



God's
mysterious plan

God's sovereign choice

Romans 9:1-29

- resisting change

Romans 1-8

How good the good news really is!

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*So why on earth did Paul's own people (Israel)
generally not accept it?*

Paul's response to Israel's rejection of his message

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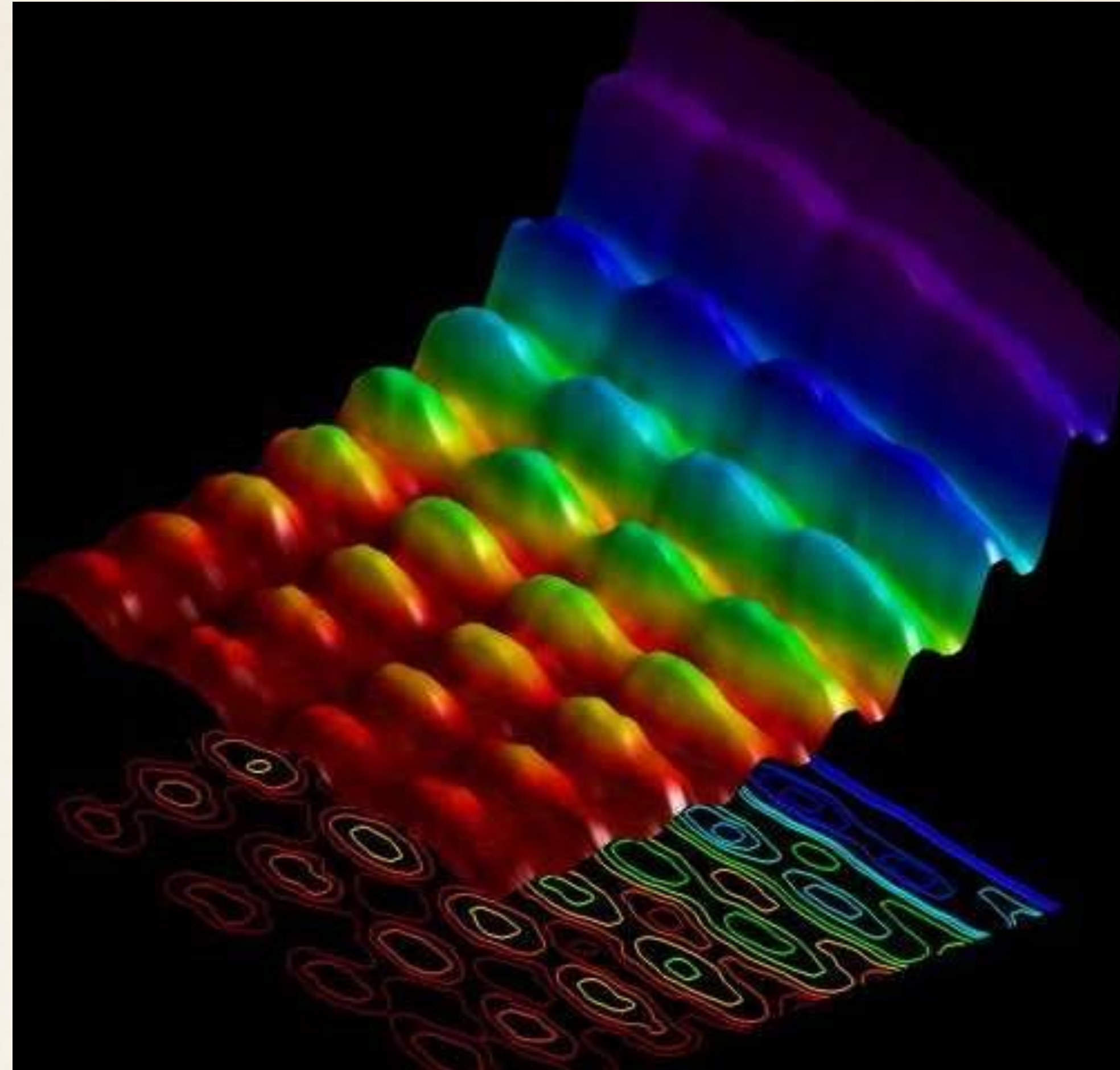
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- *Objection: And how can humans be accountable for their choices (19a), since they are not real choices (19b)*

The mysterious duality of light

Wave



Particle

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The mysterious duality of human choice

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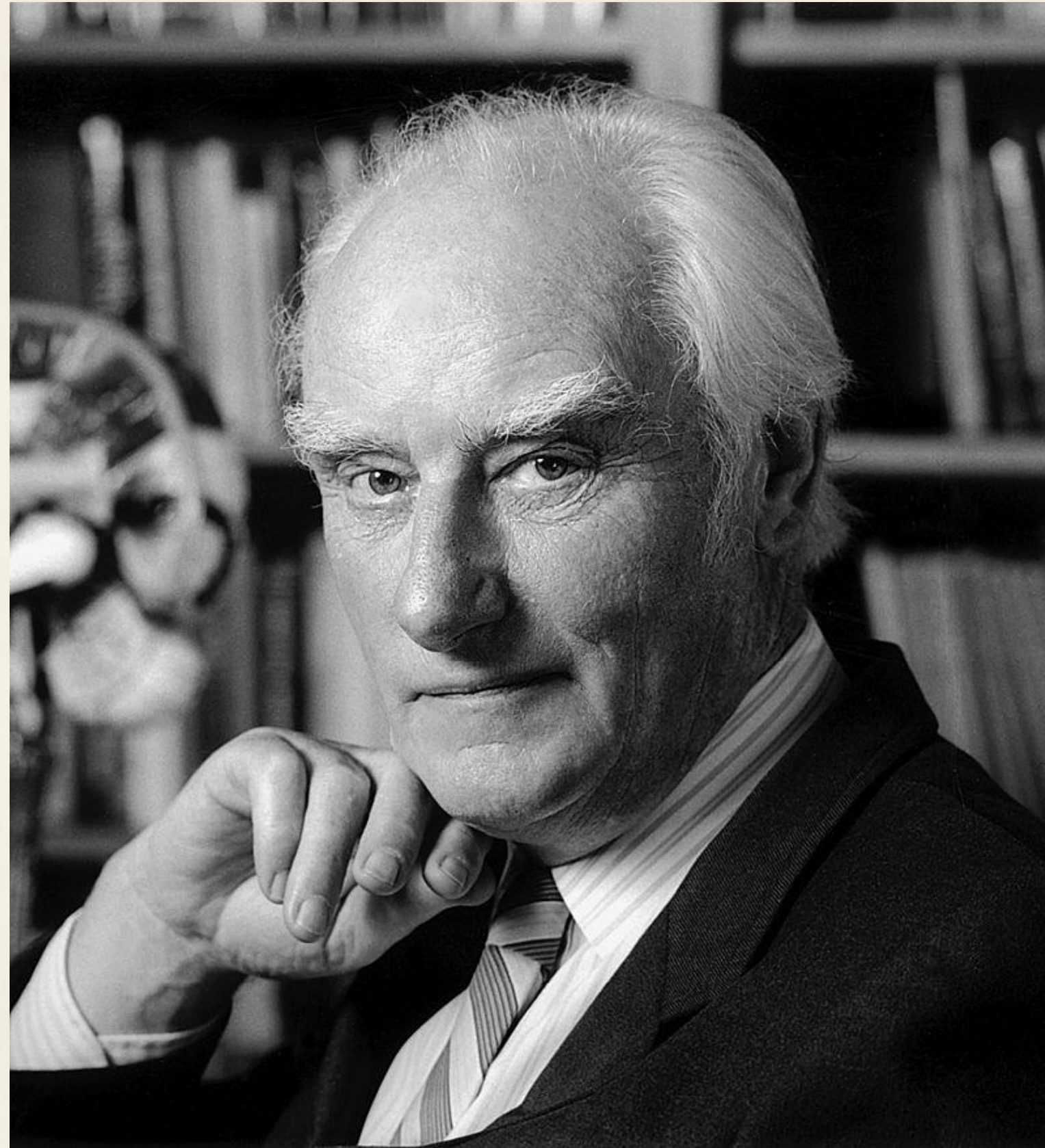
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"'You', your joys and your sorrows, your memories and your ambitions, your sense of personal identity and free will, are *in fact no more* than the behaviour of a vast assembly of nerve cells and their associated molecules."

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- *God planned to save only Israelites (Rom 9:24-29)*

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- Might God's plan mean that / can't become a Christian?

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