

A vintage rotary telephone is shown against a warm, orange-brown background. A white speech bubble is overlaid on the phone, containing the text "Asking for a Friend". The word "Asking" is in a dark blue, cursive font, "for a" is in a smaller, dark blue, sans-serif font, and "Friend" is in the same dark blue, cursive font as "Asking".

Asking
for a
Friend

The people you would least expect have questions about God and the person of Jesus Christ.



*Asking
for a
Friend*

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

—1 Peter 3:15



*Asking
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Is there really a
God?



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“A new generation of spiritual seekers are asking whether there is a God, but are doing so separated from the dynamics that lead previous generations to hold to a deep abiding faith in a creator.”



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Some may say...

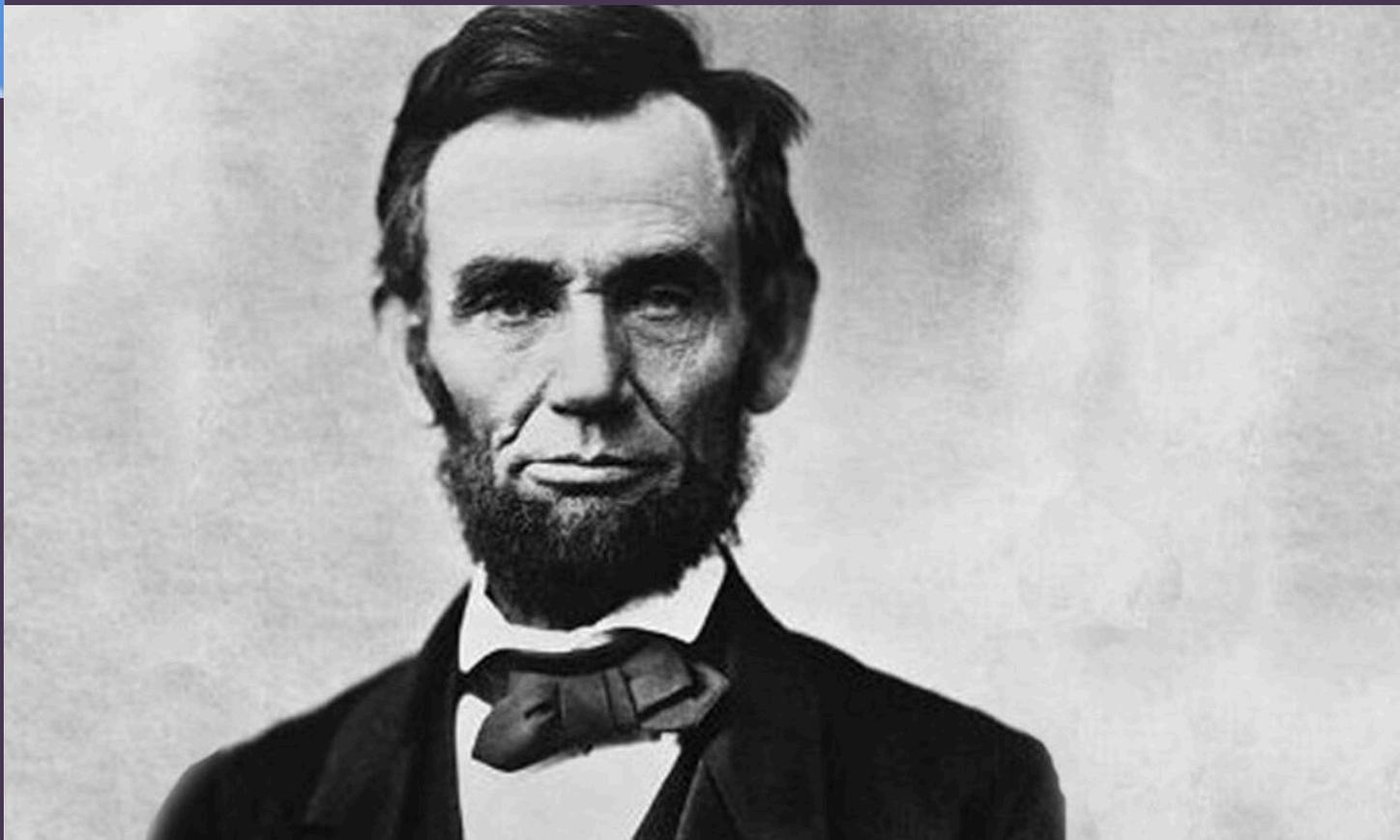
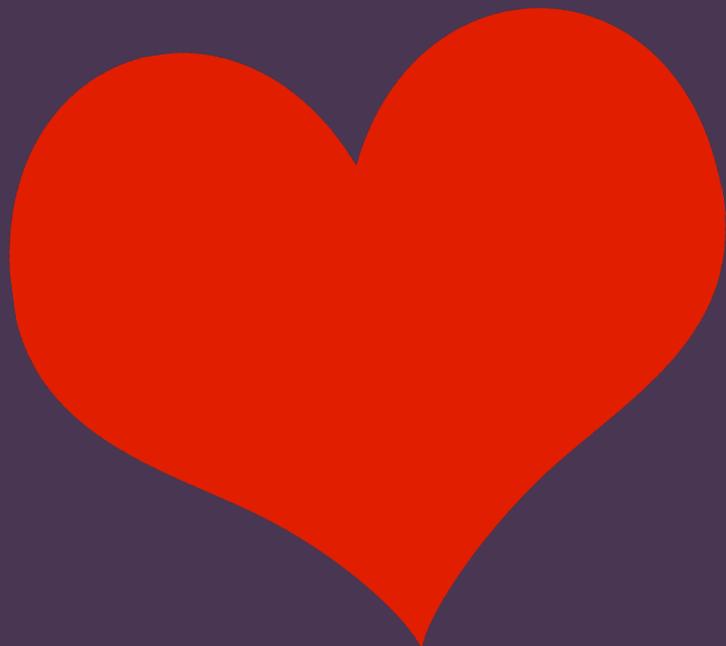
*I cannot know if there
is a God.*



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FREEDOM



Compelling reasons to believe in God

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First:

Cause and Effect



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The universe had a beginning. It could not start itself – it had to have been caused by something else.



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“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Gen. 1:1



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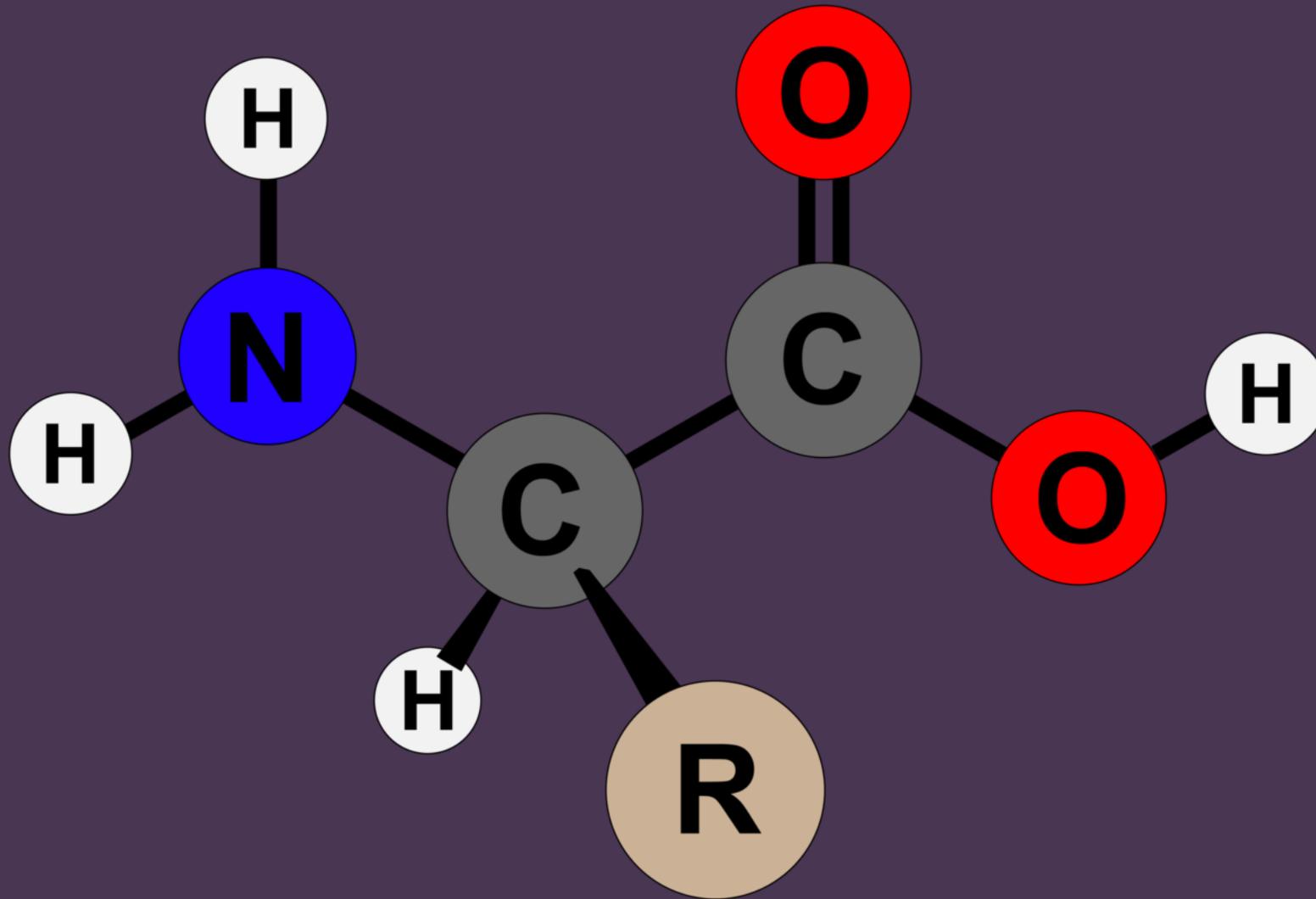


Second:

Design and Order



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*A fool says in his heart, "There is
no God."*

Ps. 14:1



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Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for these desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.



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One of the most interesting manifestations throughout civilization is the deep spiritual hunger for God in men and women.



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Third:

The God gene



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“He has made everything beautiful in its time. **He has also set eternity in the human heart**; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”

Ecc. 3:11



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“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ.”

— Pascal



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There are...

Compelling reasons
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But, what difference
does this make?



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Life is not
ultimately about
us-but about
God!



You were created
and you were
created for a
purpose.



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“In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken **to us by his Son**, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.”

Heb. 1: 1-2



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You can know your
Creator through
the person of
Jesus Christ!



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Do you know Him?

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How is He asking
you to trust Him?



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