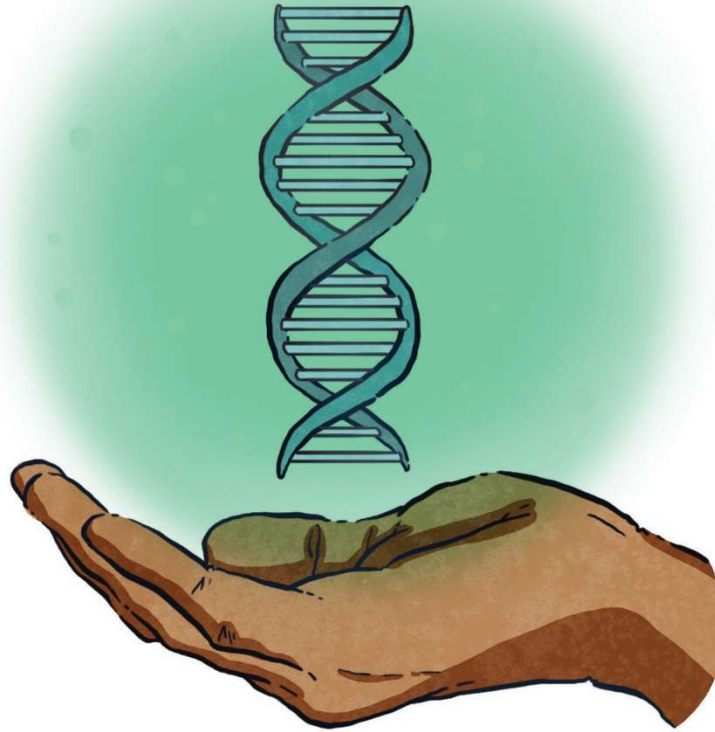


## GENESIS 1: CREATION



DNA (**genes**) holds the information God used to create life on Earth. The hand of God the Father, **Creator**, reaches out, holding **1** DNA helix.

+ I believe the **image of God** is manifested in us through subtle and curious ways. It seems humans universally speak to themselves; we literally have conversations internally. Why? I believe it is residual evidence of God's nature woven into our DNA. God is at his core a unity, a divine community as one. In the Bible God at times seems to be relational within himself - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It would be logical, then, for humans made in the image of God to have this nature as well, and I believe it is expressed in self-conversation! Our running internal dialogue is evidence that we are inherently social, relational, made in God's image!

+ Prior to the Genesis Flood, all of nature was physically far superior than today. Evidence of *Megaflora and Megafauna* in the fossil beds around the world show massive creatures; horsetail reeds which are typically four to five feet tall once grew to *fifty* feet, nautilus shells grew to *nine feet* in diameter, foot long cockroaches, pigs the size of cattle and some birds eleven feet in length!<sup>1</sup> This world has *never* evolved

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<sup>1</sup> Five Lies of the Century by David T. Moore, Tyndale House,

upward according to the fossil evidence. Rather, it started out fantastically and *slid downward* toward a much lower standard – it is called Devolution. Sin ruins everything! In Romans 8 Paul the apostle states that creation is in, "...bondage to decay" (see 8:18-25). That decay is evident in the scientific world as entropy, the tendency of all systems to move from a state of higher order to one of lower order. Sin decays, disarrays, and shortens mankind's days. It takes Gods' power to counter it.

+ Woman and man are absolutely equals, being made in the image of God, yet they have different *roles*. Sin has caused endless strife socially over failure to appreciate and appropriate that fact. Christian marriage highlights both the equality and the complementary nature of human sexual identity as male or female rooted in the Creation.

+ Regarding astrology, the stars are the creations of the Father; they have zero impact on humans' destiny. We are to give no credence to the idea that the stars have any spiritual impact on our lives. This is consistent throughout the Bible. The universe is to be admired as displaying the glory of God and any attempt to deify it or glean spiritual directives to daily living (i.e. horoscopes) is idolatry.