

A composite image of Earth from space, showing the horizon and clouds. Overlaid on the image are various mathematical and scientific symbols and diagrams:

- A yellow cross in the top left.
- A blue male symbol (♂) in the top left.
- A red heart in the upper middle.
- A yellow female symbol (♀) in the upper middle.
- A diagram of a rectangular block with horizontal lines and arrows pointing outwards, representing a process or flow.
- A triangle with the numbers 3, 6, and 9 inside it.
- A sine wave graph with a shaded area under the curve.
- A summation symbol (Σ) in the middle right.
- A mathematical formula  $2\sqrt{98(1)}$  in the top right.
- A mathematical formula  $9 + \frac{1}{2} = y$  in the bottom right.

At the bottom, there is a line of text: <sup>1</sup> Genesis 1:1, <sup>2</sup> Psalm 139:14, <sup>3</sup> John 10:33, <sup>4</sup> Isaiah 53:6

Receiving this forgiveness and new life is not an accident but something we decide to do. To all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus, God promises forgiveness from every sin. A person is forgiven the moment they trust Christ as their Saviour. The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ, God's son, will one day return from heaven. He is the one whom God has appointed to be the judge of all. It is not even an **accident** that you are reading this. God commands all people everywhere to turn away from doing wrong and to believe in His Son Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. How will you respond to God?

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# ACCIDENT OR DESIGN?



# MANY OF US HAVE ASKED THE QUESTION, “HOW DID WE GET HERE?”

Is the universe of space, matter and time the result of a vast explosion billions of years ago or was it designed? What do you honestly believe?

And what about your mind and thoughts? Are they the result of lifeless atoms randomly colliding in your brain? Or is there more to you than that? Are you just an **accident** or are your body and mind the product of **design**?

We normally recognise **design** when we see it – whether it is a wheel or a watch. The motion of the sun, moon and stars behaves like a huge clock, moving according to precise natural laws. We describe this regular motion with another product of our thoughts: mathematics. The Bible gives more information: **‘In the**

**beginning God created the heavens and the earth.’**<sup>1</sup> There is no better explanation for the order and complexity that we see around us. There is a Designer behind the design. There was a Mind before there was matter. It is foolish to believe that everything came from nothing.

If we look through the telescope, we see order and precision. If we look through the microscope, we also see a complex micro-world. The world’s smallest electrical machine is found in living cells. More than one thousand times

smaller than the width of a human hair, a tiny motor operates producing the energy molecules that power all living things. The amazing thing is that the cellular motor is more efficient than any motor produced by humans. Accident or design? The Bible is clear: **‘...we are intricately and wonderfully made.’**<sup>2</sup>

Over 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ was supernaturally born of a virgin. He lived without doing wrong of any kind: He never lied, never stole, never swore, never had a wrong thought. He said He was

the Son of God<sup>3</sup>. He did things only God can do: He fed over 5000 people with a few scraps of food. When the wine ran out at a wedding, He turned water into more wine. He controlled nature, being able to still a raging storm. He healed hundreds from various sicknesses and raised dead people to life again. At the age of 33, Jesus was falsely accused by the authorities, arrested, flogged and crucified in a public execution. This was no **accident** but was something predicted in the Bible centuries before. The Bible made it clear that the Saviour would offer

**‘...we are intricately and wonderfully made.’**

