

Its not a question of Science verses Religion

In the Beginning..

If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. Jeremiah 29:11-13

THREE Events

That CAN NOT BE IGNORED!

THE UNIVERSE YOU

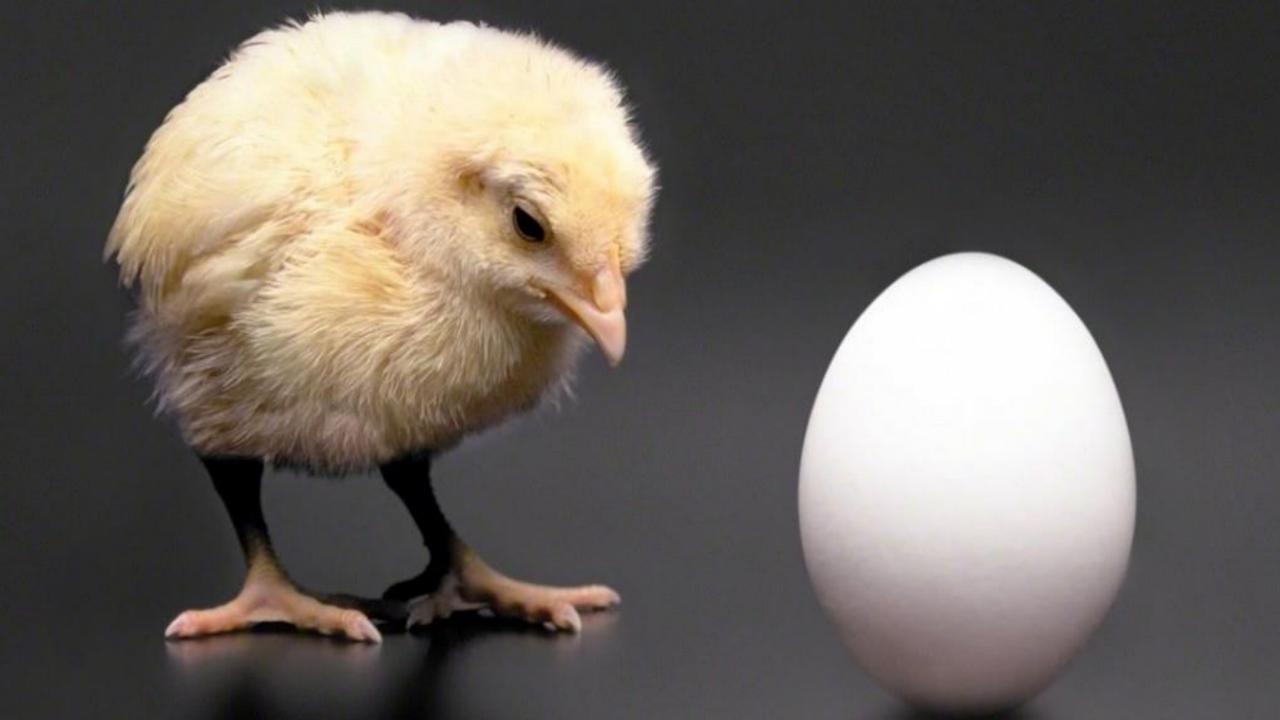
JESUS' RESURRECTION



LAW OF BIOGENESIS

Omne Vivum ex Vivo All Life (is) from Life Louis Pasteur

EACH ONE AFTER ITS KIND



Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:26–27)

Let Us make man in Our Image, according to Our likeness;

Gen 1:26a

Male and female He created them... in the image of God He created them.

IMAGO DEI the Image of God

- selem, IMAGE
- D^emût LIKENESS
- Both most often are used in compliment and almost always refer to a physical likeness or representation of something or someone.
- Only twice are they referring to something less physical, being translated once as 'shadow' and again as 'ghosts' or phantoms.
- Still these are referring to a visible resemblance.

The image of God sets man apart from the animal world, fits him for the dominion God intended him to have over the earth Genesis 1:28, and enables him to commune with his Maker.

It is a likeness... Mentally, Morally, Socially.

Mentally, man was created as a rational, thinking being. In other words, man can reason and man can choose. This is a reflection of God's intellect and freedom. Anytime someone invents a machine, writes a book, paints a landscape, he or she is proclaiming the fact that we are made in God's image.

Morally, man was created in righteousness and perfect innocence, a reflection of God's holiness. God saw all He had made (mankind included) and called it "very good" <u>Genesis 1:31.</u>

Our conscience is evidence of that original state.

Socially, man was created for fellowship. To be in relationship. This reflects God's triune nature and His love. In Eden, man's primary relationship was with God.

You and I, are created (like God) to be in relationship with one another.

With a mind so we can Know God

With a morality so we can act justly and show mercy.

With a heart so we can love God and love our neighbor.

DOMINION AND GLORY

What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet.

Psalm 8:4-6

DOMINION AND GLORY

<u>Phil. 3:20,21</u> "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."

<u>2 Cor. 4:17</u> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

<u>Romans 8:21</u> "..that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." <u>Romans 8:29.</u> In Christ Jesus, the work of our glorification has already begun. God is restoring us little by little to mankind's original glory — and then to a glory that is even more wonderful — as we are "conformed to the image of his Son"

<u>2 Cor. 3:18</u> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

IMAGO DEI

I have found a desire within myself that no experience in this world can satisfy; the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. C.S. Lewis

Martin Luther said that if he could understand the first two words of the Lord's Prayer as Christ did, the rest of his life in Christ would fall into place.

