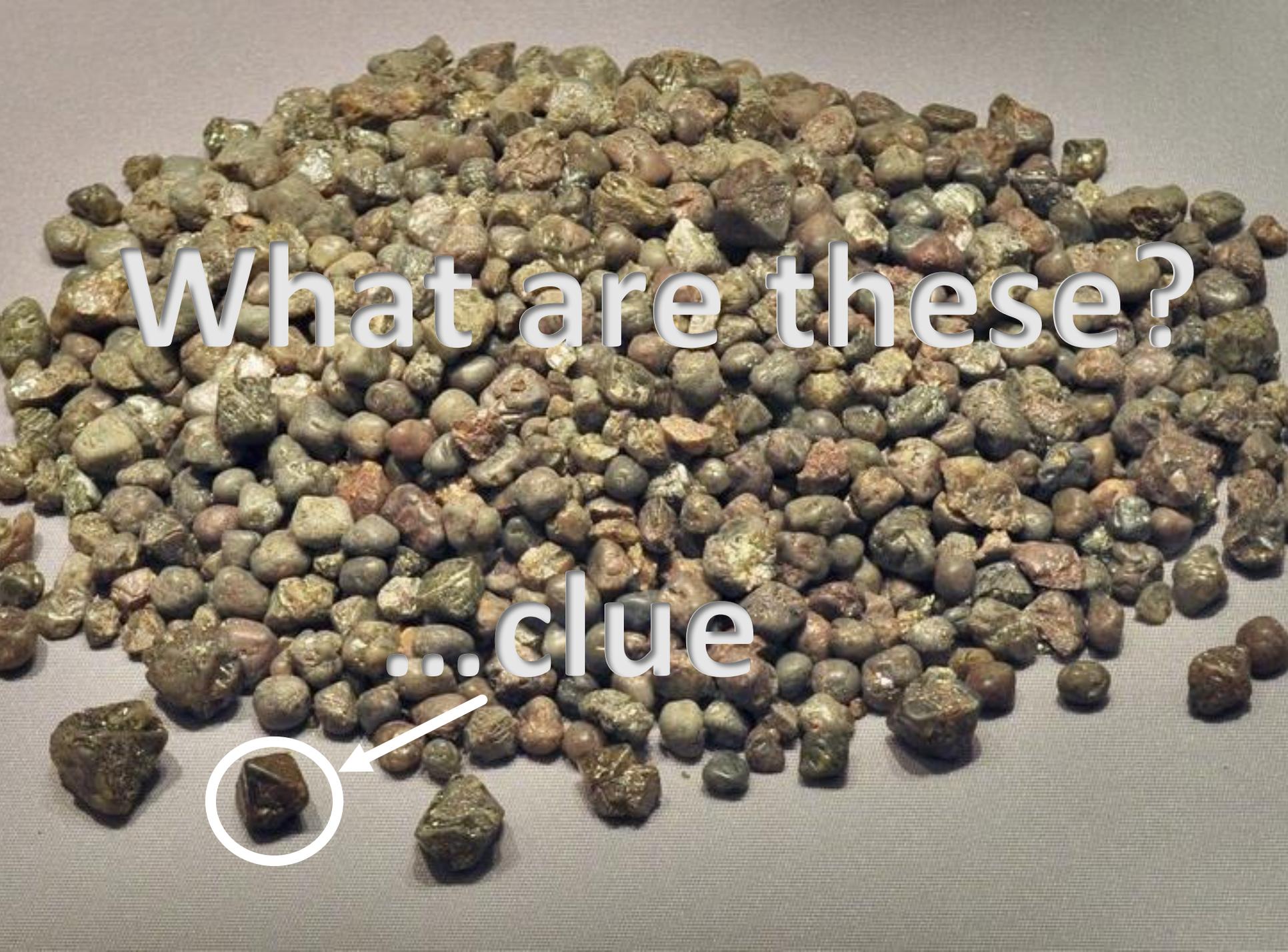


God's Open Secrets



God Logic



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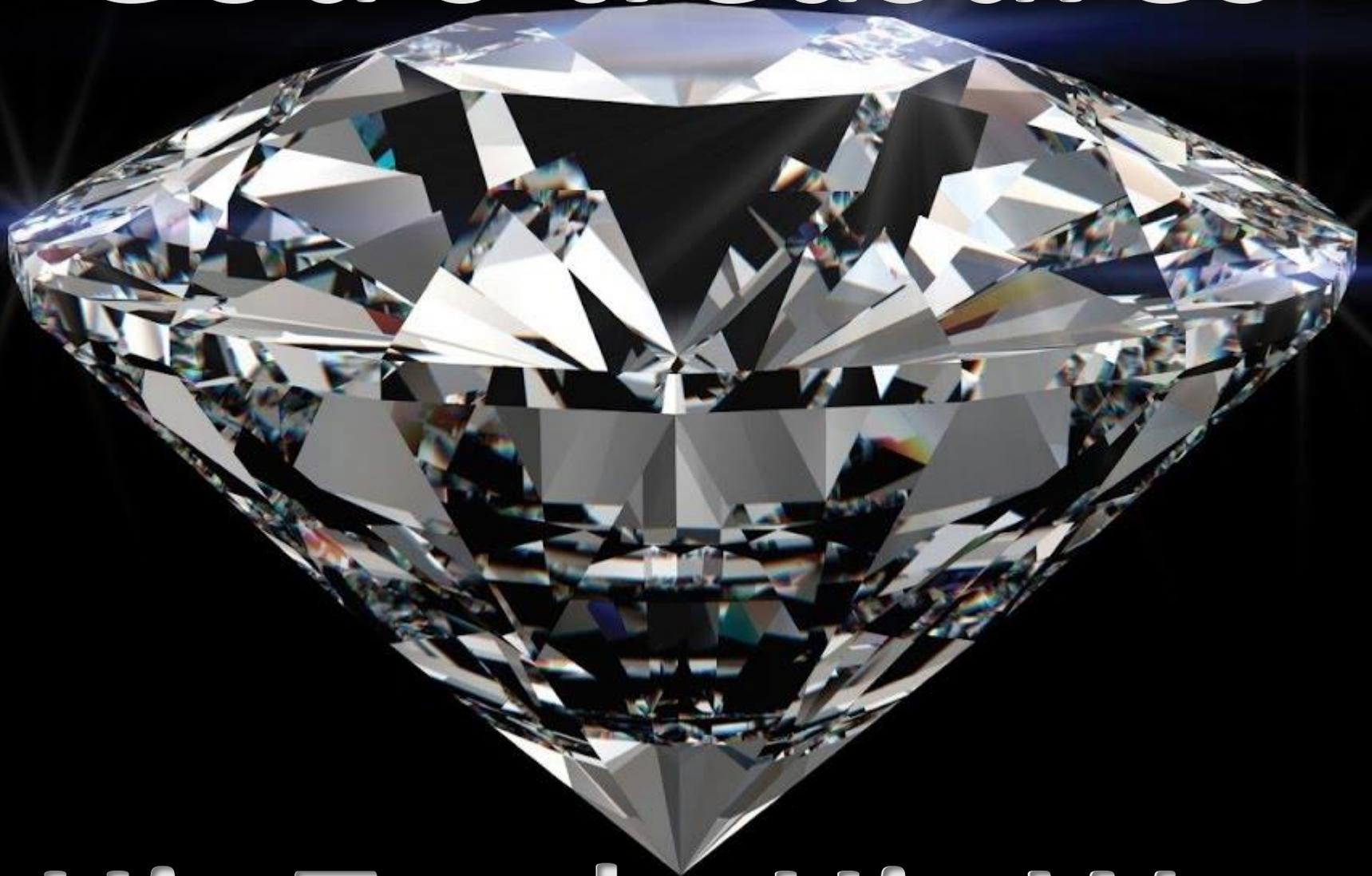
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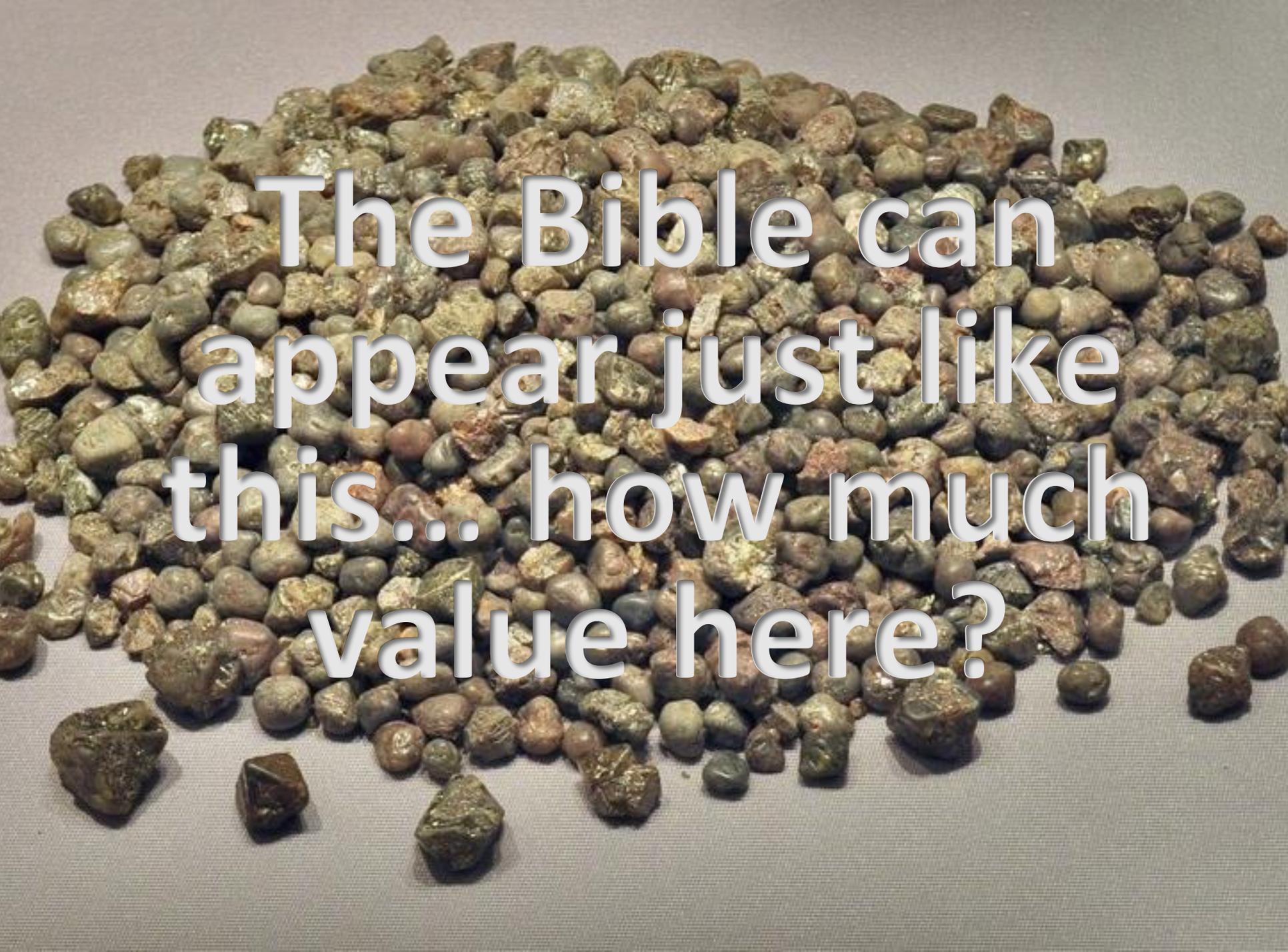
Any idea now ?



God's treasures



...His Truth, His Word



The Bible can
appear just like
this... how much
value here?

Recap – The Hidden Battle

- God in His love has given us a freedom to choose to:

Love or reject Him

- The treasure of God's truth is partly hidden to allow this freedom
- The real battle is over **who** is in control of us
- Trust God and take the fight with the real enemy to God in prayer
- Carve out time with God every day

Isaiah 55

¹ “Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.

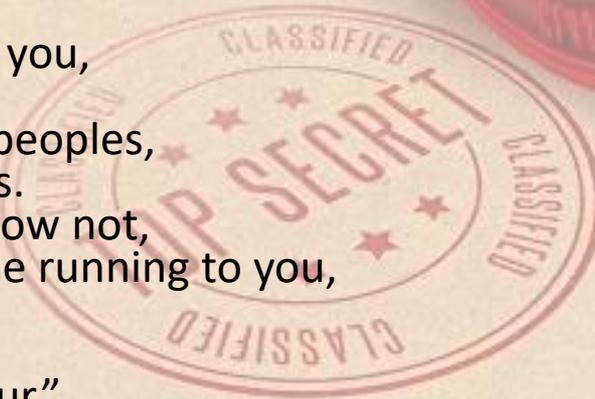
⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendour.”

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.



Isaiah 55

**8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”**
declares the LORD.

**9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

10 As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

12 You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.

This will be for the LORD’s renown,
for an everlasting sign,
that will endure forever.”

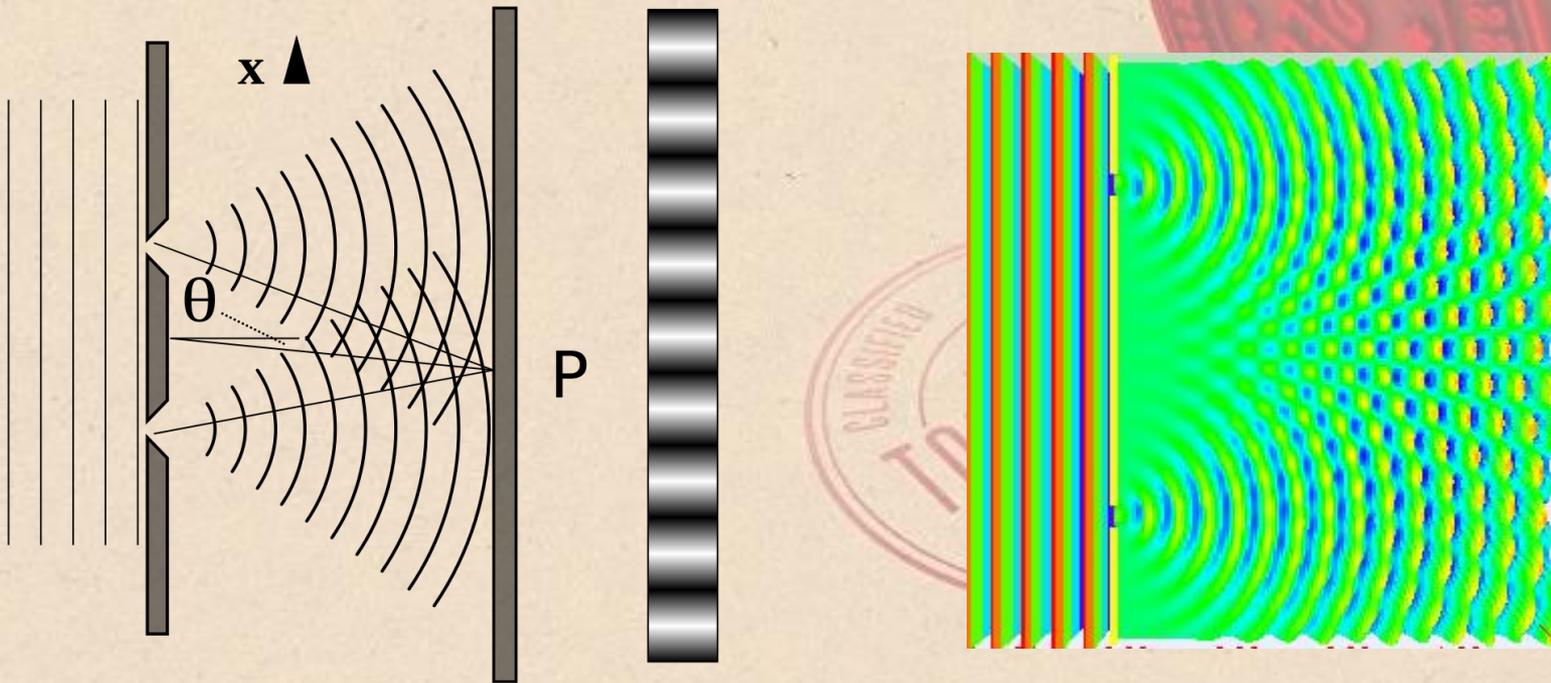


Limits of understanding



- What is a photon?
- What is a graviton?
- What is dark energy/matter?
 - How much do they make up of the universe?
- How does photosynthesis work –
how is the photon absorbed?
- How sure are we how big or old the universe is?
- How does the human brain work?
- How many species of animal/fish/bird/insect are there?

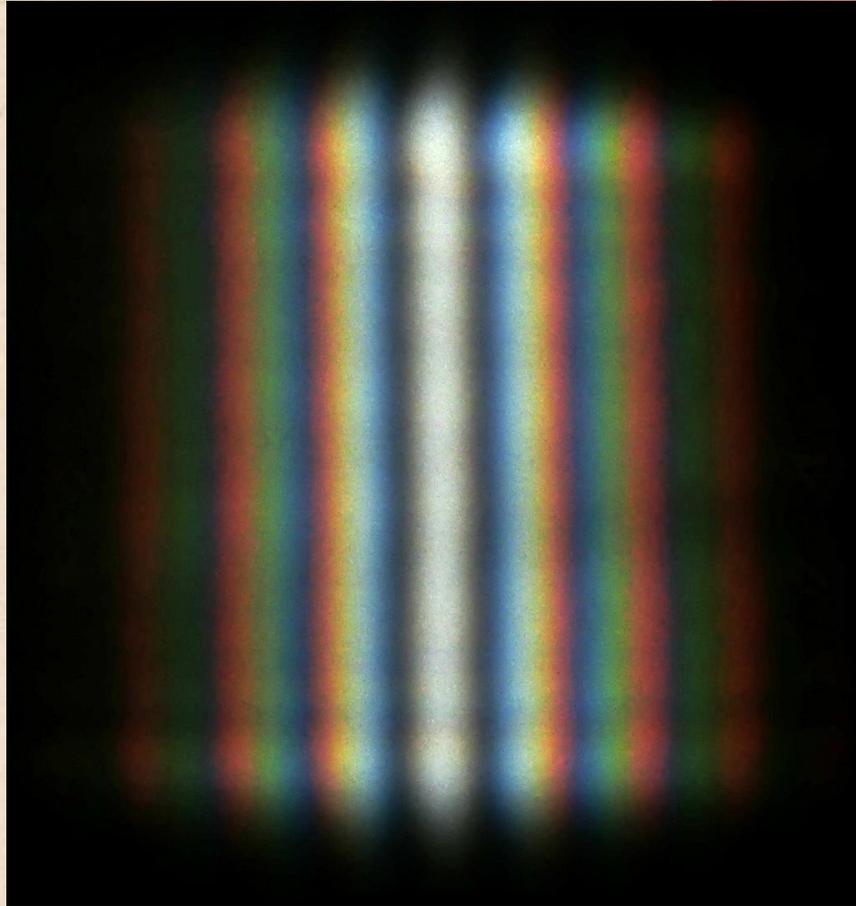
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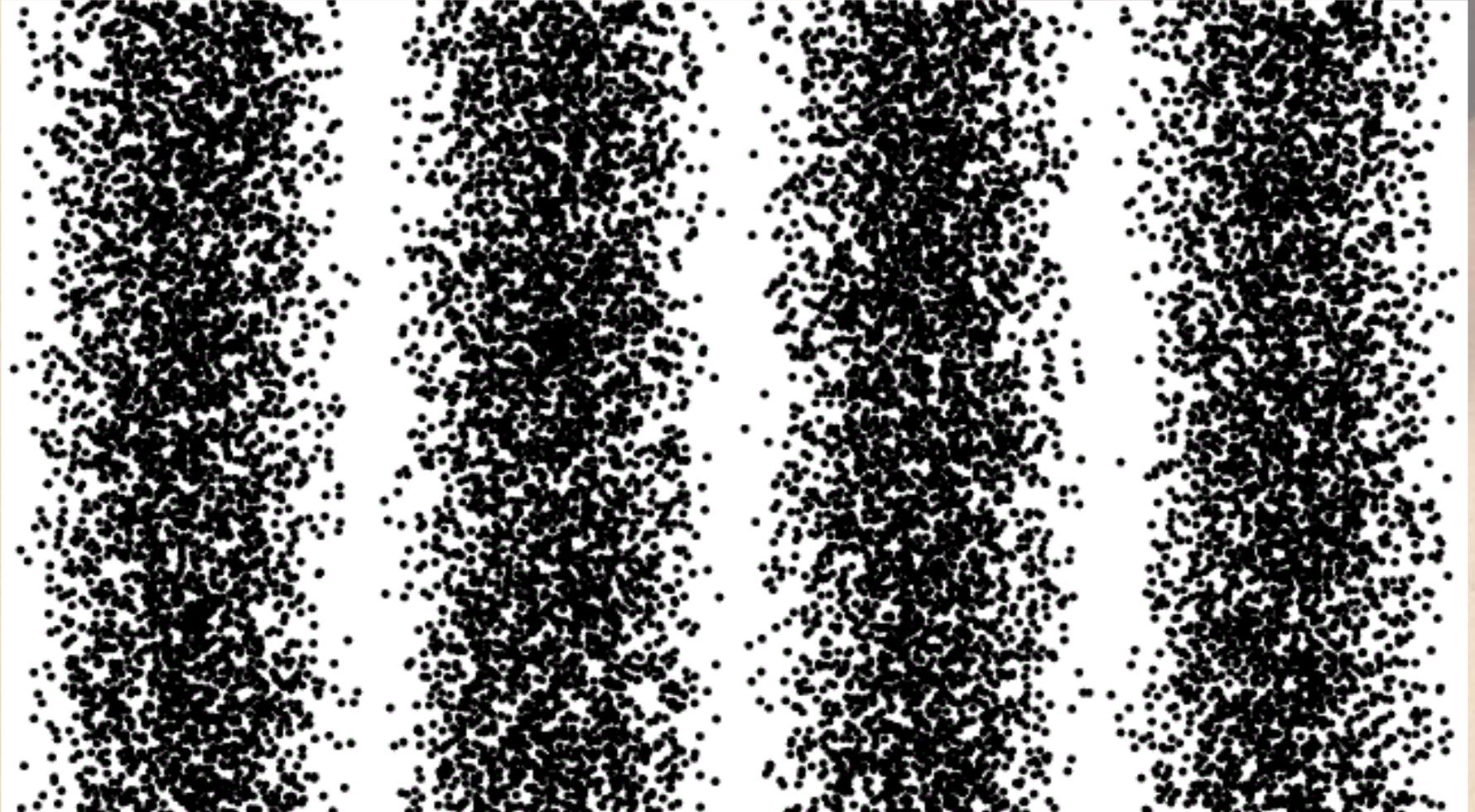
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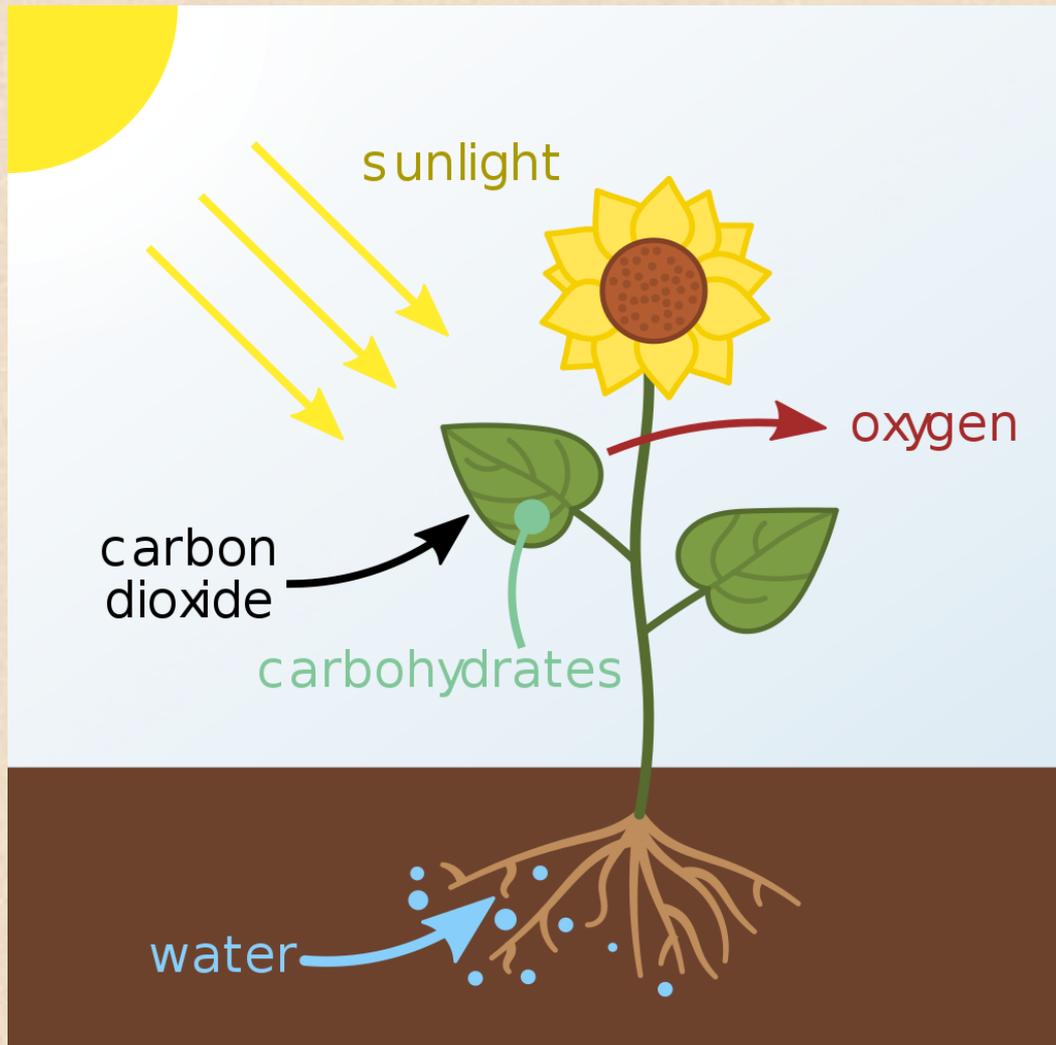
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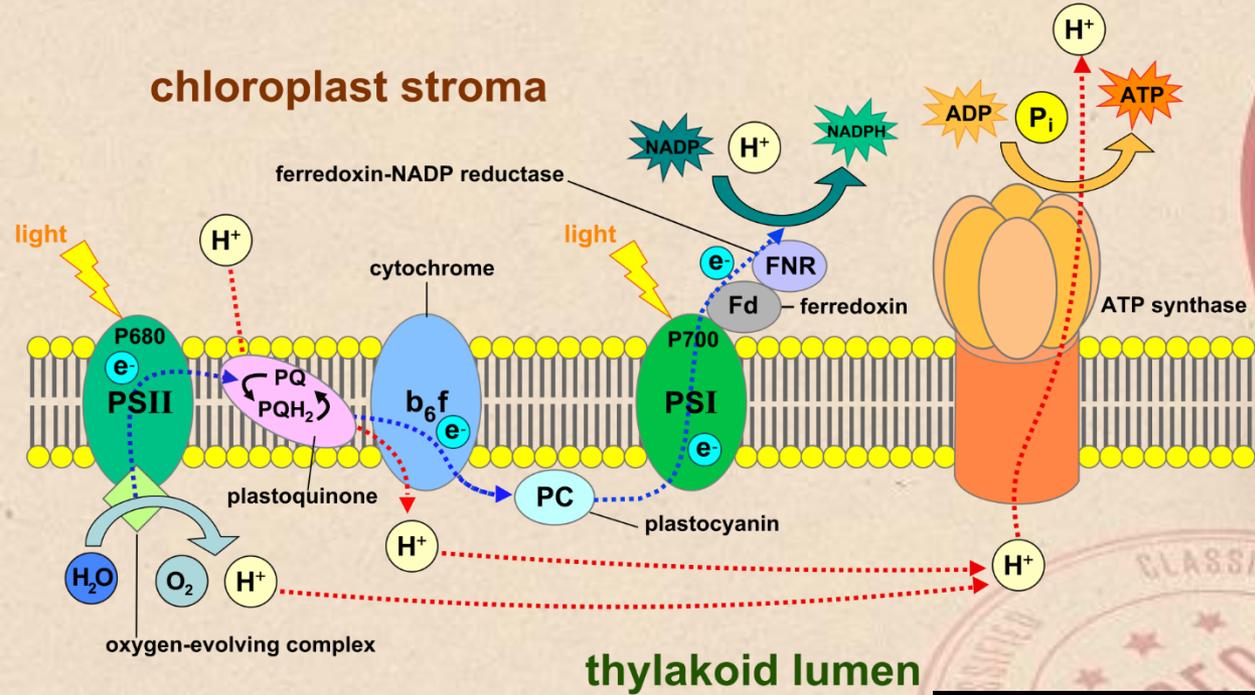


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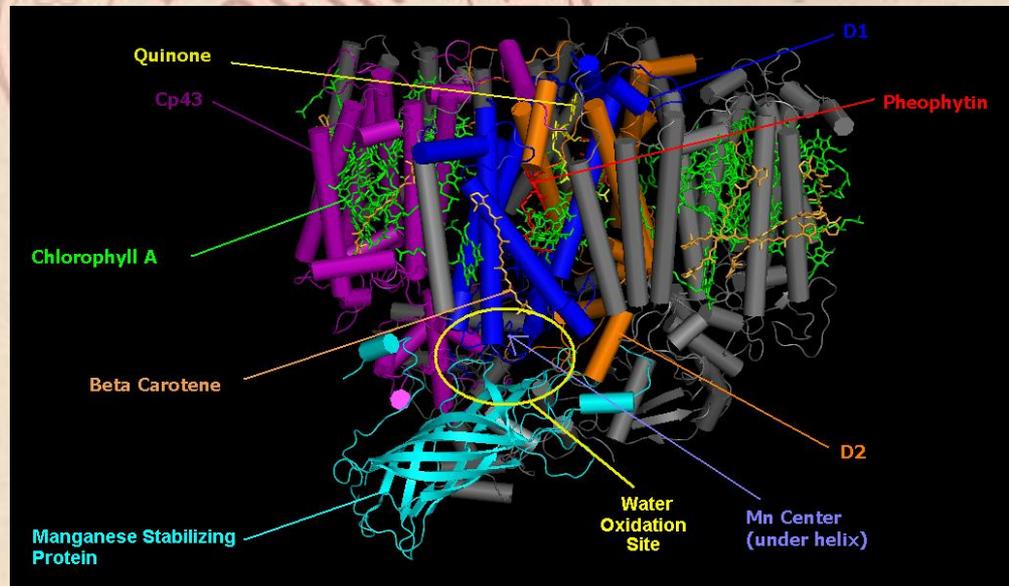
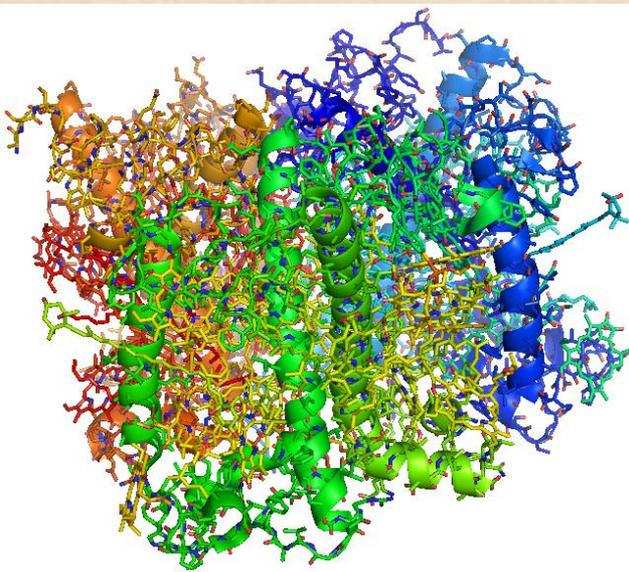


Just a blade of grass...

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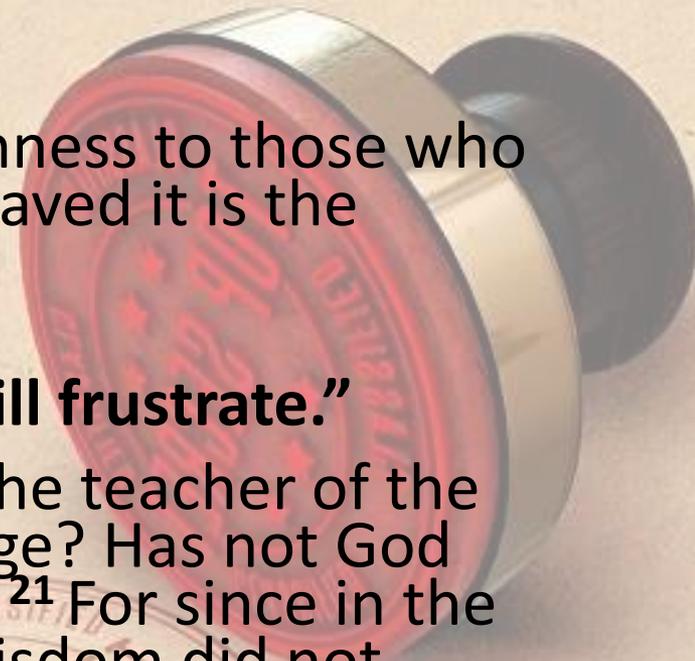


1 Corinthians 1

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

**“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”**

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.



Ravi Zacharias - Freewill and Love (extract) 4:50-end



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**What do we know?
...know our limits,
do not abandon
reason...**



Proverbs 3

- ³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
- ⁴ Then you will win favour and a good name
in the sight of God and man.
- ⁵ **Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;**
- ⁶ **in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.**
- ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.
- ⁸ This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.
- ⁹ Honour the LORD with your wealth,
with the first fruits of all your crops;
- ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.
- ¹¹ My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline,
and do not resent his rebuke,
- ¹² because the LORD disciplines those he loves,
as a father the son he delights in.



Proverbs 3

- ¹³ Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,
¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare with her.
¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways,
and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her;
those who hold her fast will be blessed.
¹⁹ By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations,
by understanding he set the heavens in place;
²⁰ by his knowledge the watery depths were divided,
and the clouds let drop the dew.
²¹ My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight,
preserve sound judgment and discretion;
²² they will be life for you,
an ornament to grace your neck.
²³ Then you will go on your way in safety,
and your foot will not stumble.
²⁴ When you lie down, you will not be afraid;
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
²⁵ Have no fear of sudden disaster
or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked,
²⁶ for the LORD will be at your side
and will keep your foot from being snared.
²⁷ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to act.



What does
God's way
look like?



J. John - The Little Kitten



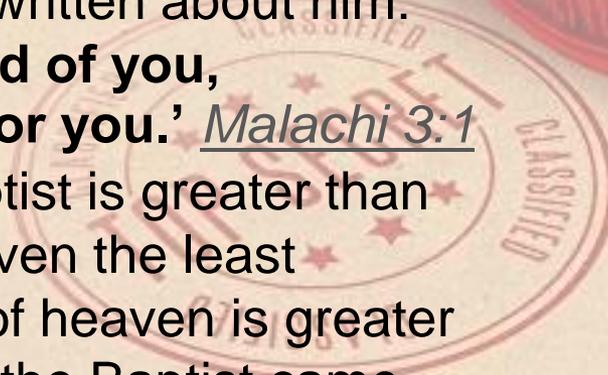
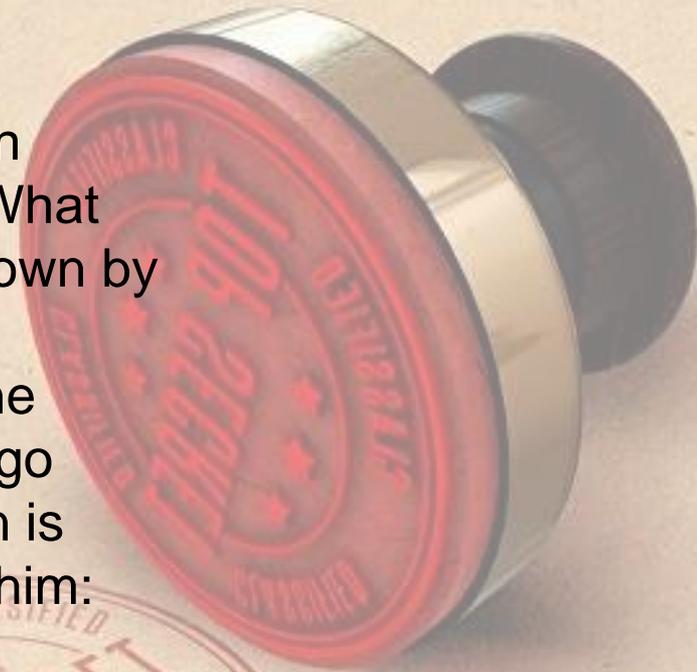
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Matthew 11

⁷ As John's followers were leaving, Jesus began talking to the people about John. Jesus said, "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed blown by the wind? ⁸ What did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes live in kings' palaces. ⁹ So why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, and I tell you, John is more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This was written about him:

**'I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare the way for you.'** Malachi 3:1

¹¹ I tell you the truth, John the Baptist is greater than any other person ever born, but even the least important person in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John. ¹² Since the time John the Baptist came until now, the kingdom of heaven has been going forward in strength, **and people have been trying to take it by force.**



Matthew 13

¹⁰ The followers came to Jesus and asked, “Why do you use stories to teach the people?”

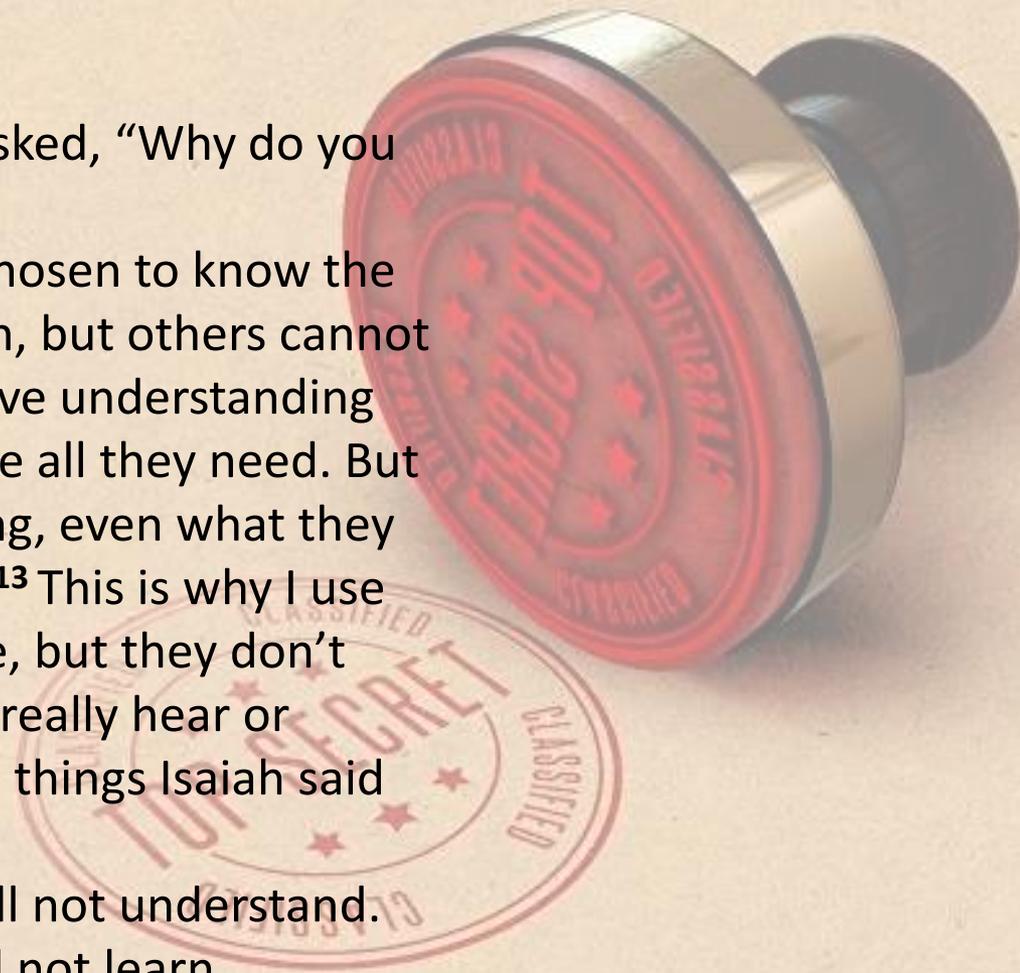
¹¹ Jesus answered, “You have been chosen to know the secrets about the kingdom of heaven, but others cannot know these secrets. ¹² Those who have understanding will be given more, and they will have all they need. But those who do not have understanding, even what they have will be taken away from them. ¹³ This is why I use stories to teach the people: They see, but they don’t really see. They hear, but they don’t really hear or understand. ¹⁴ So they show that the things Isaiah said about them are true:

‘You will listen and listen, but you will not understand.

You will look and look, but you will not learn.

¹⁵ For the minds of these people have become stubborn.

They do not hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.



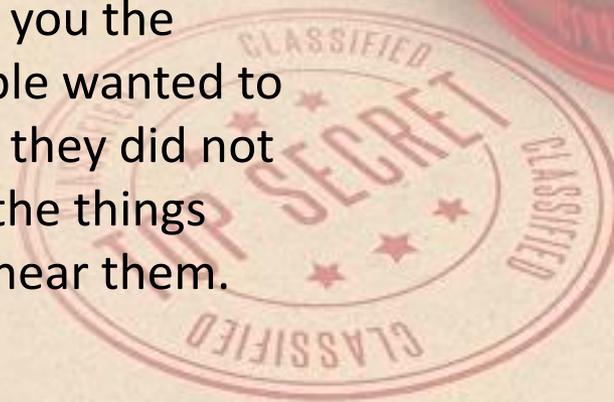
Matthew 13

Otherwise they might really understand
what they see with their eyes
and hear with their ears.

They might really understand in their minds
and come back to me and be healed.'

Isaiah 6:9–10

¹⁶ But you are blessed, because you see with your eyes and hear with your ears. ¹⁷ I tell you the truth, many prophets and good people wanted to see the things that you now see, but they did not see them. And they wanted to hear the things that you now hear, but they did not hear them.



Why did Jesus speak in parables?

- God is speaking to those who truly love him
- God's kingdom cannot be taken by force
- God speaks in a whisper...

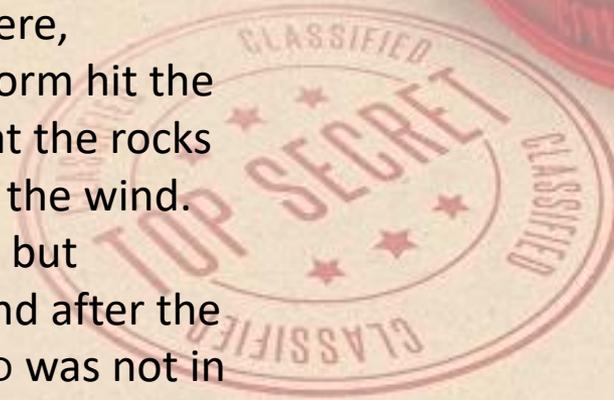


1 Kings 19

But the LORD said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

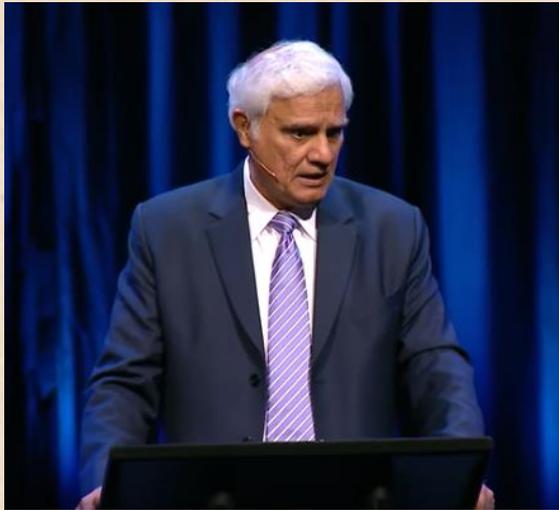
¹⁰ Elijah replied, “I have zealously served the LORD God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too.”

¹¹ “Go out and stand before me on the mountain,” the LORD told him. And as Elijah stood there, the LORD passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. **And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper.** ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.



Ravi Zacharias: Is Truth Dead?

0:00 – 8:07



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EqH4pslfwo>

John 8

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said,

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”



Matthew 16

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ **For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.** ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.



Putting into Action



Take it to God.

It is between us and God.

God is responsible for
everything else.



John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am
the way and the truth
and the life. No one
comes to the Father
except through me.

