

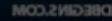
eterrial power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse

New Testament Book of Romans chapter 1:19–20 Written in the First Century

Evidence of God in the Natural World

Let's look at the Evidence for the Divine in 4 ways:

- 1. The Perfectly Intelligible Complexity of the Universe
- 2. The Intricate and Complicated Nature of the Cell
- 3. The Divine Nature of Human Agency
- 4. The Simple Truth of The Theory of Everything





The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

From Psalms 19:1

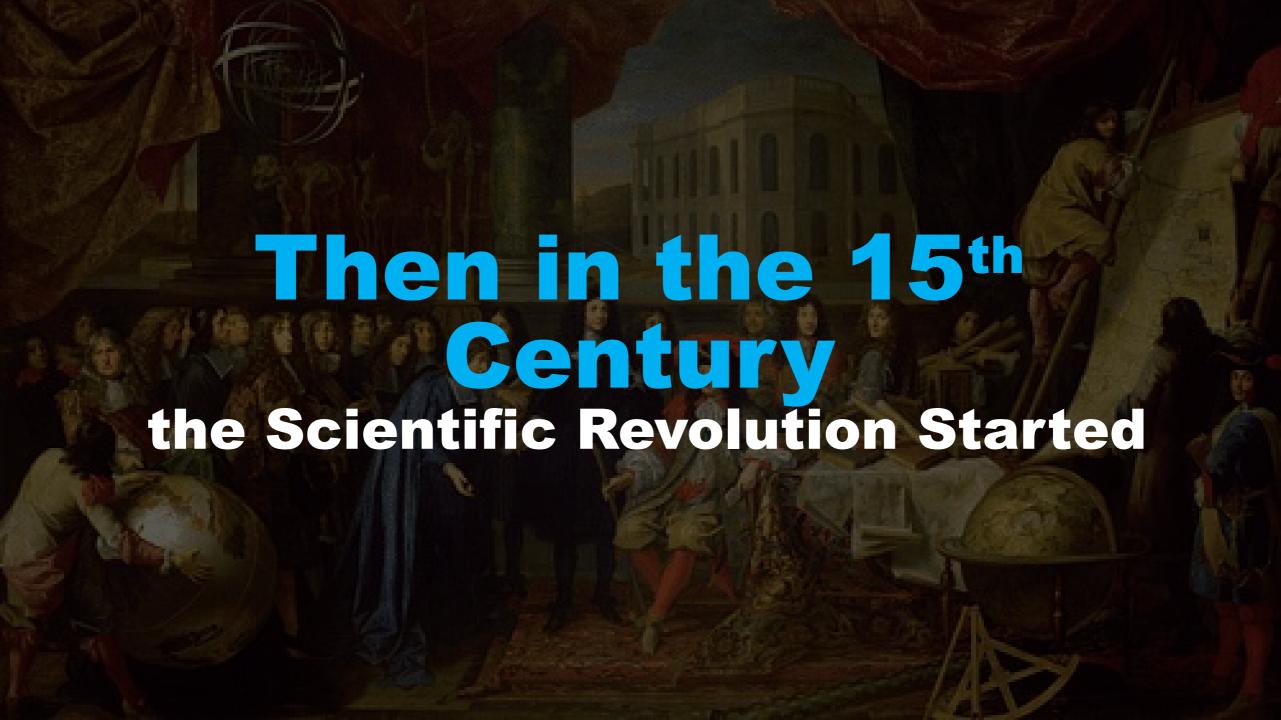
The Natural World for 14 Centuries

1st

Centuries

14th

- From before the 1st to well into the 14th Century, Scientific thought was driven by philosophies of men such as Aristotle, Plato, Ptolemy and others.
- Many advancements in mathematics, astrology, and physics were made in Egypt, Greece, Rome, Muslim Countries, China but no major breakthroughs
- Historians have stated humanistic philosophies of the early thinkers derailed empirical investigation and held back advances in science



Scientific Revolution Knowledge Explodes

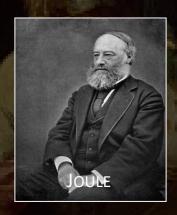
- In the 15th Century the Scientific Revolution struck in Europe
- 15th 19th centuries The Scientific Revolution brought
 - Mechanistic Philosophy: natural world operated on predictable laws
 - Mathematical Tools: to describe, measure and understand natural processes
 - Inductive Reasoning: observations and conclusions based on evidence
 - Unified Theories: connections and patterns that unify understanding
- One of the other differences in the scientific revolution was the Institutionalization of Science: universities expanded, govt/private funded

Revolution Knowledge

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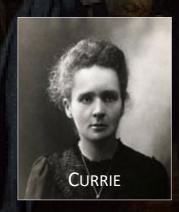






COPERNICUS





Nicolaus Copernicus — Discovered the Helio Centric nature of the universe and the 24hr rotation of the earth Galileo — father of modern observational astronomy and physics proved Helio Centric planetary movement Isaac Newton who discovered the Laws of Motion and the Universal Law of Gravitation

James Prescott Joule laid the groundwork for the First and Second Laws of Thermal Dynamics

Max Planck won the 1918 Nobel Prize in Physics and is considered the founder of Quantum Mechanics.

Marie Currie Nobel Prize in Physics her work fundamentally changed our understanding of the nature of matter and energy

Why There and Why Then? • Why did the understanding of the universe develop so

- quickly?
- And why there in Europe and Why in the 16th Century?
- There are many contributing factors of course...
- But most scholars will point to one critical X Factor Worldview.

Most scientists during the Scientific Revolution were Christian

Dr. Stephen Meyer

"Dr. J oseph Needham British biochemist, historian of science postulated, "Why There and Why Then"? The difference that made the difference was the Worldview. There was something about the J udeo-Christian way of thinking that inspired the scientific investigation of nature. The scientists were motivated to study the works of God in the natural world to bring glory to Him."

Quoting from research by science historian J oseph Needham

Reasons that Science Followed the Divine

Scientists with a Biblical Worldview looked at nature through the Lense of the divine and concluded that...

- Nature is Intelligible we are made in the image of God so we can understand God in nature
- Mathematics is a Language that Gods used to communicate the Nature of the Universe to us
- Universe shows a created order contingent on a created process so it became easy to see

Why Scientists are Embracing the Divine

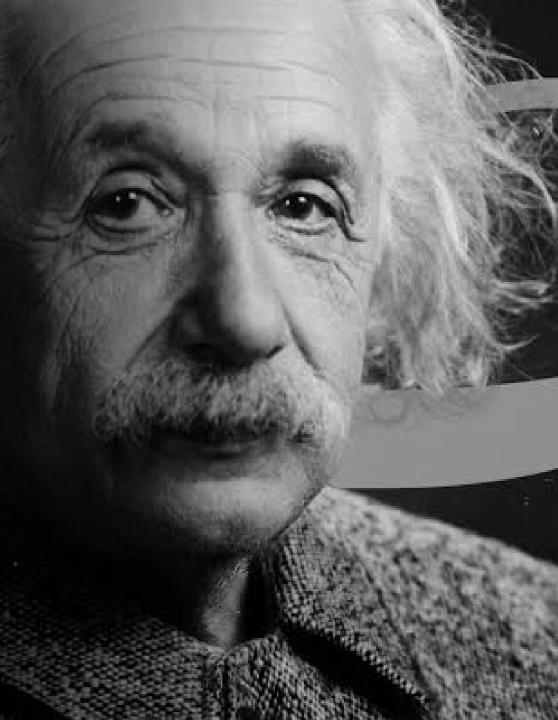


Francis Collins physician-geneticist noted for his visionary leadership of the Human Genome Project

Dr. Albert Einstein

"Everyone who is seriously involved in the pursuit of science becomes convinced that a spirit is manifest in the laws of the Universe - a spirit vastly superior to that of man,...

From an article in "Science and Religion," which was published in the New York Times Magazine on November 9, 1930.



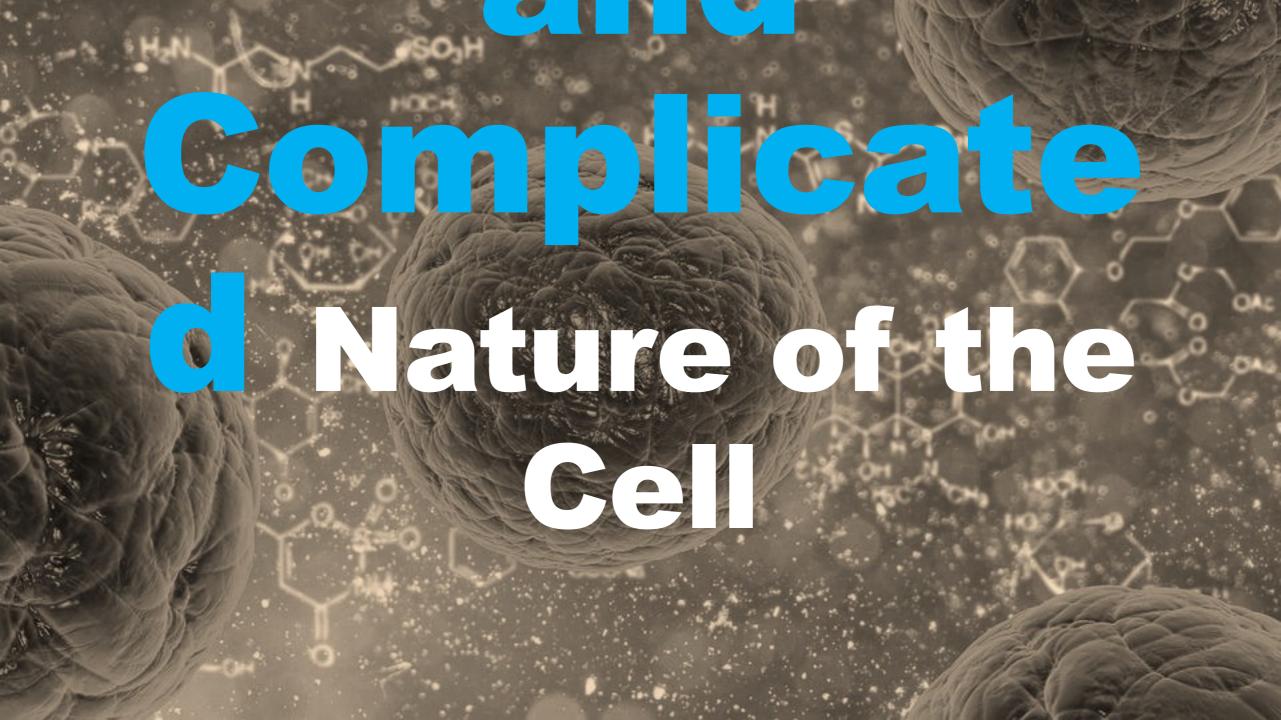
The Perfectly Intelligible Complexity of the Universe

- The Science is in the Universe is Complex and Massive
- But Yet Understood through the language of Math/Physics?
- Beautifully intelligible systems and mechanics are at play
- The Evidence of an Agent or a Designer is hard to ignore

The Perfectly Intelligible Complexity is God communicating to us

moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him?

Psalm 8:3-4 A Psalm of David.



"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made... My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven (embroidered) in the depths of the earth womb). Your eyes saw my unformed substance (embryo)"

A Psalm of David 139:14-16 (words translated from Hebrew)

The Beginning had Simple Life Forms?

- We were taught that life was simple, and not at all complex.
- How many 2-3 cell life forms are there on the planet? Zero.
- Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection proposes that species evolve over time through, NUMEROUS, SUCCESSIVE, SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS and that the gradual accumulation of these changes that arise within populations are then passed to subsequent generations.
- This is taught in some form in school. but there are 2 critical problems...

Problem Number One: The Math

- Darwin's theory is now seen as MATHMATICALLY IMPOSSIBLE
- Mathematicians/biologists say that to go from simple to complex life forms is impossible in itself and then...
- Going from complex life forms to the diversity of life we now have...
 - even if evolution worked (which is not proven) not possible
- Why? There is simply not enough time...

Problem Number One: The Math

Darwin also noted in his work 'On The Origin of the Species' that complexity would kill his theory

Problem Number Two: The Complexity

- Darwin's theory would suppose a bottom up approach to building complexity.
- But the sheer complexity of the cell as we now know it, and the Irreducibly Complex nature of its function confers a top down approach to causation
- AND a top down approach to causation points to an AGENT, or a DESIGNER

The Simple Beauty of Irreducible Complexity

Intricate and Complex Nature

Complex Nature of the

In conclusion:

- Darwin's Theory has never been proven or observed to work
- Darwin noted his theory would die if complexity was found
- We have seen the intense complexity, and much is irreducible
- Modern science can prove that it is mathematically impossible

God is manifest in the Intricate and Complex Nature of the Cell

creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so.

The Book of Genesis 1:24-25

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fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

The Old Testament Writer Solomon in Ecclesiastes 3:11:

The Divine Nature of Human Agency

- Humans are the only species that act independently and make choices that influence their lives, their future and the world around them.
- Humans possess conscious intentionality and selfawareness leading to deliberate actions, and acts of individuality.
- Humans can conceptualize complex thoughts like expressing free will, autonomy, and abstract reasoning.
- Only Humans express moral responsibility and seek the divine WHY?

The Divine Nature

Of Human Agency Cognitive Science: an interdisciplinary field that explores the nature of the human mind and its processes. It seeks to understand how the mind works, how it processes information, and how it interacts with the environment to produce behavior.

The Cognitive Science of Religion (CSR) is a subfield within cognitive science that focuses specifically on understanding religious beliefs, practices, and experiences and their implications

The Divine Nature

of Human Agency The Cognition, Religion & Theology Project

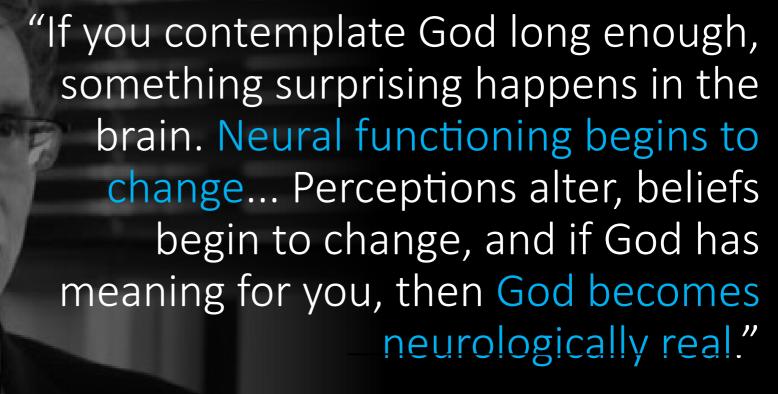
- Diverse range of subjects, cultures and countries represented
- Concluded that humans are predisposed to believe in the divine
- Belief in the divine are reasoned responses to inputs
- This input/outcome is a basic impulse of the human mind.



"We have gathered a body of evidence that suggests that religion is a common fact of human nature across different societies. This suggests that attempts to suppress religion are likely to be short-lived as human thought seems to be rooted to religious concepts, such as the existence of supernatural agents or gods, and the possibility of an afterlife or pre-life."

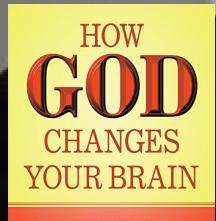
Project Co-Director Professor Roger Trigg, from the University of Oxford's Ian Ramsey Centre,





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Dr Andrew Newburg -Neuroscientist

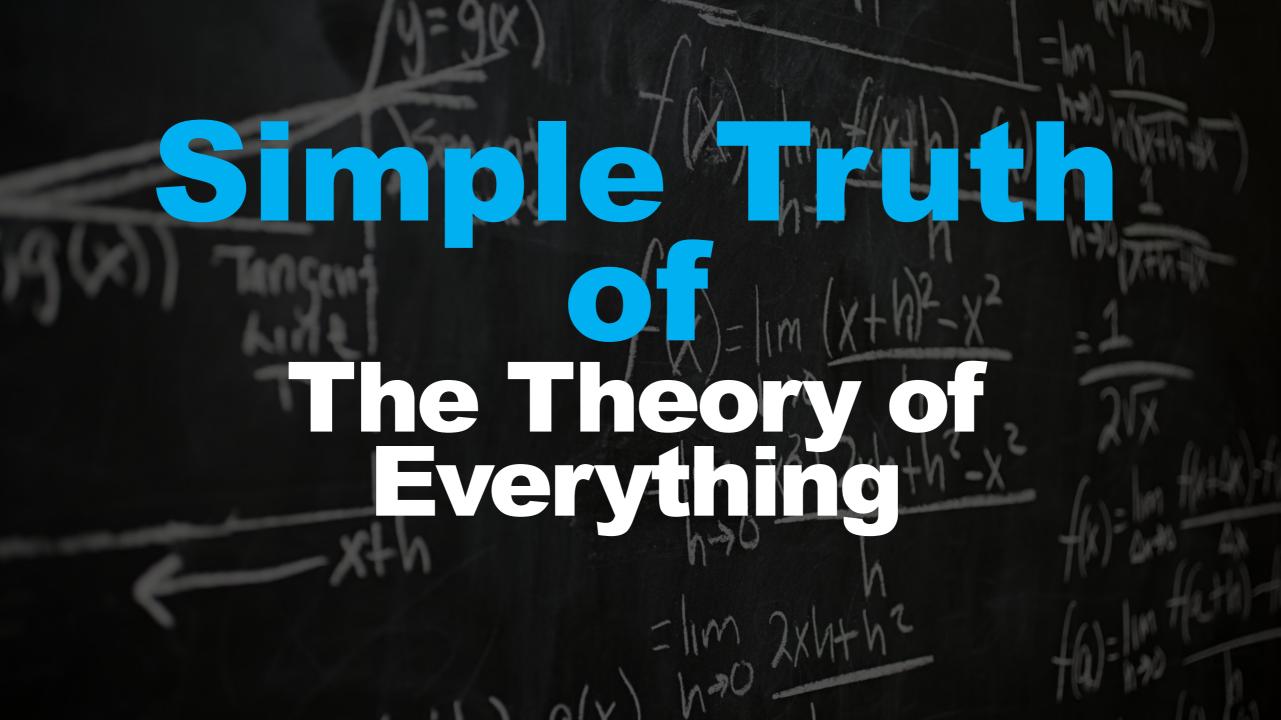
The Divine Nature Of Human Agency In Conclusion:

- Humans have an unprecedented capacity to be selfaware
- We become Aware of the nature of our surroundings
- Self-awareness <u>can</u> lead to seeking divine things in our lives
- When we activate the divine it can alter our thinking

Perhaps God has placed Eternity in our hearts after all...

me and find me when you seek me with all your heart

The Old Testament Prophet Jeremiah 29:13:



"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts

The Prophet Isaiah 55:9

Simple Truth of The Theory of Everything

- What is The Theory of Everything (TOE)?
- •The Theory of Everything is a hypothetical framework in theoretical physics that aims to unify and explain all fundamental forces and particles in the universe within a single, comprehensive theory.

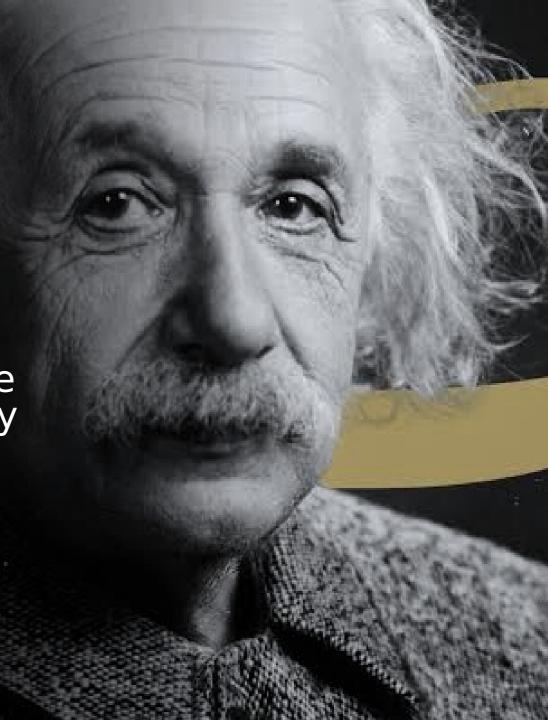
Wouldn't that be helpful?

Simple Truth of The Theory of Everything

- Theory of Relativity says that physics is universal, and describes how space, time, and gravity interact on a large scale.
- Quantum Theory describes the behavior of nature at and below the scale of atoms on a small scale.
- Standard Model describes the building blocks of matter and the forces that govern their interactions.
- String Theory posits what gives rise to the various forces and particles observed in nature.

Dr Albert Einstein

"The human mind is not capable of grasping the Universe. We are like a little child entering a huge library. The walls are covered to the ceilings with books in many different tongues. The child knows that someone must have written these books. It does not know who or how. It does not understand the languages in which they are written. But the child notes a definite plan in the arrangement of the books..."



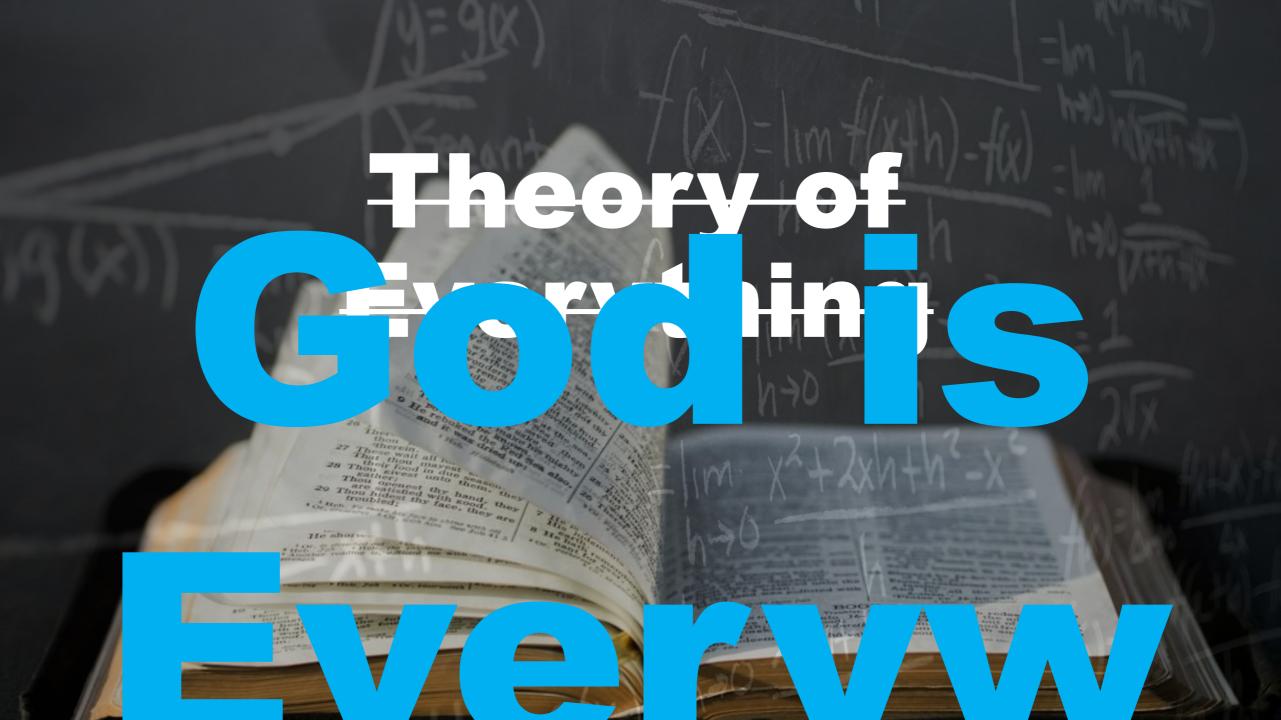
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- The Universe is unbelievably large and contains an unthinkable number of things. Yet we can model much of its history, account for its structure, predict its future and understand the behaviour of a bewildering variety of the objects it contains.
- We can do this because we understand that everything is bound together by a web of relationships. We call them the laws of physics. And the laws of Physics work everywhere - with everything.

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