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# THEOLOGY- LESSON 7

PSALM 19

READ PSALM 19 AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

- What do the heavens declare?
- How do you think the heavens pour out speech?
- How does this Psalm describe the instruction of the Lord?
- How does it describe the fear of the Lord?

## PSALM 19:1-6      GENERAL REVELATION

- *The heavens declare the glory of God and the expanse proclaims the work of His hands. Day after day they pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge. There is no speech; there are no words; their voice is not heard. Their message has gone out to the whole earth, and their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming from his home; it rejoices like an athlete running a course. It rises from one end of the heavens and circles to the other end; nothing is hidden from its heat.*

## WE HAVE NO EXCUSE FOR UNBELIEF

- Our basic understanding of God comes from nature.
- ***Romans 1:19-20*** *since what can be known about God is evident among them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what He has made. As a result, people are without excuse.*

# WE HAVE THE EVIDENCE FOR OUR CREATOR

- The cosmological argument
  - The universe began to exist
  - Everything that begins to exist must have a cause
  - Therefore, the universe must have a cause
  - The cause must be eternal, outside time and space.

# The **Cosmological** Argument

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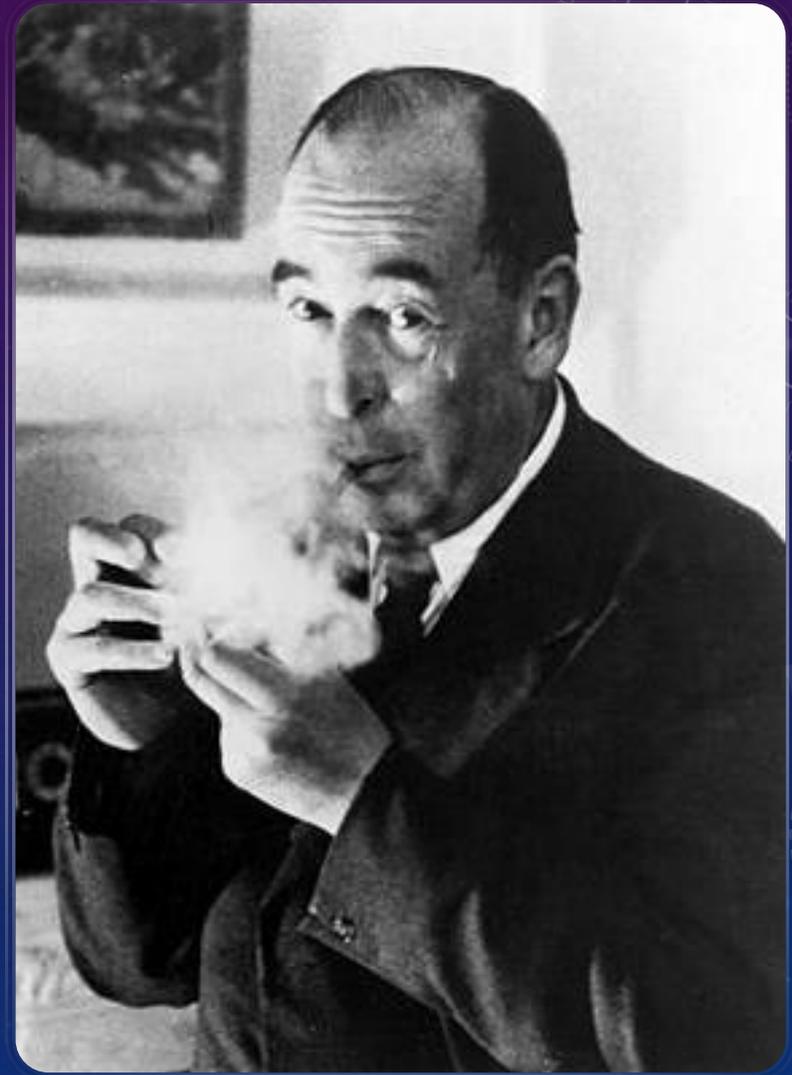
- The Anthropic Principle
  - Our universe is uniquely designed for life to exist.
  - Our universe is uniquely designed for that same life to examine it.

# WE HAVE THE EVIDENCE FOR OUR CREATOR

- **Morality**
  - There is an objective moral law
  - Moral law speaks to a law giver

CS LEWIS

“A man does not call a line crooked unless he has an idea of a straight line.”



CAN YOU BE  
**GOOD**  
WITHOUT  
**GOD?**



## SIR JOHN TEMPLETON

“Would it not be strange if a universe without purpose accidentally created humans who are so obsessed with purpose?”



# THE ORDER IN OUR WORLD GIVES US CONFIDENCE IN GOD

- Early science was Christians seeking to understand the order God imposed on the world

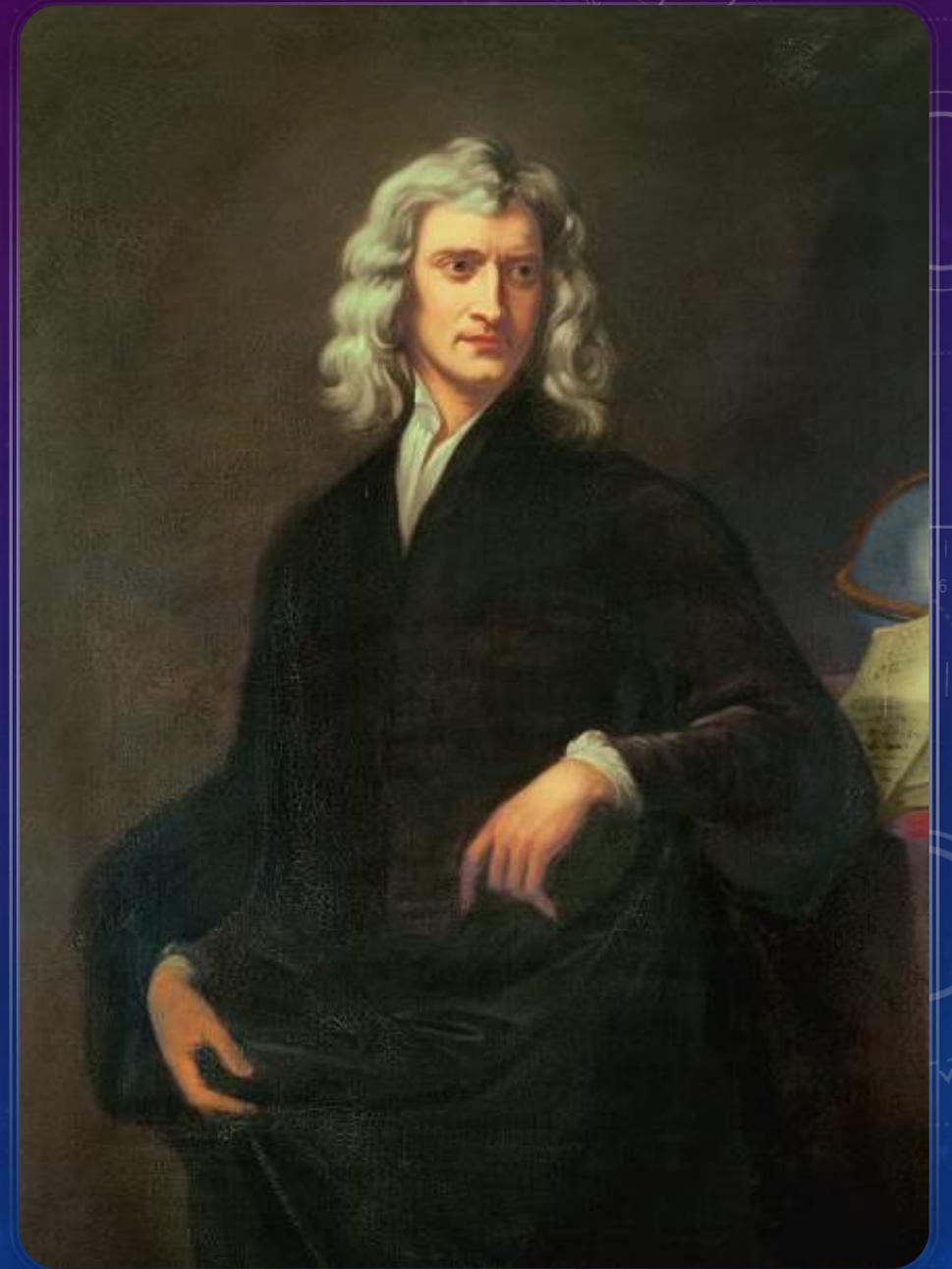
# FRANCIS BACON

Gave the scientific method;  
he sought to alleviate the  
affects of the Fall.



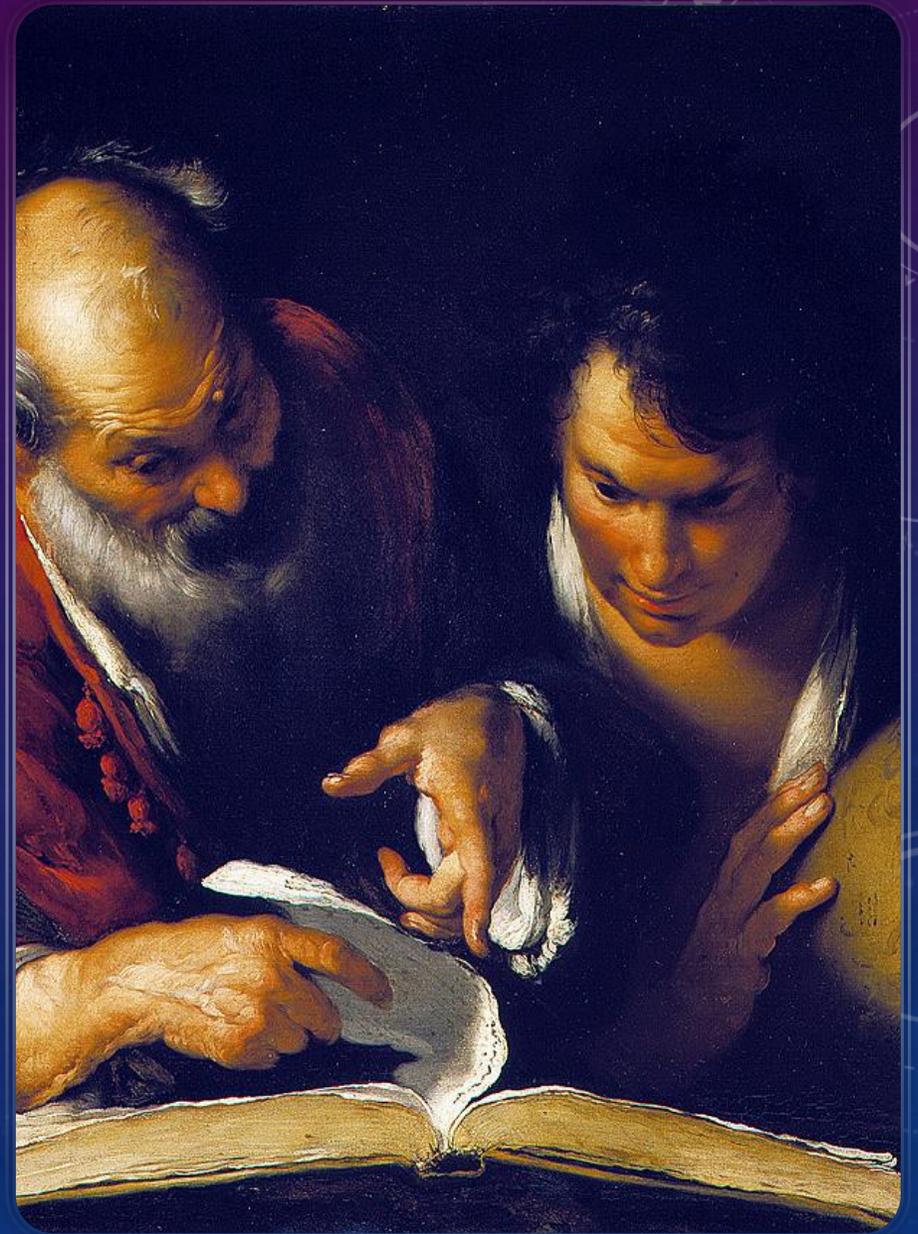
ISAAC NEWTON

The Father of Physics;  
Gravity



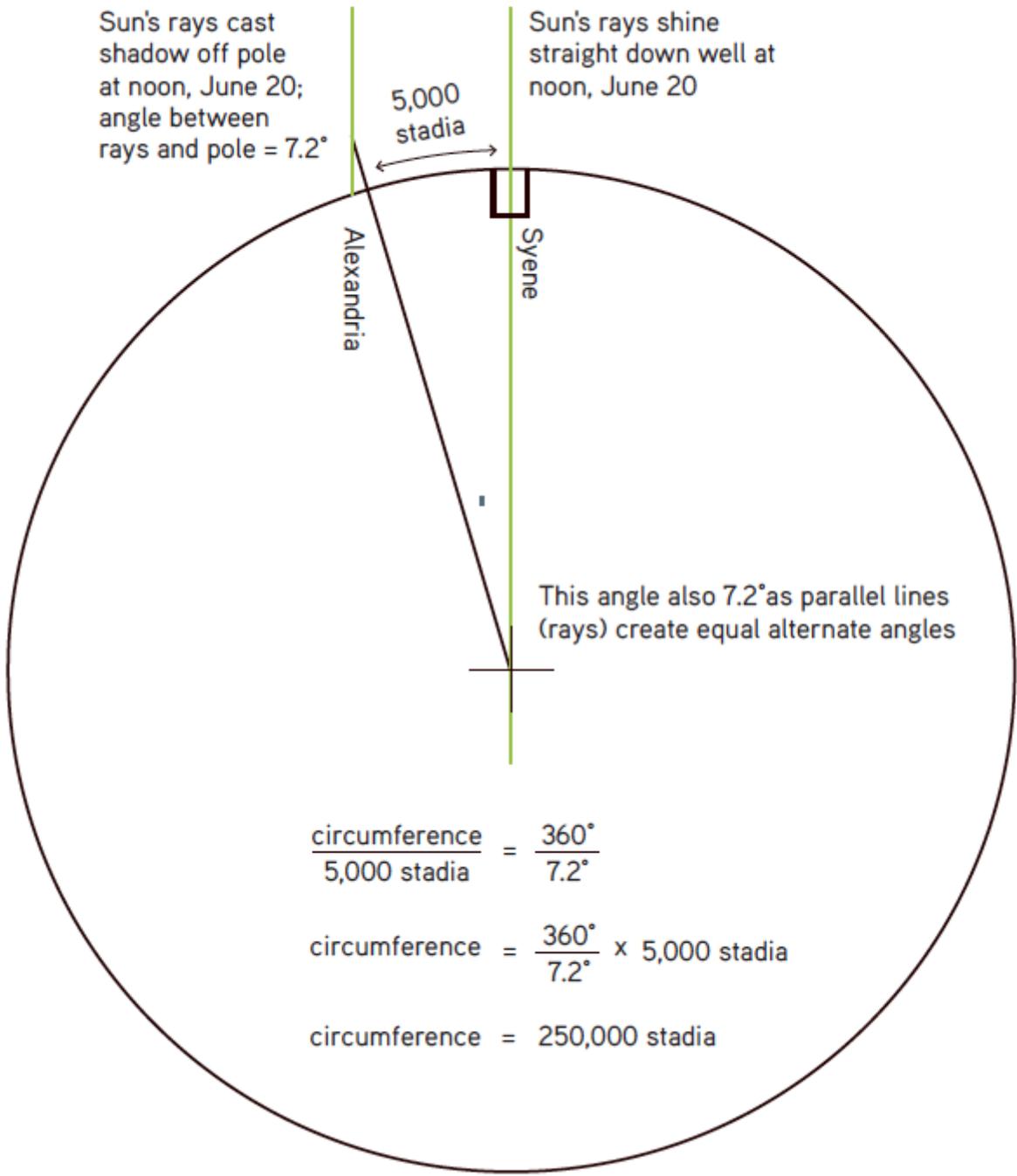
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Earth



## ISAIAH 40:22

- *God is enthroned above the circle of the earth; its inhabitants are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a thin cloth and spreads them out like a tent to live in.*



GOD TOLD US THE ORDER IN OUR WORLD CAN  
GIVE US CONFIDENCE HE WILL NOT REJECT US.

- *This is what the Lord says: If I do not keep my covenant with the day and with the night and fail to establish the fixed order of heaven and earth, then I might also reject the seed of Jacob and my servant David. Jeremiah 33:25*

## PSALM 19:7-14 SPECIAL REVELATION

- The instruction of the Lord is perfect, renewing one's life; the testimony of the Lord is trustworthy, making the inexperienced wise. The precepts of the Lord are right, making the heart glad; the command of the Lord is radiant, making the eyes light up. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are reliable and altogether righteous. They are more desirable*

## PSALM 19:7-14 SPECIAL REVELATION

- *Than gold- than an abundance of pure gold; and sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb. In addition, your servant is warned by them, and in keeping them there is abundant reward. Who perceives his unintentional sins? Cleanse me from my hidden faults. Moreover, keep your servant from willful sins; do not let them rule over me. Then I will be blameless and cleansed from blatant rebellion. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, Lord, my Rock and my redeemer.*

# 1. GODS WORD RENEWS US

- *Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:1-2*

## 2. GODS WORD MAKES US WISE

- *and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God<sup>[a]</sup> and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Tim. 3:15-17*

### 3. GODS WORD MAKES US GLAD

- *Then all the people began to eat and drink, send portions, and have a great celebration, because they had understood the words that were explained to them. Nehemiah 8:12*

## 4. GODS WORD OPENS OUR EYES

- *For a command is a lamp, teaching is a light, and corrective discipline is the way to life.  
Proverbs 6:23*

## 5. GODS WORD BRINGS PURITY

- *The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in an earthen furnace, purified seven times.*

*Psalms 12:6*

## 6. GODS WORD BRINGS TRUE WEALTH

- *For what does it benefit someone to gain the whole world and yet lose his life? <sup>37</sup> What can anyone give in exchange for his life? Mark 8:36-37*

## 7. GODS WORD BRINGS CLEANSING

- *For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

## 8. GODS WORD BRINGS REDEMPTION

- *37 When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Acts 2:37*