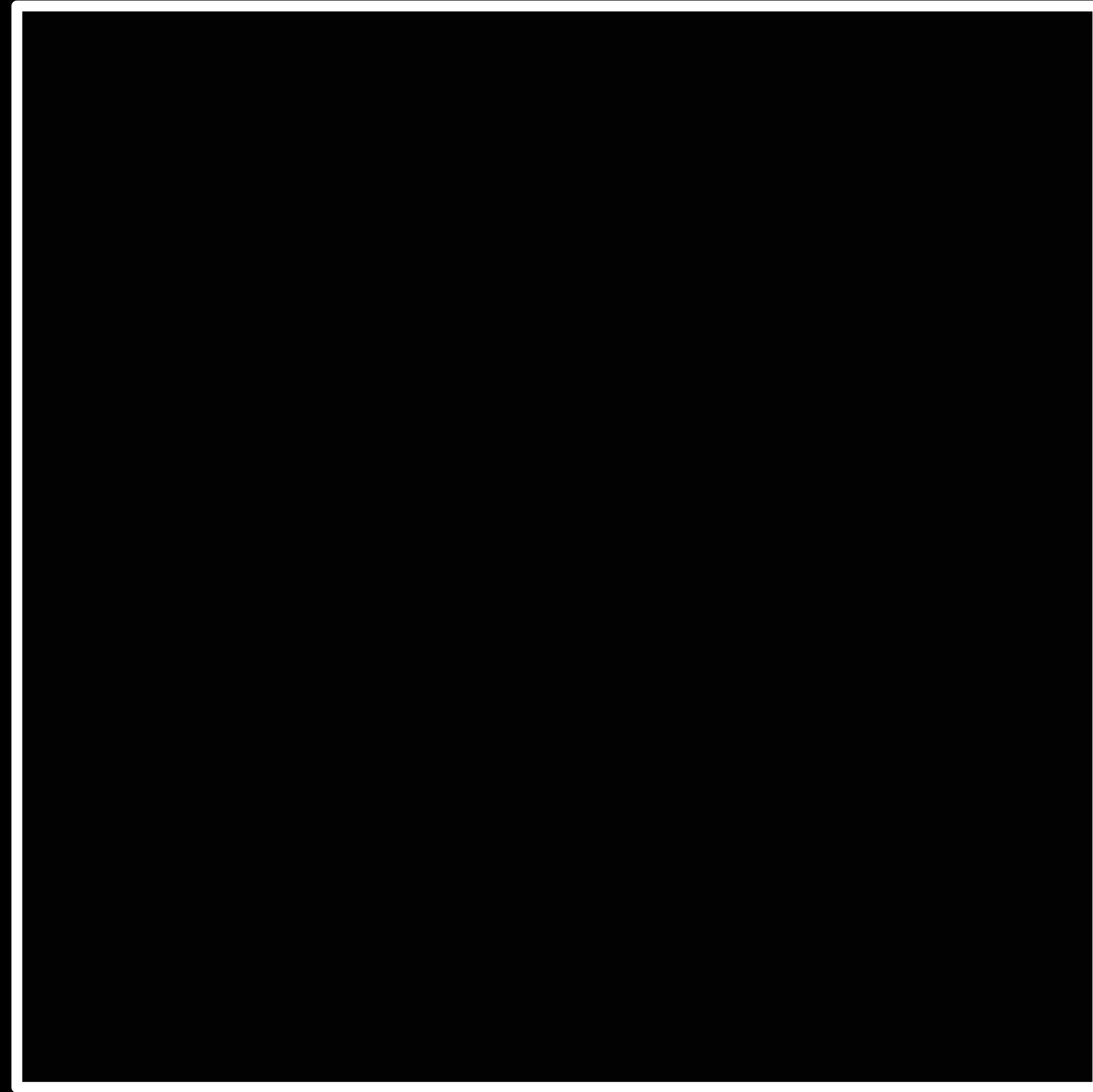


THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS



B I B L E O V E R V I E W

Talkback if you're not convinced:

Cowherds, tomorrow 8:30-10pm



Simon Sinek: how great leaders inspire action



Start with 'Why?'



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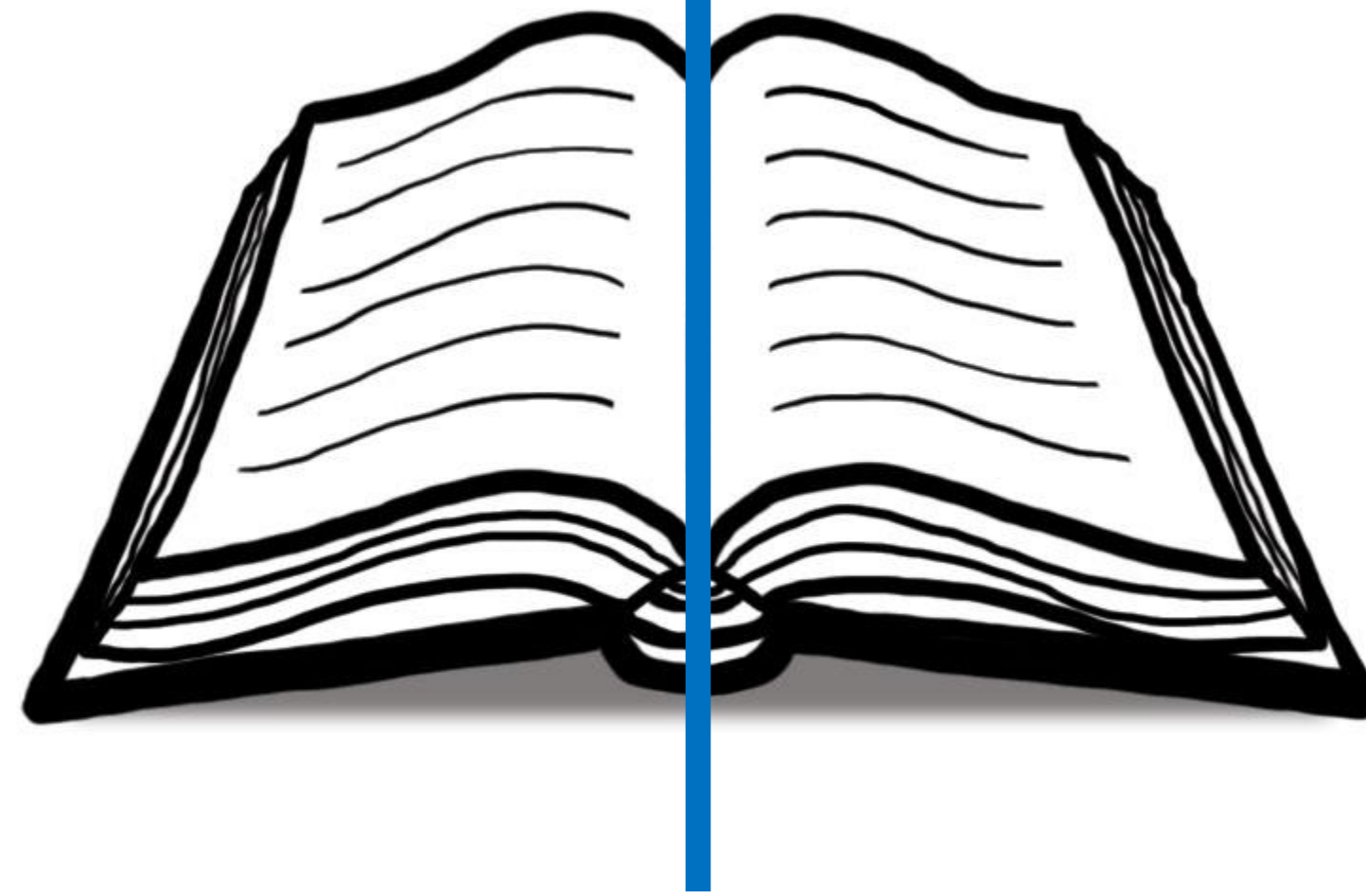
What story are we a part of?

- The story of Naturalism
- The story of pantheism
- The non-story of post-modernity
- The story of the Bible



‘Bible’ = Book (66 books)

Old Testament (Israel) | New Testament (Jesus)



The Bible's basic story

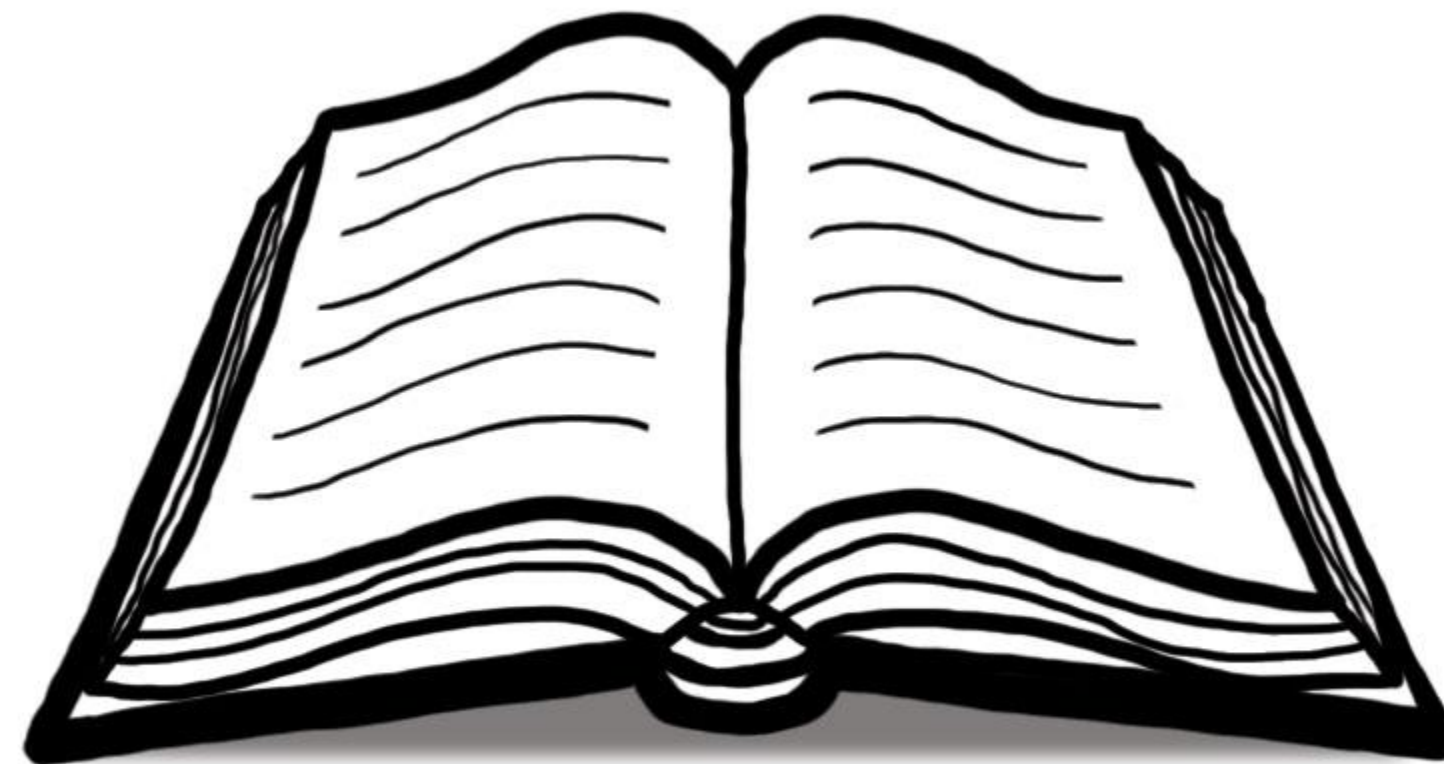
Creation

De-creation

Re-creation

New Creation

Jesus



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BIBLE OVERVIEW



Start-up: Why are we here?

- We're here because God was here first (1:1)
 - *"I think; therefore I am"* (René Descartes)
 - *"God exists; therefore I am"* (The Bible)



Start-up: Why are we here?

- We're here because God was here first (1:1)
- We're here because God made us (1:2-26)



Stuart Butterfield



A dream start-up story...
0-\$1bn in 12 months
0-\$2bn in 18 months

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'Form' and 'fullness' in Genesis 1

Forming what was formless		Filling what was empty
Day 1: light	→	Day 4: lights
Day 2: waters & sky	→	Day 5: fish & birds
Day 3: Land & vegetation	→	Day 6: animals & people

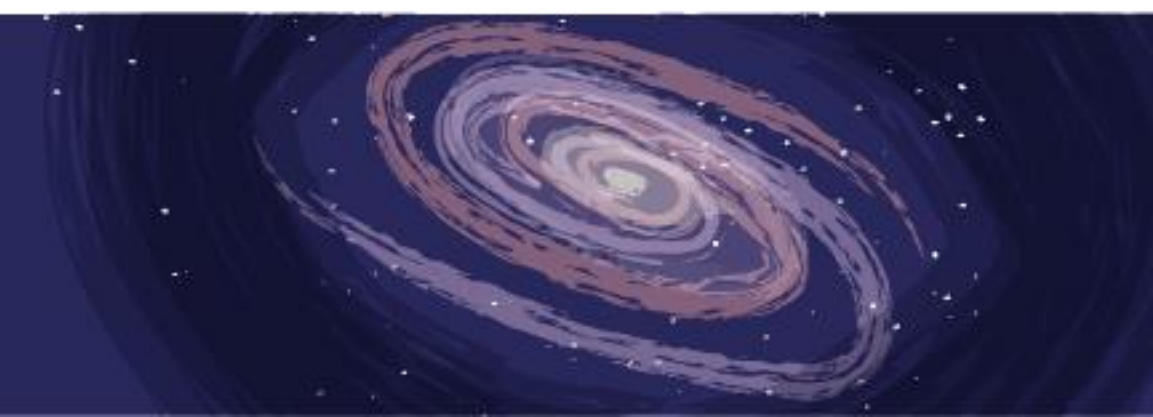
It's not the *how* but the *why* that matters most!



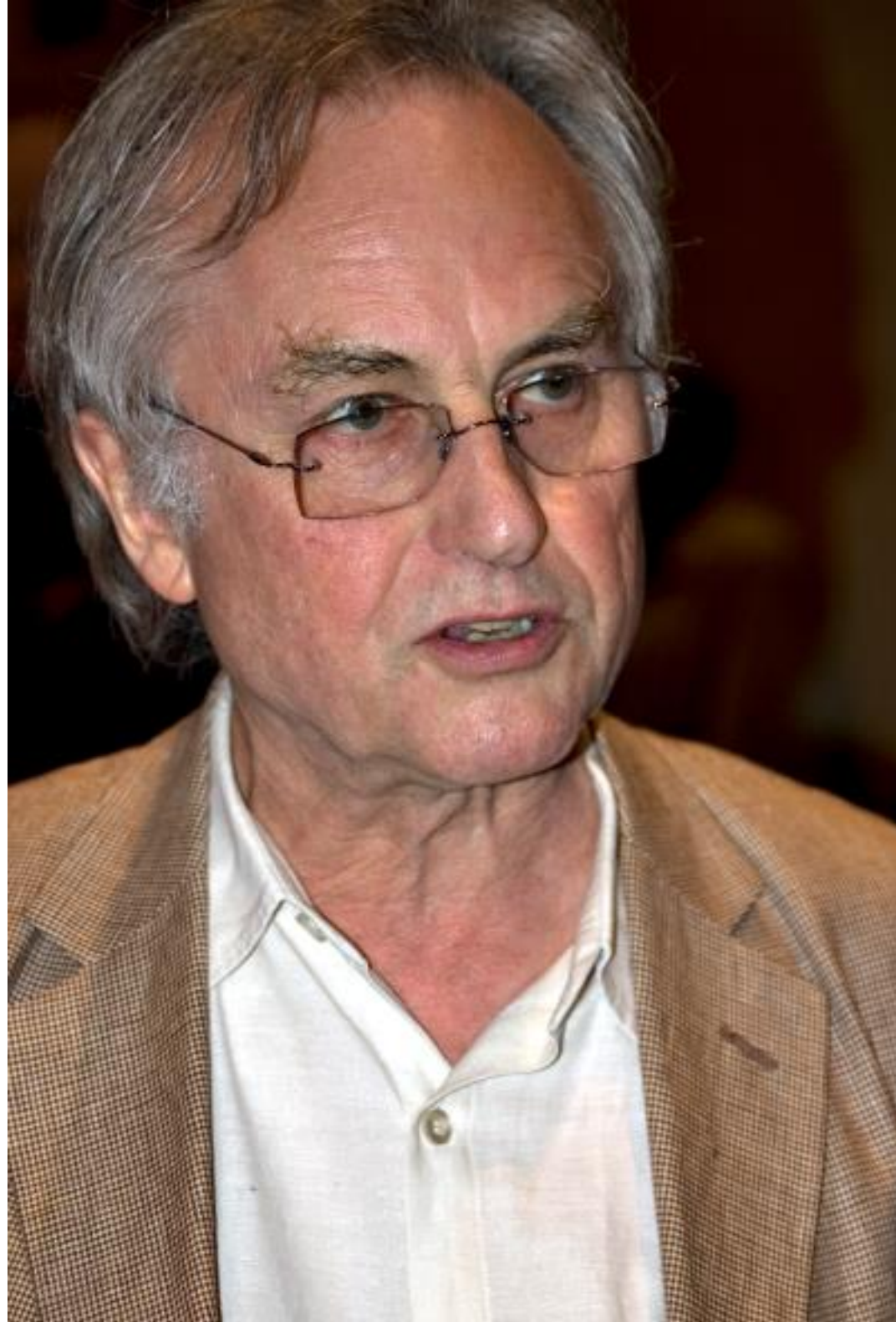
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Richard Dawkins

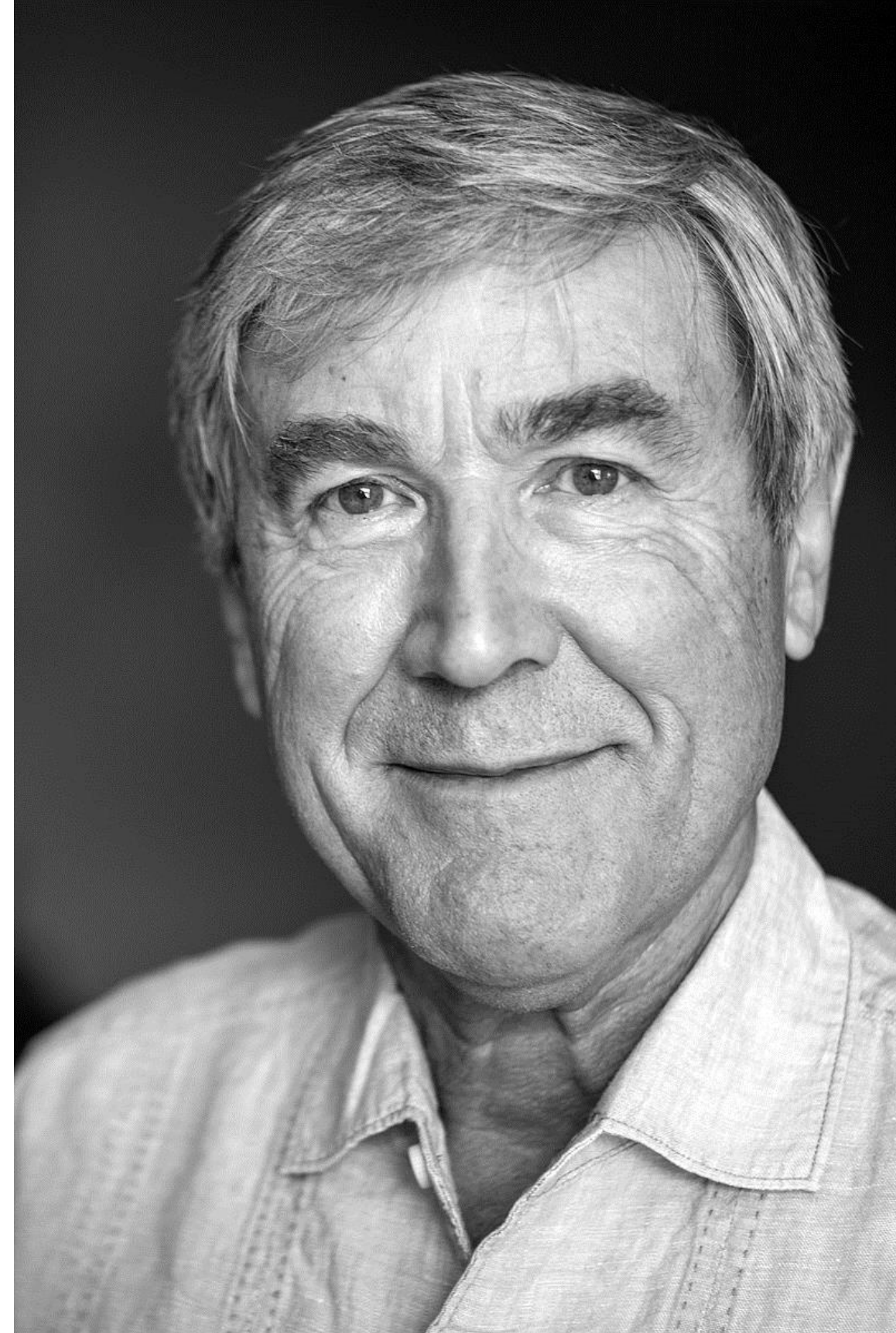


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"The universe could so easily have remained lifeless and simple -just physics and chemistry, just the scattered dust of the cosmic explosion that gave birth to time and space. The fact that it did not -the fact that life evolved out of literally nothing, some 10 billion years after the universe evolved literally out of nothing -is a fact so staggering that I would be mad to attempt words to do it justice."



Paul Davies



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“It seems as though someone has fine-tuned nature’s numbers to make the universe... the impression of design is overwhelming.”

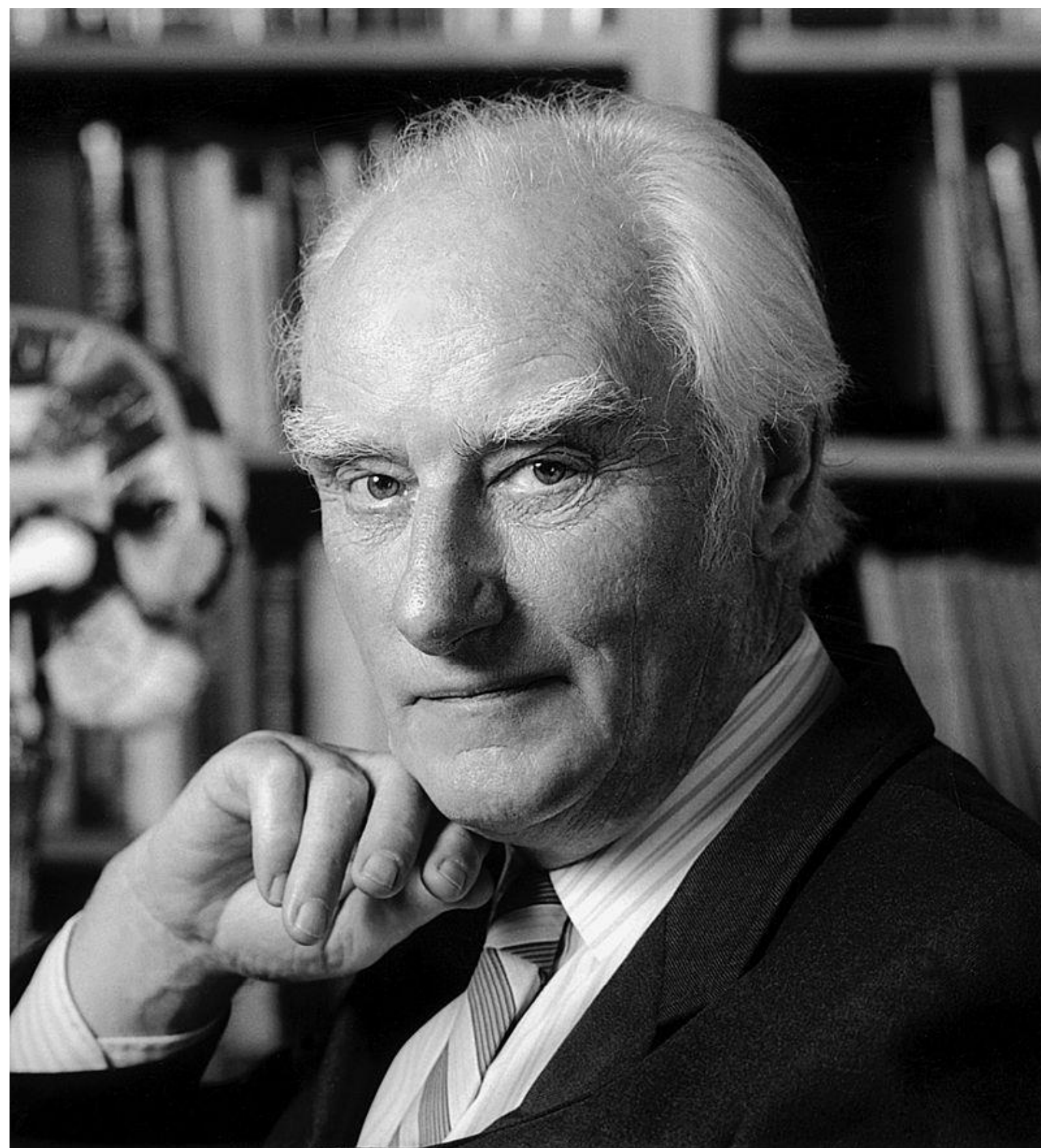


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Francis Crick



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"'You', your joys and your sorrows, your memories and your ambitions, your sense of personal identity and free will, are *in fact no more* than the behaviour of a vast assembly of nerve cells and their associated molecules."



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 - We are to work (1:26-28)
 - We are here to rest (1:31-2:2)
 - We are here for relationship (1:26-7)
 - We are here for the ultimate relationship (Gen 2-3)

