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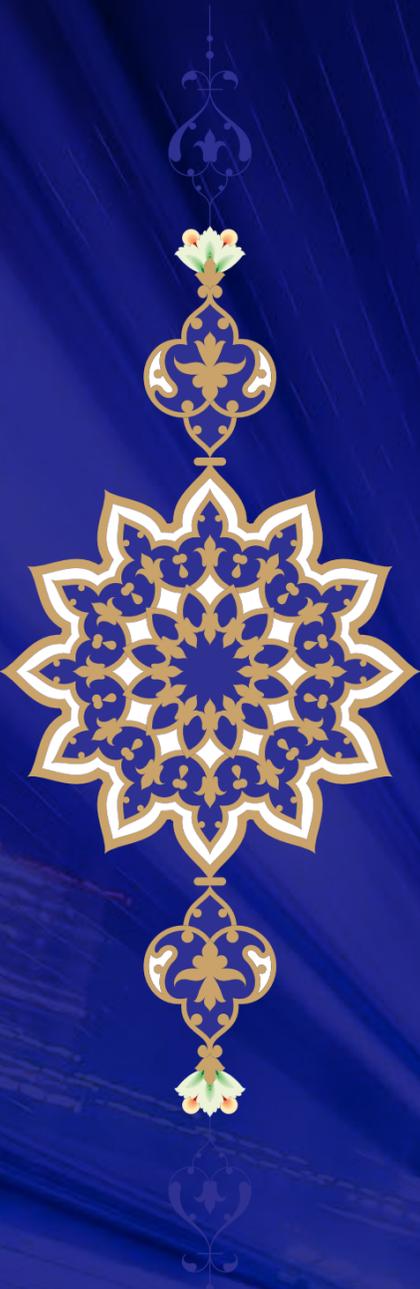
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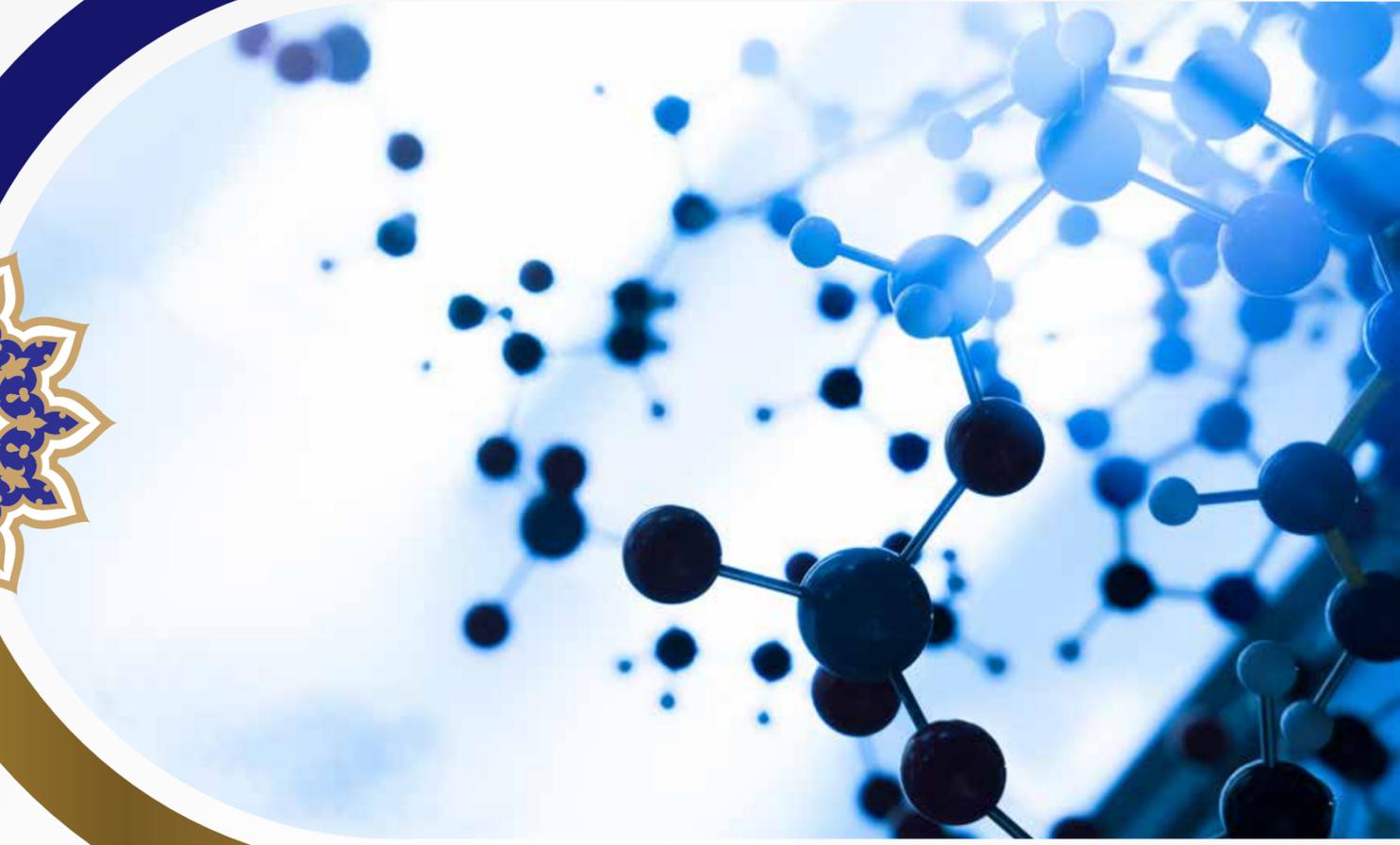
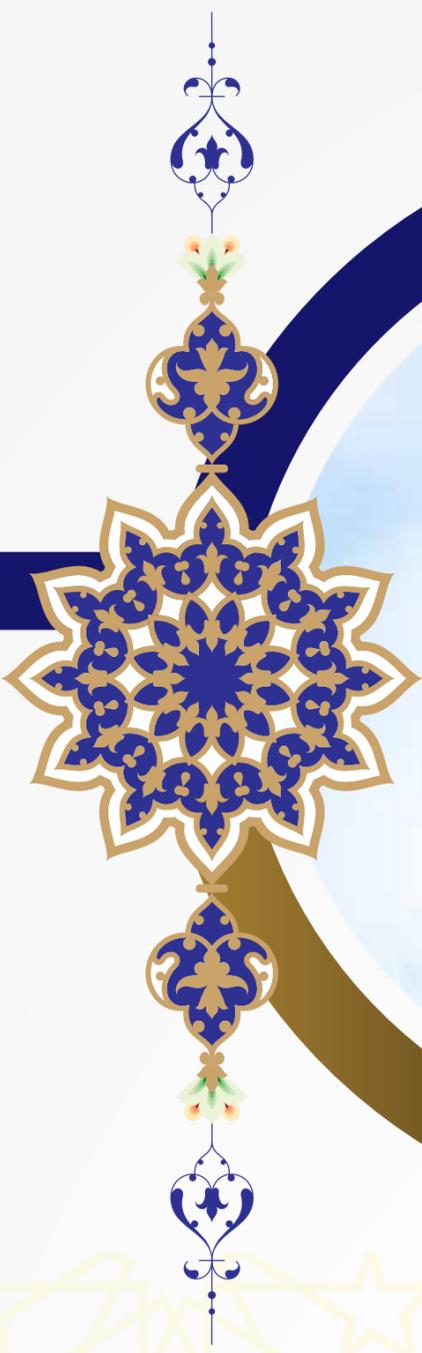
- A fundamental rift occurred in the West in the relationship between science and religion after the publication of **Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection in 1859**, in which he argued that all life is the product of purely undirected natural forces – time, chance, and a process he called **'natural selection and random mutations.'** (Natural Selection and Random Mutations).



- According to **Charles Darwin**, natural selection explained the appearance of design without a designer and order without arrangement. Natural selection became a kind of God-substitute by which unplanned, unguided natural forces brought about all the variety and complexity of the living world. On these grounds, to invoke an intelligent Designer for the architecture of the universe was dismissed as unnecessary or impossible.
- The impact of Darwin's theory of evolution was very profound. It fundamentally changed not only science, but the way many Western people viewed themselves, their world, and their significance in it.



- **In the decades that followed, God was virtually eliminated from scientific articles and textbooks, and the scope of science was restricted to a search for naturalistic explanations for all phenomena. In this way, reality became limited to just matter. Nature replaced God, the laws of nature replaced God's Will, and evolution replaced creation as the most widely accepted explanation for human origin. This negated any special position of human beings in creation, along with their special responsibilities.**

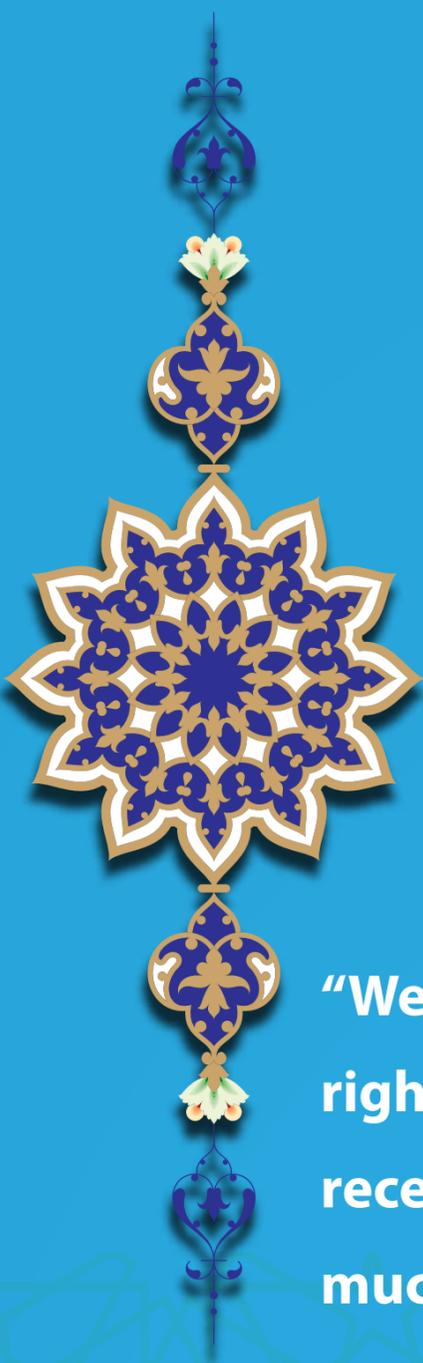


- **Many Western scientists today refuse to acknowledge God as Creator, and attribute the awesome, sophisticated creativity of the world solely to physical laws, such as gravity. One of the world's most prominent scientists, Stephen Hawking, stated, "Because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing. Spontaneous creation is the reason there is something rather than nothing, why the universe exists, why we exist." He added: "It is not necessary to invoke God to light the blue touch paper and set the universe going."**



# HARMONY BETWEEN THE QUR'AN AND SCIENCE

**“AND THE SUN RUNS ON ITS FIXED COURSE  
FOR A TERM (APPOINTED). THAT IS THE  
DETERMINATION OF THE EXALTED IN MIGHT,  
THE ALL-KNOWING.”  
[QUR'AN 36:38]**



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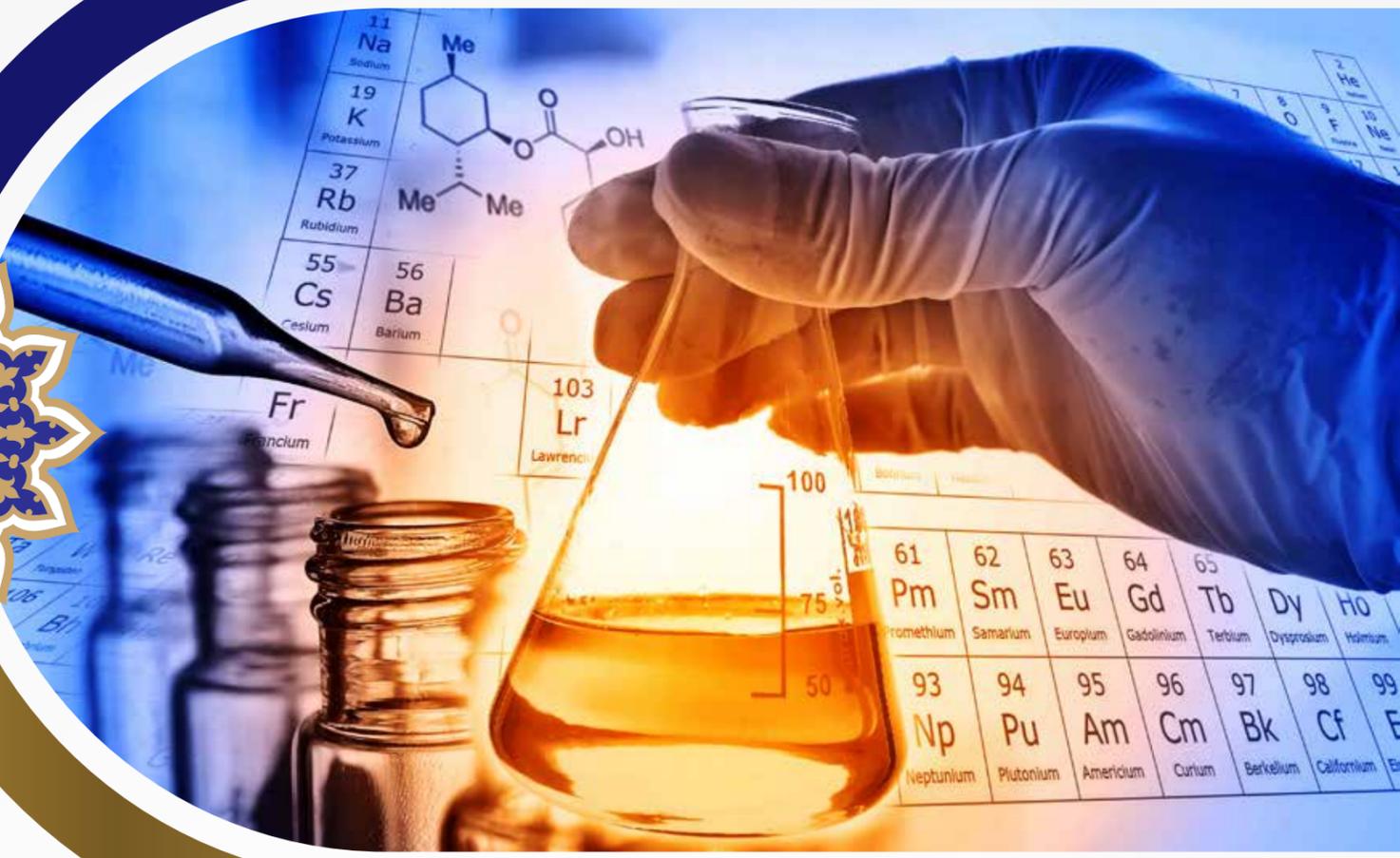
“We have this planet (earth) situated at the right distance from the sun, so that it receives enough light and heat, but not too much; and so that its seasons are long enough, but not too long. In addition we have the planet rotating at the right speed, so that day and night are long enough, but not too long. This is an extraordinary concatenation of favorable circumstances. One can ascribe it to chance, or, perhaps more reasonably, to design.”

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**HERBERT MCKAY, THE WORLD OF NUMBERS**



**FOLLOWING THE EVIDENCE  
WHEREVER IT LEADS  
RECENT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES  
MAKE THE CASE FOR A DESIGNER  
GOD ALL THE MORE COMPELLING**



The evidence for design runs so deeply throughout the universe, from physics to cosmology to DNA and biochemistry, that Professor **Antony Flew**, the 20th century's most influential atheist thinker, renounced his atheism.



**Flew, a leading proponent of atheism for over fifty years, declared that the existence of a Creator is required to explain the universe and the complex life in it. He recounted his conversion in a book entitled, *There is a God: How the World's Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind.***

**'Follow the Evidence Wherever It Leads' was his lifelong motto. By doing this, based on reasoned analysis of the latest scientific findings, he came to the following conclusion:**



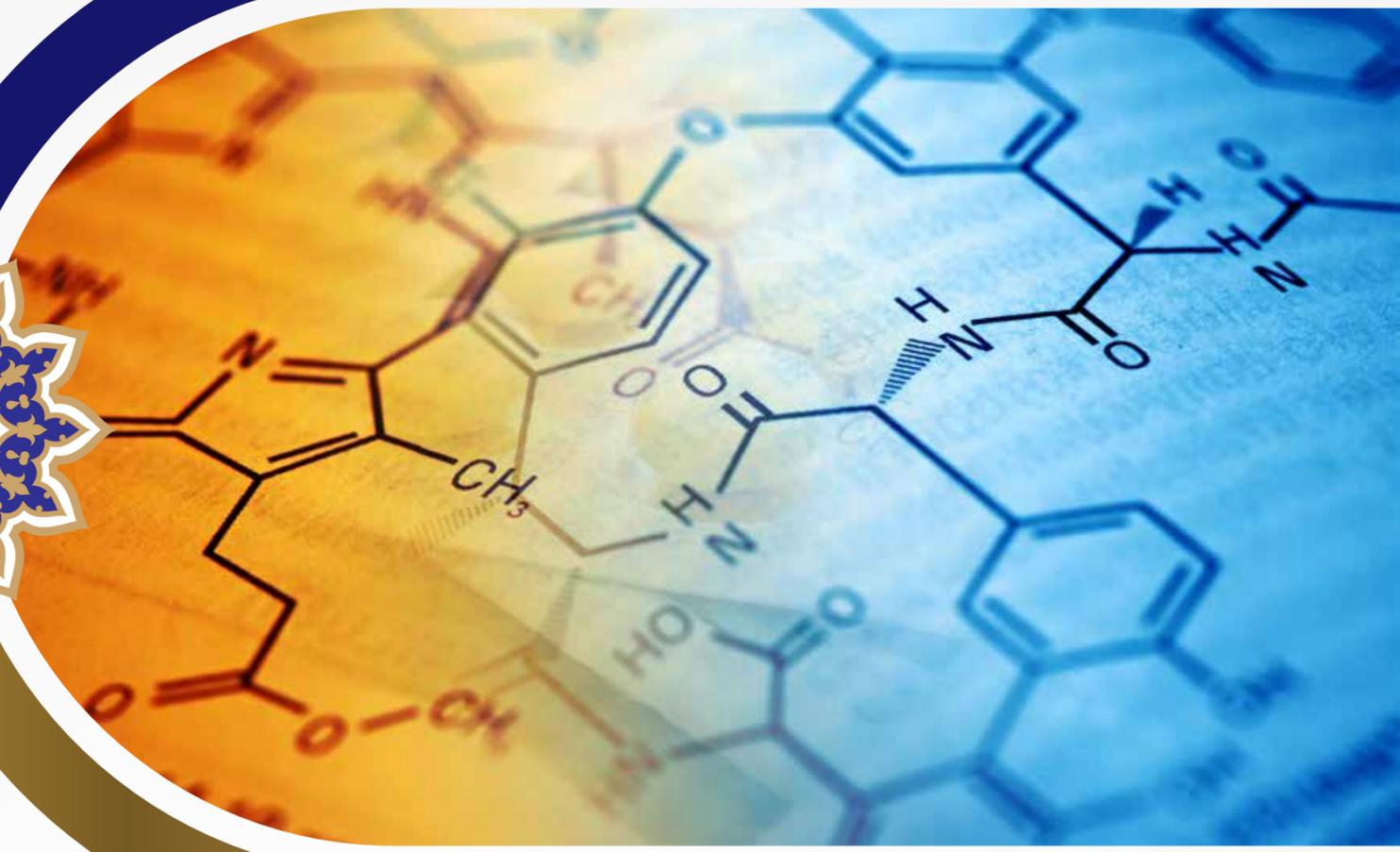
**I now believe that the universe was brought into existence by an infinite Intelligence. I believe that this universe's intricate laws manifest what scientists have called the Mind of God. I believe that life and reproduction originate in a divine Source.**

**Why do I believe this, given that I expounded and defended atheism for more than a half century? The short answer is this: this is the world picture, as I see it, that has emerged from modern science. Science spotlights three dimensions of nature that point to God. The first is the fact that nature obeys laws. The second is the dimension of life, of intelligently organized and purpose-driven beings, which arose from matter (non-life). The third is the very existence of nature.**



**These three main arguments – namely:**

- (1) that nature obeys laws,**
- (2) that intelligent life has emerged from nothing, and**
- (3) that the universe is finely tuned to support life**



**compelled Flew to admit the need for an Intelligent Creator.**

**“Biologists’ investigation of **DNA** has shown, by the almost unbelievable complexity of the arrangements which are needed to produce life, that intelligence must have been involved.” - **Antony Flew****

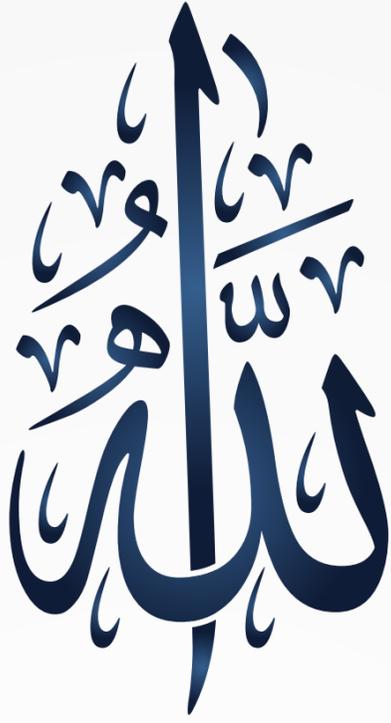
**“With every passing year, the more that was discovered about the richness and inherent intelligence of life, the less it seemed likely that a chemical soup could magically generate the genetic code.” - **Antony Flew****

**“I have been persuaded that it is simply out of the question that the first living matter evolved out of dead matter and then developed into an extraordinarily complicated creature.” - **Antony Flew****



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