

Be Different

Only Matter Matters

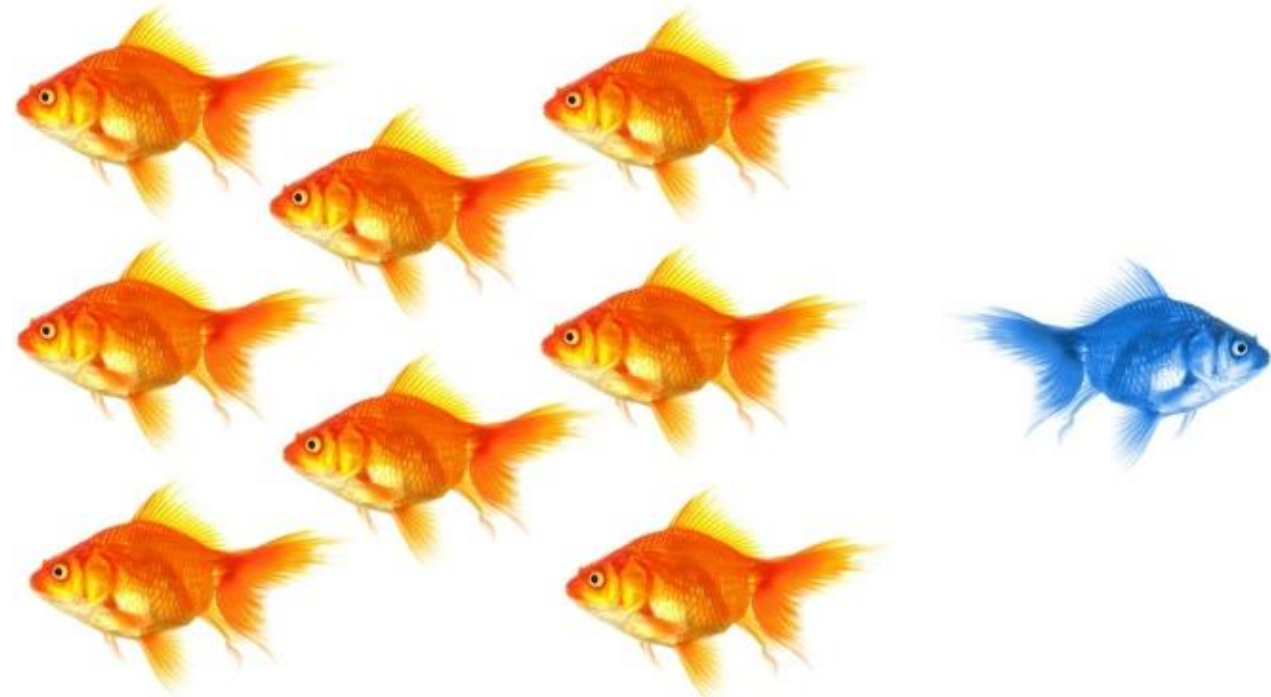
Called to Be Different

Rom 12:1–2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² **Do not be conformed to this world,** but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Patterns of this World

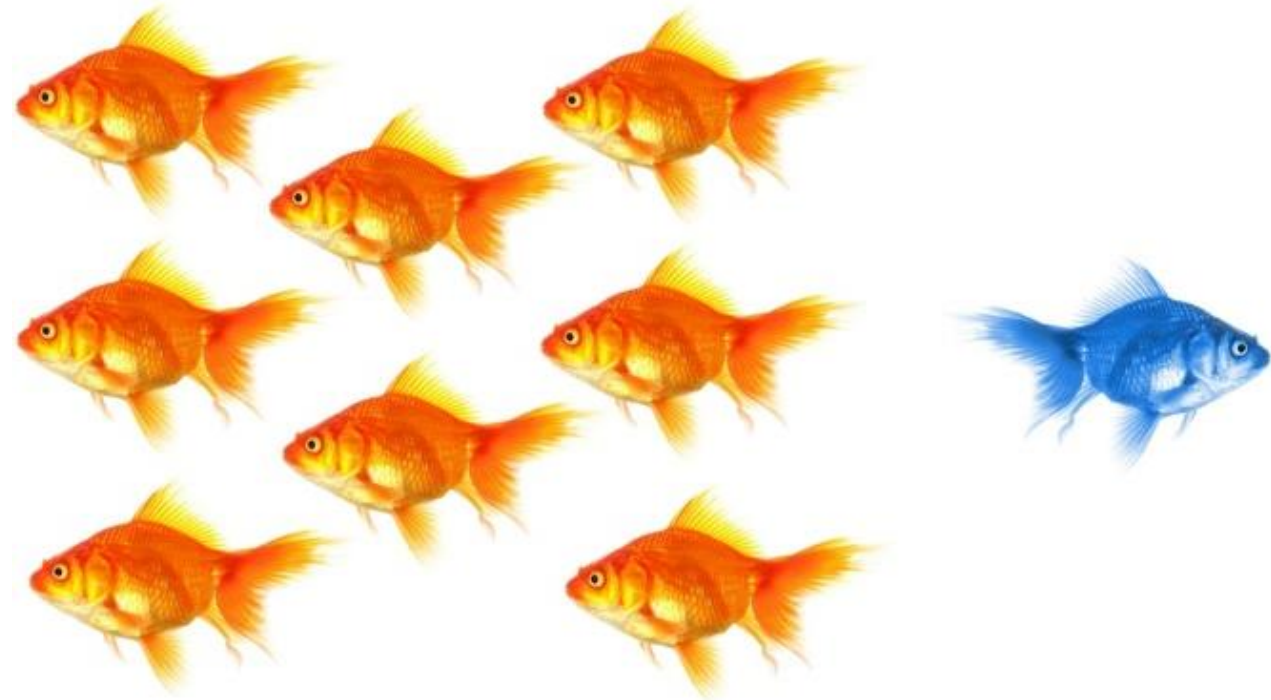
A Worldview

“a commitment, a fundamental orientation of the heart... which we hold about the basic constitution of reality, and that provides the foundation on which we live and move and have our being.” –James Sire



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- Worldviews can exercise subtle influence over our lives.
- Easier to see in others than in our own lives.

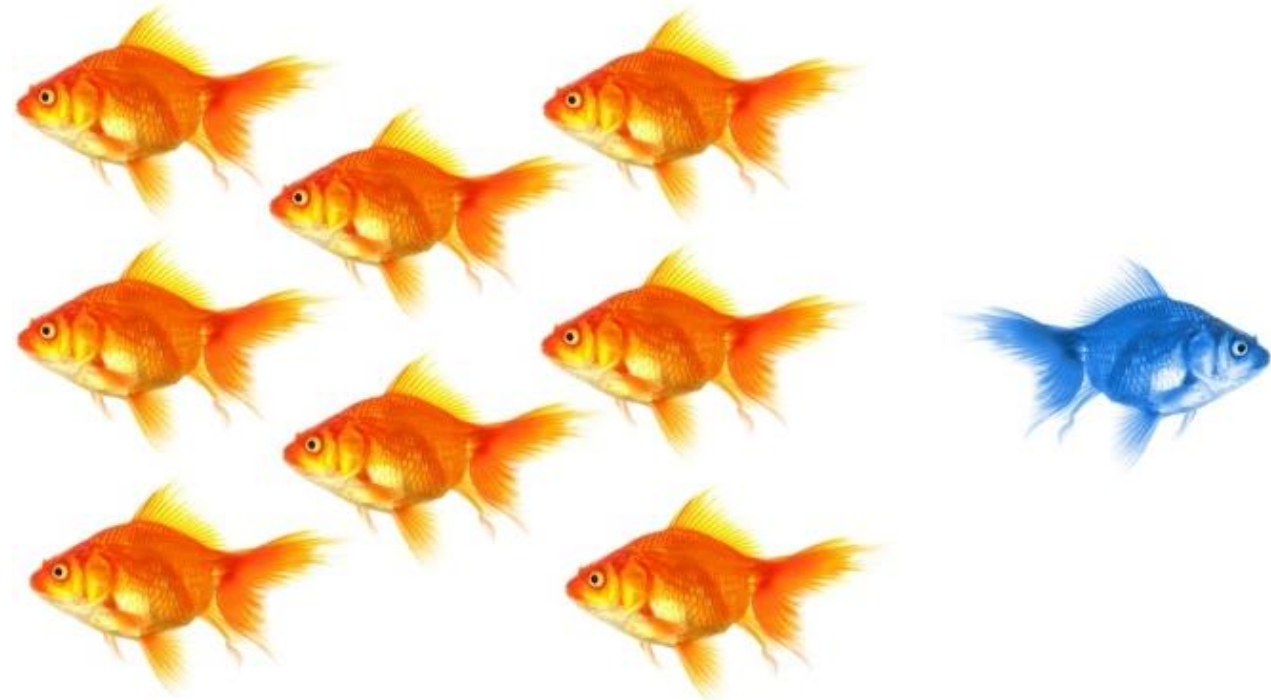


Only Matter, Matters - Naturalism

- Everything that exists is physical and can be reduced to its elemental material composition. (*Hidden Worldview* –Wilkins)
- A philosophical viewpoint according to which everything arises from natural properties and causes, and supernatural or spiritual explanations are excluded or discounted. (*Oxford Dictionary*)

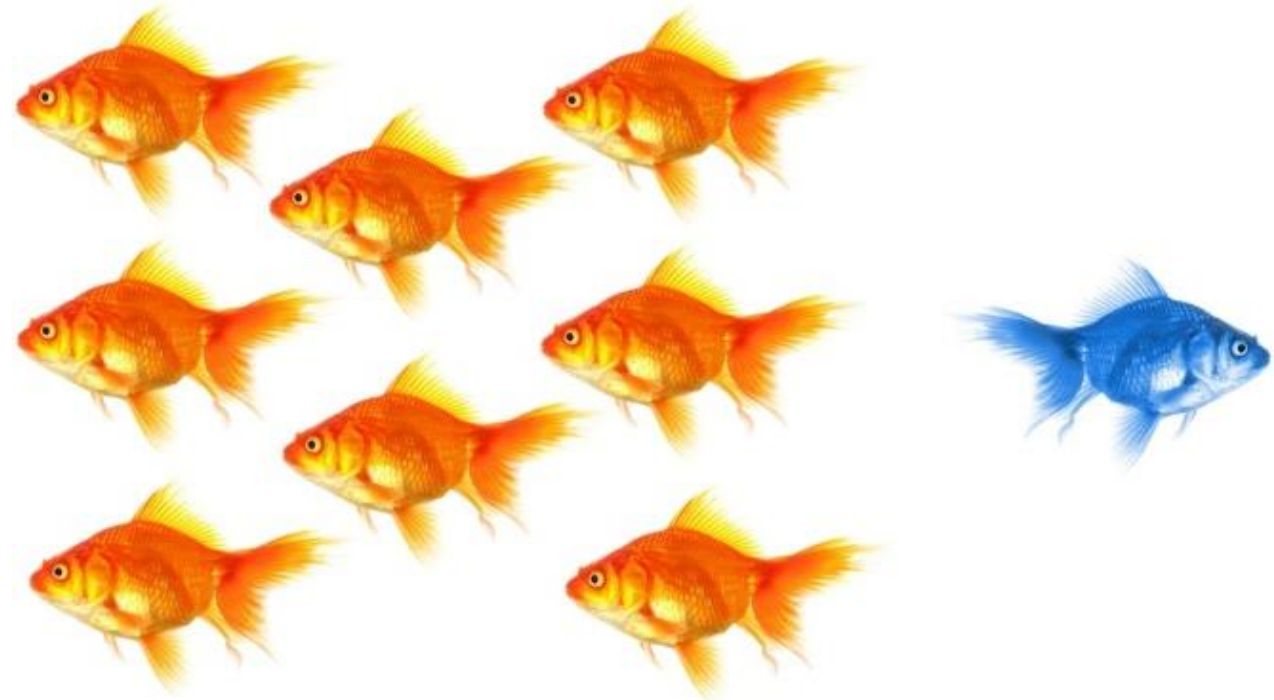
Where Naturalism Falls Short

- An Accidental Creation does not explain signs of Intelligent Design
- No Foundation for Ethics/Morals, or Purpose/Meaning.
- There are Questions Science Can't Answer



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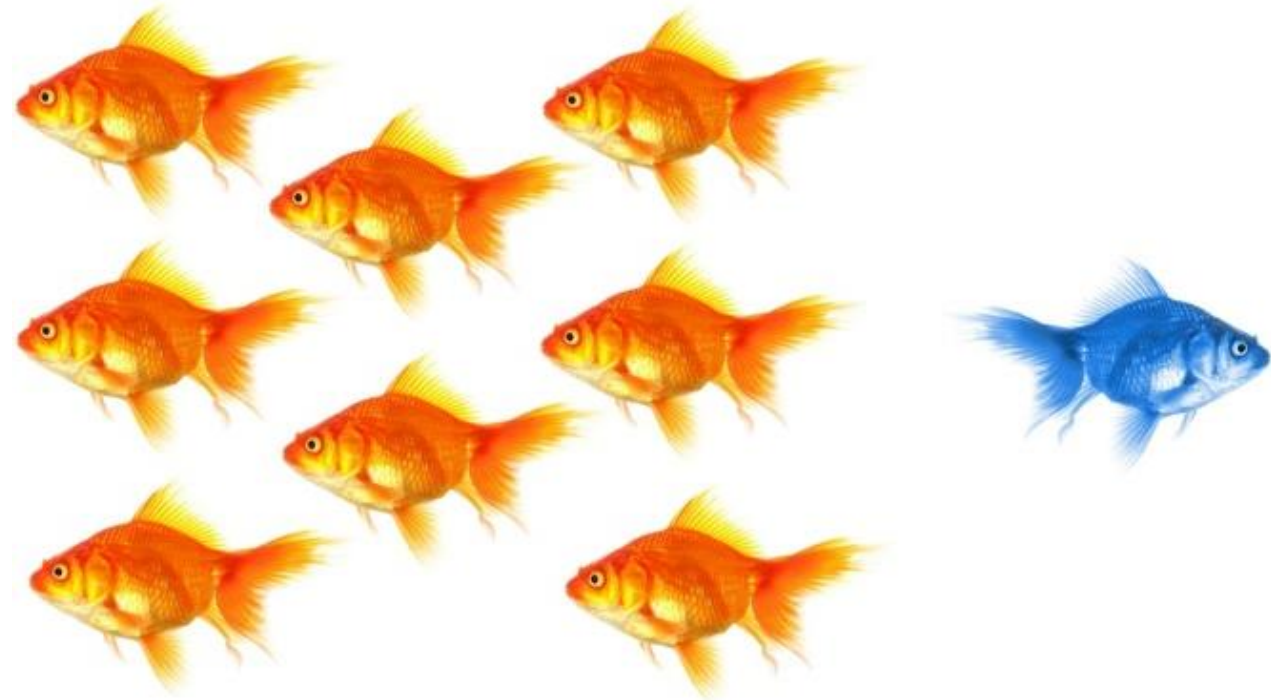
Acts 17:24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,



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Romans 1:25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

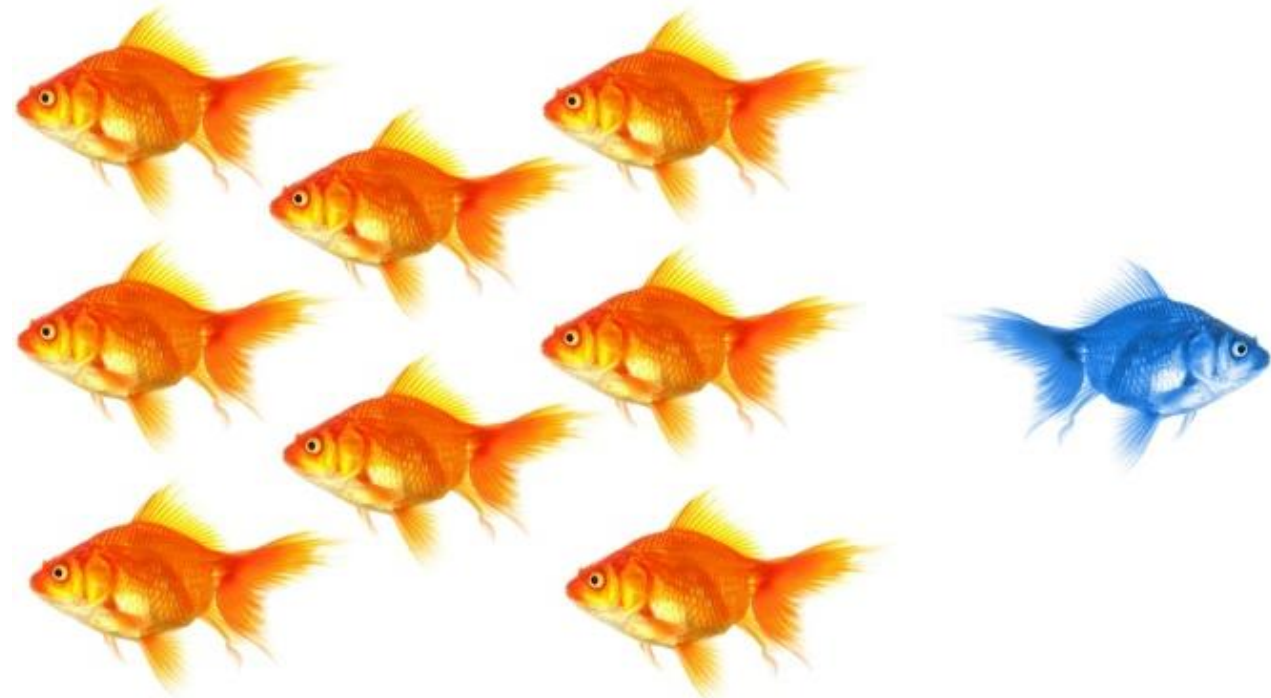
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God is Creator and Sustainer

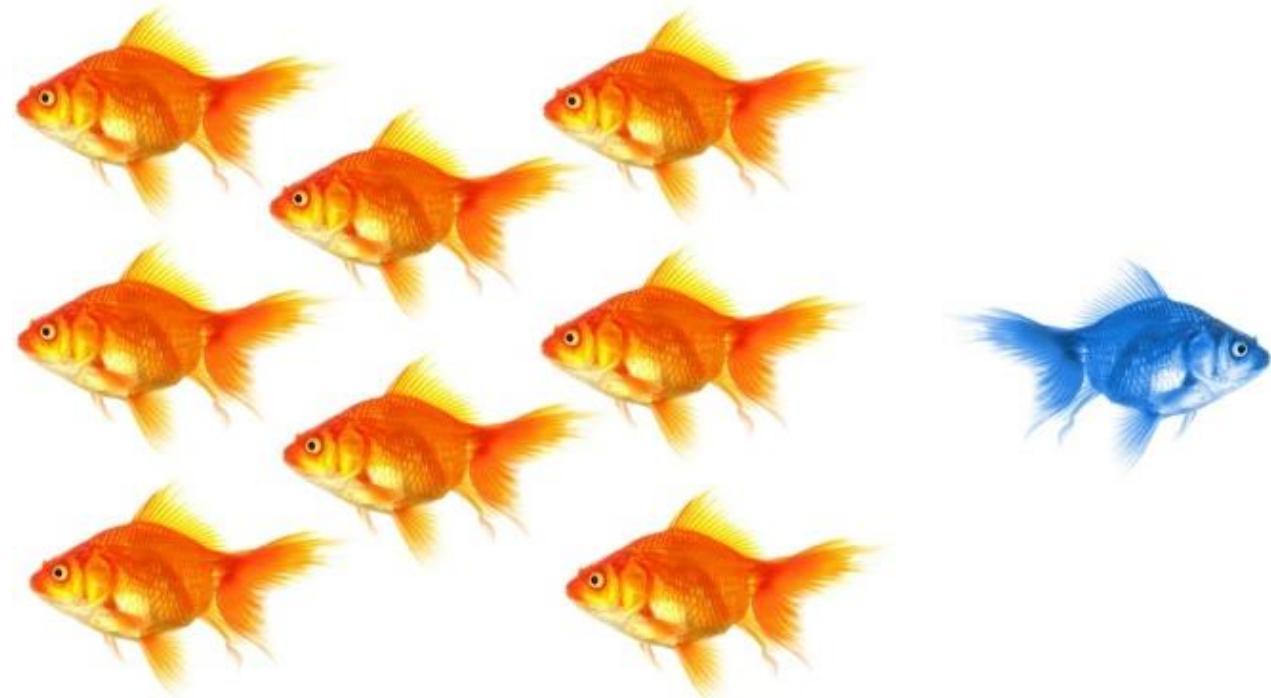
Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

John 1:3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.



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Colossians 1:16–17 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



Caution: Focusing solely on Created Things

Colossians 3:2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Matthew 6:19–21 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Caution: Not Trusting God

Psalm 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Psalm 121:1–2 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? 2 My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

