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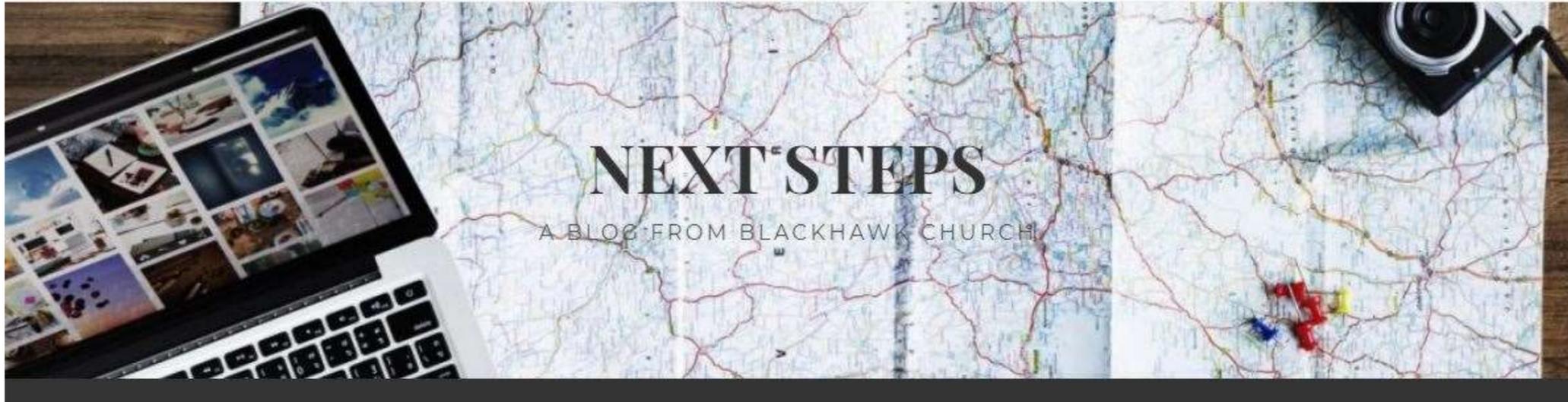
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## What Does it Mean to Be Human?



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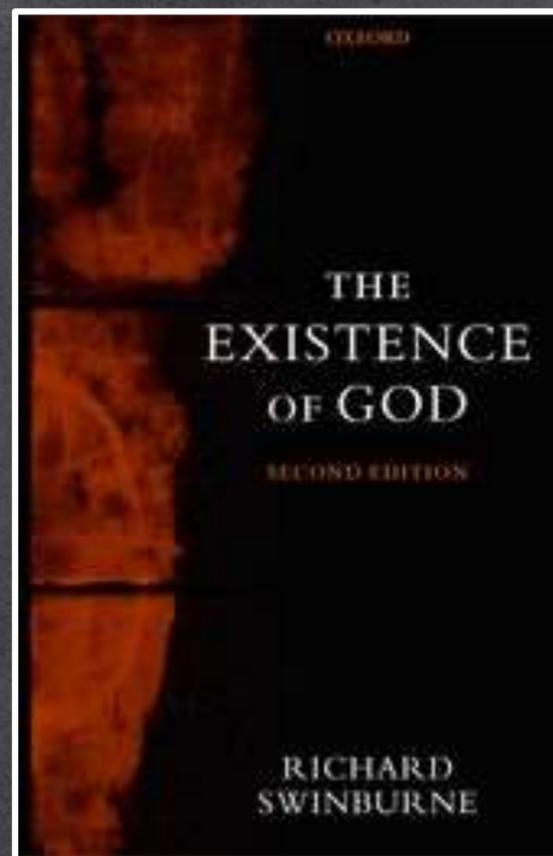
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*"...reason can reach a fairly well justified conclusion about the existence of God, it can only reach a probable conclusion, not an indubitable one."*



Richard Swinburne  
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7 "Can you fathom the mysteries of God?

Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?

8 They are higher than the heavens—what can you do?

They are deeper than the depths of the grave—  
what can you know?

9 Their measure is longer than the earth  
and wider than the sea.

<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness **no one** can fathom.

Psalm 145:3

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.

## A Definition of God

God is without a body, eternal, free, with maximal knowledge, maximal power, maximal goodness, worthy of worship, and the creator and sustainer of the universe.

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.  
**Always be prepared** to give an answer to everyone  
who asks you **to give the reason** for the hope that you  
have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

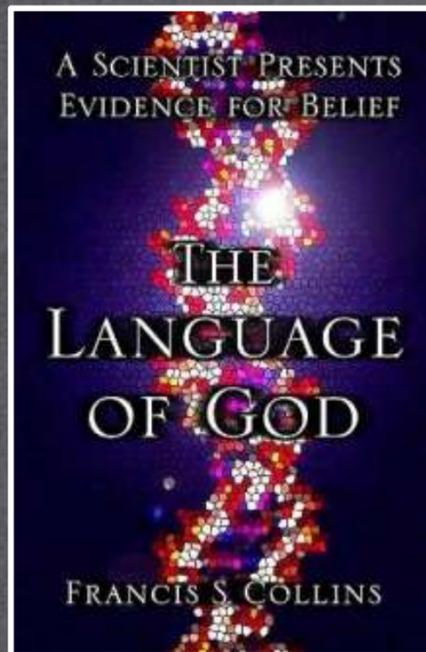
1 Peter 3:15



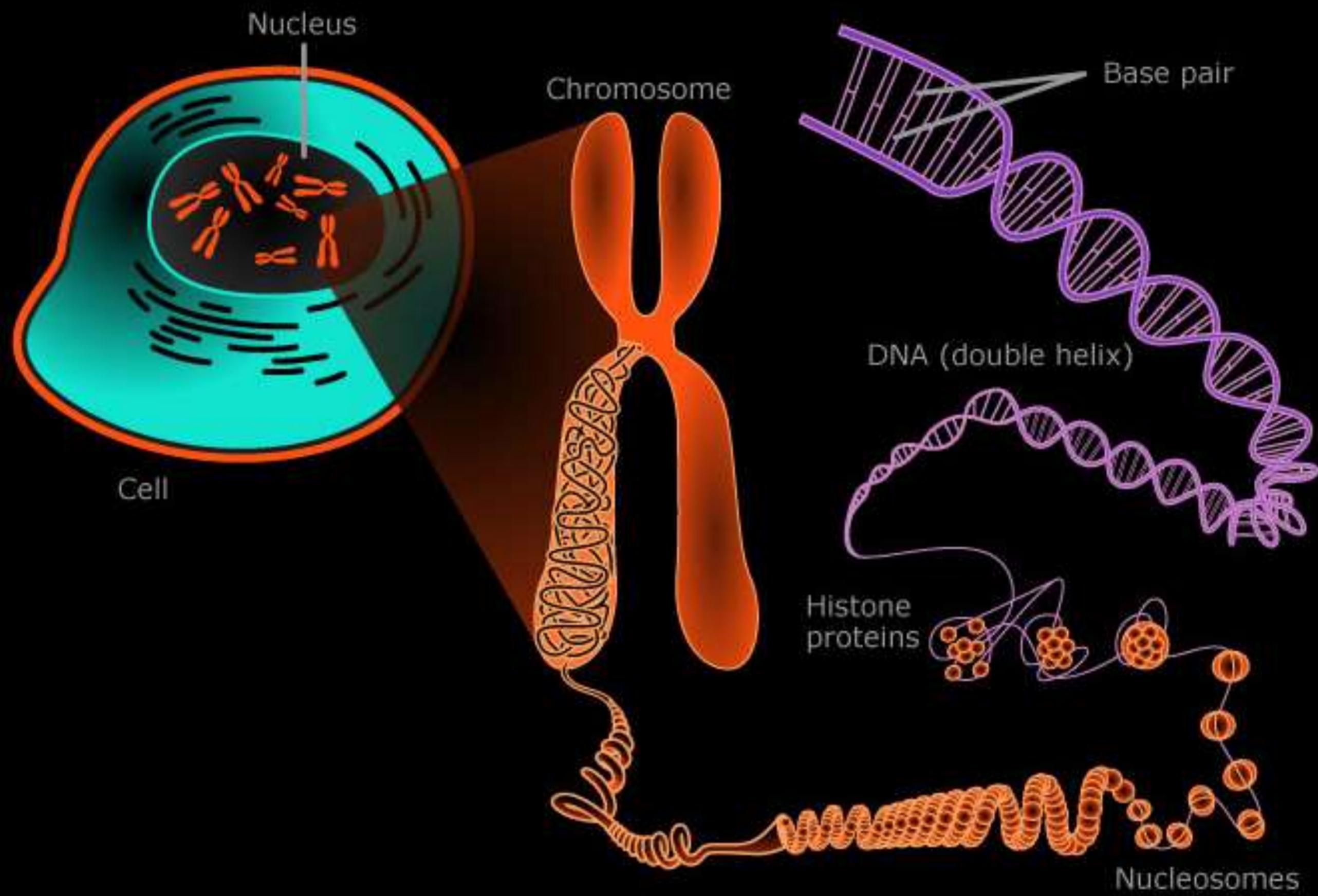
# Cosmological Argument

1. Whatever begins to exist has a cause.
2. The universe began to exist.
3. The universe has a cause.

...one can think of DNA as an **instructional script**, a software program, sitting in the nucleus of the cell. Its coding language has only four letters (or two bits, in computer terms) in its alphabet. A particular instruction, known as a gene, is made up of hundreds or thousands of letters of code. All of the elaborate functions of the cell, even in complex an organism as ourselves, have to be directed by the order of letters in this script.



Francis Collins  
*The Language of God*



# The Design Argument (Teleological)

1. Everything that is designed has a designer.
2. The universe is designed.
3. Therefore, there is a designer.

# The Objective Moral Argument

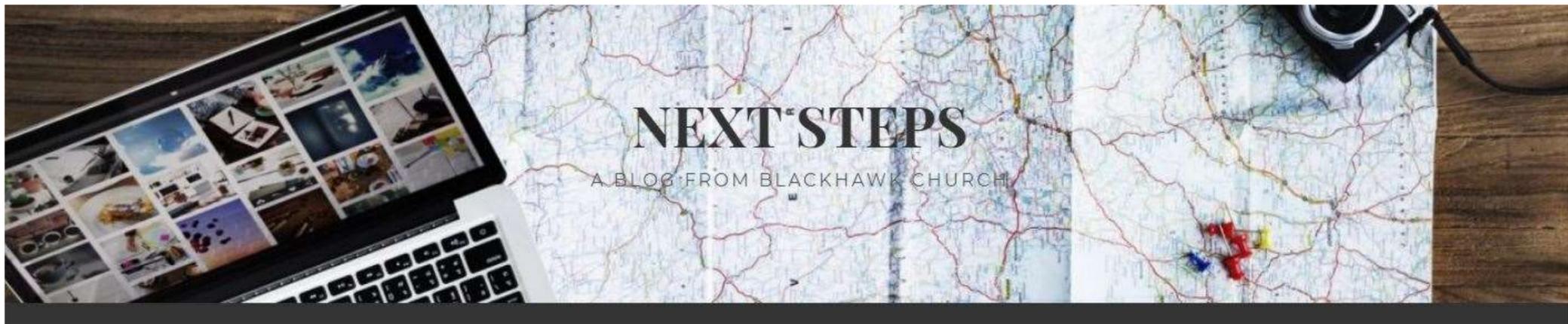
1. If God does not exist, then either objective moral values do not exist or morality exists solely as part of an evolutionary mechanism.
2. Objective moral values do exist.
3. Morality does not exist solely as part of an evolutionary mechanism.
4. Therefore, God exists.

*"Morality is a biological adaptation no less than are hands and feet and teeth. ... Considered as a rationally justifiable set of claims about an objective something, ethics is illusory. I appreciate that when somebody says, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself,' they think they are referring above and beyond themselves. ... Nevertheless, ... such reference is truly without foundation. Morality is just an aid to survival and reproduction, ... and any deeper meaning is illusory."*

-Michael Ruse, "Evolutionary Theory and Christian Ethics,"  
in *The Darwinian Paradigm*

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