

WHY I BELIEVE

IN Creation

INTRODUCTION AND PERSONAL JOURNEY



PERSONAL BACKGROUND AND FAITH



PERSONAL BACKGROUND AND FAITH

EXPLORING THE ORIGINS OF LIFE

Intelligent Design Argument

The observable order in the universe suggests a designer, as order rarely arises spontaneously from chaos.

Evolutionary Perspective

Evolution attributes complexity to chance mutations and natural selection over billions of years without guided design.

Historical Controversies

Debates like Scopes Trial and Kitzmiller v. Dover highlight the dispute over teaching creationism versus evolution in schools.

DESIGN VS. CHANCE

Americans overwhelmingly agree that dissenting views in science are healthy:

84% of Americans believe that “attempts to censor or punish scientists for holding dissenting views on issues such as evolution or climate change are not appropriate in a free society.”

94% of Americans believe “it is important for policy makers and the public to hear from scientists with differing views.”

87% of Americans think that “people can disagree about what science says on a particular topic without being ‘anti-science.’”

86% of Americans think that “disagreeing with the current majority view in science can be an important step in the development of new insights and discoveries.”¹

¹. “Poll: Americans Overwhelmingly Support the Right of Students, Teachers, and Scientists to Discuss Dissenting Scientific Views on Evolution,” Discovery Institute, July 1, 2016, <http://www.discovery.org/scripts/viewDB/filesDB-download.php?command=download&id=12049>.

THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION IS . . .

Is it intellectually feasible to believe that the God of the Bible created the world, the universe, and all living things?

Or is classic atheistic evolution as taught in our schools a scientific fact that has empirically and logically been proven by means of the scientific method?

Is life the product of a purely material universe that came into being by random chance or accident?

MAJOR VIEWS ON ORIGINS

OPTION

DESCRIPTION

Classic Creationism

Literal biblical account of creation

Theistic Evolution

God-supervised evolutionary process

Intelligent Design

Complexity of life points to a designer

Classic Evolution

Life originated by random chance and evolved through natural selection

COMPARING FOUR PERSPECTIVES

BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS

THE FIELD OF SCIENCE IS OUR HUMAN ATTEMPT TO OBSERVE, UNDERSTAND, AND EXPLAIN WHAT WE SEE IN THE WORLD AROUND US. SCIENTIFIC THEORY IS OBSERVABLE, TESTABLE AND REPEATABLE. I WANT YOU TO TAKE A MOMENT TO IMAGINE WHAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN LIKE TO WITNESS THE BEGINNING OF LIFE AND OF THE UNIVERSE. THE CHALLENGE REMAINS THAT NO ONE WITNESSED THE MOMENT OF CREATION OR THE MOMENT ONE ORGANISM EVOLVED INTO ANOTHER. WE ONLY SEE SMALL CHANGES, NOT LARGE ONES, AND THE CHANGES DON'T INCREASE IN COMPLEXITY. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND THAT ALL THE THEORIES ON ORIGIN ARE BASED ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.²

². DUANE GISH, "THE NATURE OF SCIENCE AND OF THEORIES ON ORIGINS," *ACTS & FACTS* 24, NO. 4 (1995).

God's Creation of the Universe

Genesis 1:1 affirms God as the Creator of the heavens and earth, establishing creationism's foundation.

Humans Created in God's Image

Genesis 1:27 emphasizes humans created intentionally in God's image, highlighting purpose in existence.

Nature Reflects God's Glory

Psalms 19:1 and Ecclesiastes 3:11 praise the heavens and creation's beauty as testament to God's glory.

Christ as Creator

Colossians 1:15–16 attributes all creation to Christ, reinforcing Christian theological views.

SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT FOR CREATION

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

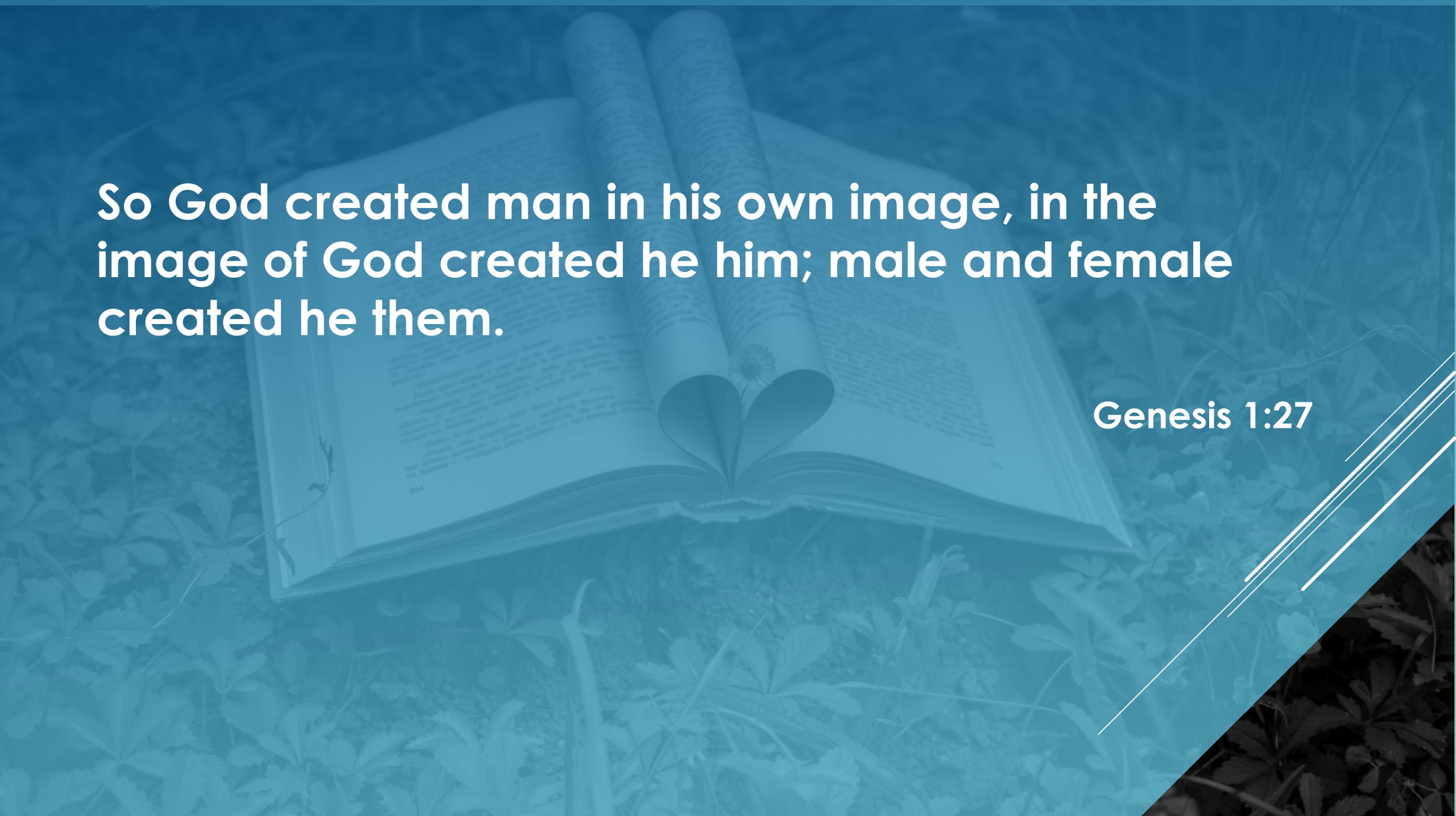
2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Genesis 1:1-5



So God created man in his own image, in the
image of God created he him; male and female
created he them.

Genesis 1:27

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Psalm 19:1

Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

Nehemiah 9:6

15 Who (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of every creature:

16 For by him were all things created, that are in
heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible,
whether they be thrones, or dominions, or
principalities, or powers: all things were created by
him, and for him:

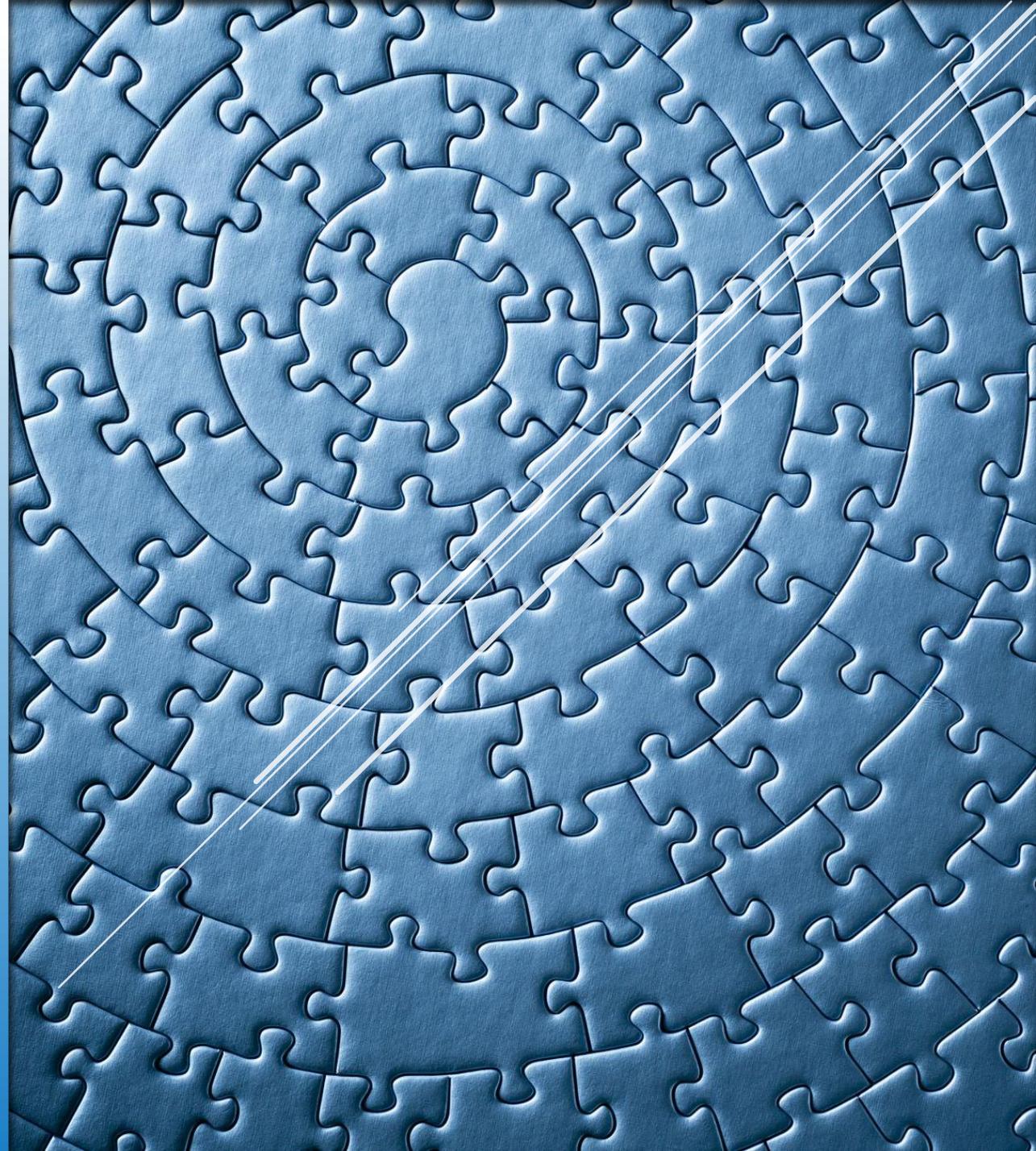
17 And he is before all things, and by him all things
consist.

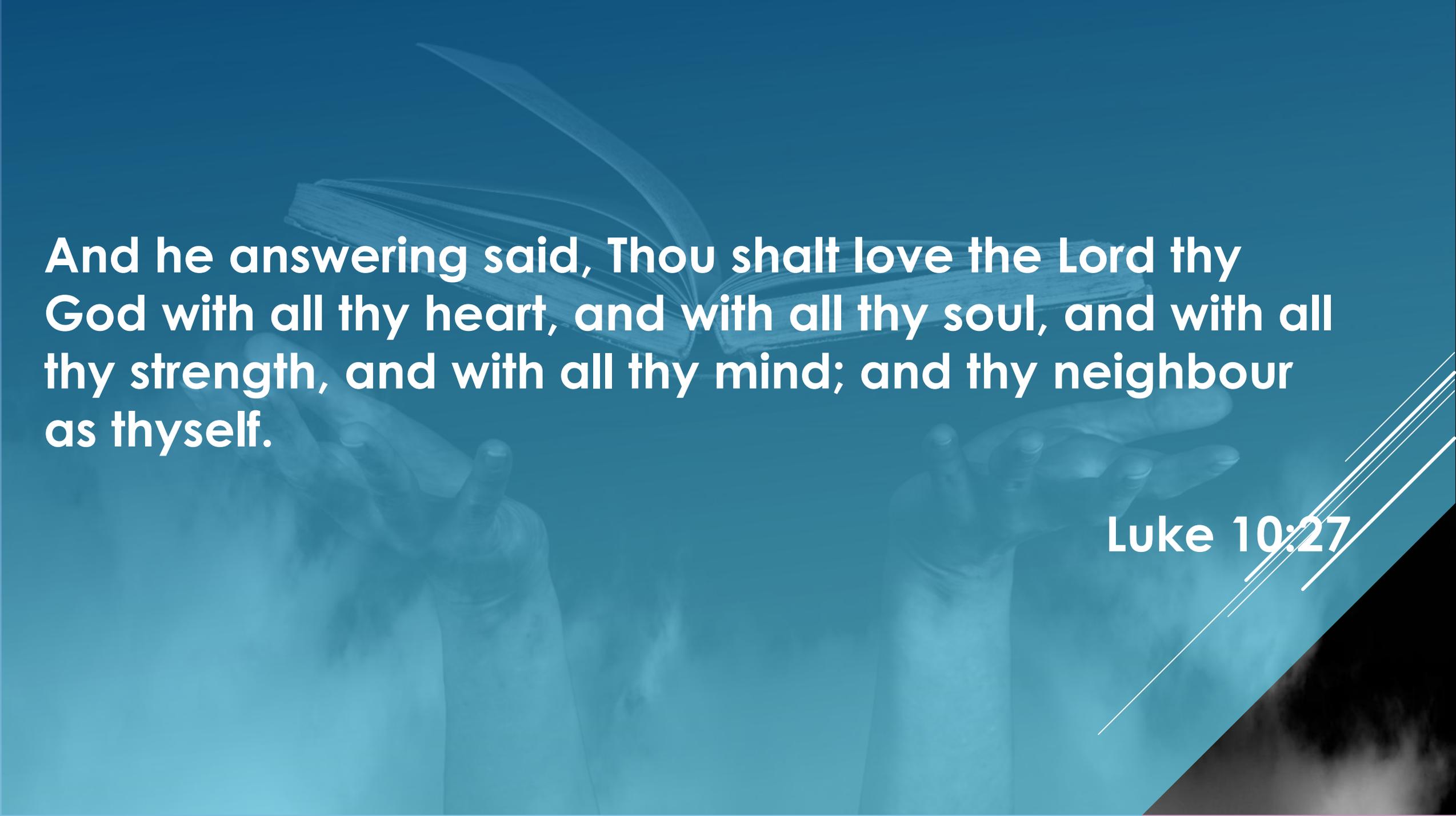
Colossians 1:15-17

[3] The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? [4] And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, [5] And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? [6] Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Matthew 19:3-6

COMPLEXITY AND MEANING





And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Luke 10:27