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...the 950th day of March

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WHAT

**ANSWERS
GROUNDED**

&

**IN FAITH
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3:13-15

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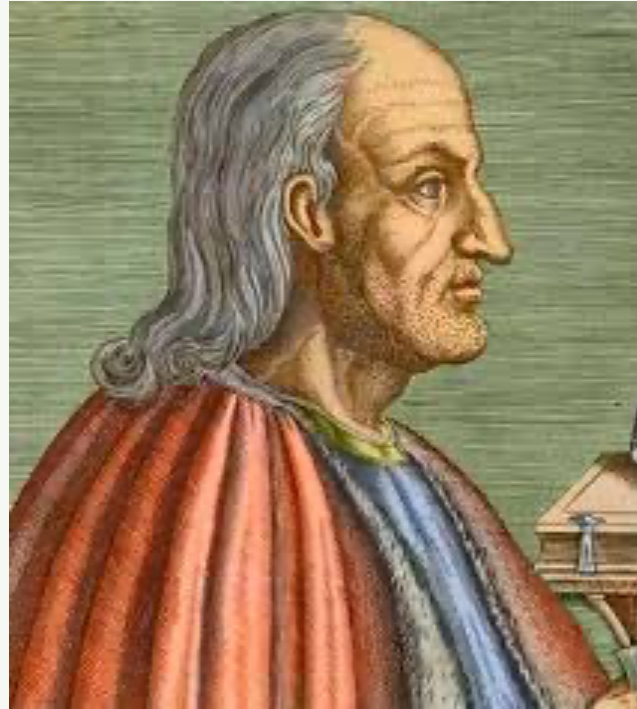
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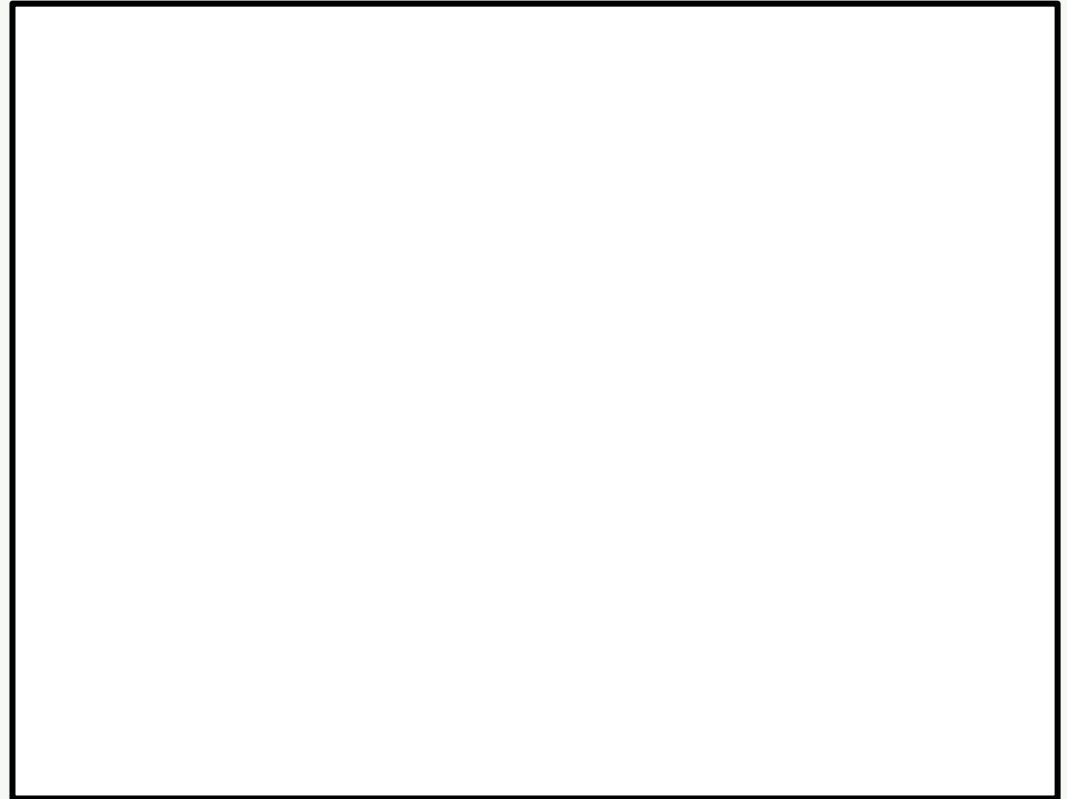
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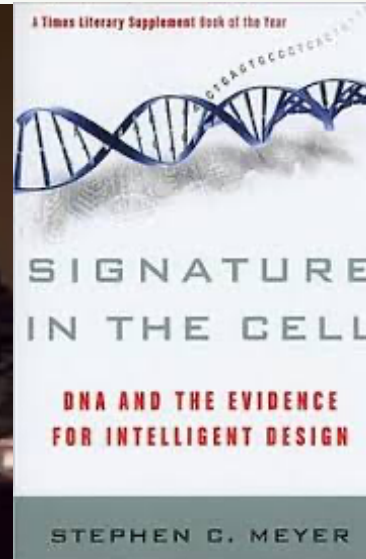
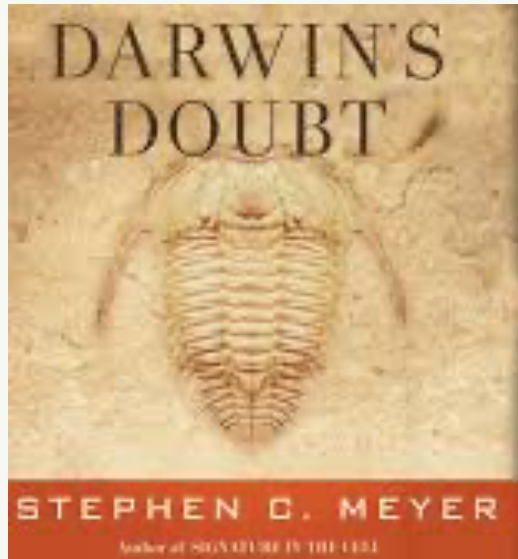
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Video #3 (Phil Robertson)