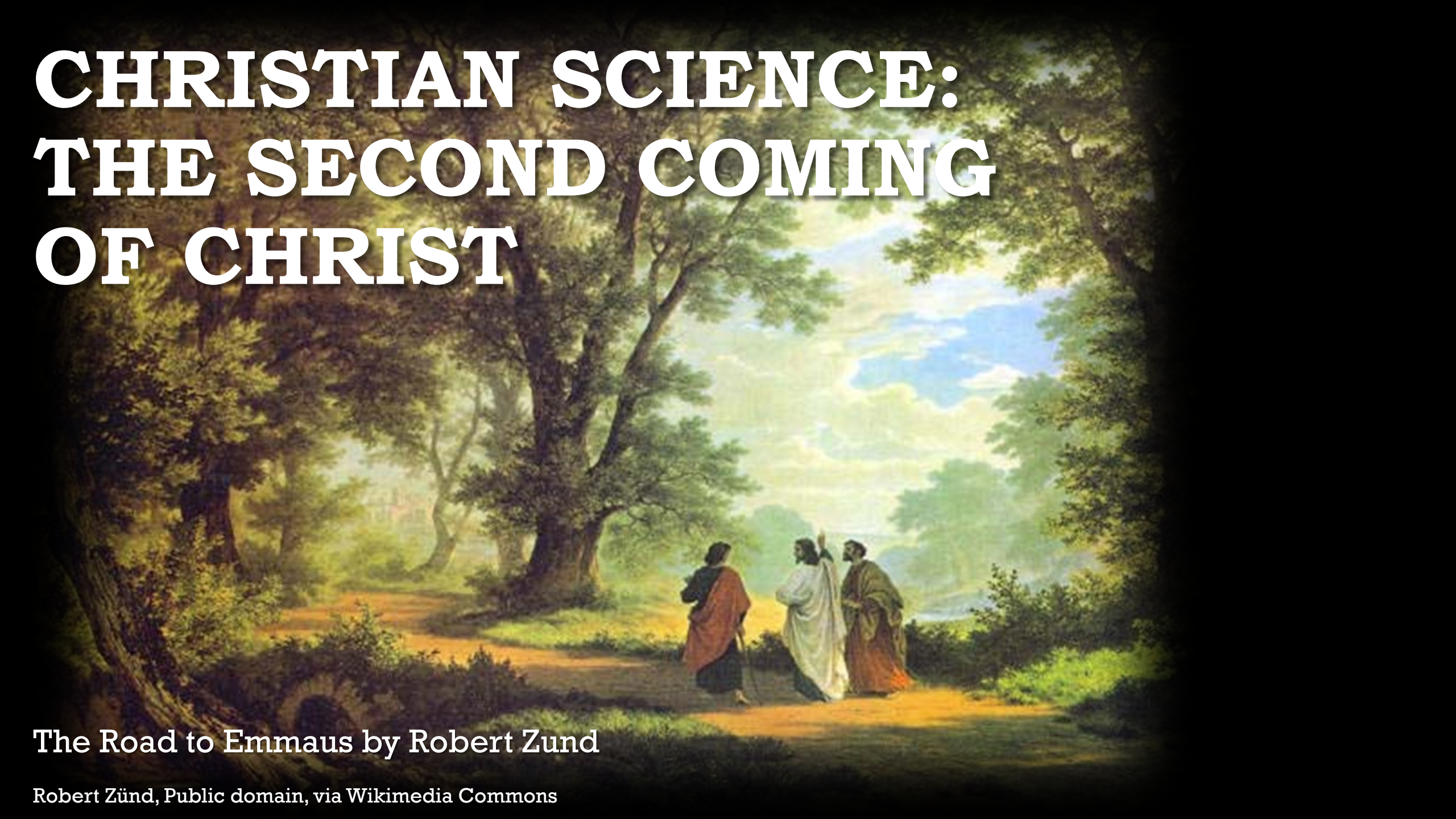


CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

The Road to Emmaus by Robert Zund

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SCIENCE IS...

- Universal and repeatable by anyone
- Underlying natural laws – to be discovered, understood and applied
- Truth independent of human belief, not a social construct. And yet **the consensus definitely rules** (took 300 years for church to accept sun at center of solar system).
- Can **apply systematically** in the human experience to make a better world
- **Offers empirical evidence or proof**

If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, **believe the works**: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. *(John 10:37, 38)*

THREE PARADIGMS FOR THE NATURE OF REALITY

The theories I combat are these: (1) that **all is matter**; (2) that **matter originates in Mind**, and is as real as Mind, possessing intelligence and life. ... One only of the following statements can be true: (1) that everything is matter; (2) that **everything is Mind**.
Which one is it?

(SH 269:29–31; 270:2)

THREE PARADIGMS FOR THE NATURE OF REALITY

1. **All is matter.** Intelligence in matter. **Philosophy: Naturalism and Atheism**

Methodological naturalism: in scientific study only physical causes are valid.

2. **Matter originates in Mind.** **Philosophy: Dualism** creationism/intelligent design
Physical and mental/supernatural causes.

3. **All is mind.** **Philosophy: Idealism** **Christian Science: All is Mind.** Matter is the
“unconscious substratum” of mortal mind. **Deific Naturalism** spiritual creation
“**Christian Science explains all cause and effect as mental, not physical.**”

(SH 114:23–24)

matter
No God

1

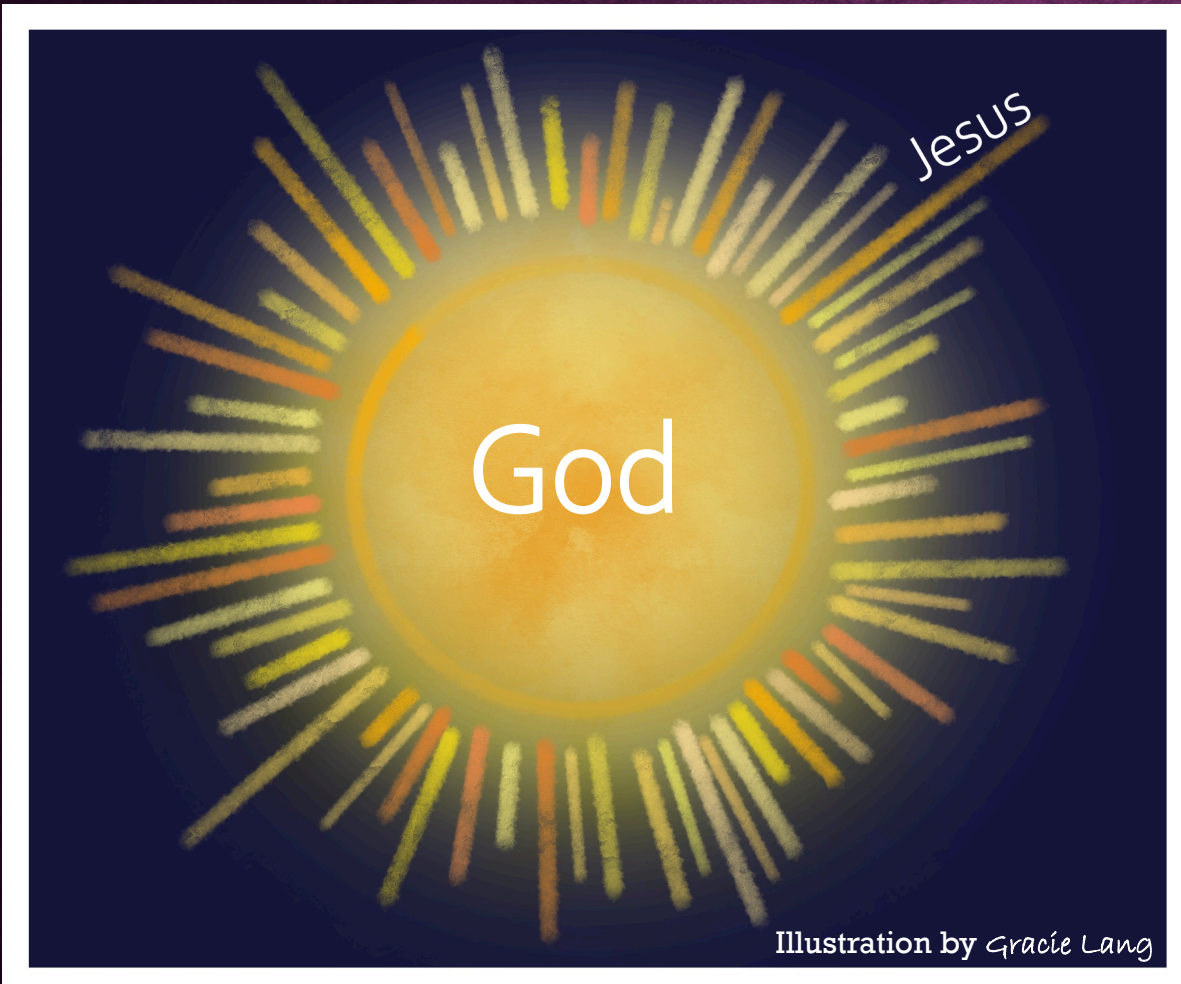
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3

Mind
God

JESUS AND THE CHRIST

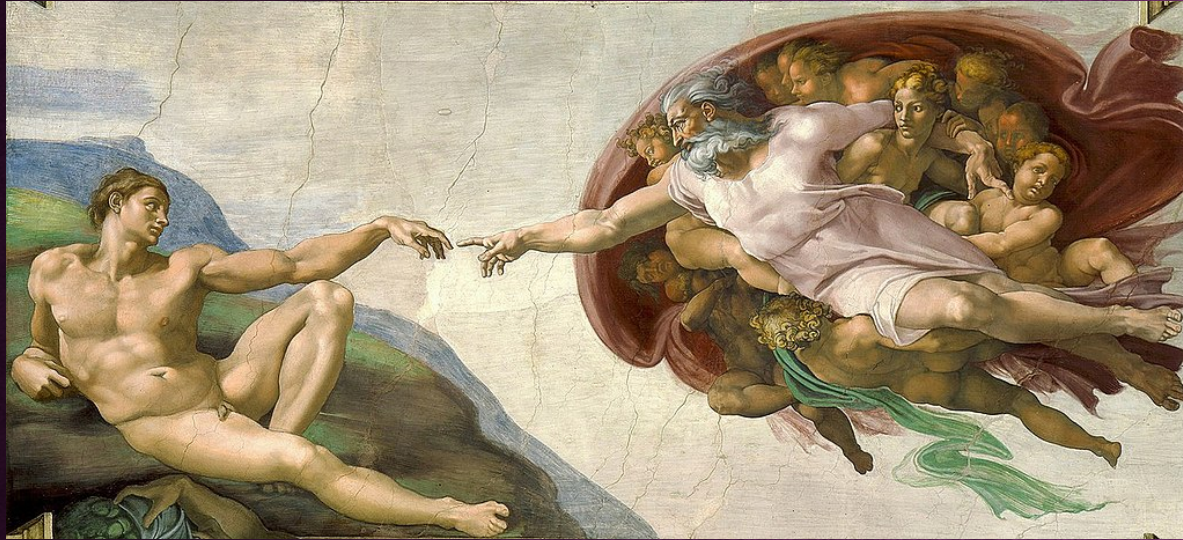
Christ = all the rays collectively



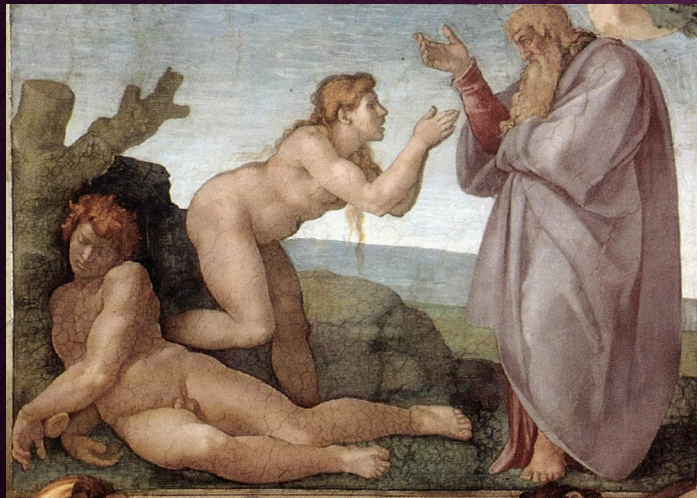
CHRIST. The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error. (*SH 583:10*)



CREATION VS EVOLUTION DEBATE

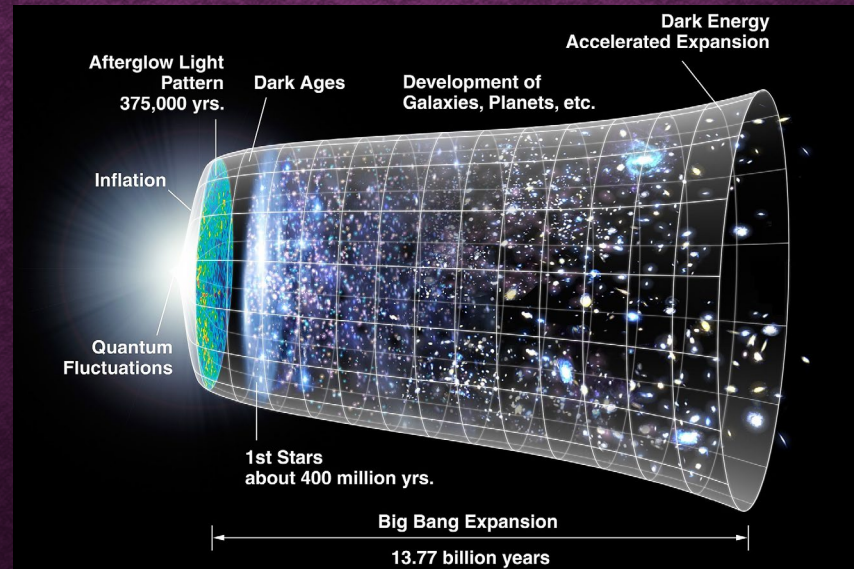


Creation of Adam
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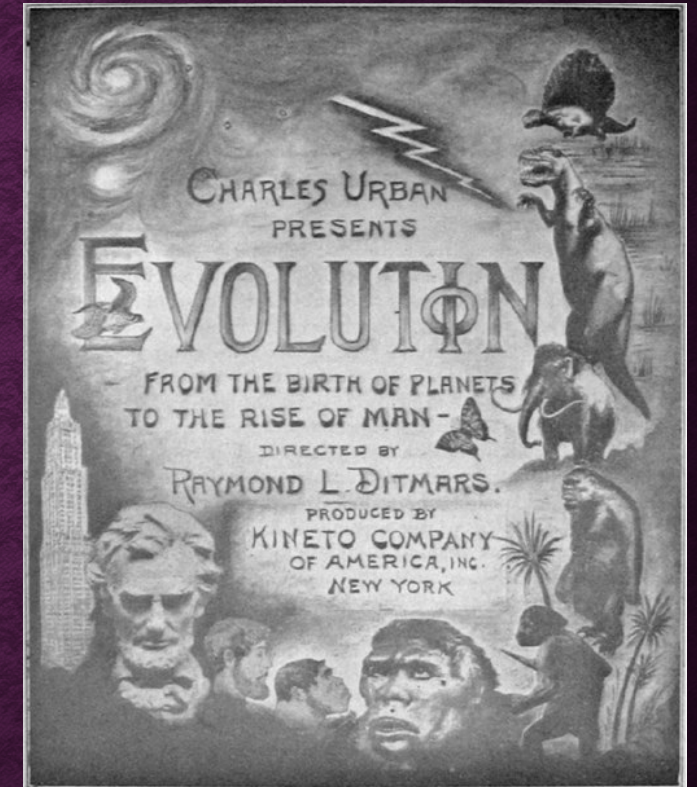
Creation of Eve
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Big Bang and Expansion of the Universe

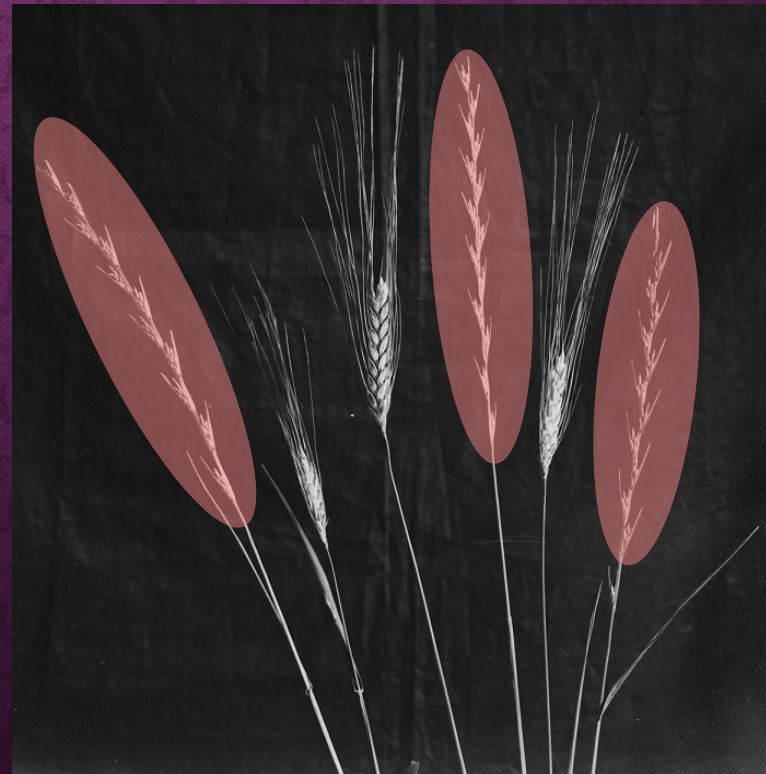
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Evolution: From the Birth of the Planets to the Age of Man
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AT ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY (~1875) DUALISM SPLIT

With an **atheistic evolution and material science of medicine** was also given to the world an **entirely spiritual creation and Spiritual Science of medicine**.



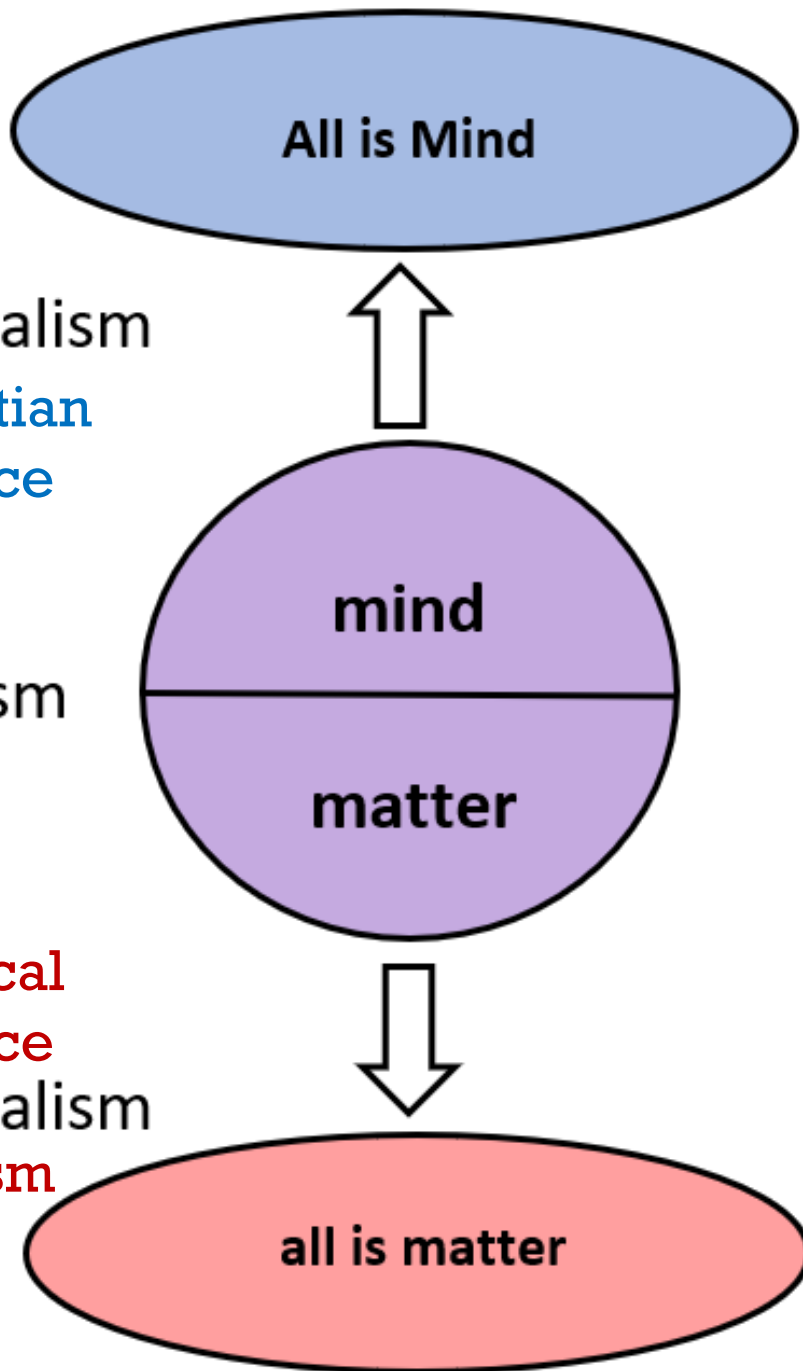
Wildflowers of Palestine,
Tares and wheat

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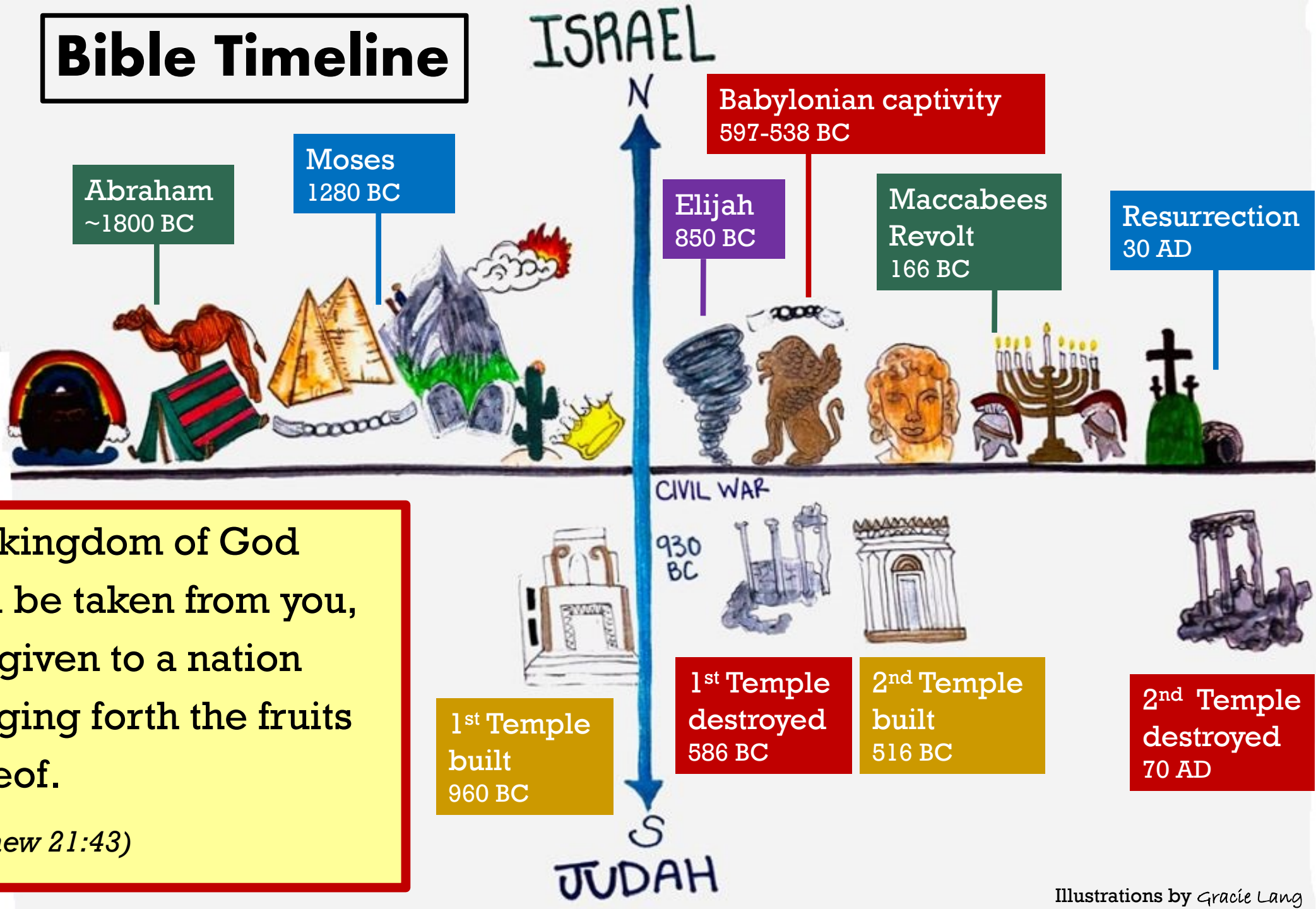
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naturalism
**Christian
Science**

dualism

**medical
science
naturalism
atheism**



Bible Timeline



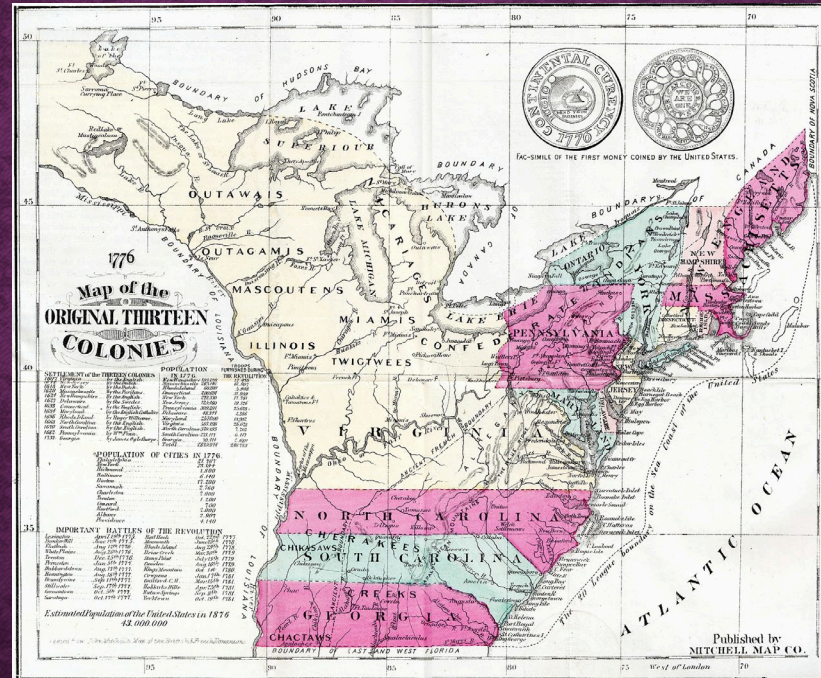
The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

(Matthew 21:43)

ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES

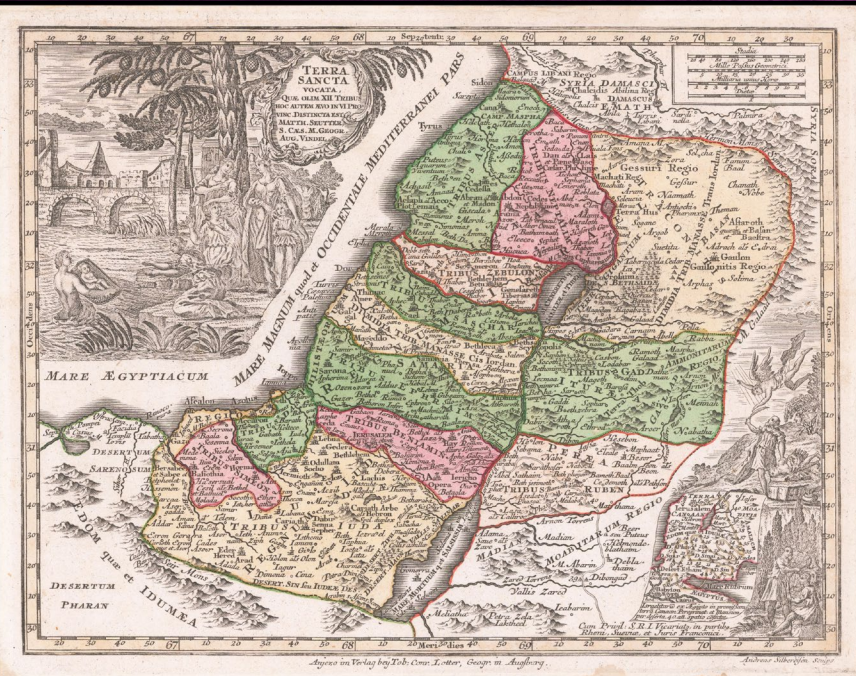


1959: Hawaii admitted as 50th state
50 → year of jubilee in the Bible, symbolic of deliverance or restoration. Also associated with the coming of the Holy Spirit.



1776: Map of the Thirteen Original Colonies

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13 territories in Israel for 12 tribes

1744 map of the Holy Land by Matthäus Seutter

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Timeline after CHRIST JESUS

Discovery of flight 1903

Atomic bomb 1945

Man on moon
1969

Slavery abolished
1865

Columbus
1492

Pilgrims 1620

Christian church
actively healing
33-325

1866

**Mother
Church**
1894, 1906

Science & Health
healing restored
1875

Darwin
Descent of man
1871

September 11
2001

Luther 1517
Copernicus 1543

America
founded 1783

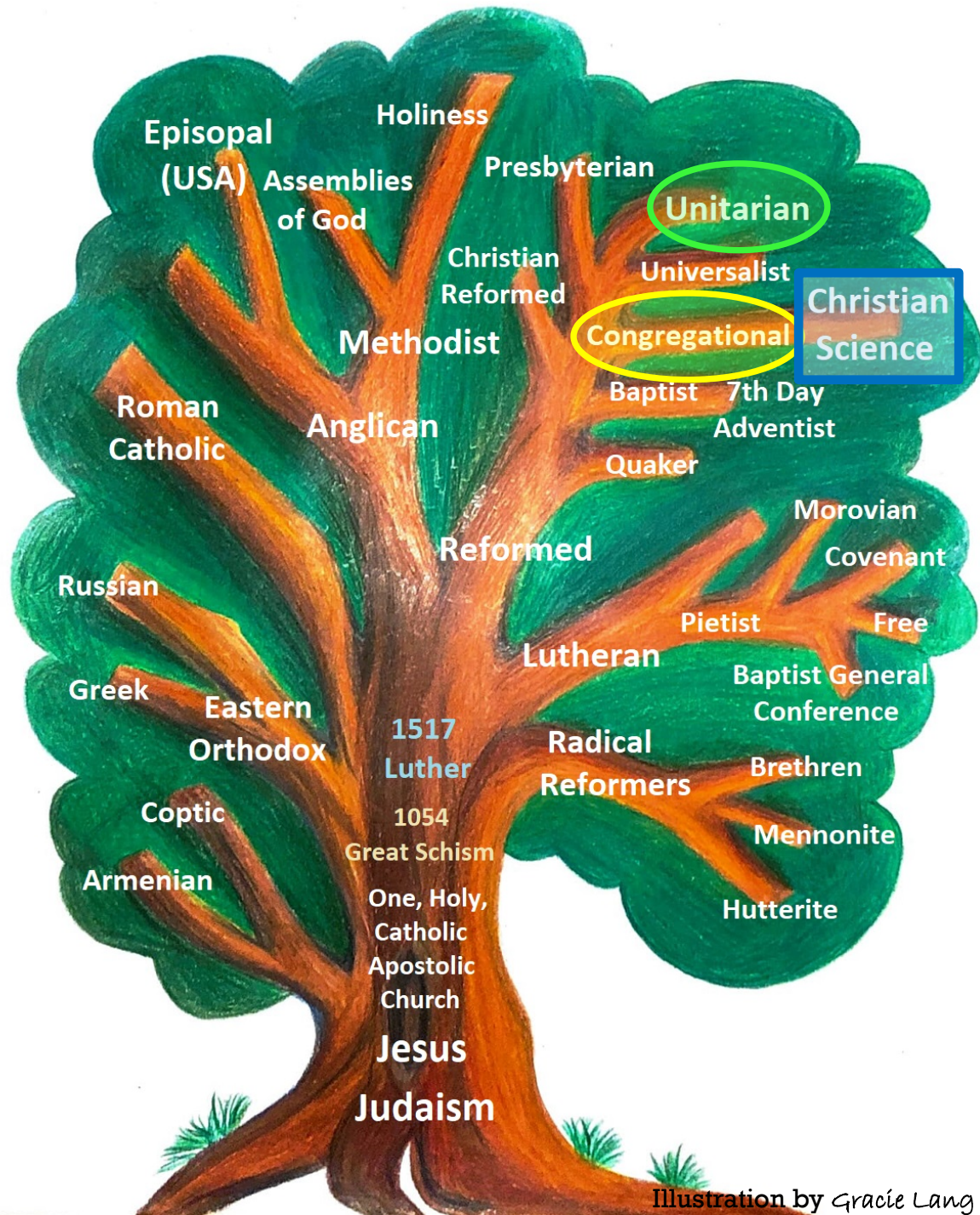
Constantine calls Council of Nicea healing fades out 325

**TODAY Christianity has
2.4 billion adherents
(29% of world population)**

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Illustrations by Gracie Lang



CHRISTIAN ROOTS: DARWIN AND EDDY

- **Darwin:** Raised in a **Unitarian** household. Unitarian Christians (est. 1774 in London) believe Jesus was Savior but not God incarnate and also **reject the doctrine of original sin**. By the end of his life, unsure about God's existence, **Darwin considered himself an agnostic**.

“Evolution describes the gradations of human belief, but it does not acknowledge the method of divine Mind, nor see that material methods are impossible in divine Science and that all Science is of God, not of man.” (SH 551:12)

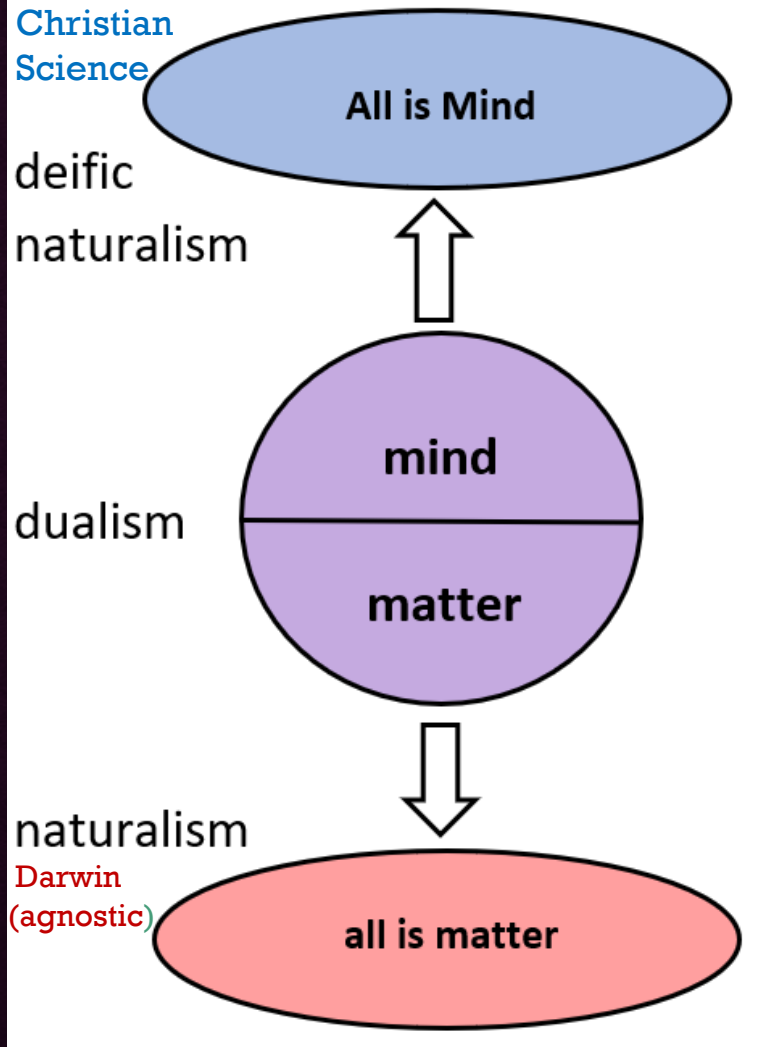
- **Mary Baker Eddy:** member of the Congregational church.

MARY BAKER EDDY'S PARADIGM SHIFT

- Late **1866**: “And the world of matter – which was the universal idea was then in solution no identities as yet were formed for intelligence had not yet embraced belief in matter and matter had no intelligence of its own darkness was upon it until the principle of **Wisdom gave intelligence to matter.**” (*In My True Light and Life, Mary Baker Eddy Collections, p. 177*)
- **1870**: “... matter as substance is not the idea of God.” (*In My True Light and Life, Mary Baker Eddy Collections, p. 214*)
- **1876**: “...all is mind and there is no matter.” (*The Development of “The Scientific Statement of Being”, an article on www.marybakereddylibrary.org*)

“Mind, not matter, must have been the first medicine.” (SH 143:27)

Spiritual idea – Christ and Comforter



Spiritual
Science
and
spiritual
medicine



Wicked be revealed...
whose coming is after
the working of Satan with
all power and signs and
lying wonders...
(II Thess 2: 8-11)

material
science
and
material
medicine



HOW DUALISM SPLIT

- **1866-1875:** God, Spirit created man wholly spiritual. **"...Mind, not matter, must have been the first medicine."**
(SH 142:27)
- **1850s -1860s:** The **germ theory of disease**, the most powerful idea in the history of medicine, was born, and **medicine as a science was born** with it.
- **1871:** *Descent of Man* by Darwin → **man was now stated scientifically to be the product of material evolution.**

Material counterfeit – antichrist and false prophet

spiritual evidence opposed to material sense

Christian
Science

deific
naturalism

dualism

naturalism

Darwin
(agnostic)

All is Mind



mind

matter



all is matter

Spiritual
Science
and
spiritual
medicine



“How much longer will
you try to have things
both ways? If the LORD
is God, worship him!
But if Baal is God,
worship him!”
(1 Kings 18:21, CEV)

material
science
and
material
medicine



ELIAS

....spiritual evidence opposed to
material sense;
Christian Science...

“Elias truly shall first come and
restore all things.”
(Matthew xvii. 11)

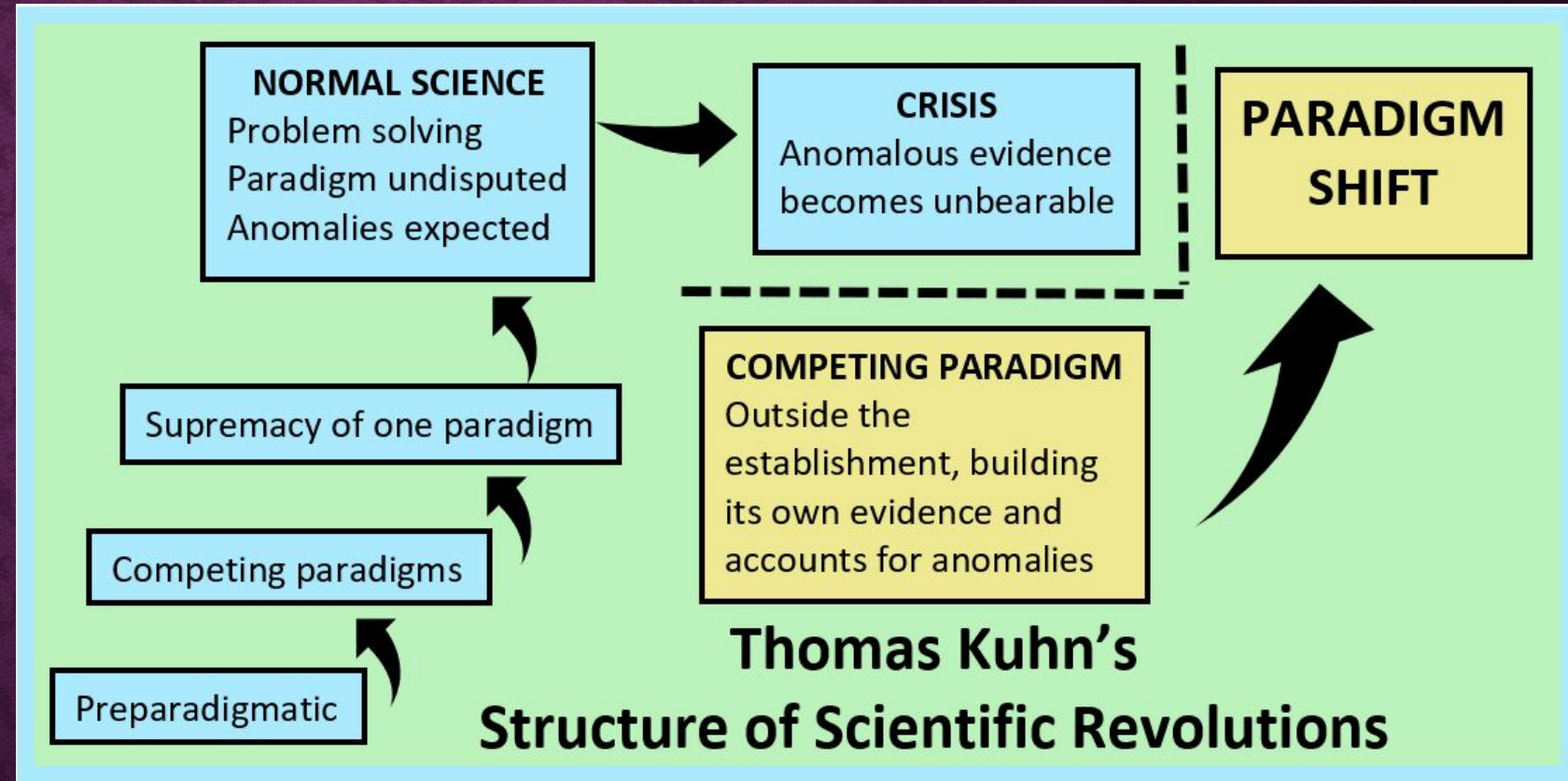
(SH 585:9–14)

Rapture = man’s spiritual identity
found forever in heaven, sinless
and eternal, a sure “safety in
divine Science”

material evidence opposed to spiritual sense

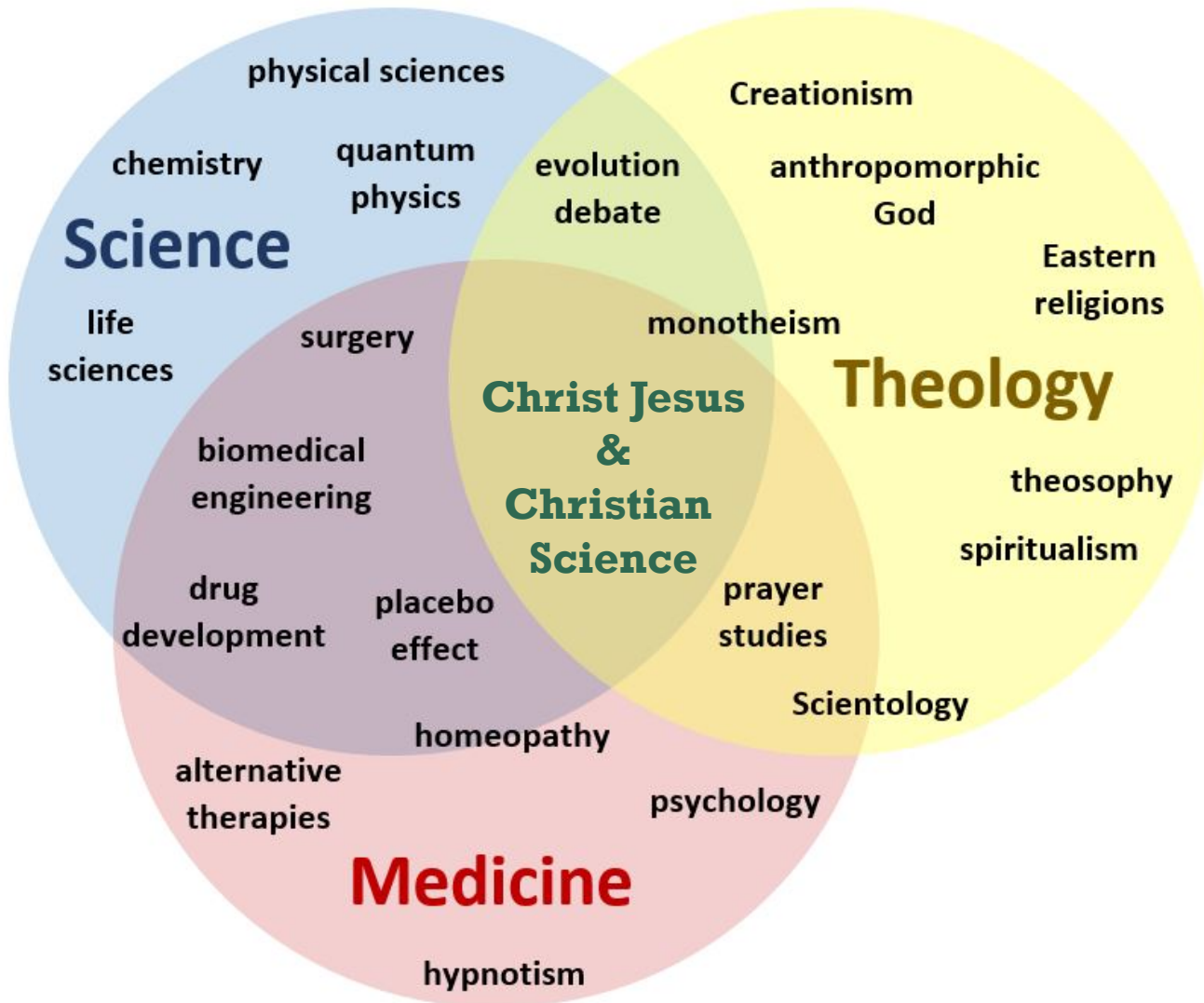
THOMAS KUHN (1922-1996): *THE STRUCTURE OF SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTIONS*

- Kuhn saw discontinuities in the development of science – **revolutionary phases**
- **paradigm shift**
a fundamental change in basic assumptions and practices in the sciences



We are in the midst of a revolution; physics are yielding slowly to metaphysics; mortal mind rebels at its own boundaries; weary of matter, it would catch the meaning of Spirit. (Christian Healing, 11:6–9)

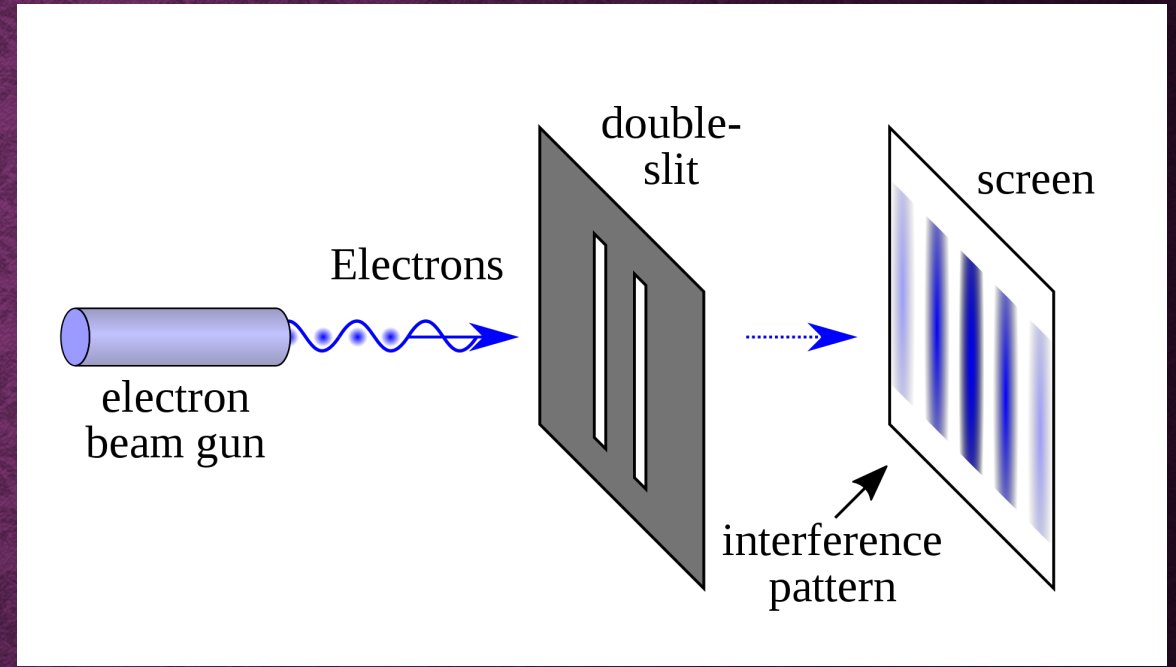
THREE MODES OF THOUGHT: SCIENCE, THEOLOGY AND MEDICINE



Christ Jesus and Christian Science stand at the intersection of all three modes of thought.

QUANTUM PHYSICS: DOUBLE SLIT EXPERIMENT

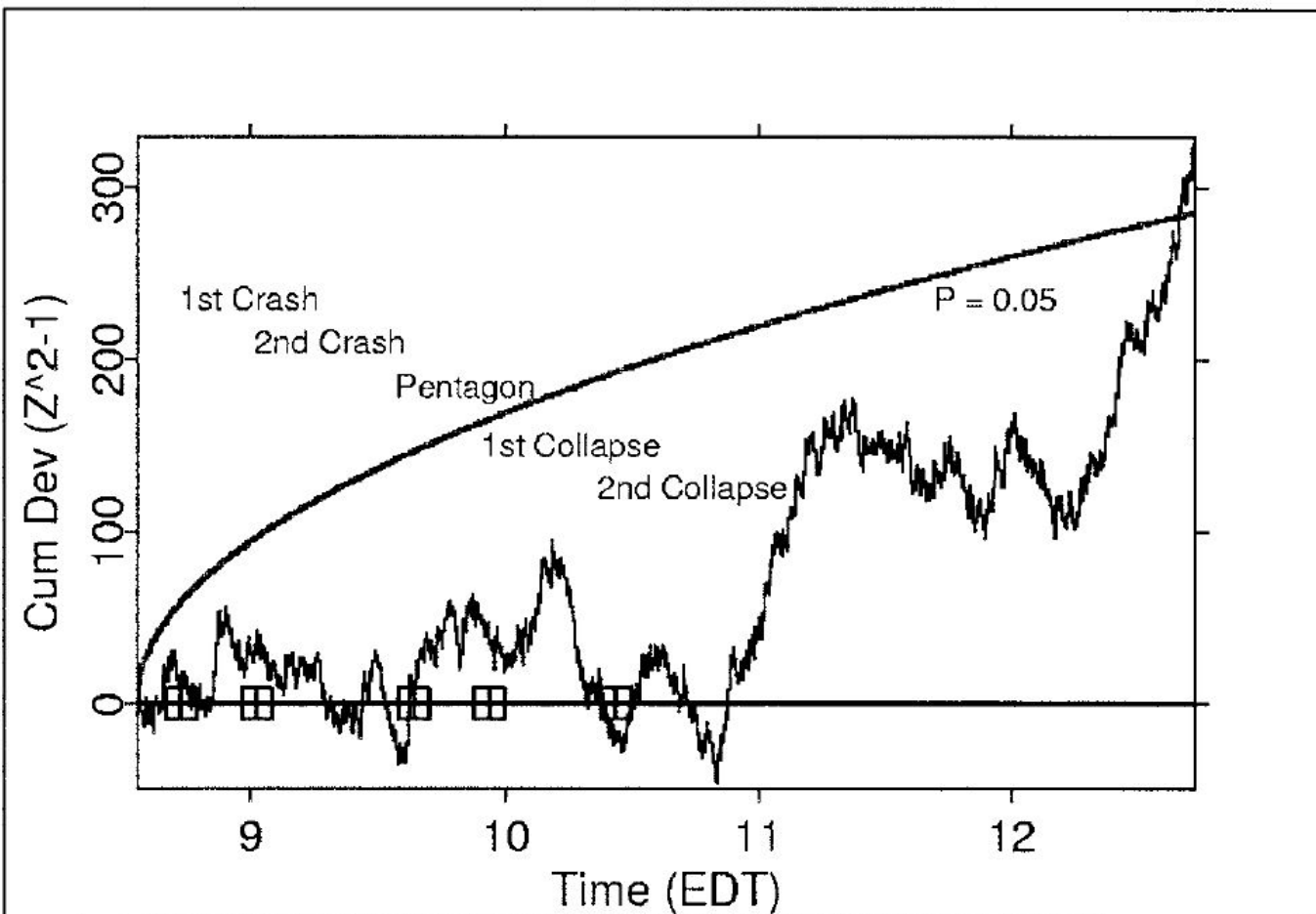
- **Richard Feynman** was fond of saying that **all of quantum mechanics can be gleaned from carefully thinking through the implications of this single experiment.**
- Firing electrons through two slits create an interference pattern indicating the electron acts like a wave of uncertainty.



The observer, or consciousness, collapses the wave function.
Matter goes from being a wave of uncertainty to a particle state simply by the act of observing.

QUANTUM PHYSICS

Results are mounting that **consciousness is an active participant in the physical world**. **Quantum entanglement**, or Einstein's "spooky action at a distance" has been proven again and again.



Data: Dr. Roger Nelson, Global Consciousness Project

Science News

from research organizations

Light from ancient quasars helps confirm quantum entanglement

Results are among the strongest evidence yet for 'spooky action at a distance'

Date: August 20, 2018

Source: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Summary: New research boosts the case for quantum entanglement. Scientists have used distant quasars, one of which emitted its light 7.8 billion years ago and the other 12.2 billion years ago, to determine the measurements to be made on pairs of entangled photons. They found correlations among more than 30,000 pairs of photons -- far exceeding the limit for a classically based mechanism.

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In the lingo of quantum, 'local reality' has been experimentally disproven. In other words, **there is no objective matter with time running forward.** – Dr. Laurance Doyle

WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF QUANTUM PHYSICS?

- The metaphysical implications of quantum physics tell us to **reject both naturalism and dualism**, because matter is NOT an observer independent reality.
- “The utility of this shift in stance is the **recognition of areas for scientific study that remain outside the currently acceptable bounds of scientific discourse**, important areas such as biofields...and non-Western methods of health and healing.” -- *Theise & Kafatos (2016)*

Max Planck: "...I regard consciousness as fundamental. I regard matter as derivative from consciousness." → **IDEALISM**

DEVELOPMENTS IN MEDICINE

RESEARCH ARTICLE | MIGRAINE

Altered Placebo and Drug Labeling Changes the Outcome of Episodic Migraine Attacks

Slavenka Kam-Hansen¹, Moshe Jakubowski², John M. Kelley^{3,4,5}, Irving

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Science Translational Medicine 08 Jan 2014;
Vol. 6, Issue 218, pp. 218ra5
DOI: 10.1126/scitranslmed.3006175

Science News

from research organizations

Why some pain drugs become less effective over time

Randomized Controlled Trial

> N Engl J Med. 2013 Dec 26;369(26):2515-24.

doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1305189.

Arthroscopic partial meniscectomy versus sham

New Scientist / November 2019

THE HEALING POWER OF YOUR MIND

Why hypnosis is finally being taken seriously by modern medicine.



DEVELOPMENTS IN MEDICINE: THE SCIENCE OF NDEs

- **Jeffrey Long, MD** started a website in **1998** establishing the Near Death Research Foundation (NDERF).
- Voluntarily reported NDEs through a **rigorous questionnaire**.
- **Recorded over 4,700 experiences in over 23 languages.** Largest study every conducted.

EVIDENCE of the AFTERLIFE

The Science of
Near-Death Experiences

Jeffrey Long, MD
with Paul Perry

“There is currently more **scientific evidence to the reality of near death experience (NDE)** than there is for how to effectively treat certain forms of cancer.”

NDEs commonly include out-of-body experiences, or “in a body unseen” by others, and **being witness to events they could not have any knowledge of**, vision by those blind who still come back blind, encountering deceased loved ones, and remarkable similarities in experiences across cultures including a **profound feeling of unconditional love**.

FAMOUS CASE: DR. EBEN ALEXANDER

- Prior to his NDE in 2008, as a **practicing neuroscientist** he sincerely **believed in the paradigm** that the material brain gives rise to **consciousness**.
- His experience led him to **make a dramatic paradigm shift**. **“Consciousness is the thing that exists. It is the support, the basis on which all the universe is based.”**
(*“Dr. Eben Alexander says it's time for brain science to graduate from kindergarten”, Christian Science Journal, February 2014*)

PROOF of HEAVEN

A Neurosurgeon's Journey
into the Afterlife

Eben Alexander, MD

#1 New York Times Bestseller

[My story breaks] the back of the last efforts of reductive science to tell the world that the material realm is all that exists, and that consciousness, or spirit – yours and mine – is not the great and central mystery of the universe. I'm living proof.”

THE HISTORICAL JESUS

- The resurrection is a historical event at the intersection of the fields of religion, history and philosophy.
- Dr. Gary Habermas, Professor of Apologetics and Philosophy, Liberty University
- **Minimal facts method:** His arguments showing that the resurrection event is the most probable conclusion using normal historical methods has changed the academically accepted view → 40 years ago only Christians believed in the historicity of the event. Today the majority of scholars (almost 2/3, skeptics among them) believe it happened.

“Bodily resurrection is the predominant view in the academy.”



La Résurrection du Christ
1560 Véronèse

San Francesco della Vigna, via Wikimedia Commons

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALINGS: 135 YEARS OF EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE

- **Over 83,000 healings since 1883.**

We know this is only the tip of the iceberg of the healing work that has gone on.

- **Repeatable empirical results** obtained by our scientific community → **a bodily improvement due to a change in human consciousness through Christ, Truth.**



Every Christian Science healing is the demonstration of eternal Life.

EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TESTIMONIES 1969-1988

PUBLISHED BY THE MOTHER CHURCH

- Over 80% of these 7,154 testimonies included healings of bodily disorders.
- 2,337 (33%) involved healings of medically diagnosed conditions. Serious conditions included cancer, leukemia, tuberculosis, heart disorders, including 13 of epilepsy and 6 of multiple sclerosis.
- 599 cases of broken bones, and of these in at least 11 cases the healing took one day or less. X-rays showed the break in one to no breakage in the second in some cases separated only by a few hours or less. Of those that gave specifics, 91 cases were healed in 3 weeks or less.

“Hundreds of millions of people today claim to have experienced miracles.”

HEALING EVIDENCE IN CHRISTIANITY

MIRACLES: THE CREDIBILITY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT ACCOUNTS

BY CRAIG KEENER

- Although doctors expected a youth to survive his cancer only another month, he was cured after prayer with a prayer group in San Francisco.⁴⁴⁴
- A patient who had been dying after the surgical removal of his stomach experienced both the recovery and formation of a new stomach.⁴⁴⁵

- A Baptist pastor was told he could never speak again due to damage to the myelin sheath to his vocal cords; after enduring this problem for three years, he suddenly found his speech fully restored after reading Ps 103:3.⁴²⁰
- While pastoring, Presbyterian evangelist Don Dunkerley prayed for a visitor who had been given six months to live due to her cancer. The next day she felt fine, and the doctor declared that the cancer was gone. As of the time of

If the lives of Christian Scientists attest their fidelity to Truth, **I predict that in the twentieth century every Christian church in our land, and a few in far-off lands, will approximate the understanding of Christian Science sufficiently to heal the sick in his name.** Christ will give to Christianity his new name, and Christendom will be classified as Christian Scientists. (Pul 22:9)

the age of two, was instantly and publicly healed during prayer, including his withered foot being made normal.⁴⁵¹

THREE WISEMEN OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Science, Theology and Medicine

As the Wisemen grew in the understanding of Christ, the spiritual idea, it grew in favor with them. Thus it will continue, as it shall become understood, **until man be found in the actual likeness of his Maker.**

(Misc. Writ. 164:20–23)



The element of Christian healing has almost been lost to the world for 1800 years, but we are still the sons of God and live and move and have our being in Him, and by faith we are able to claim our inheritance; and when this attribute of Christ shall be once again in the hearts of his followers, then in deed and in truth has the Second Coming of Christ been fulfilled.

November 1884 Christian Science Journal, Mary Baker Eddy

We are not living at a time of defeat or uncertainty. **We are living in an age of prophetic triumph**—a time when there is every reason to have powerful spiritual conviction. But it's not enough to simply live in an age of triumph. The miracle of spiritual vision is essential to help us fully appreciate the possibilities of our times. **We need to cultivate an expectancy of what our Leader foresaw: the demonstration of perfection—full proof that man is God's likeness.**

-- Nathan Talbot, "What Mrs. Eddy envisioned for us", CS Journal, April 1980