

Is God dead?

“God is dead.”

- Nietzsche, 1883

Widely quoted statement by German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche in 1883.

“God Is Dead” \neq died in a literal sense.



1966 Issue

Cover Story Excerpt:

Is God dead?

It is a question that tantalizes both believers, who perhaps secretly fear that he is, and atheists, who possibly suspect that the answer is no.

What is wrong with such assertion
ie that God is dead?



God is put on trial!



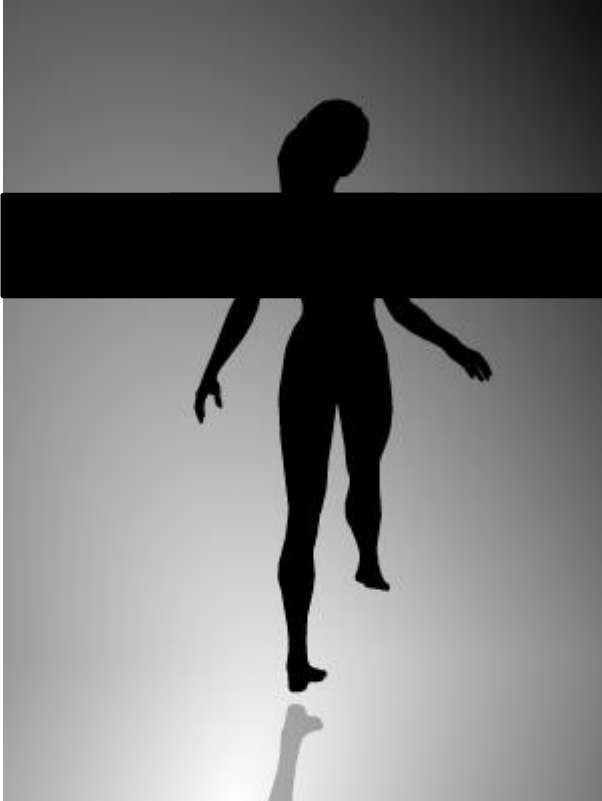
Understanding human perception by human-made illusions

"Sensory perception is often the most striking proof of something factual—when we perceive something, we interpret it and take it as "objective", "real". Most obviously, you can experience this with eyewitness testimonies: If an eyewitness has "seen it with the naked eye", judges, jury members and attendees take the reports of these *percepts* not only as strong evidence, but usually as **fact—despite the active and biasing processes on basis of perception and memory....** (Carbon and Jakesch, 2013)."

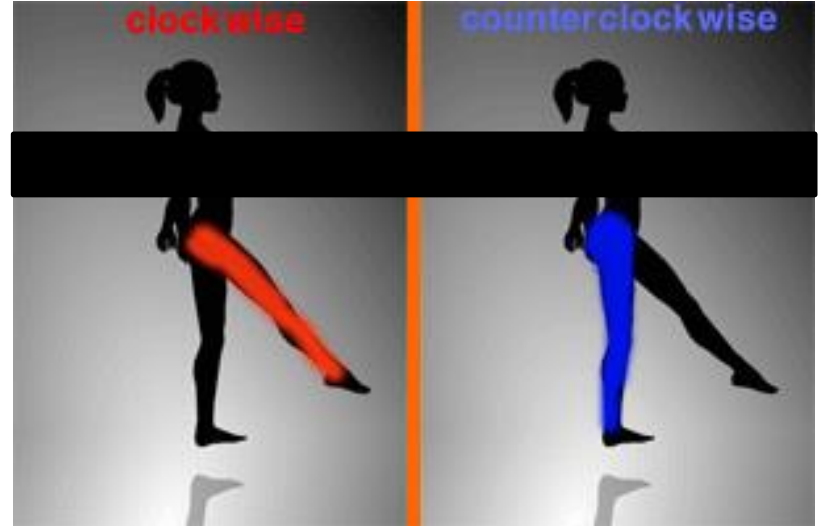
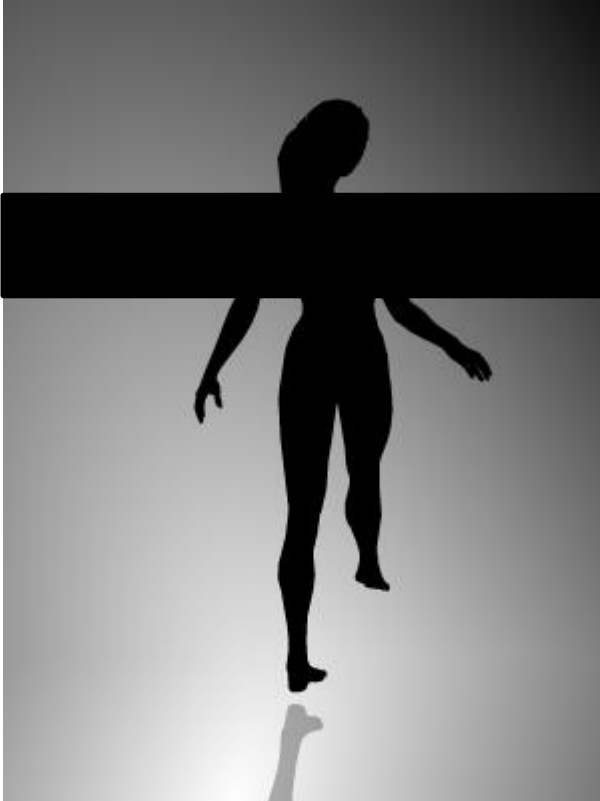


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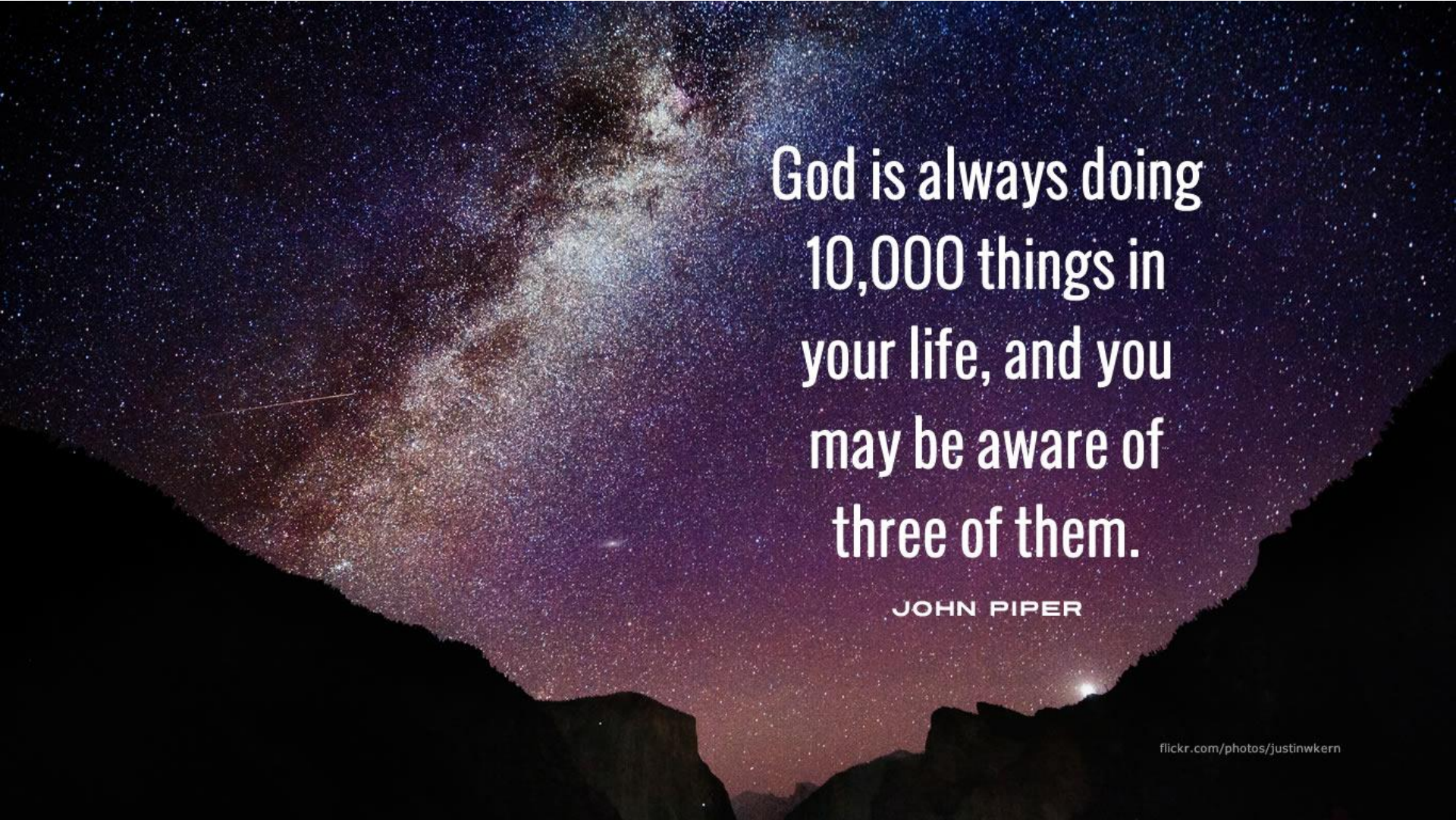


Depending on which leg
you are focusing on.



Retrenchments in Singapore 2016

Retrenchments are at the highest in seven years, with 13,730 job redundancies recorded in the first nine months of 2016



God is always doing
10,000 things in
your life, and you
may be aware of
three of them.

JOHN PIPER

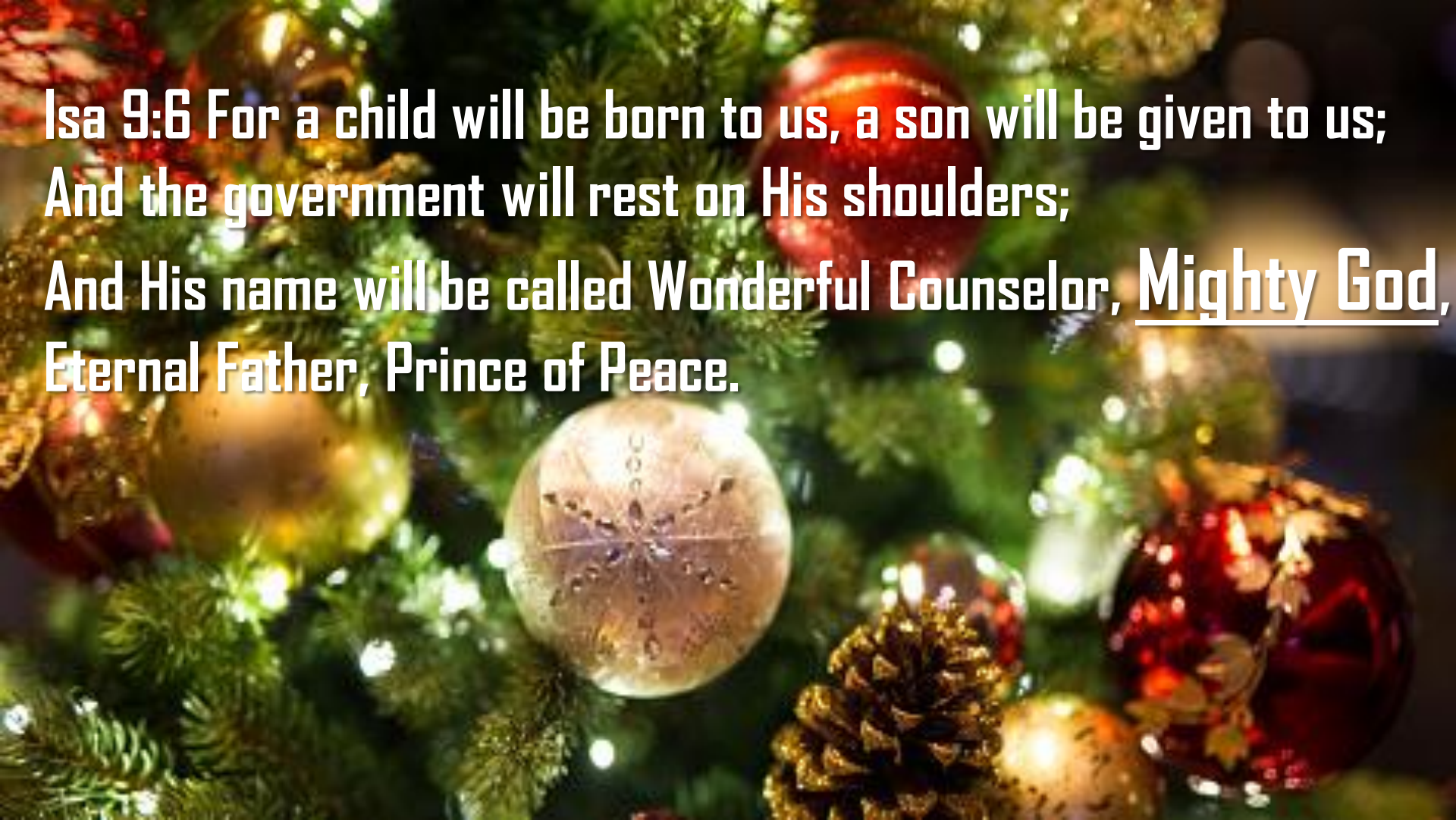
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“Nietzsche is dead.”

- God, 1900

A close-up photograph of a Christmas tree. The tree has dense green needles. Several ornaments are visible: a large gold one with a snowflake pattern in the center, a red one above it, and another red one to the right. A pine cone is visible in the lower right. The background is dark and out of focus, with some bokeh light effects.

Isa 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders;
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Psalms 8



1Sam 17:33 Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy (child), and he has been a fighting man from his youth."

Ps 8 O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth,
Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!
2 From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have
established strength
Because of Your adversaries,
To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;
4 What is man that You take thought of him,
And the son of man that You care for him?

5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God,
And You crown him with glory and majesty!

6 You make him to rule over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,

7 All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field,

8 The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Lord,

How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

God named Himself Yahweh (LORD).. the absolutely existing one.
There is no place in all the earth where God is not Yahweh –
where He is not the absolute one.
Everywhere everything depends absolutely on Him.
He has no viable competitors anywhere.
He is above all things everywhere.
He sustains all things everywhere.
He is the ground and goal of all things everywhere.
He is greater and wiser and more beautiful
and wonderful than everything everywhere.



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Matt21:16 ...And Jesus *said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise for Yourself'?"

Interpretation: God's glory can be seen in weak vessel.

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God	Child
Big	Small
Powerful	Powerless
Independent	Dependent
Ageless	Young

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God	Us
Mighty	Mortal
Lord	Subject
Judges	To be judged
Reveals	Receive

Application: Be Humble

JOURNEY THROUGH THE SEASONS

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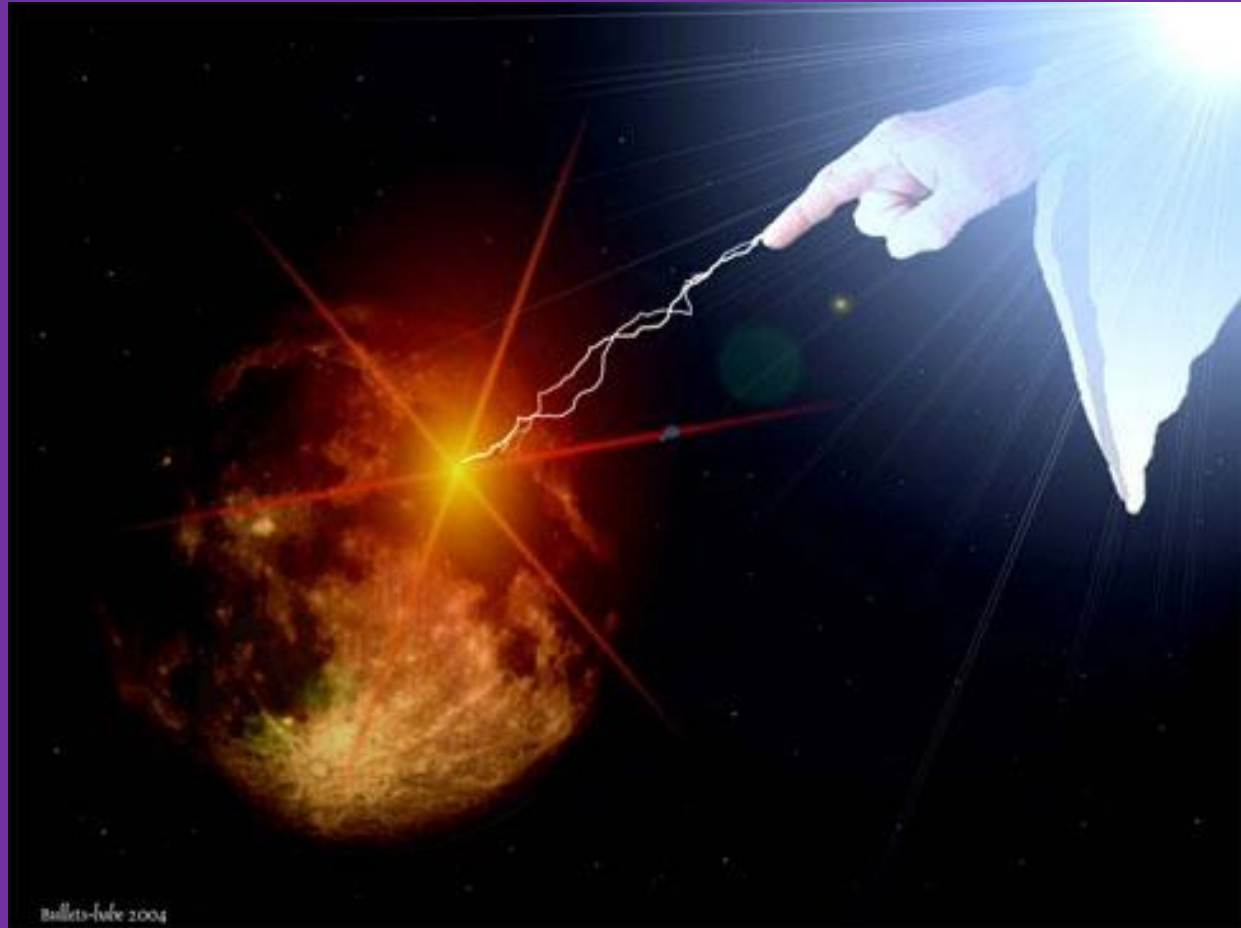
BETHESDA (BEDOK-TAMPINES) CHURCH

“My heart and my portion forever.”

God is Mighty! God is not dead!

- As seen in His Choice of Children V2
 - Develop a posture of Humility
- As seen in His Compassion for Man V3-8

Ps 8:3 When I consider
Your heavens, the work of
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This is where you live.



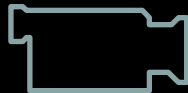
Mind Blowing! ...Earth Compared To The Rest Of The Universe - Amazing Graphic Presentation



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A deep space photograph of a starry sky. The background is a dense field of stars of various colors (white, yellow, orange, blue) against a dark blue and black space. In the upper left, there is a bright orange star. In the center, there is a blue nebula with some darker, brownish structures. The text "WHAT IS THE POINT?" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

WHAT IS THE POINT?

**Heavens reveal the greatness of
God!**

4 **What is man** that You *take thought* of him,
And the son of man that You *care for him*?

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And You *crown him* with glory and majesty!

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Position

Purpose

Dignity of Man

- Position of a son
 - Created lower than God (in Hebrew) or Angels (in Septuagint)
 - Crowned with glory and majesty
- Purpose of a steward
 - Man is called to rule over creation = rule and reign with God
 - Purpose = reflect God's glory

Why work?

Reflect God's glory through our works!

- Matt 5: ¹⁶ *"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."*

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Dignity of Man

Position of Man

Given by Man

Company Name ABC Company

Full Name Chua Seng Lee
Job Title CEO

Address 1
Address 2
Address 3
Phone/Other
Email/Other
Web/Other

VS

Called by God

Company Name His Kingdom

Full Name Chua Seng Lee
Job Title Co-heir with Christ

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“As Priest and King.” – pg 45

*Ps 8:5 Yet You have made him a little lower
than God, And You crown him with glory and
majesty!*

Interpretation: God's glory and majesty are
shared with humanity.

Application: Be thankful

*“God is most glorified when we are most
satisfied in Him.” – John Piper*



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