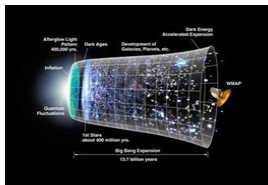




**What is  
life without  
God?**

# If there is no God, we are here From Nothing!



Today's cutting-edge scientists tell us the universe came from *Nothing*. Literally, nothing exploded some 13.8 billion years ago in the Big Bang and all the galaxies, stars, planets, and even time itself, came into existence from *Nothing*!

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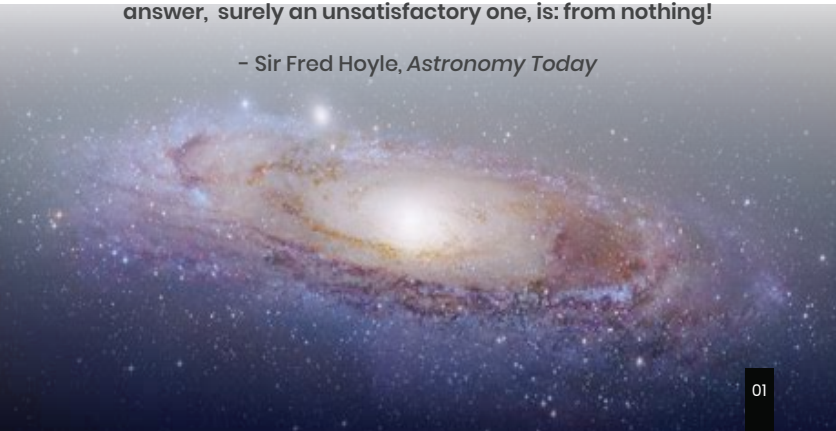
And everyone now believes that the universe, and time itself, had a beginning at the big bang.

– Stephen Hawking, *The Nature of Space and Time*

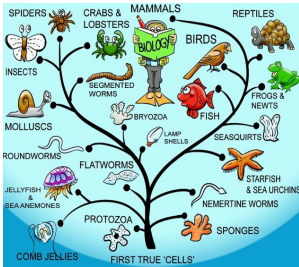
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The most peculiar situation is taken by many astronomers to represent the origin of the universe. The universe is supposed to have begun at this particular time. From where? The usual answer, surely an unsatisfactory one, is: from nothing!

– Sir Fred Hoyle, *Astronomy Today*

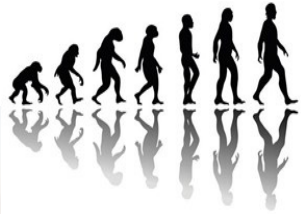


# If there is no God, we are here By Nothing!

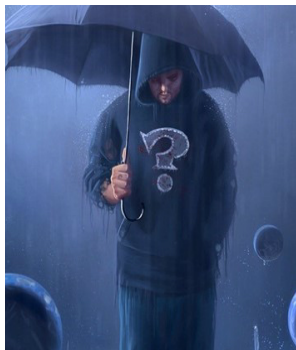


Darwinian evolutionists tell us that about 3.5 billion years ago, the chemicals in some warm pond manage to synthesize or come together to form the first self-replicating life. And from there, every living creature evolved into existence as depicted in the Darwinian Tree of Life.

In short, we are just part of a long line of unplanned biological accidents – from LUCA (last universal common ancestor) to Lucy (the supposedly missing link between ape and man) to finally Lily (your neighbor) – all created by *Nothing!* In a word, *Nothing* made us!



# If there is no God, we are here For Nothing!



If we are *From Nothing* (Big Bang) and *By Nothing* (Darwinian Evolution), then we are logically here *For Nothing* (Purposeless). We are just walking molecules, birthed through a cosmic accident, dancing to the music of our DNA, and destined to disappear in a cosmic blink – nothing more, nothing less, nothing else. Simply put, if there is no God, we are: *From Nothing, By Nothing, and For Nothing!*

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**If God does not exist, then you are just a miscarriage of nature, thrust into a purposeless universe to live a purposeless life.**

- William Lane Craig, *The Absurdity of Life without God*

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**If you really think about evolution and why we human beings are here, you have to come to the conclusion that we are here for absolutely no reason at all.**

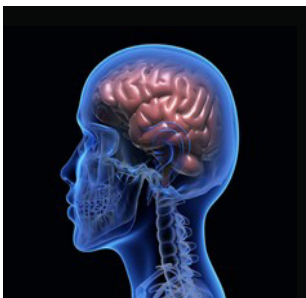
- Susan Blackmore, *The Independent*





# If there is no God, we are just our brain.

Our first-person identity is an illusion created by a pack of deluded neurons in our brain that thinks it is real. All our experiences of purpose and meaning, or joy and sadness, are nothing more than the buzzing electrochemical activities in the neurons of our brain. If there is no God, we are just our brain! We are just a deluded 'Siri' that thinks it is real.



Our realities are about a collection of molecules in our head making sense of the world around us. There are no colors, no emotions, and no experiences out there. All our human experiences exist only in our illusory brains!

**Mental Activities = Brain Activities  
= Molecules in Motion = Deluded Neurons = Us**



# If there is no God, life is just a game of Monopoly.



In the game of Monopoly, we attempt to get rich by acquiring as many houses and lands as possible. The winner will be the one who has gained the most. But those material acquisitions are just illusory. When the game is over, we pack up our assets and tuck them away. It was just a game.

When life is over, we pack up our 'houses and lands' and leave this world empty handed – we can take nothing with us.

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**As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.**

- Eccl 5:15

A story was told during the funeral of a rich tycoon. An acquaintance asked a close relative of the deceased how much the deceased had left behind. "Everything! he took nothing with him", came the instructive reply.

# If there is no God, there is no ultimate purpose in life.

We may have transient purposes in life but not the ultimate purpose of life. When life is over, our purpose is over. And when the last star in the universe burns out in the Big Freeze, it does not matter if humanity ever existed. No one will be around to recall what had happened – the altruism of mankind or the crimes against humanity. The universe will then be eerily silent, cold, dark, expanding, and erasing its cosmic past forever.



Without God, man will always be searching for answers in an answerless world. In philosophy, this is known as Absurdism. The universe did not have us in mind, and we are just a lucky cosmic accident that happens to have happened. There are no reasons to our existence – there are no plans or purposes behind an accident. We are an unforeseen, unplanned, and for some, an unfortunate accident, of the universe.

In the final analysis, life has no ultimate meaning. We create our own meaning in living. Philosophers call it Existentialism. Every empty day needs some meaning to keep us going or distractions to keep some of us from ending our life prematurely.



We usually race from one end of life to the other without pausing to examine the unexamined life to ask: for what and so what? And the furthest we go in life is the grave. This is the universe of a world without God.



When we look to science and evolution for answers, all we get is a blank look. 'Life has no real purpose dude' – it is about the survival of the genes in us – feeding, fending, fleeing, fathering, and fertilizing in death. Just live through it and get it over with. Our final destination is the hole in the ground – the final proof that life, in the long run, is meaningless.

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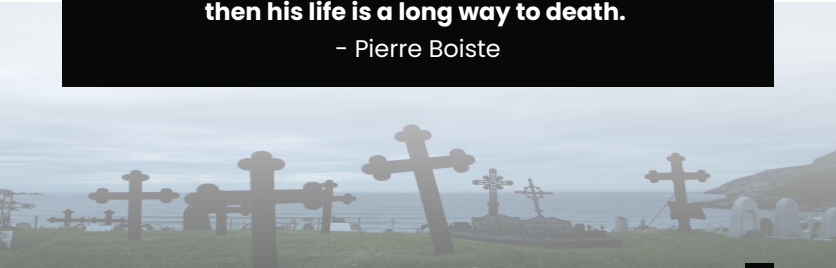
Humans have always wondered about the meaning of life... life has no higher purpose than to perpetuate the survival of our DNA... Life has no design, no purpose, no evil, no good, nothing but pitiless indifference.

– Richard Dawkins, *River Out of Eden: A Darwinian View of Life*

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**If a man has no purpose,  
then his life is a long way to death.**

– Pierre Boiste



# We can know there is a God through His creation.

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In the beginning (*the beginning of time*) God (*the uncaused First Cause*) created (*something from nothing*) the heaven and the earth (*space-time and mass-energy*).

- Gen 1:1

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For the invisible things (*like the invisible physical laws and fields of nature*) of him (*God*) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made (*the intricate physical world*), even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. - Rom 1:20



When we see the mind-boggling complexities of this designed world, we can't help but sense that there is a Designer and Creator behind the cosmic curtains. It is like the finding of a watch that points to its watchmaker whom we have never met but intuitively know exists.

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He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

- Jn 1:10

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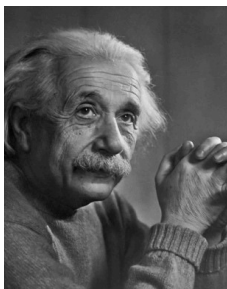
People see God every day, they just don't recognize him.

- Pearl Bailey

**All that I can see points to Him whom I cannot see.**

# Why are there the exact number of the laws of nature?

The precise number of fine-tuned laws of nature – such as general relativity, quantum mechanics, and the four fundamental forces such as gravity, electromagnetism, and the strong and weak nuclear force – have left scientists perplexed. Who crafted these necessary laws of nature and bestowed upon them their fine-tuned, physical constants, without which intelligent life would not have been possible?



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The scientist is possessed by the sense of universal causation... His religious feeling takes the form of a rapturous amazement at the harmony of natural law, which reveals an intelligence of such superiority that, compared with it, all the systematic thinking and acting of human beings is an utterly insignificant reflection.

– Albert Einstein, *Ideas and Opinions*

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One cannot be exposed to the law and order of the universe without concluding that there must be design and purpose behind it all... The better we understand the intricacies of the universe and all it harbors, the more reason we have found to marvel at the inherent design upon which it is based... To be forced to believe only one conclusion – that everything in the universe happened by chance – would violate the very objectivity of science itself...

– Letter of Werner von Braun, the father of America lunar program



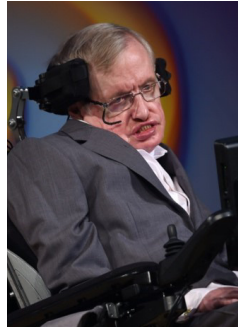
# Why are the laws of nature fine-tuned?

If gravity were a little stronger, the universe would recollapse, and if gravity were a little weaker, there will be no sun or stars. Either way, life would have been impossible. Gravity is fine-tuned to  $1:10^{60}$ , the cosmological constant:  $1:10^{120}$ , mass density of the universe:  $1:10^{59}$ , etc. The universe looks like a put-up job! Do google for the fine-tuning of the universe.

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The universe and the laws of physics seem to have been specifically designed for us. If any one of about 40 physical qualities had more than slightly different values, life as we know it could not exist: Either atoms would not be stable, or they wouldn't combine into molecules, or the stars wouldn't form the heavier elements, or the universe would collapse before life could develop, and so on...”

- Stephen Hawking,  
*Austin American Statesman*



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**Who created these laws? There is no question but that a God will always be needed.**

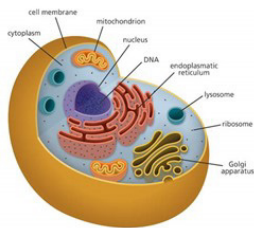
- Fred Heeren, *Show Me God*

# Why are all living things made up of molecular machines?

A living cell is a biological factory with a digital software (DNA), control center (nucleus), highways (microtubules), powerhouse (mitochondrion), postal service (Golgi apparatus), gateway (nuclear pore), transporters (Kinesin), etc.

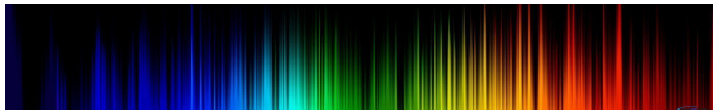
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**Michael Behe:** The cumulative results show with piercing clarity that life is based on machines – machines made of molecules! Molecular machines haul cargo from one place in the cell to another along “highways” made of other molecules, while still others act as cables, ropes, and pulleys to hold the cell in shape... In short, highly sophisticated molecular machines control every cellular process. Thus, the details of life are finely calibrated and the machinery of life enormously complex.

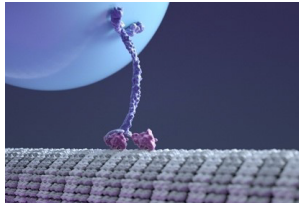


*(Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution, 1996, Free Press, p. 4-5) / Image credit: Genome Research Limited*

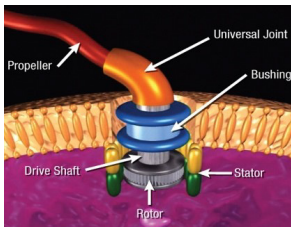
And we know that no machine with specified, moving, and coordinated parts is ever built bottom up naturally, but always top down by design. And living machines with its billions of multifaceted parts are vastly more complex than man-made machines – they are self-replicating machines that can build identical copies of themselves indefinitely.



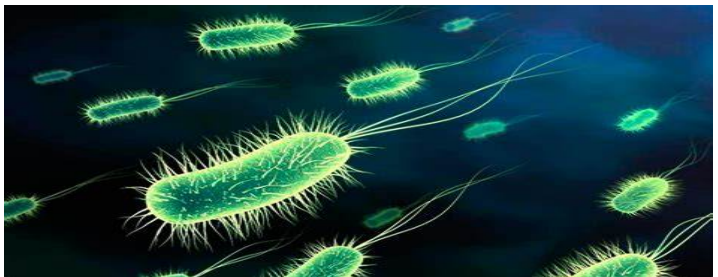
The Kinesin or motor protein in our cell has ‘two legs with gears’ and walks along the microtubules to deliver the vesicles to its designated locations to be assembled with the other organelles into functioning molecular machines. Do view “Motor Protein” (YouTube)



The E. coli is a bacterium that lives in our guts. Scientists are amazed that it has a tail-like flagellum that is propelled by a motor similar to an outboard motor. It has a stator, a drive shaft, a rotor, and spins at 100,000 rpm forward or backward to catch its food. Unlike our man-made machines, it is powered by protons instead of electrons, making it arguably the most efficient machine in the world. Do view “Amazing Flagellum: Michael Behe and the Revolution of Intelligent Design” (YouTube)



All living things are made up of molecular factories, machines, software, microprocessors, operating systems, switches, etc. from bacterium to plant to man. Living things are not a hodgepodge of chemical compounds accidentally put together but are intelligibly assembled, molecular machines!



# Why are living things governed by a computer code?

The DNA, which consists of 4 chemical letters (ACTG), is a genetic code that determines whether the creature is a dog, cat, or human being. The human DNA is a 'single sentence' of about 3.1 billion exact digital code and, if unwound, would be approximately 6 foot long.



The DNA operates as a computer code that defines our species and regulates our functions. It can be read both forward and backward, split and recombined with other segments (alternate splicing), and is controlled largely by the epigenome to produce the required proteins in our body. The DNA has even a code reader to translate the DNA code into the proteins in our body! About 20,000 coding genes in the human body can generate about 100,000 different proteins.

Every living creature is literally a 3-D printer which transcribes a 2-dimension DNA code and translate it into 3-dimension proteins, and assemble them into every molecular machine imaginable for its survival.

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**DNA is like a computer program but far,  
far more advanced than any software ever created.**

- Bill Gates, *The Road Ahead*

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The machine code of the genes is uncannily computer-like. Apart from differences in jargon, the pages of a molecular biology journal might be interchanged with those of a computer engineering journal... The genetic code is truly digital, in exactly the same sense as computer codes. This is not some vague analogy; it is the literal truth.



- Richard Dawkins, *River Out of Eden*

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there is enough information capacity in a single human cell to store the Encyclopaedia Britannica, all 30 volumes of it, three or four times over...

- Richard Dawkins, *The Blind Watchmaker*

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I now believe there is a God... I now think it [the evidence] does point to a creative Intelligence almost entirely because of the DNA investigations...

- Anthony Flew, previously, the world's most famous atheist in the 20th century, *There is a God*

**DNA + Translation = Digital Code + Code Reader  
= Intelligent Design + Intelligent Designer**

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How did stupid atoms spontaneously write their own software? - Paul Davis

# Why? Why? Why?

Why is there something rather than nothing? Why are there the mind-boggling, fine-tuned laws of nature? Why are living things uncannily digitally-coded and machine-like? Why is there an unspoken, painful emptiness in our God-shaped heart? Why do we long for something more than 'eat, drink and be merry'?



It is said that the mind after midnight sees a different landscape – a gloomy landscape of a universe without God, without ultimate purpose, and without life after life. Perhaps, there is a God that created this world and seeks to have a personal and beautiful relationship with us. Perhaps, we are *From Someone, By Someone, and For Someone!*

Sometimes, when we are alone by the seaside, staring into the empty expanse, soaking in the beauty of the fading light, and enjoying the calming sound of lapping waves, we intuitively wonder about why we are here.

Are we just another animal that wears clothes and goes shopping? Are we just the story of the atoms? Are we just part of a meaningless process of birth and death, from the womb to the tomb, writing a small chapter in human history, and disappearing into eternal oblivion? Or is there something more than this?





# What is Life with God?

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**We can have the fullness of joy:**

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy;  
at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

- Psa 16:11

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**We can have rest in our souls:**

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

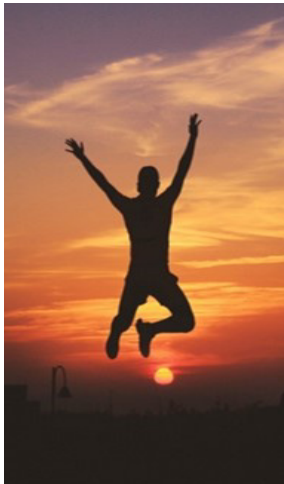
- Mt 11:28-30

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**We can have perfect peace:**

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- Jn 14:27



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**We can have a beautiful relationship**

**with our heavenly Father:** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

- Rom 8:15

# But what is holding us back from believing in God - Sin!

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**Sin darkens our minds:** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

- Rom 1:21-22



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**Sin denies the reality of God:**

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. - Jn 3:19-20

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**Sin delivers us into the abyss of hell:** I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. (Jn 8:24) / And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments... (Lk 16:23)

Fallen mankind intuitively seeks to run away and deny the existence of God. The reason – sins! We don't want there to be a God. We don't want to be judged by God. Man will not go to God for the same reason a thief will not go to a policeman.

# How does God save us from our sins?

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**Jesus died for us:** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- Rom 5:8

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**Jesus took the punishment of our sins on the cross:** But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. - Isa 53:5-6



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**Jesus was resurrected after His crucifixion:**

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

- 1 Cor 15:3-4

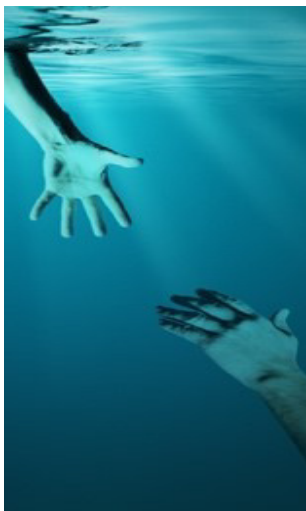
The Lord Jesus Christ, who is God in the flesh, was born some two thousand years ago. He died, buried, and rose again, so that our sins can be paid for and we can be saved by receiving the gift of eternal life by faith in Him.

# How can we be saved?

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And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”

- Acts 16:30-31



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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

- Jn 3:16-17

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For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

- Eph 2:8-9

We can do nothing to save ourselves from our sins except to accept by faith the free gift of eternal life paid for by the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Son of God and God the Son. A drowning man cannot save himself – he needs someone to save him! A sinner needs a Saviour to save him from eternal judgment and damnation.

# A Sinner's Prayer

Dear God, I know I am a sinner. Please forgive me of my sins and help me to forsake them. I thank you for sending the Lord Jesus Christ who died for my sins and rose again on the third day. Now I accept the Lord Jesus Christ to be my Saviour and Lord. Please help me to love you and to obey you from this day onwards. I thank you for saving me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



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**But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.**

- Jn 1:12

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**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

- Jn 5:24

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**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

- 2 Cor 5:17

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When as a child I laughed and wept,  
Time crept.

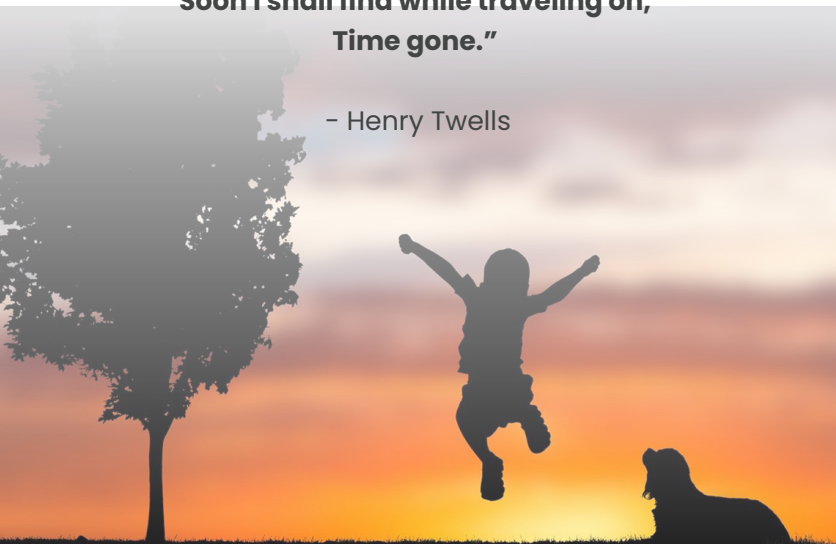
When as a youth I dreamed and talked,  
Time walked.

When I became a full-grown man,  
Time ran.

And later, as I older grew,  
Time flew.

Soon I shall find while traveling on,  
Time gone.”

- Henry Twells





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(Jean-Paul Sartre)



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