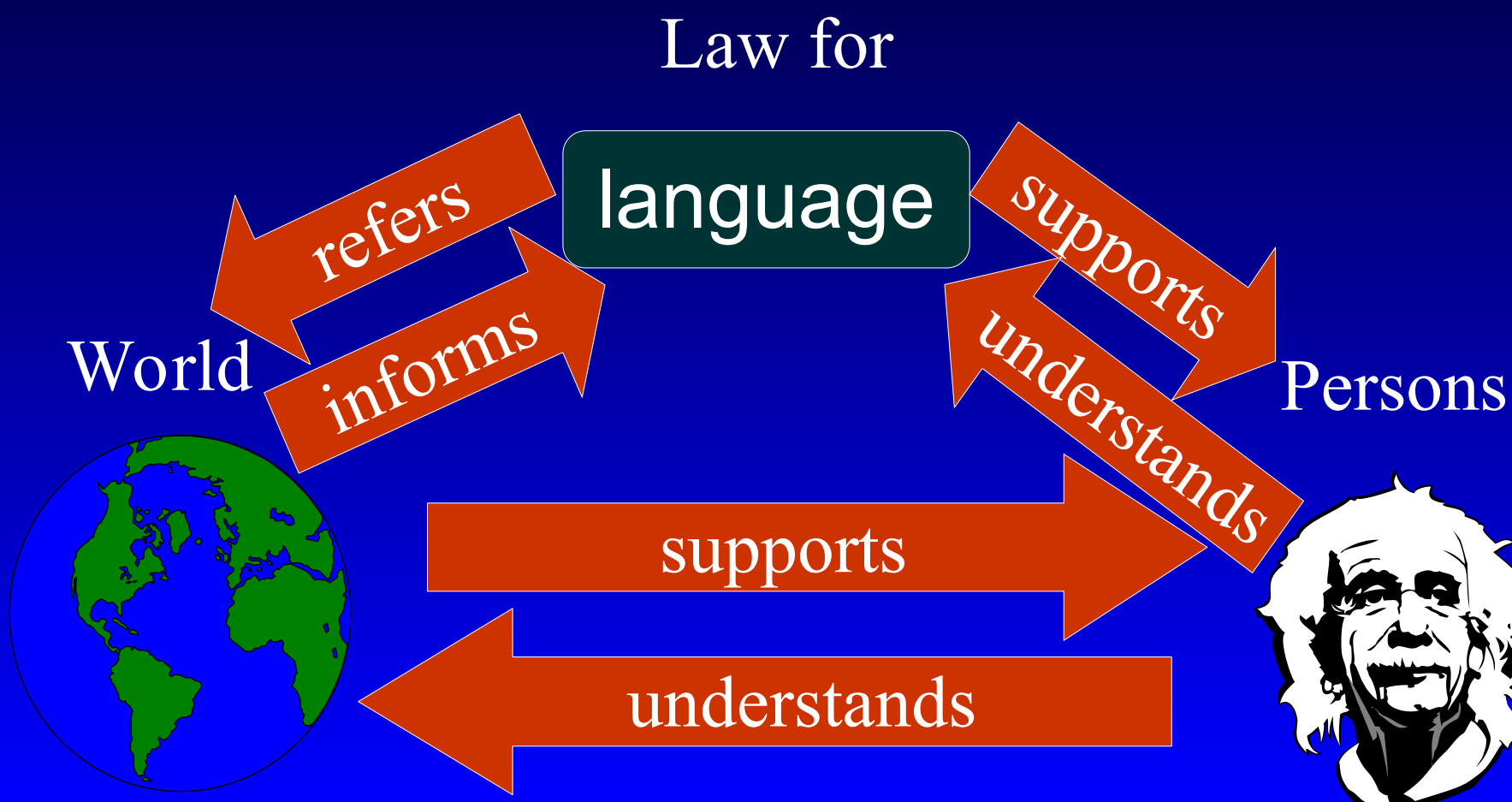
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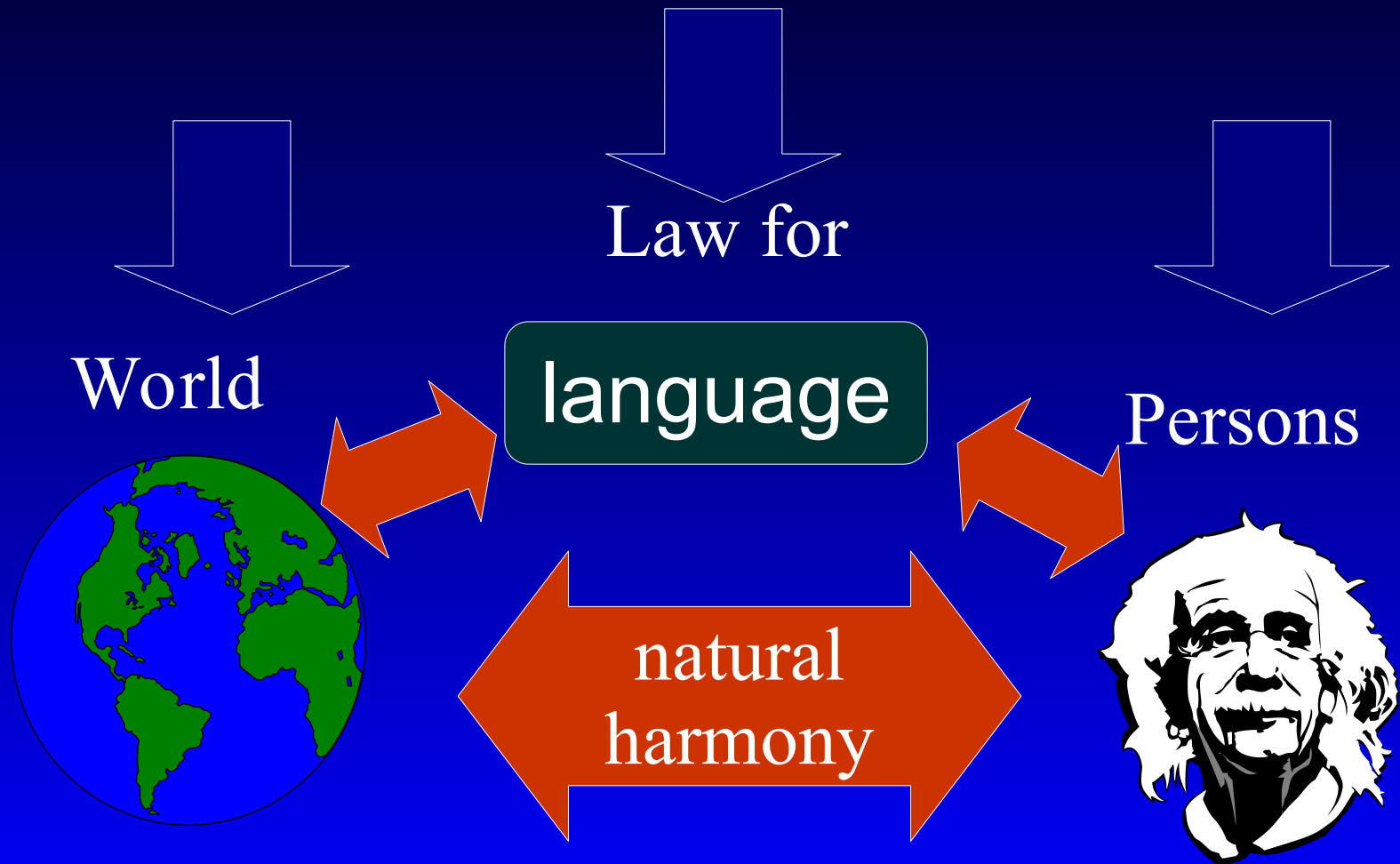


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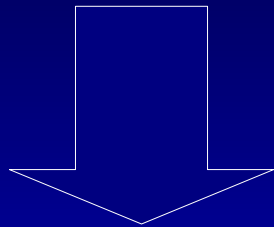


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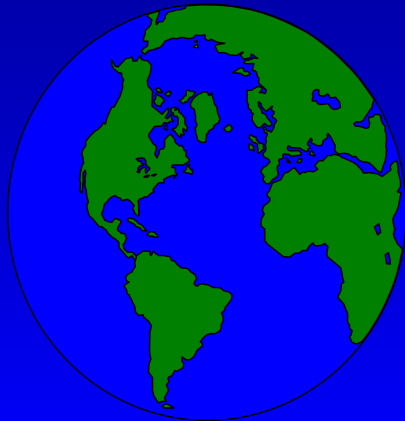




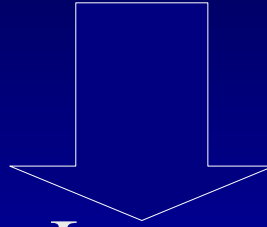
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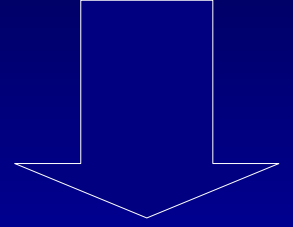
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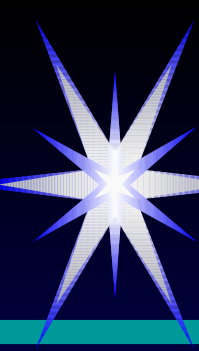
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Testimony of God

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. – Romans 1:19-20



Divine Nature

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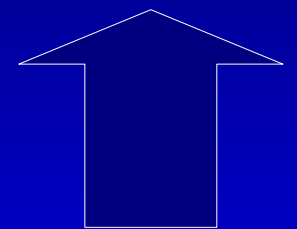
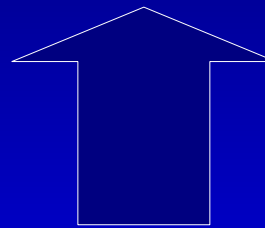
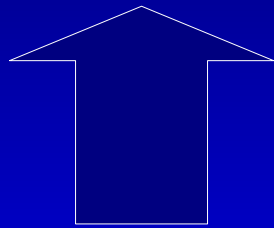
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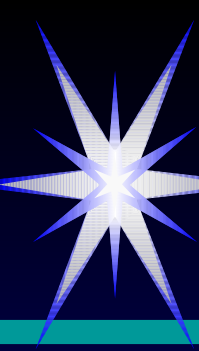
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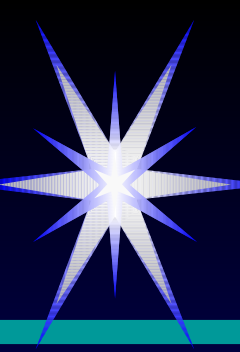


divine nature



Suppressing the Truth

... who by their unrighteousness suppress
the truth. – Romans 1:18



Multiple Testimony

powerful

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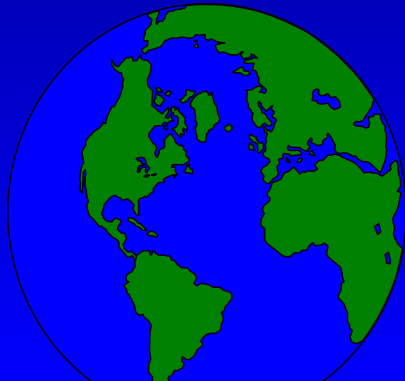
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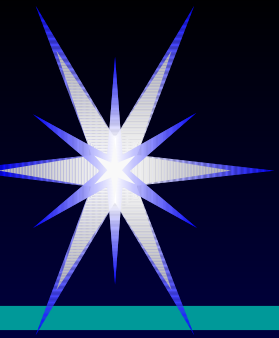
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Father wisely plans



GOD

Son powerfully executes

Spirit personally presents



powerful

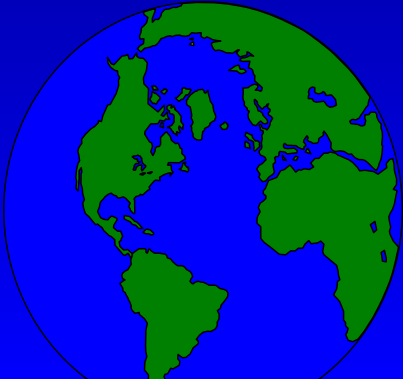
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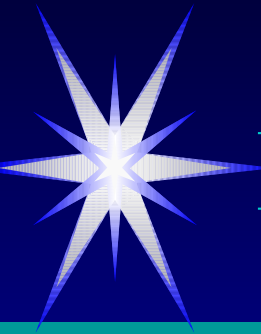
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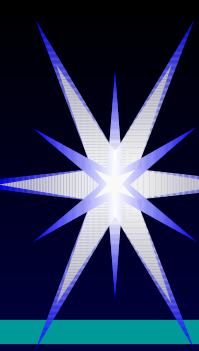


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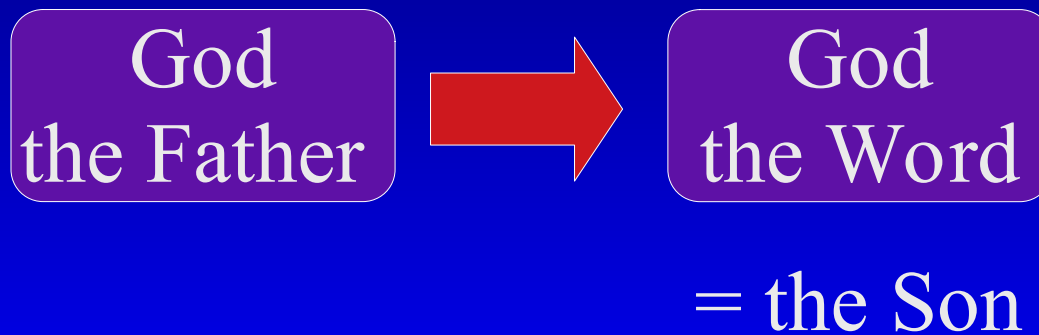


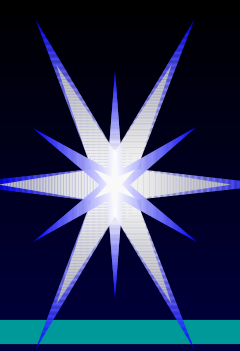
F. Origin of Language



The Eternal, Infinite Word

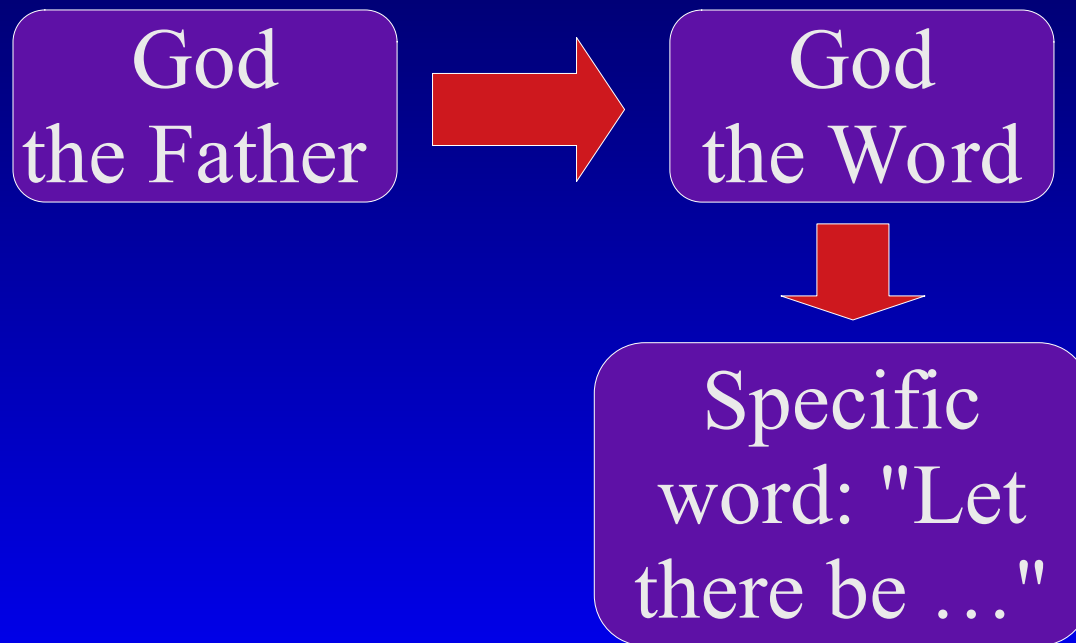
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. – John 1:1





The Word Creating

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

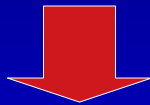




Human Nature

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." – Genesis 1:26

God
the Father

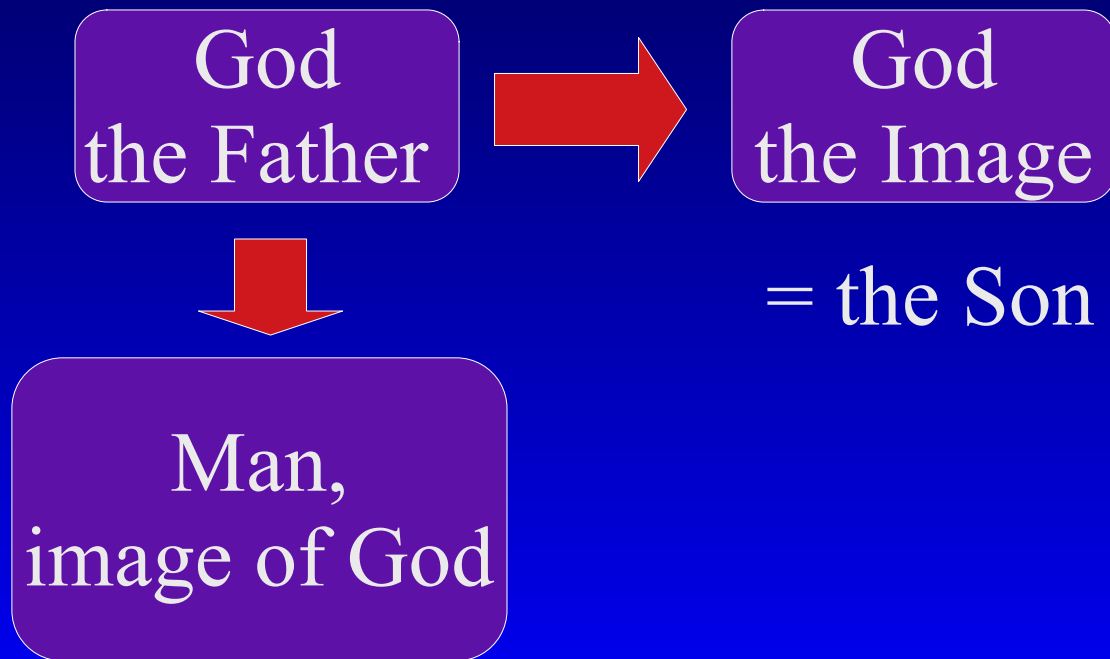


Man,
image of God



Human Nature Patterned After God

He [the divine Son] is the image of the invisible God. – Colossians 1:15

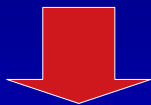




Use of Language

God

God called the light Day,
and the darkness he
called Night. – Gen. 1:5



Man,
image of God

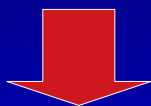
And whatever the man
called every living creature,
that was its name.
– Gen. 2:19



Language as Power and Gift

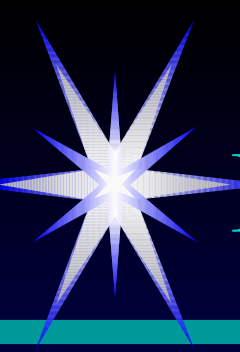
God

God's original power
– Rom. 1:20



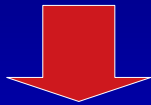
Man,
image of God

Design and gift and benefit
to human beings
– Gen. 1:28-30



Language as News of Salvation

God



Man,
image of God

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but
have eternal life. – John 3:16