

"To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?"

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"will not move" = will not topple

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- 2. He is <u>like no other</u>. (21-24)

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"Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?" (21)

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

**John 1:1** 

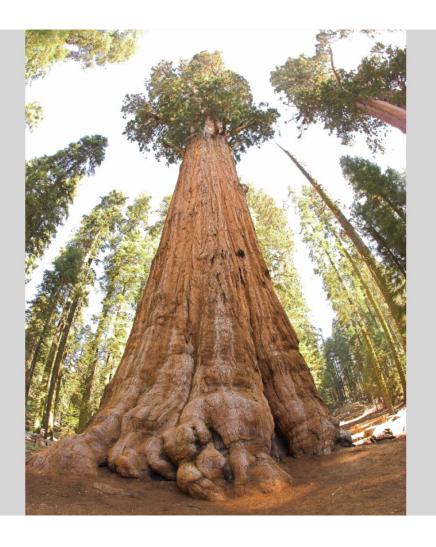
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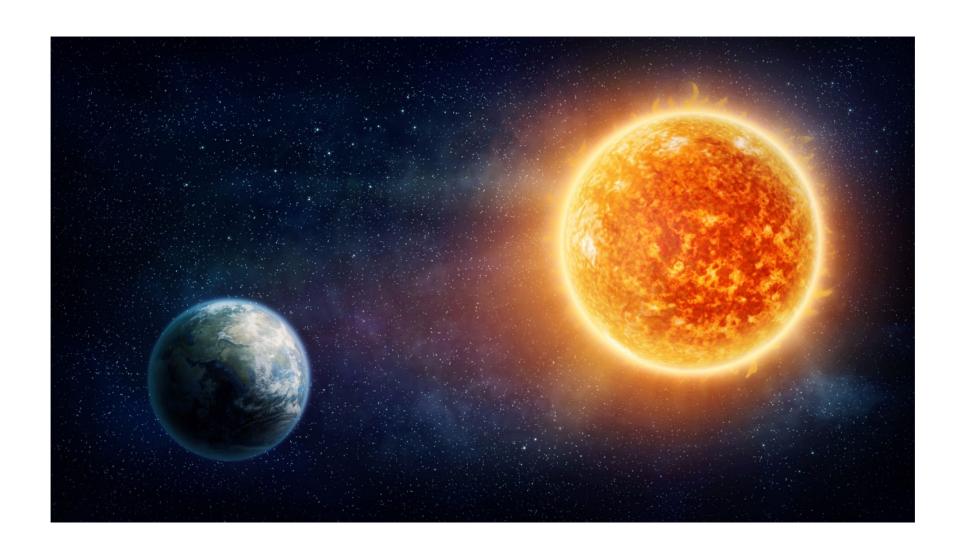
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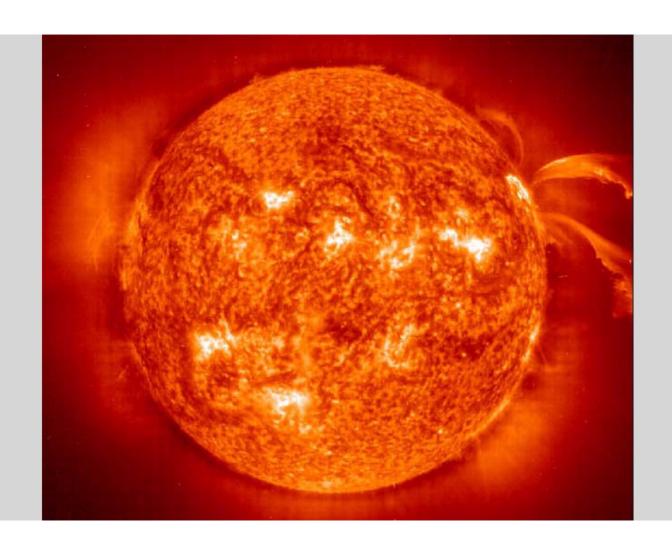
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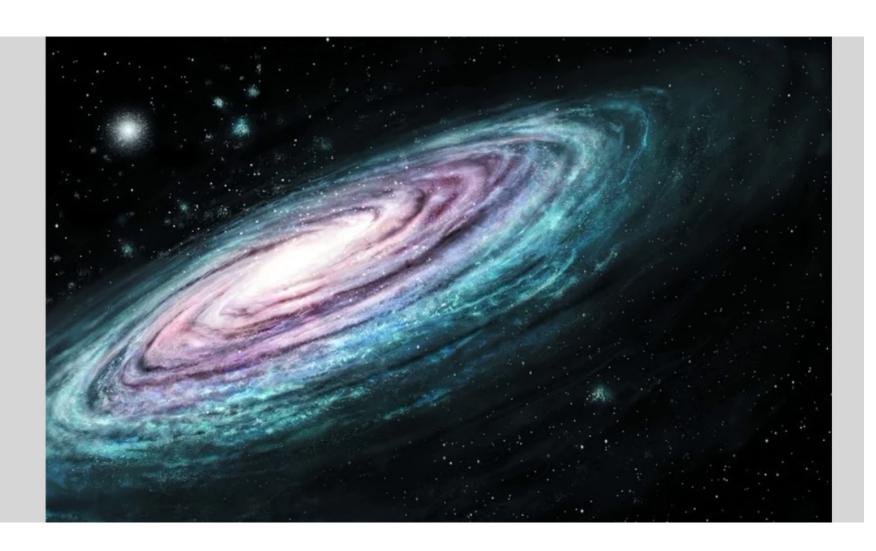












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"Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble." (24)

God takes effective sovereign action in the world.

## transcendent

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"Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?" (12)

- o <u>transcendent</u>
- o <u>immanent</u>

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We live in a culture where the power brokers and culture influencers are pushing lies like "men have babies."

We live in a world where people hurt and struggle, where our own children are in pain, where people we love walk away from Christ.