

# OBSTACLES TO ATHEISM





**THERE'S PROBABLY NO GOD.**  
**NOW STOP WORRYING AND ENJOY YOUR LIFE.**

  
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[www.richarddawkins.net](http://www.richarddawkins.net)  
[www.atheistcampaign.org](http://www.atheistcampaign.org)

**GOD IS NOWHERE**

**GOD IS NOW HERE**



# GOD

- ◆ Infinite, all-wise, all-powerful
- ◆ Revealed naturally in -
  - ◆ creation
  - ◆ the nature of man
  - ◆ the history of Israel & the church
- & supernaturally in the -
  - ◆ Holy scriptures
  - ◆ incarnation of His Son
  - ◆ believer by the Gospel

# Heart & mind

- ◆ “Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind”

Matt 22.37



# **The Universe and its origin**

*- Evidence of the Power of God*

# **The Bible and its truth**

*- Revelation of the Character of God*

# **Jesus Christ and His followers**

*-Declaration of the Love of God*

# Case for God rests on -

- ◆ reason
- ◆ history
- ◆ revelation
- ◆ experience

- - Obstacles to Atheism?



# UNIVERSE & ITS ORIGIN

- Why is there something rather than nothing?
  - Why is it all so structured?
  - How do you account for life?
    - for intelligence?
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# The BIG Bang



- ***YOU CAN'T GET SOMETHING FROM NOTHING***
  - Law of 'Cause & Effect'
    - *ex nihilo nihil*
- ***YOU CAN'T GET ENERGY FROM NOWHERE***
  - Energy (and matter) cannot be created from nothing
  - First Law of Thermodynamics

# ORDER FROM CHAOS?

- Scattered debris → organised structure??
- Protons, neutrons, electrons → atoms??
- Atoms → other atoms → small molecules??
- Small stable molecules → large unstable

biomolecules??

■ SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

■ ***YOU DON'T GET ORDER FROM CHAOS  
– IT'S THE OTHER WAY ROUND!***



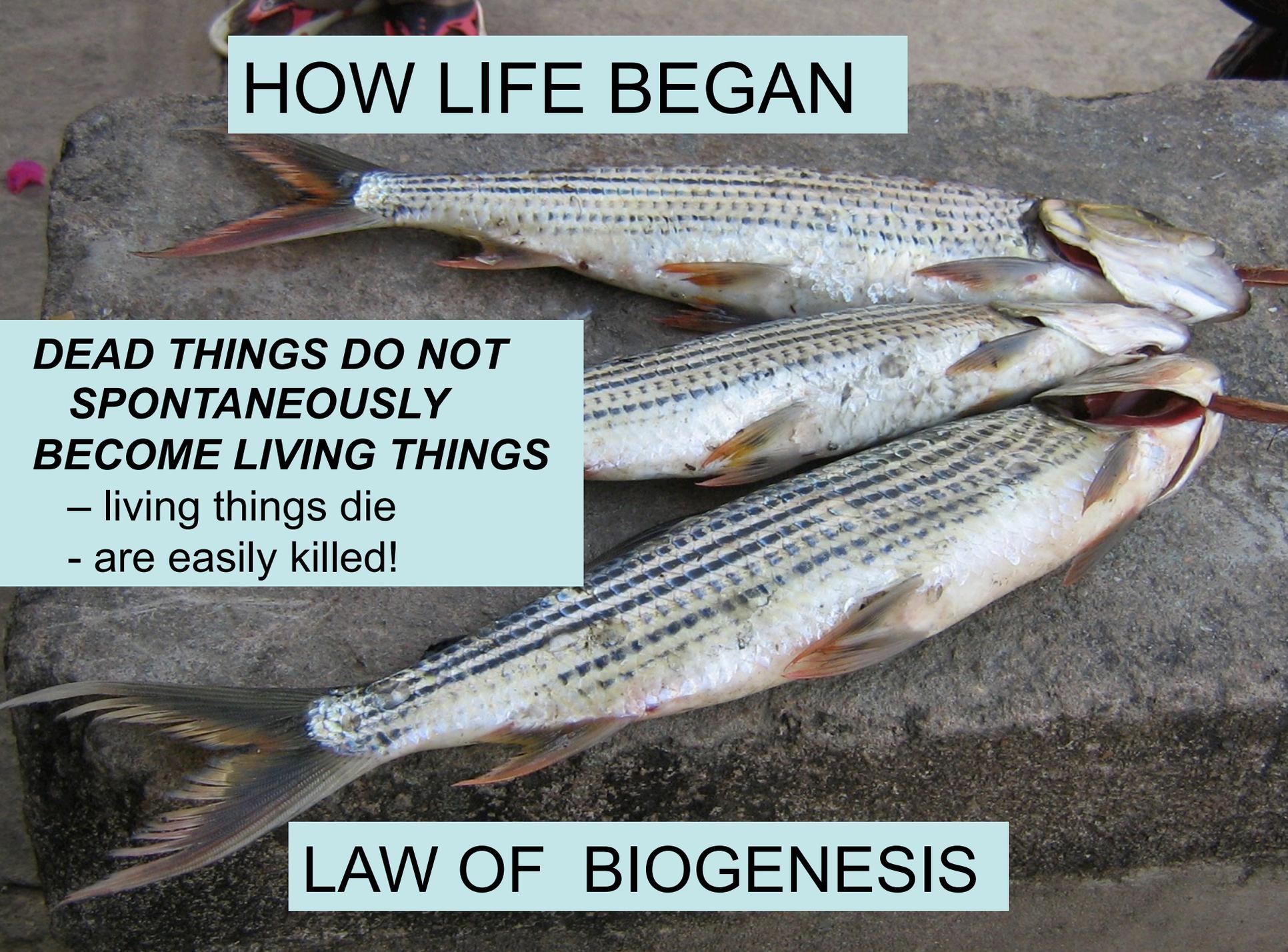
“Biological macromolecules have proved to be much too complex, much too specific, and much too numerous to be accounted for by the current theory of evolution.

It is not just that they are so improbable that they could not possibly have arisen by chance, but there is no evidence that they have acquired their complexity gradually, - and no plausible means by which they could do so.“

*D Swift, 2002*



# HOW LIFE BEGAN

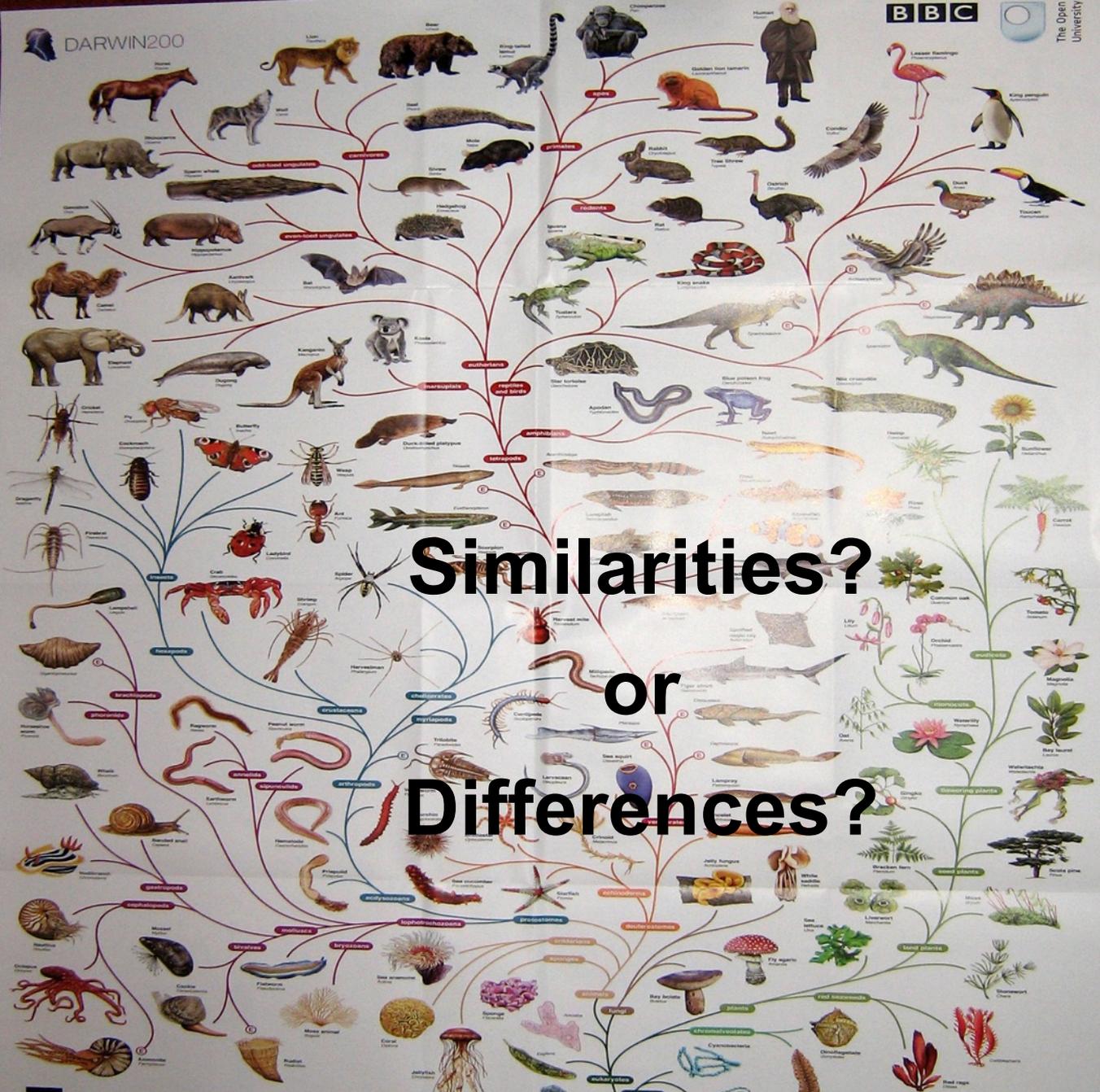
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***DEAD THINGS DO NOT  
SPONTANEOUSLY  
BECOME LIVING THINGS***

- living things die
- are easily killed!

# LAW OF BIOGENESIS





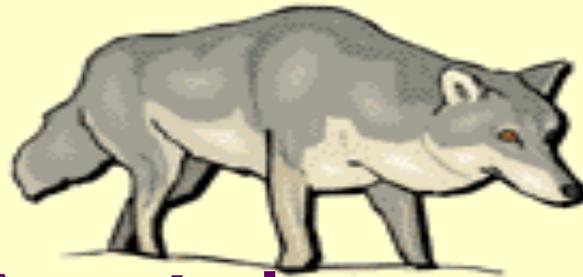
# Similarities?

# or

# Differences?

# Changes in living things

- ◆ Produced by selection -
  - (1) intelligently - directed breeding
  - (2) naturally = “survival of the fittest”  
“natural selection”
    - adaptation to hostile conditions
- ◆ Microevolution - always WITHIN SPECIES
  - ◆ **Does not / cannot cross the boundary of the species**



**Ancestral source**



**Natural selection cannot cause one kind (species) to become a new kind.**

- ◆ **Can only select from existing information already in the genes**
- ◆ **Cannot start off evolution when there is nothing to select from**
- ◆ **Cannot plan ahead - has no foresight into the future**

**MUTATIONS**

**WITHIN GENES**

*do not improve species*

*Damage!*

## BANANA TEA BREAD



- 200 g Be-Ro self-raising flour (8 oz)  
1 x 1.25 ml spoon bicarbonate of soda (1/4 tsp)  
1 x 2.5 ml spoon salt (1/2 tsp)  
75 g butter (3 oz)  
175 g caster sugar (6 oz)  
2 eggs, beaten  
450 g bananas, mashed (1 lb)  
100 g walnuts, chopped (4 oz)
- 1 Mix together flour, bicarbonate of soda and salt.
  - 2 Cream the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy, add the eggs a little at a time, alternately with the flour.
  - 3 Stir in the remaining flour, bananas and walnuts.
  - 4 Place in a greased and lined loaf tin 20.5 cm x 12.5 cm
  - 5 Bake for 1 1/4 hours at 180°C, 350°F, Gas mark 4.
  - 6 Cool on a wire rack and keep for 24 hours before serving.

## EMERGENCY BREAD

- 400 g Be-Ro self-raising flour (1 lb)  
1 x 5 ml spoon salt (1 tsp)  
2 oz lard (optional) (50 g)  
250 ml milk (1/2 pt)
- 1 Mix flour and salt, rub in lard, if used.
  - 2 Add the milk and mix to a dough.
  - 3 Shape lightly and place in a greased 18 cm cake tin.
  - 4 Bake in a moderate oven 180°C, 350°F, Gas mark 4 for about an hour.

## ORANGE AND RAISIN LOAF



- 200 g Be-Ro self-raising flour (8 oz)  
1 x 2.5 ml spoon bicarbonate of soda (1/2 tsp)  
25 g lard (1 oz)  
25 g margarine (1 oz)  
100 g caster sugar (4 oz)  
grated rind and juice of 1/2 orange  
150 g raisins (6 oz)  
milk
- 1 Mix flour and bicarbonate of soda, rub in fats.
  - 2 Mix in sugar, orange rind and raisins.
  - 3 Make the juice of the 1/2 orange up to 200 ml with milk (1/4 pt)
  - 4 Add to the dry ingredients and mix well.
  - 5 Place the mixture in a greased loaf tin approx 16 x 10 x 7.5 cm.
  - 6 Bake in a moderate oven, 160°C, 325°F, Gas mark 3 for about 1 1/4 hours.

## BISCUITS AND COOKIES

### OATMEAL BISCUITS

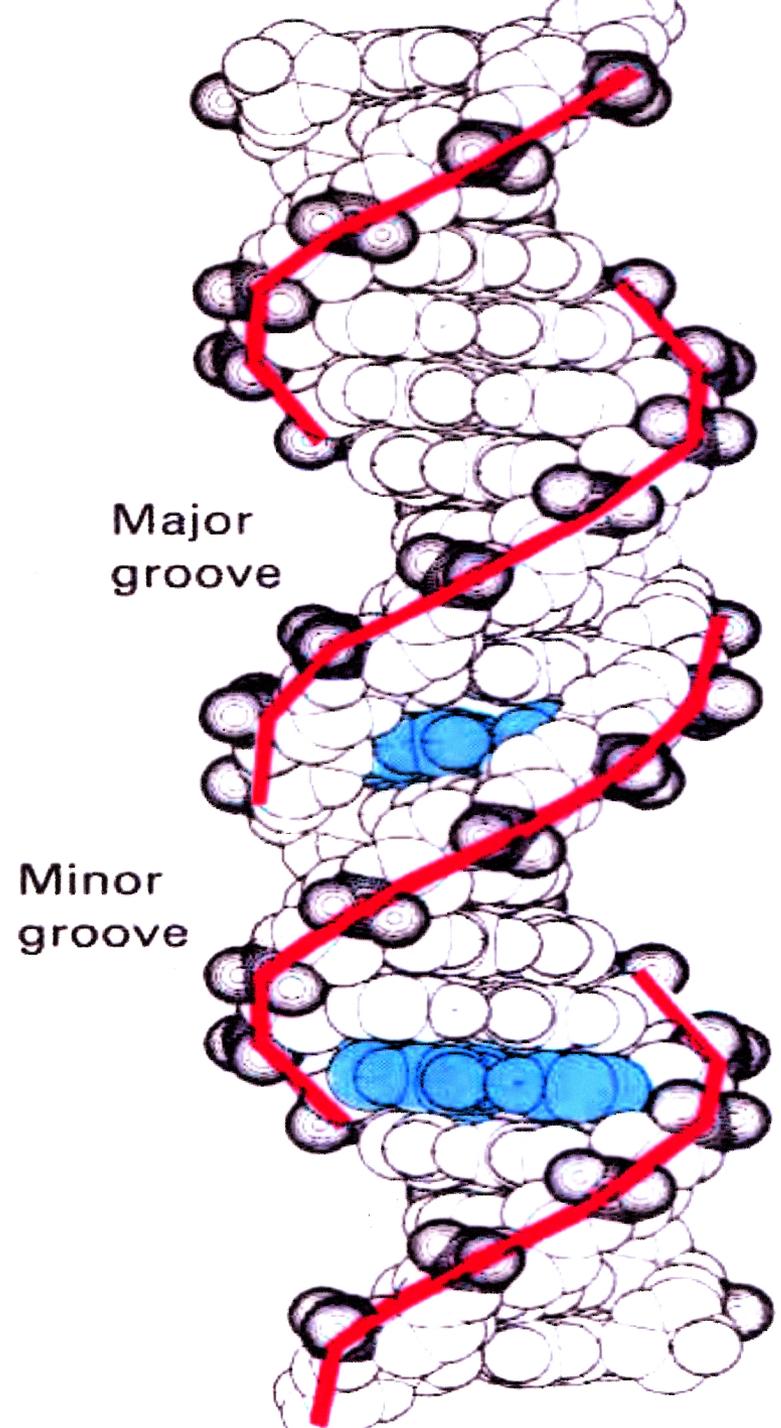
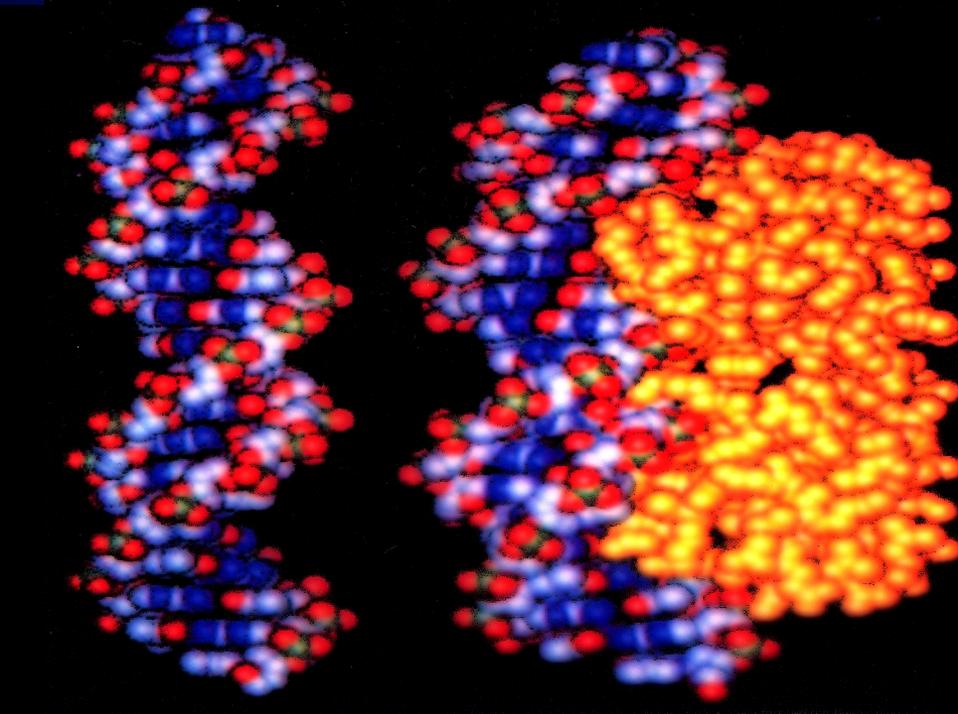


- 125 g Be-Ro self-raising flour (5 oz)  
125 g oatmeal (5 oz)  
pinch of salt  
75 g sugar (3 oz)  
75 g margarine (3 oz)  
milk to mix
- 1 Mix the dry ingredients, rub in the margarine.
  - 2 Add sufficient milk to make a stiff dough.
  - 3 Roll out thinly and cut into rounds.
  - 4 Place on greased baking trays.
  - 5 Bake in a moderate oven, 180°C, 350°F, Gas mark 4 for about 15 minutes.

### ALMOND BISCUITS



- 150 g Be-Ro self-raising flour (6 oz)  
pinch of salt  
75 g caster sugar (3 oz)  
50 g ground almonds (2 oz)  
125 g margarine (5 oz)  
few drops almond essence  
blanched almonds
- 1 Mix together the dry ingredients, rub in the margarine.
  - 2 Add the essence and mix well.
  - 3 Roll out thinly and cut into rounds.
  - 4 Place half a blanched almond on each.
  - 5 Place on greased baking trays and bake in a moderate oven 180°C, 350°F, Gas mark 4 for about 15 minutes.



***CODES ARE NOT MADE UP  
BY NON-INTELLIGENT BEINGS  
OR BY RANDOM EVENTS***



# ***SEXUAL REPRODUCTION DOES NOT WORK WITHOUT BOTH MALE AND FEMALE***

- asexual reproduction does not change into sexual reproduction
- both male & female functions must be complete to reproduce the next generation

Without God –

Something missing?  
Unexplained?

things go wrong!



“In the beginning ...

Time

“God ...

Intelligence

“created ...

Energy

“the heavens ...

Space

“and the earth”

Matter

Allow God in –

and the universe makes more sense

factual science falls into place

- and your life will make more sense

difficulties will fall into place



“Behold I stand at the door and knock.  
If anyone hears my voice  
and opens the door  
I will come in ...”

(Revelation 3.20)

