

A dramatic scene of a volcanic island with a large, glowing pinkish-purple sphere in the sky, surrounded by meteors and a large comet.

***Origins:
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- **Rom. 1:20** - His invisible attributes ... understood by the things that are made
 - His Eternal Power
 - His Divine Nature (Godhead)
- The Argument from Design***

Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence - SETI

The Center for SETI Research



SETI, ..., is an exploratory science that seeks evidence of life in the universe by looking for some **signature of its technology.**

intelligent, technological civilizations is open to speculation. However, such a civilization could be detected across interstellar distances, and may actually offer our best opportunity for discovering extraterrestrial life in the near future.

From www.seti.org

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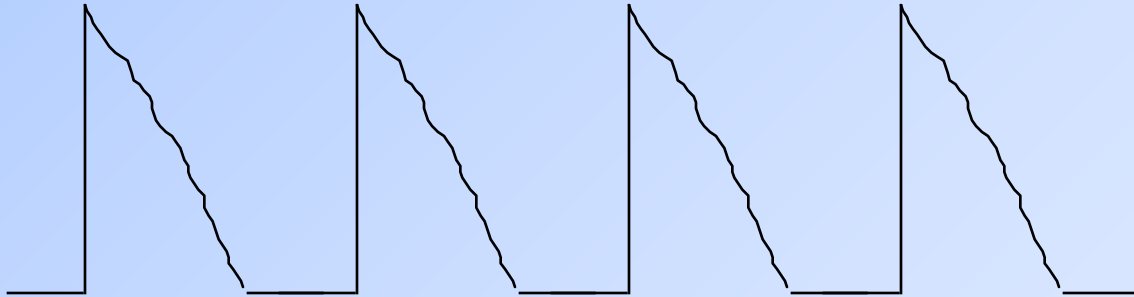
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They can infer intelligent cause without identifying what that intelligence is.

SETI

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Signal Received from Space

What if we received a message from space with a language we could decode and read?



Design at the
Microscopic Level
The Signature in the Cell

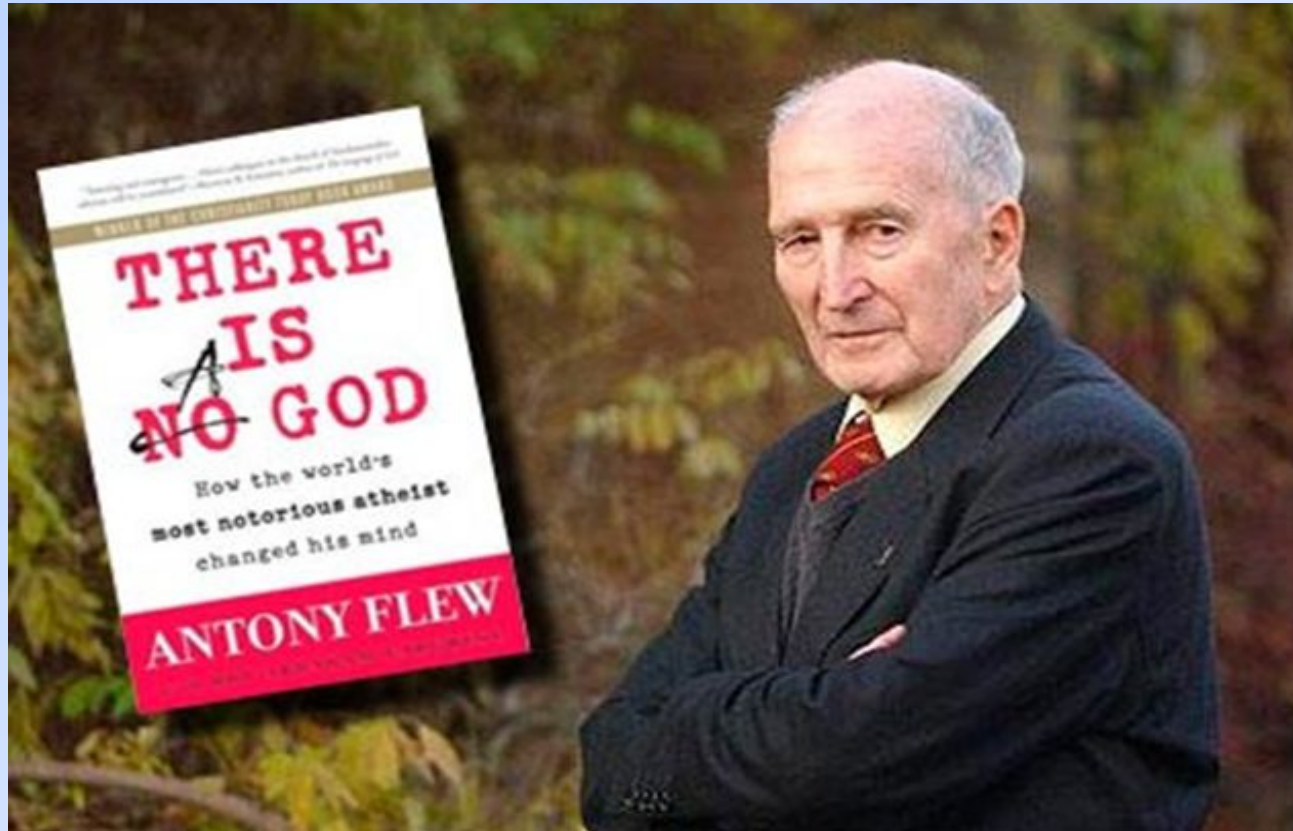
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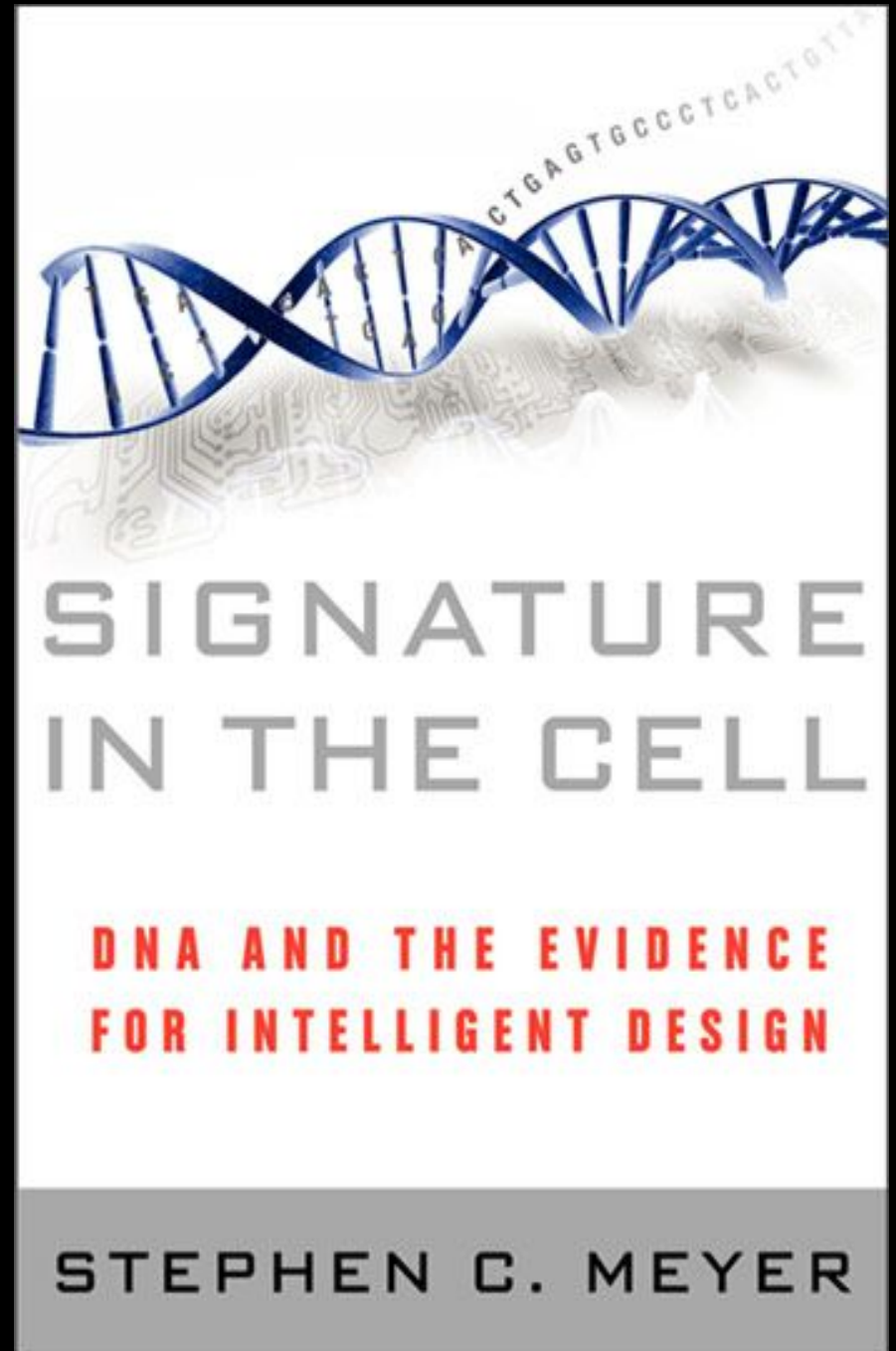
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- Research on DNA continues to reveal signs of DESIGN.
- **Antony Flew “had to go where the evidence leads.”**

Signature in the Cell

***by
Dr. Stephen C.
Meyer
2009***



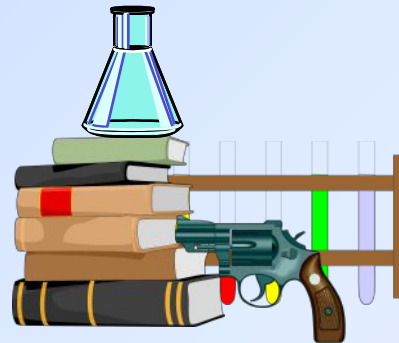
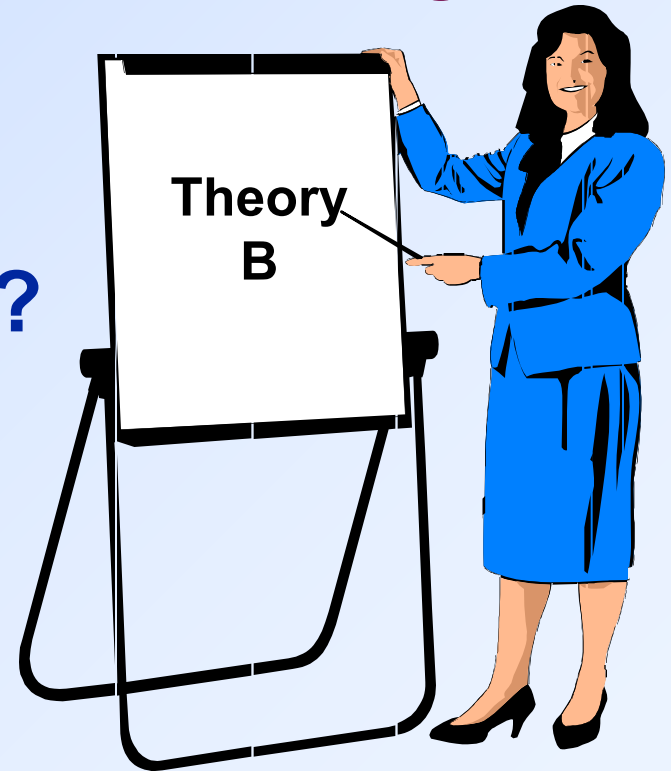
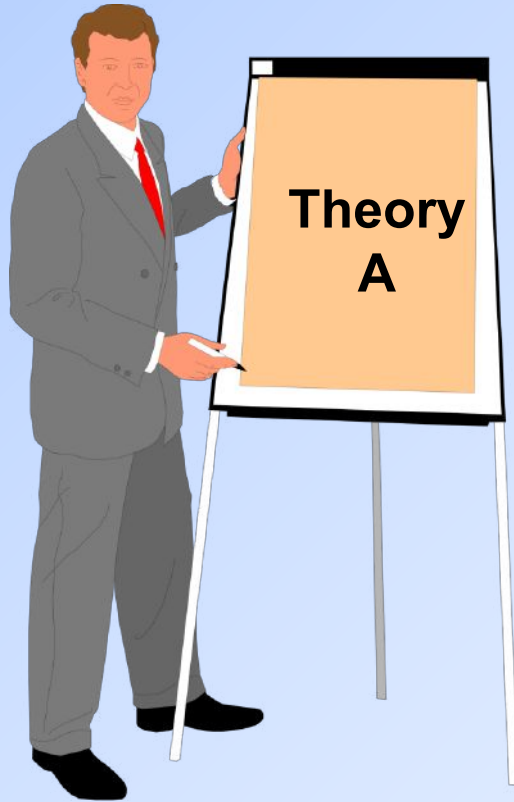
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Natural Causes

Intelligent Design

Which is more reasonable?



EVIDENCE

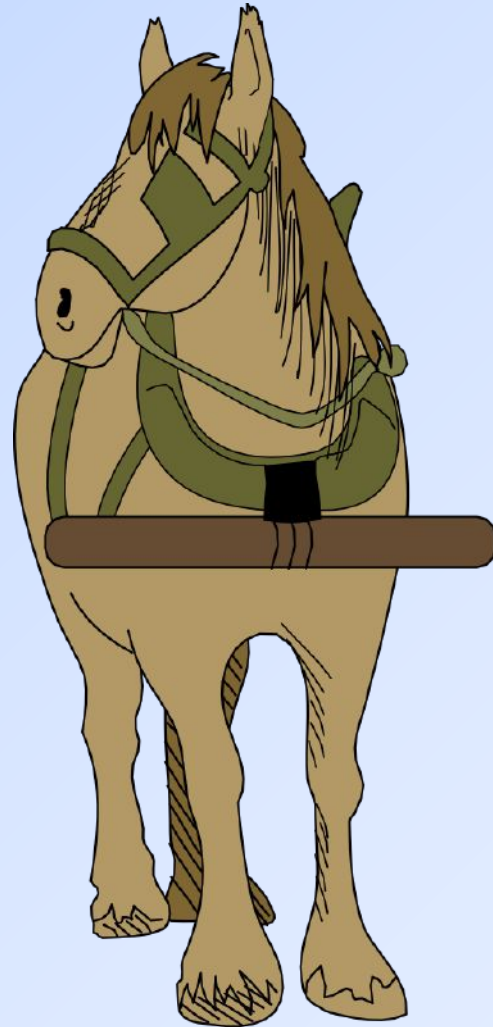
Facts of nature

Critical Components of Life

<i>Components</i>	<i>Assembled Organic Compounds</i>	<i>Function</i>
Structural Materials	Proteins (assembled from amino acids)	Construction (shape and mobility)
Tools and Machinery	Enzymes (special forms of proteins)	Metabolism (growth and maintenance)
Blueprints	Genes - Nucleic Acid (DNA and RNA)	Reproduction (information and directive function)

Two Types of Proteins

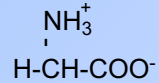
- Structural
- Enzymes



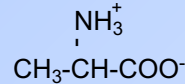
Workhorses

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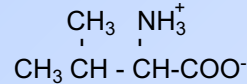
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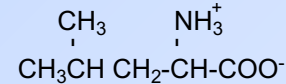
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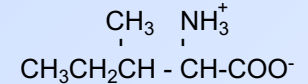
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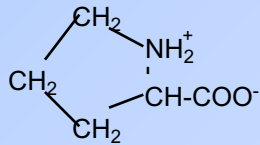
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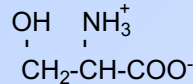
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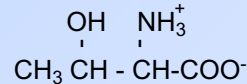
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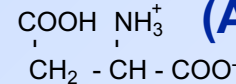
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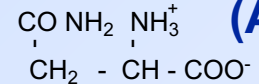
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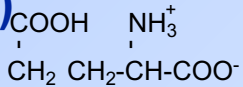
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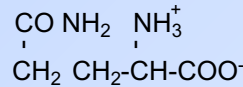
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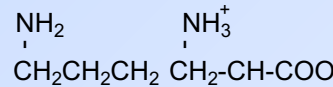
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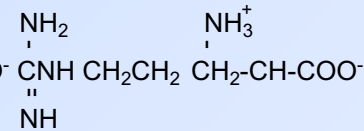
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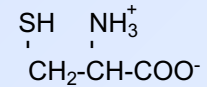
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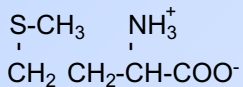
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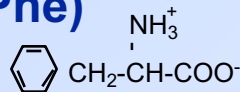
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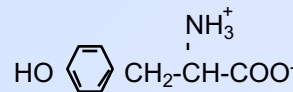
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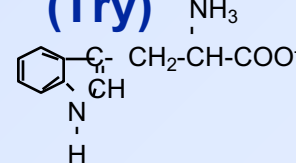
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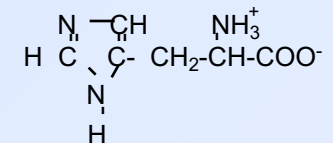
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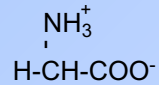


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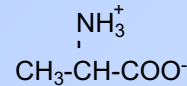


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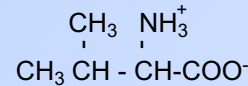
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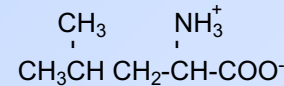
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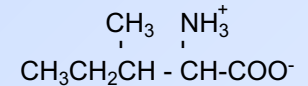
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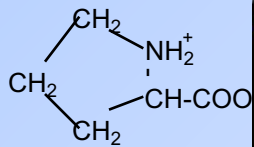
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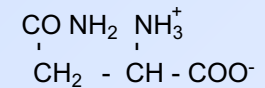


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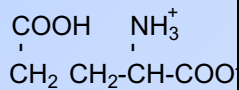
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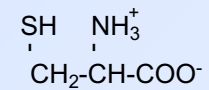


Every protein is a combination of these 20.

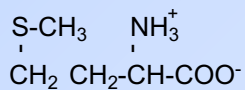
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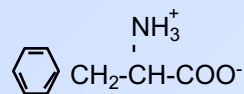
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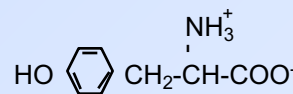
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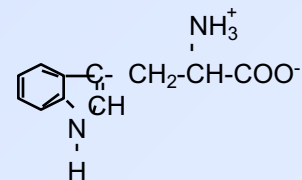
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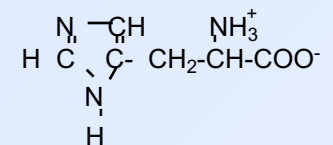
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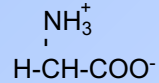


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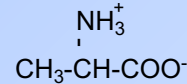


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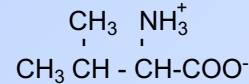
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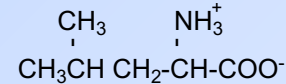
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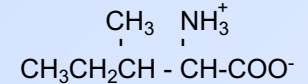
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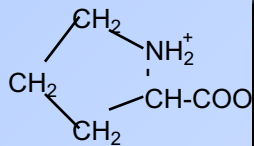
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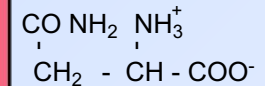


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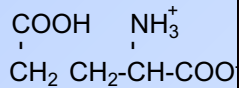
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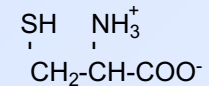


Like the 26 letters of the alphabet which make up our words

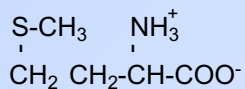
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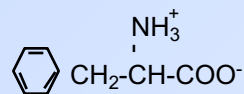
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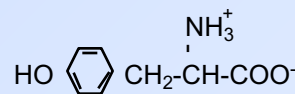
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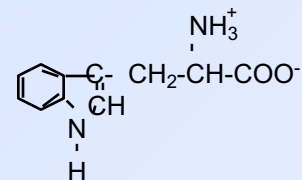
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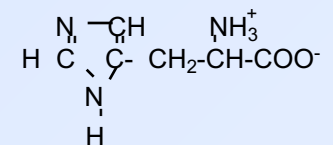
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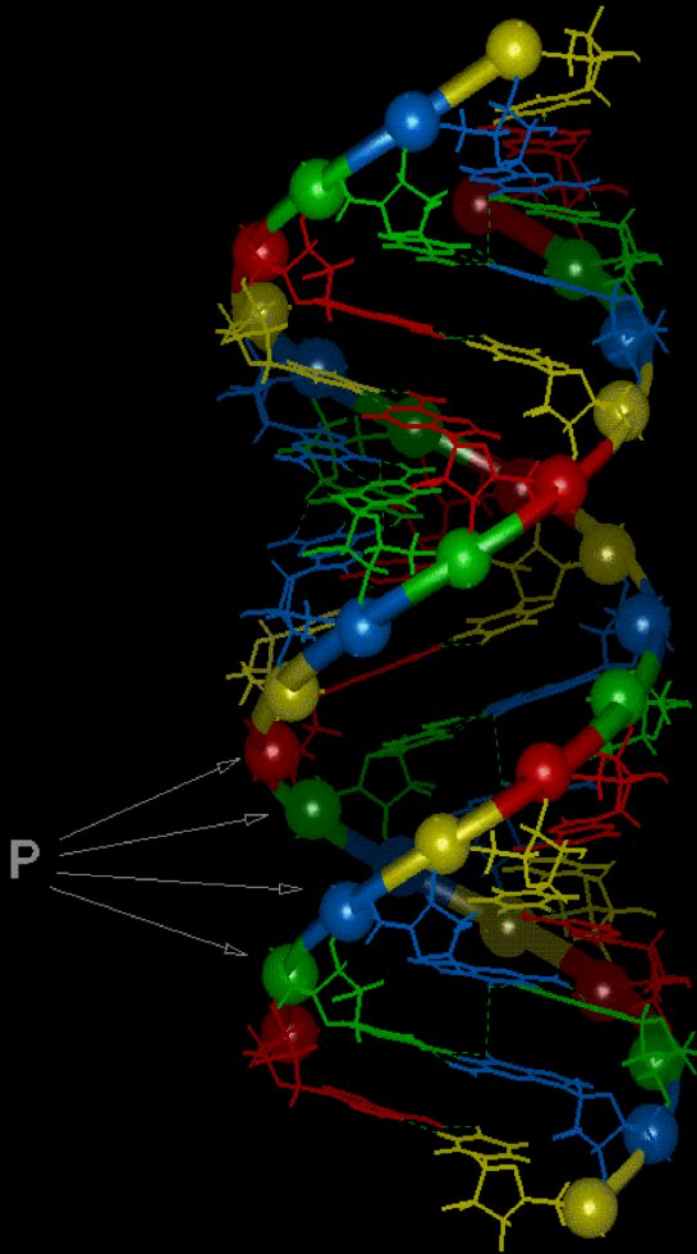


Dumb Blondes of the Biochemical World

Dr. Francis Crick in *Life Itself*

- DNA
- RNA





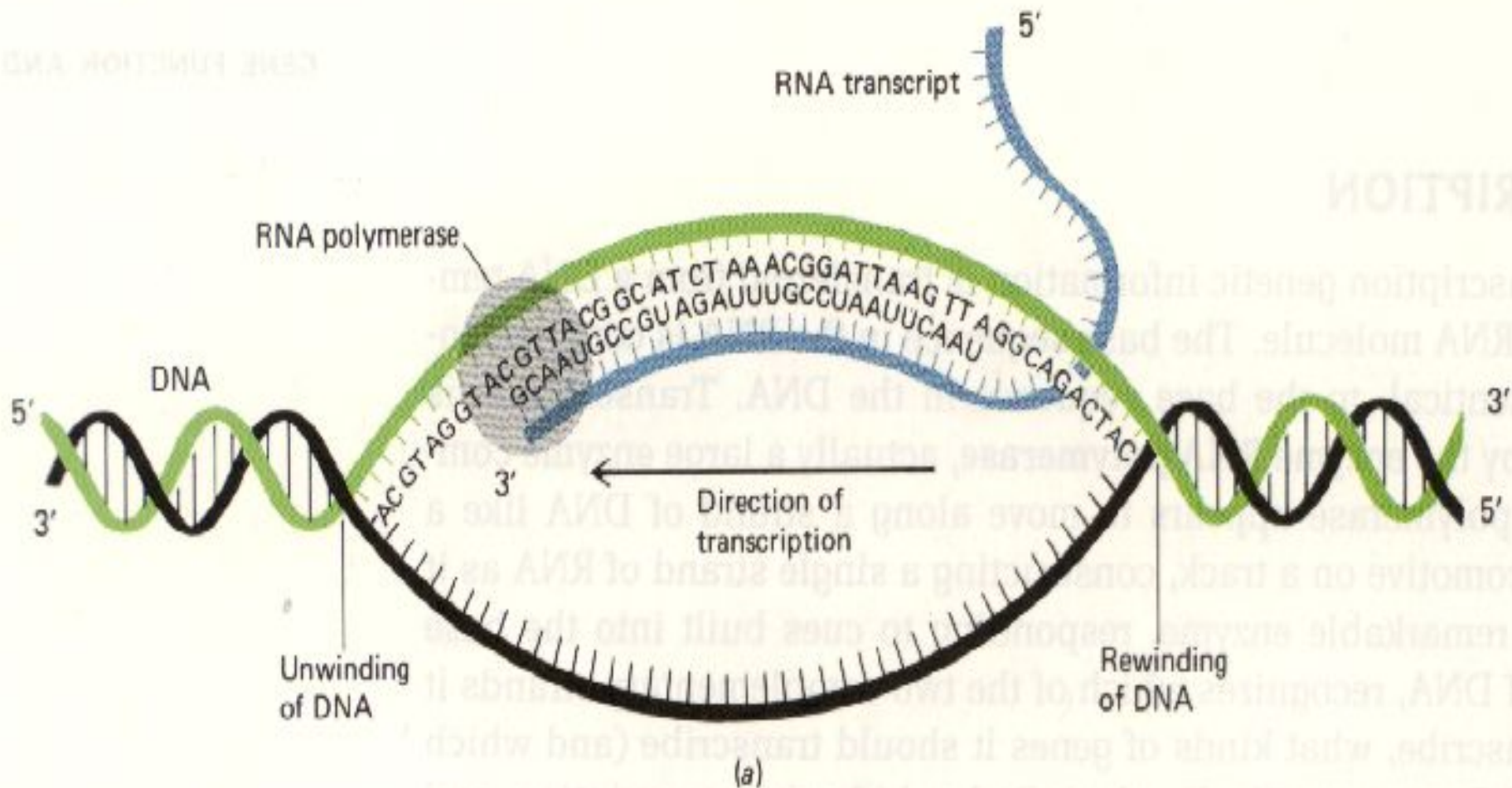
DNA

**Certain
characteristic
structure**

**Double helix
with cross bars**

**Capacity to
reproduce itself**

A DNA double helix is unwound by RNA polymerase, giving the enzyme access to the nucleotide sequence.



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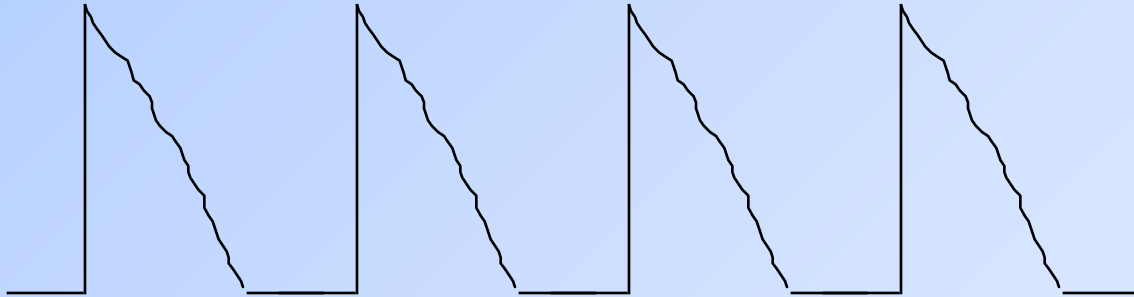
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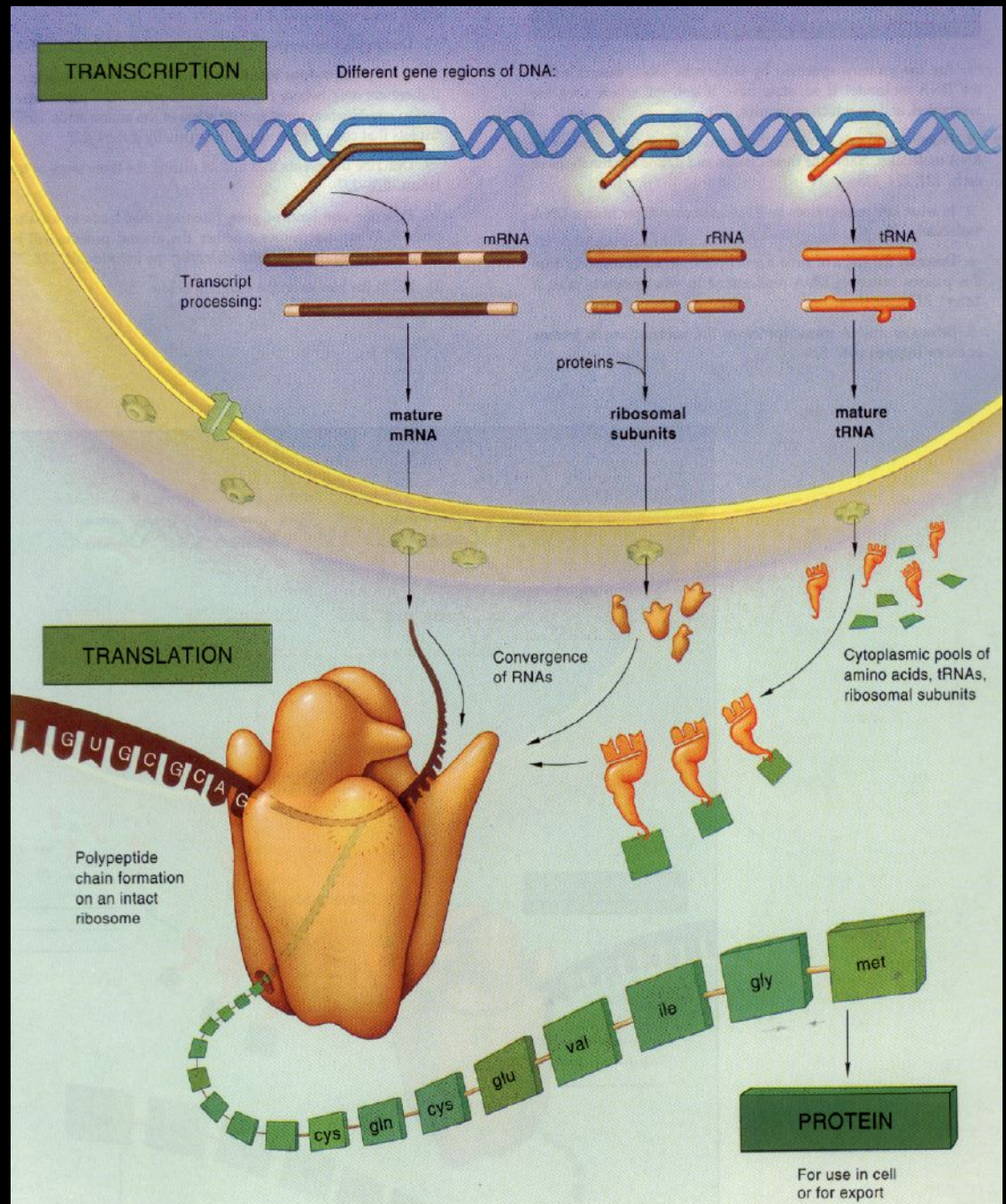
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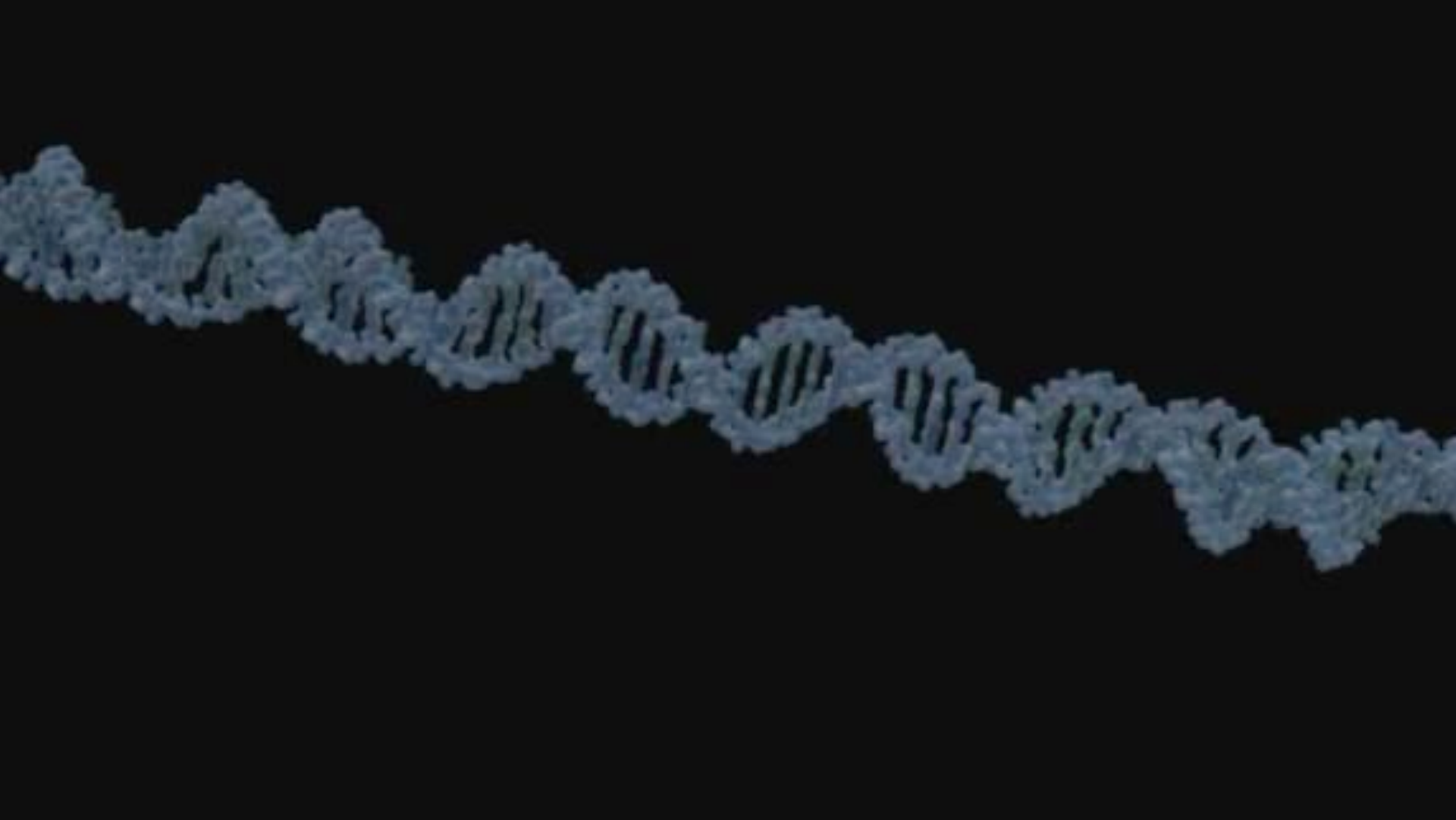
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However, there is
MUCH MORE
 to the description of life
 as we know it than just
 the genetic code!!!

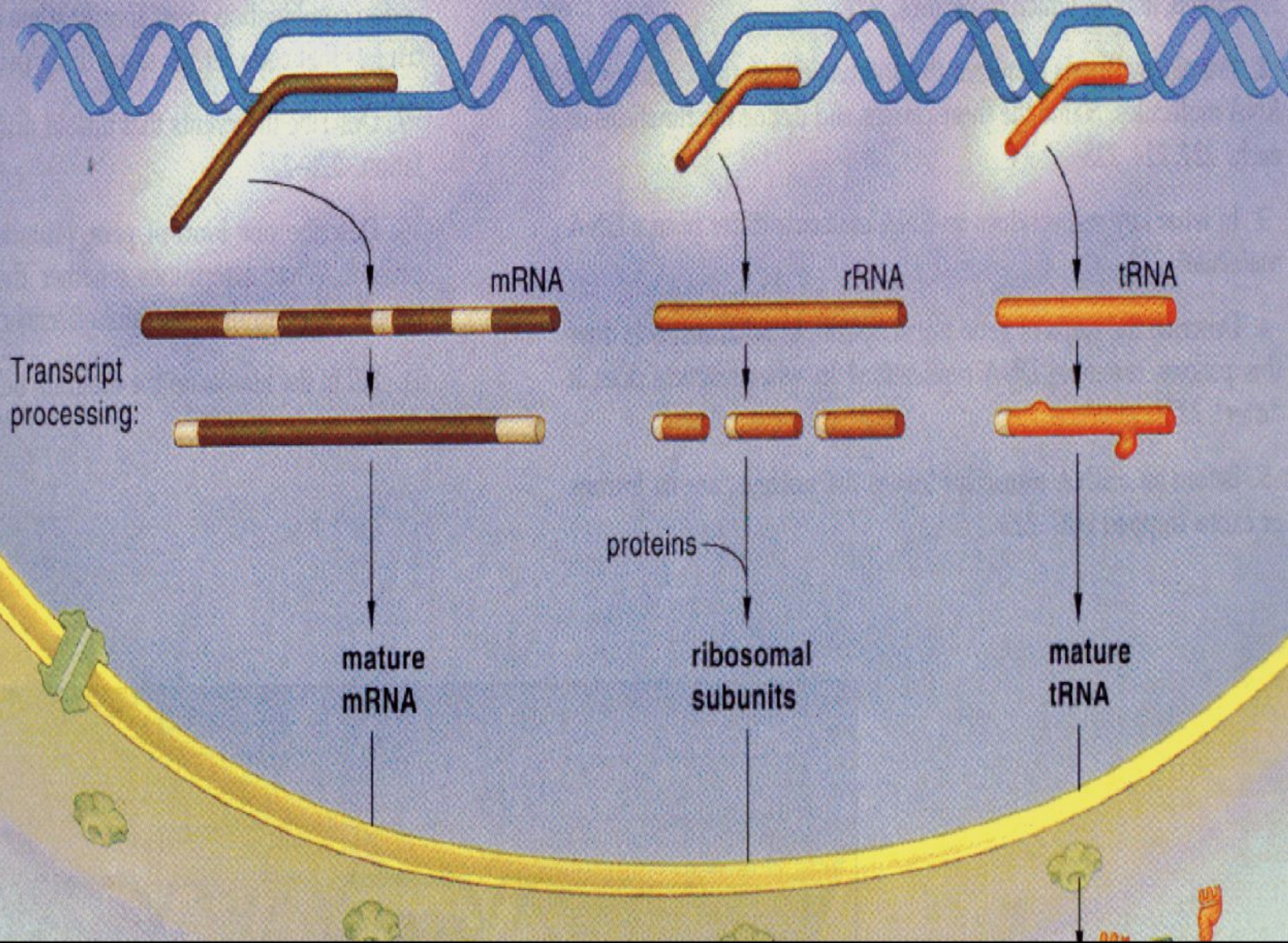
Transcription, Migration, & Translation for Protein Building



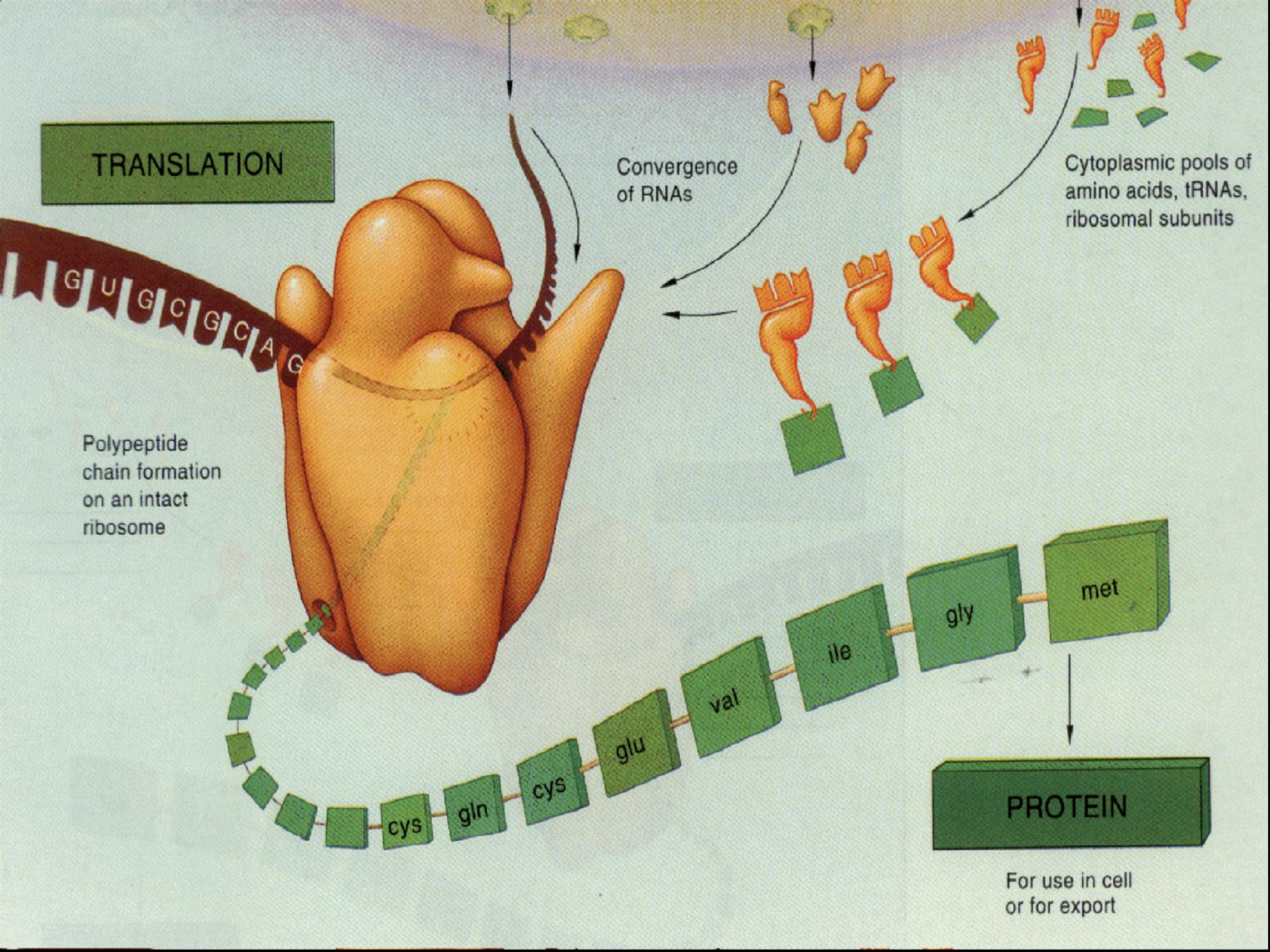


TRANSCRIPTION

Different gene regions of DNA:



TRANSLATION



Convergence of RNAs

Cytoplasmic pools of amino acids, tRNAs, ribosomal subunits

Polypeptide chain formation on an intact ribosome

PROTEIN

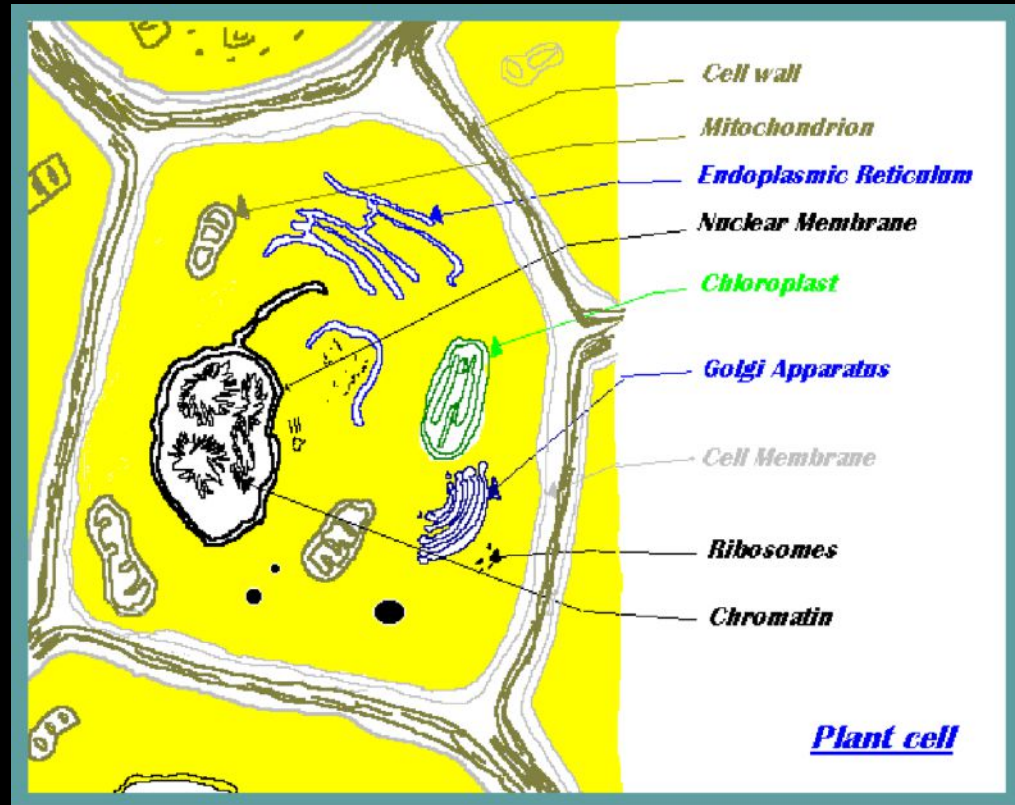
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The Marvelous Living Cell

“A living cell is a marvel of detailed and complex architecture. Seen through a microscope there is an appearance of almost frenetic activity. On a deeper level it is known that molecules are being synthesized at an enormous rate. Almost any enzyme catalyzes the synthesis of more than 100 other molecules per second. In ten minutes, a sizable fraction of the total mass of a metabolizing bacterial cell has been synthesized. The **information content of a simple cell** has been estimated as around **10^{12} bits**, comparable to about **a hundred million pages of the Encyclopedia Britannica.**” Sagan, “Life,” *Encyclopedia Britannica: Macropaedia* 894 (15 ed. 1974)

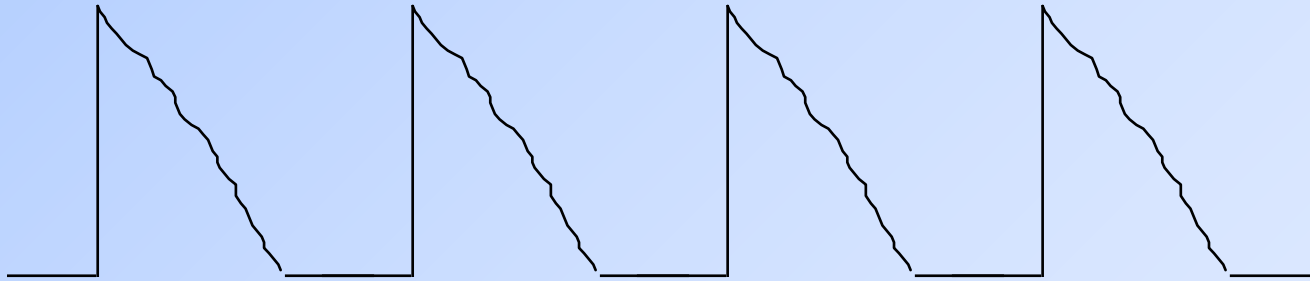
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Over 200,000 molecules are being built per second



SETI

Search for Extra - Terrestrial Intelligence



Signal Received from Space

If we received a message from space containing just the genetic code and an explanation of how it is used to build proteins, **everyone would conclude the source was intelligent!!**

Intelligent Design or Natural Causes

Which is more reasonable?

- “Everywhere we look, from the macroscopic to the microscopic things look like they are **MADE**”
- “A loud, clear, piercing cry of **DESIGN!!**”

Darwin's Black Box by Dr. M. Behe

**Is It Reasonable to Believe in
God in this Scientific Age?**

**It is more
reasonable
than ever!!!**

