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24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'

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Humanistic Atheism

There is so much more to atheism than its knockdown arguments that there is no God. There is the whole rest of the worldview that comes along with atheism. It's a demanding, rigorous, breathtaking grip on reality, one that has been vindicated beyond all reasonable doubt. It's called science.

Alex Rosenberg

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Science and religion cannot be reconciled, and humanity should begin to appreciate the power of science and to beat off all attempts at compromise. Religion has failed, and its failures should be exposed. Science, with its currently successful pursuit of universal competence ... should be acknowledged the king.

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PETER ATKINS



1. SCIENCE AND GOD ARE NOT ENEMIES

The God of the Bible is also the God of the genome. He can be worshipped in the cathedral or in the laboratory.... One of the greatest tragedies of our time is this impression that has been created that science and religion have to be at war.

FRANCIS COLLINS



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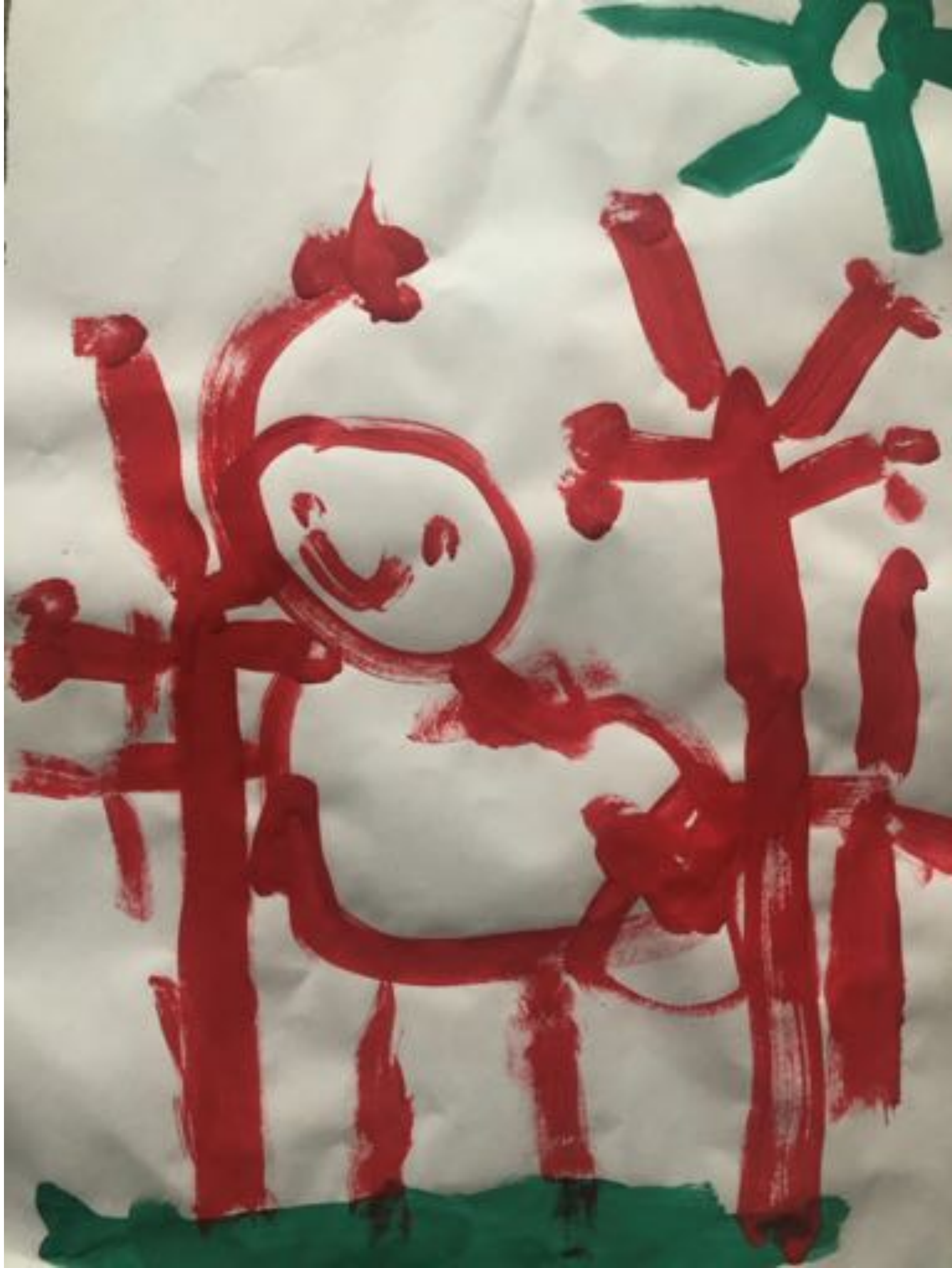
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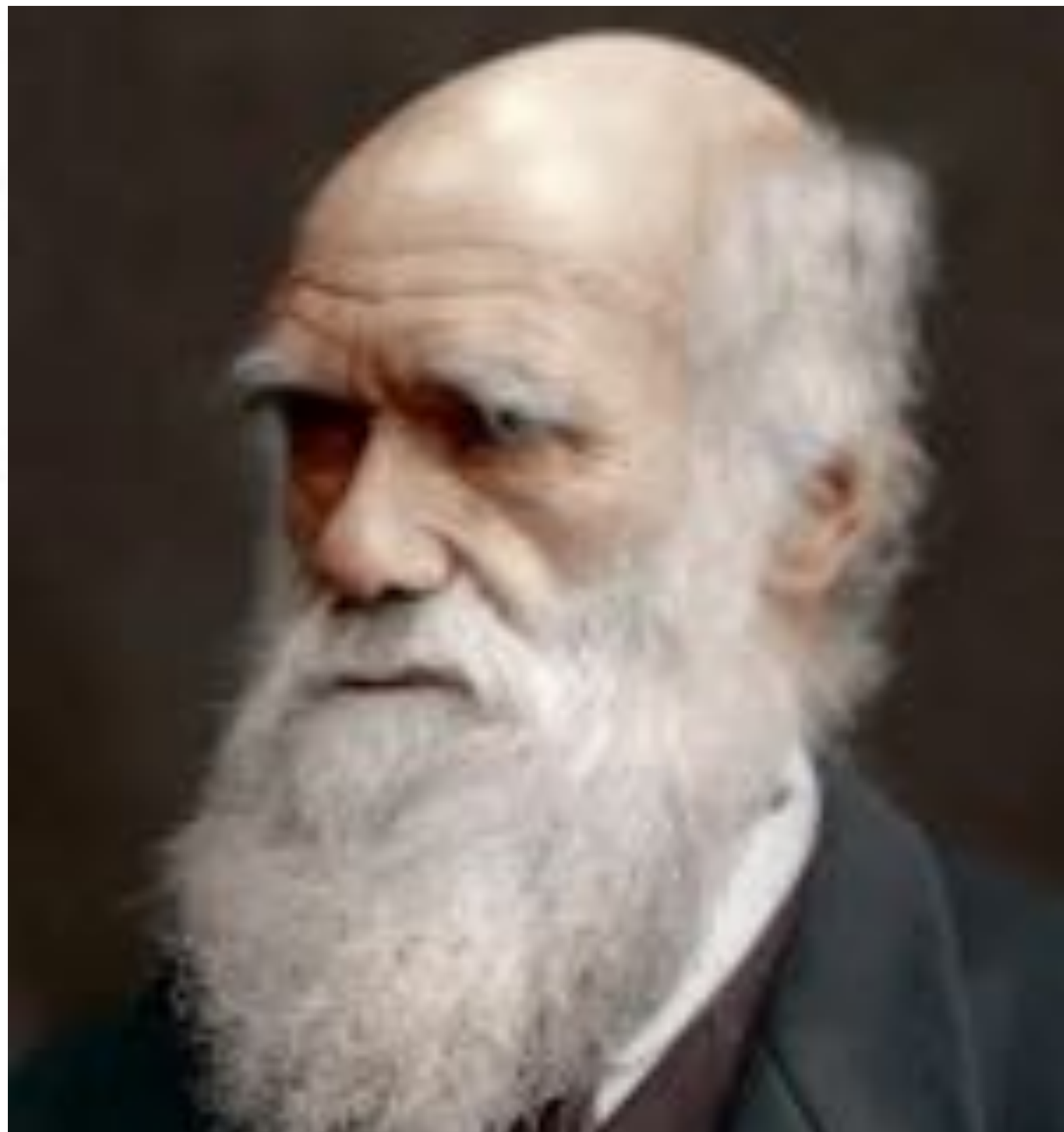


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With me the horrid doubt always arises whether the convictions of man's mind, which has been developed from the mind of the lower animals, are of any value or at all trustworthy.

CHARLES DARWIN



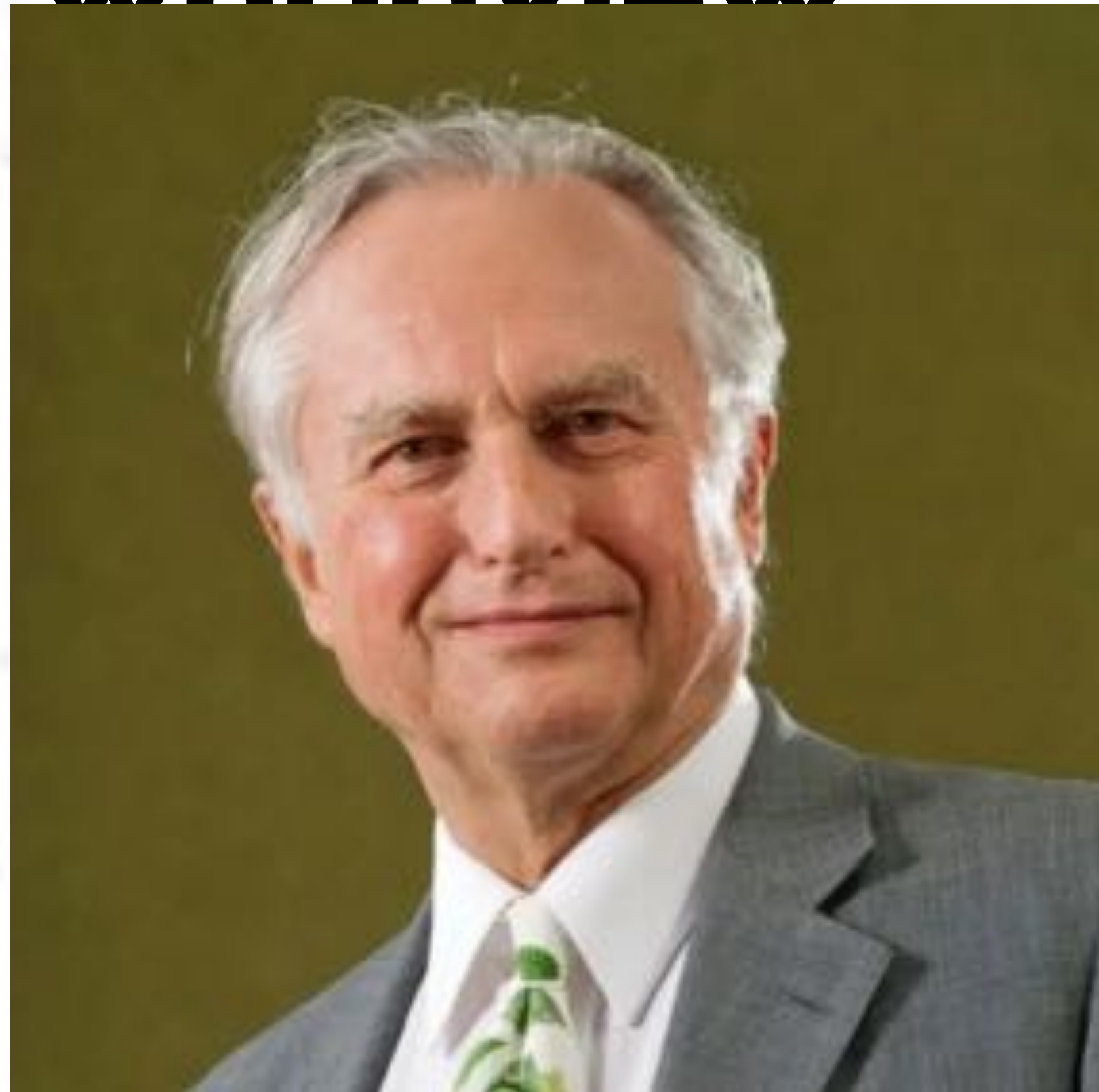
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Many people do not like the idea that time has a beginning, probably because it smacks of divine intervention...There were therefore a number of attempts to avoid the conclusion that there had been a big bang.

STEPHEN HAWKING



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The chances that life just occurred on earth are about as unlikely as a typhoon blowing through a junkyard and constructing a Boeing 747.

CHANDRA WICKRAMSINGHE



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I see an orderly, beautiful universe in which nearly all physical phenomena can be understood from a few simple mathematical equations. I see a universe that, had it been constructed slightly differently, would never have given birth to stars and planets, let alone bacteria and people. And there is no good scientific reason for why the universe should not have been different. Many good scientists have concluded from these observations that an intelligent God must have chosen to create the universe with such beautiful, simple and life-giving properties. Many other equally good scientists are nevertheless atheists. Both conclusions are positions of faith.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS



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The whole point of religious faith, its strength and chief glory, is that it does not depend on rational justification".
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**Faith is assurance about
what we do not see**

(Hebrews 11:1)

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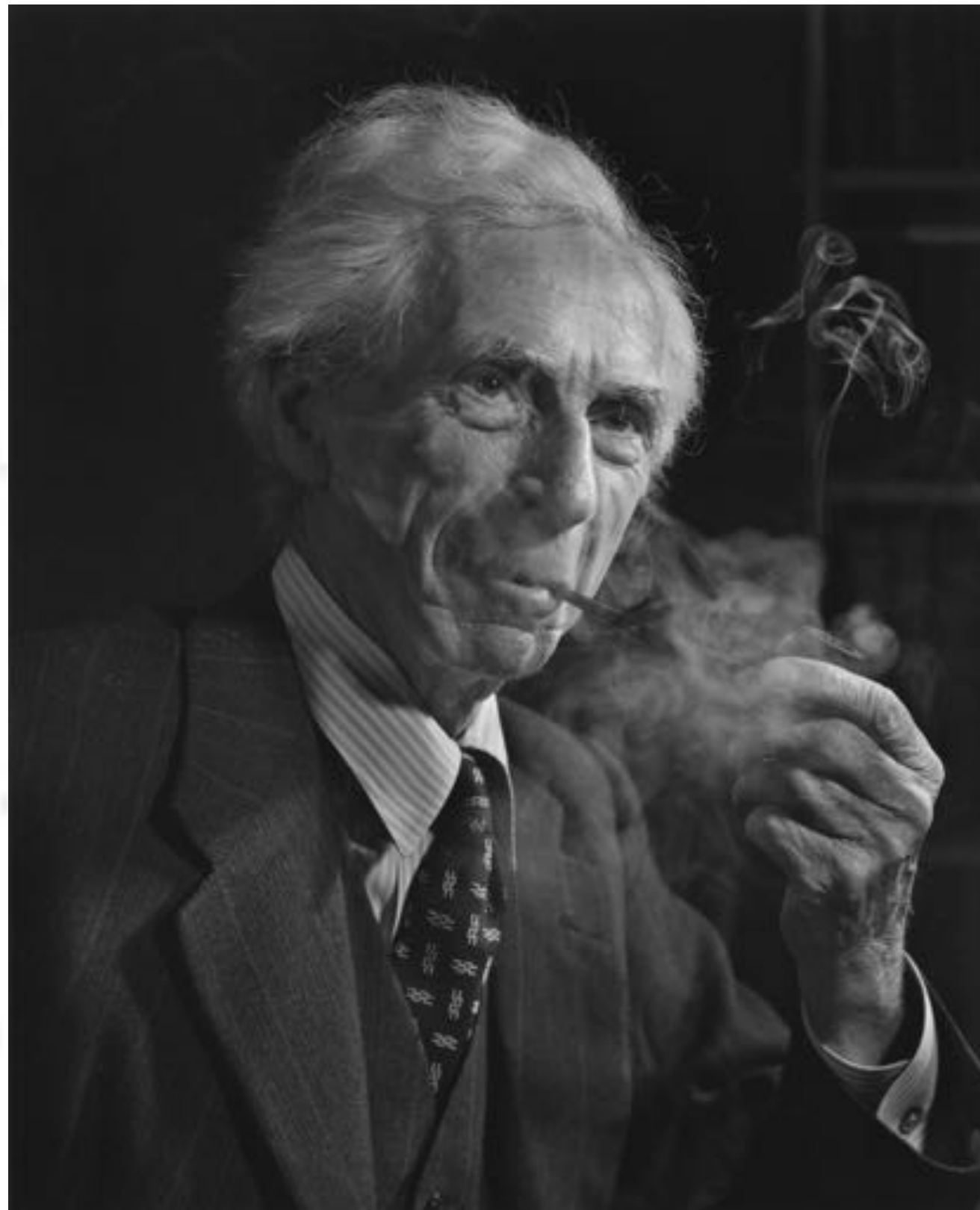
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**“Not enough evidence, God, not
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**“I simply had to go where the
evidence leads...the case for God
is now much stronger than it was
before”**

ANTHONY FLEW



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“If God existed and chose to reveal it. God himself could clinch the argument, noisily and unequivocally, in his favour”
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**“The evidence demands
a verdict”
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