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- **A.W. Dicus' song written in 1966**
- **At the peak of the “God is Dead” movement in the USA.**
 - **In the late 1800's, promoted by Friedrich Nietzsche, German poet and philosopher, heavily influenced by the theory of evolution**

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- *Radical Theology and the Death of God*
- “We must realize that the death of God is an historical event, that God has died in our cosmos, in our history...”

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- "...the dead God is ... the God of the historic Christian Church, and beyond the Church, of Christendom at large."



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■ Other brazen things said:

- “It is absolutely safe to say that if you meet somebody who claims not to believe in evolution, that person is ignorant, stupid or insane (or wicked, but I’d rather not consider that).”**

(Richard Dawkins, New York Times, 2007)



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■ In contrast:

- “It now seems to me that the findings of more than fifty years of DNA research have provided materials for a new and enormously powerful argument to design.”**

**Anthony Flew, Professor of Philosophy
Former atheist, author and debater, 2004**



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- **Ps. 19:1-4**

The heavens declare His glory

- **Rom. 1:20**

Argument from design



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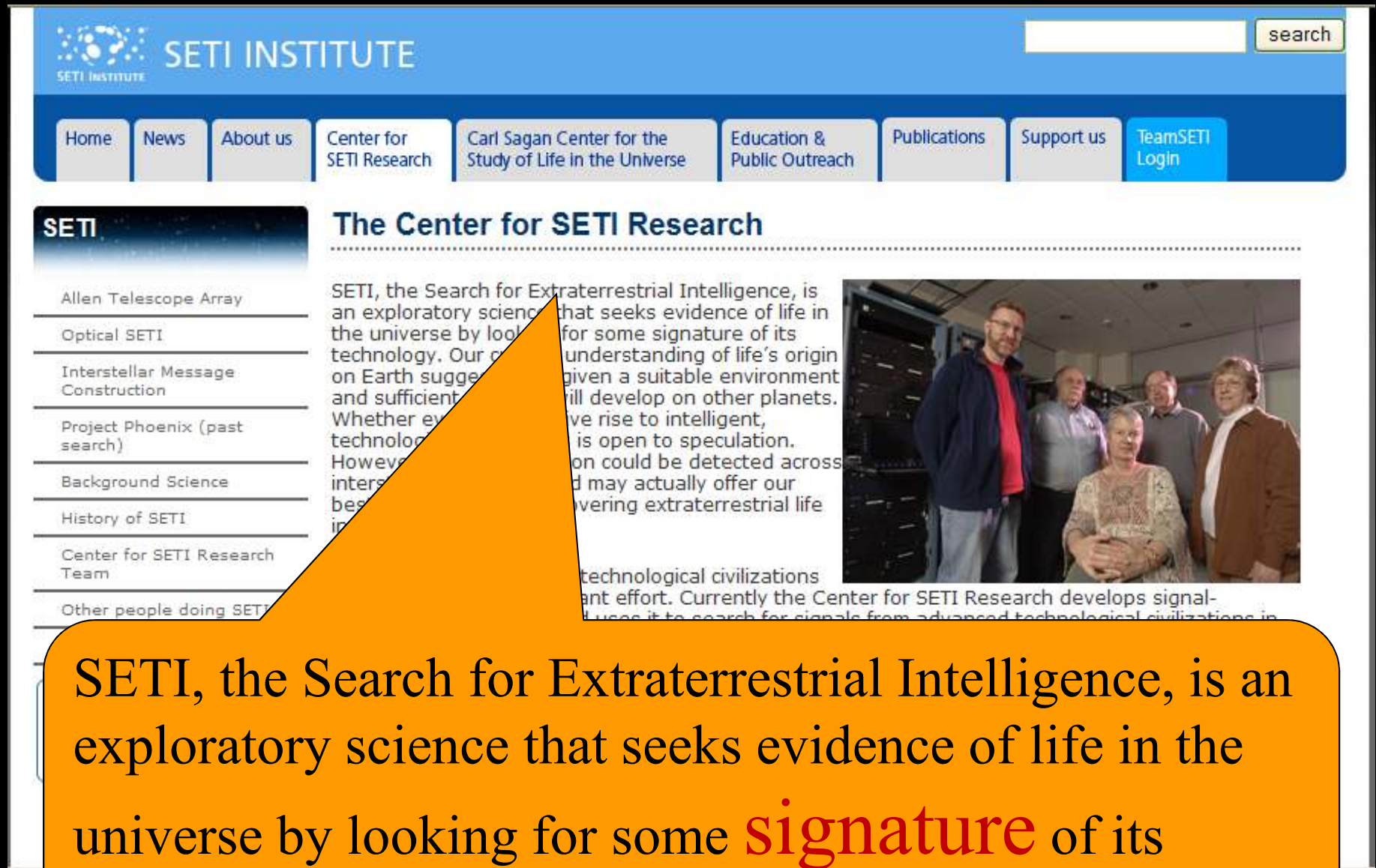
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- **Rom. 1:20** - His invisible attributes ... understood by the things that are made
 - His Eternal Power
 - His Divine Nature (Godhead)

Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe?

- **The search for extra-terrestrial intelligence (SETI) was supported by your tax dollars for 25 years.**
- **The program continues to this day with private funding.**
- **What kind of evidence would convince you that there are ET's?**

Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence - SETI



The image shows a screenshot of the SETI Institute website. At the top, there is a blue header with the SETI Institute logo and name. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, News, About us, Center for SETI Research, Carl Sagan Center for the Study of Life in the Universe, Education & Public Outreach, Publications, Support us, and TeamSETI Login. The main content area features a section titled "The Center for SETI Research" with a sub-header "SETI". To the left of this section is a sidebar with a list of links: Allen Telescope Array, Optical SETI, Interstellar Message Construction, Project Phoenix (past search), Background Science, History of SETI, Center for SETI Research Team, and Other people doing SETI. The main text describes SETI as an exploratory science that seeks evidence of life in the universe by looking for a signature of its technology. A photograph of five people standing in a server room is visible on the right side of the main text. A large orange callout box is overlaid on the bottom left of the page, containing text that repeats the first part of the main text.

SETI

Allen Telescope Array

Optical SETI

Interstellar Message Construction

Project Phoenix (past search)

Background Science


History of SETI

Center for SETI Research Team

Other people doing SETI

The Center for SETI Research

SETI, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, is an exploratory science that seeks evidence of life in the universe by looking for some signature of its technology. Our current understanding of life's origin on Earth suggests that given a suitable environment and sufficient time, life will develop on other planets. Whether extraterrestrial life will give rise to intelligent, technological civilizations is open to speculation. However, if such civilizations could be detected across interstellar distances, they may actually offer our best hope for discovering extraterrestrial life in the universe.



technological civilizations

effort. Currently the Center for SETI Research develops signal-

uses it to search for signals from advanced technological civilizations in

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

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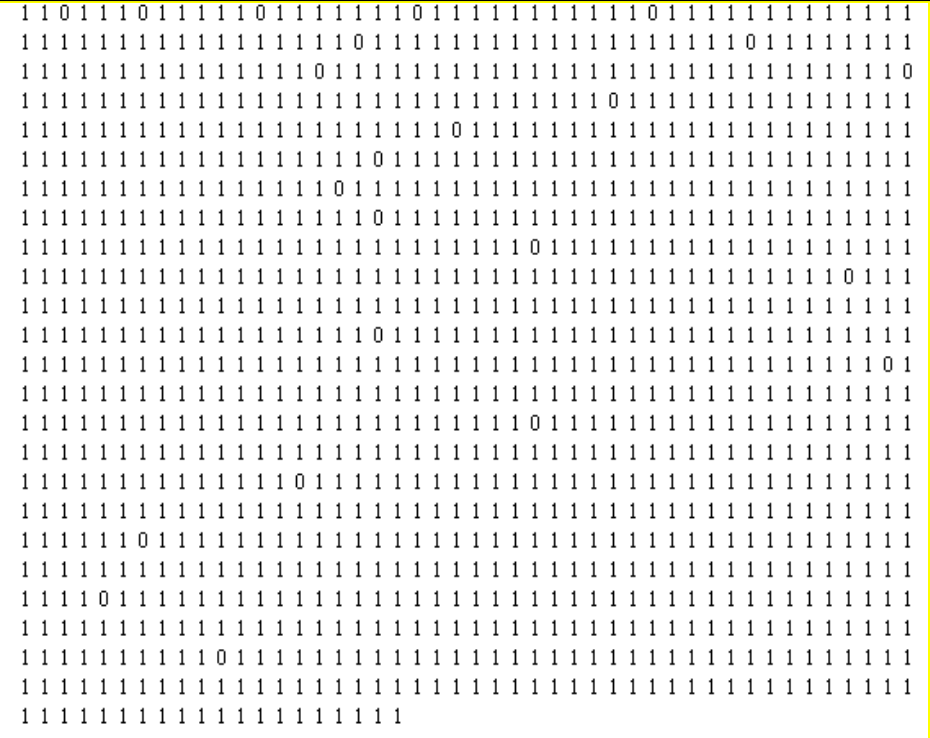
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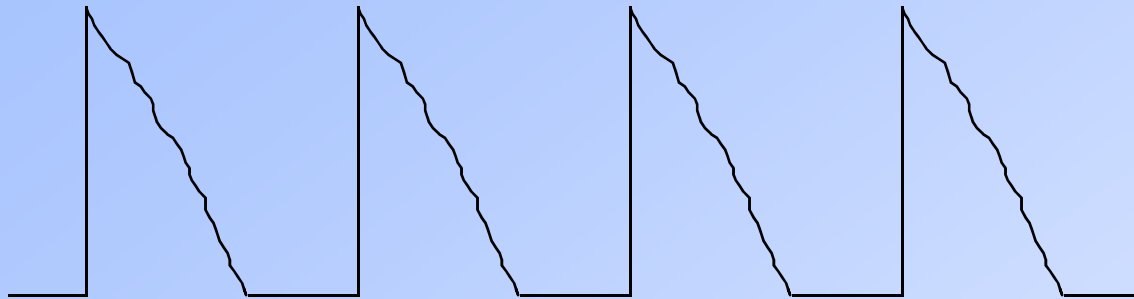
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Signal Received from Space

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

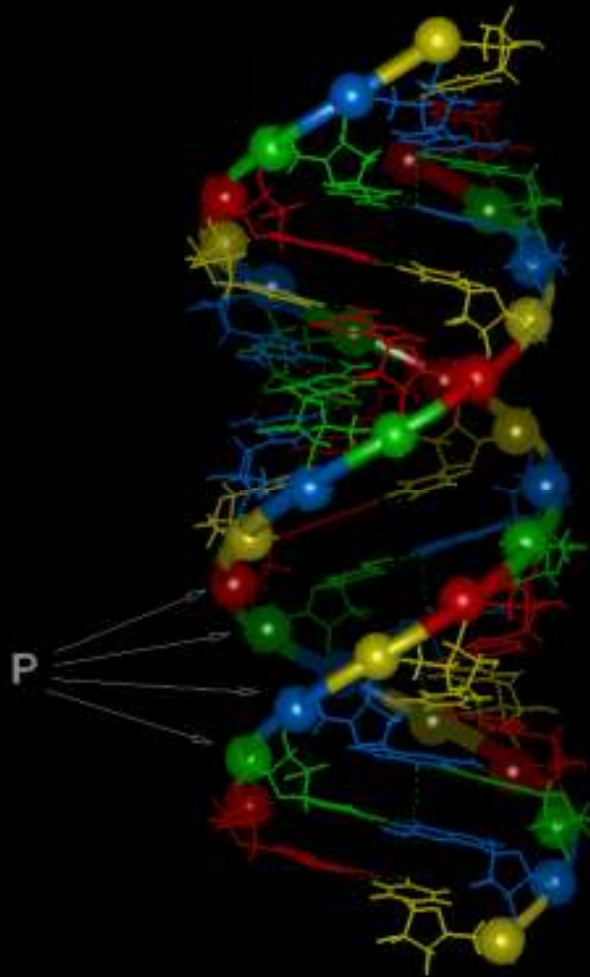
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DNA



**Certain
characteristic
structure**

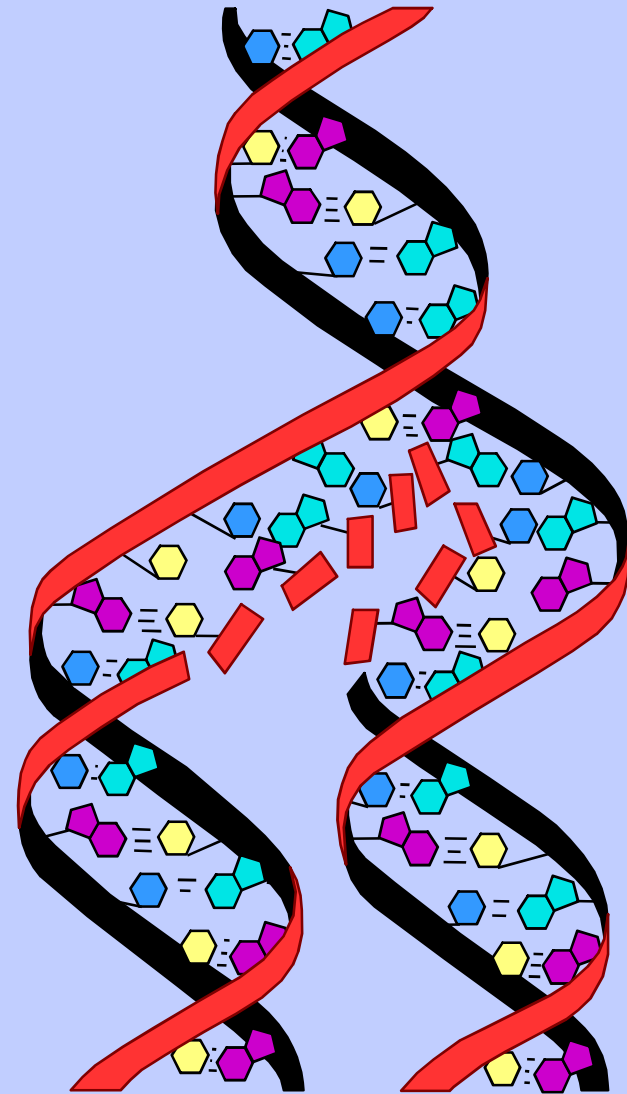
**Double helix
with cross bars**

**Capacity to
reproduce itself**

DNA

Transcription

- DNA unzips and exposes a side
- It has a particular order of four molecules (A,C,G,T)
- These can be read in sequence
- Every three letters is a word



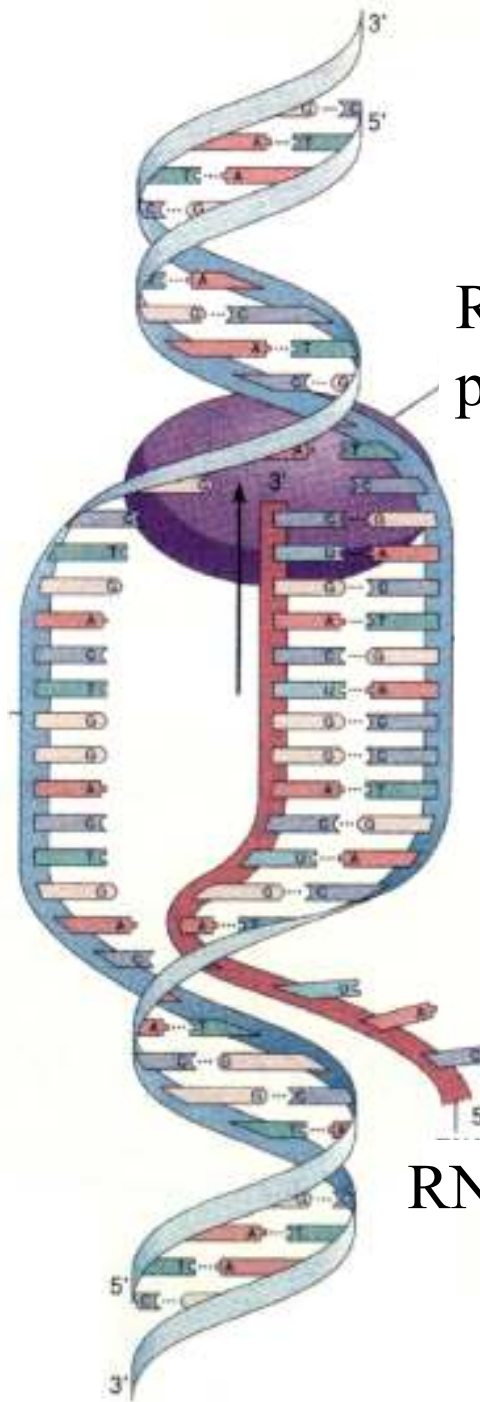
The Genetic Code

First position (5' end)	Second position	Third position (3' end)			
		U	C	A	G
U	U	Phe	Phe	Leu	Leu
	C	Ser	Ser	Ser	Cys
	A	Tyr	Tyr	Terminator	Terminator
	G	Cys	Cys	Terminator	Trp
C	U	Leu	Leu	Leu	Leu
	C	Pro	Pro	Pro	Pro
	A	Glu-NH ₂	Glu-NH ₂	Glu-NH ₂	Glu-NH ₂
	G	Arg	Arg	Arg	Arg
A	U	Met	Met	Met	Met
	C	Thr	Thr	Thr	Thr
	A	Lys	Lys	Lys	Lys
	G	Arg	Arg	Arg	Arg
G	U	Val	Val	Val	Val
	C	Ala	Ala	Ala	Ala
	A	Asp	Asp	Glu	Glu
	G	Gly	Gly	Gly	Gly

This Code contains a language that codes for the 20 common amino acids that build all proteins in living things!!

DNA Transcription

Inactive
DNA strand
(not transcribed)



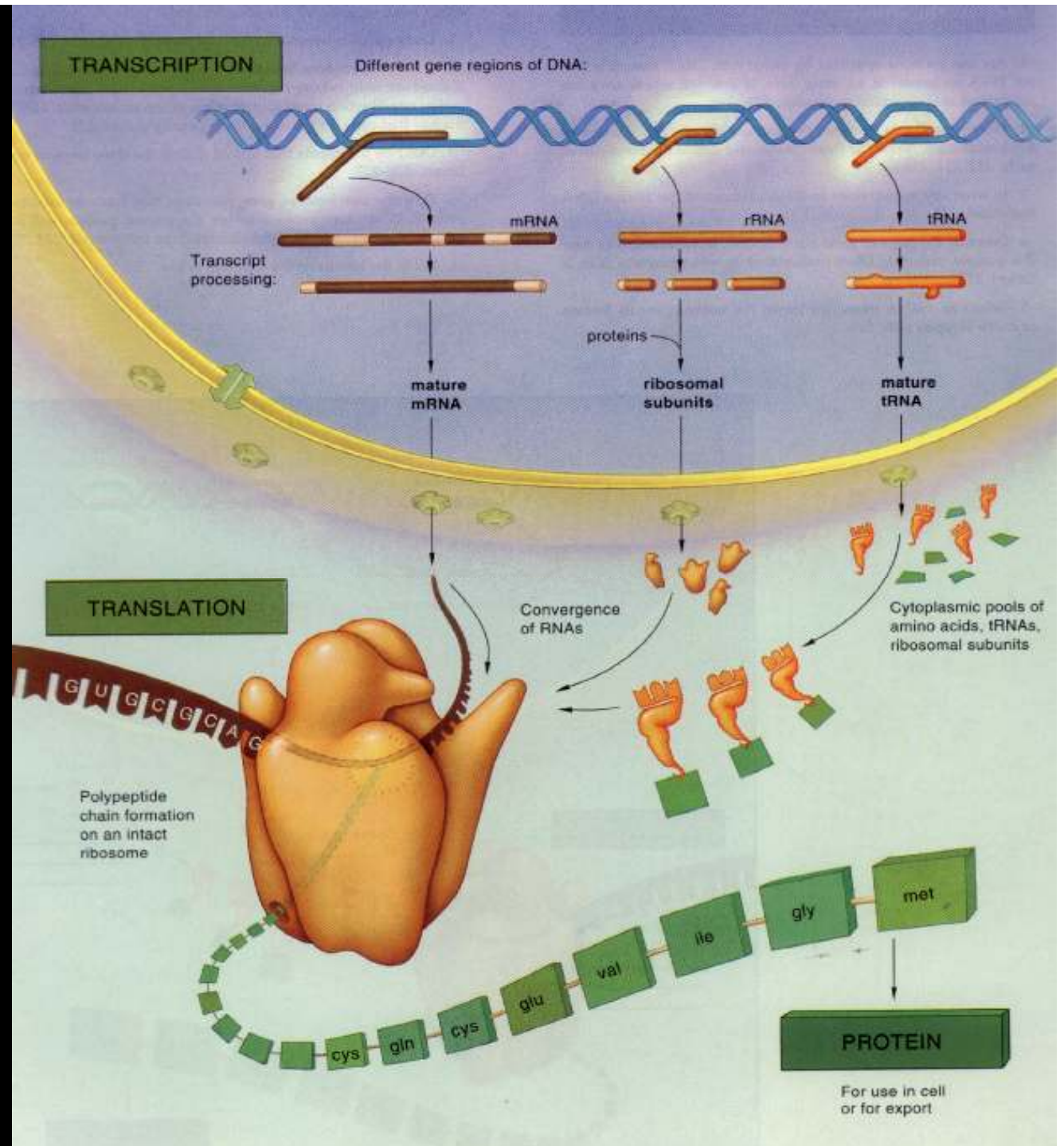
RNA
polymerase

Template
DNA strand
(transcribed)

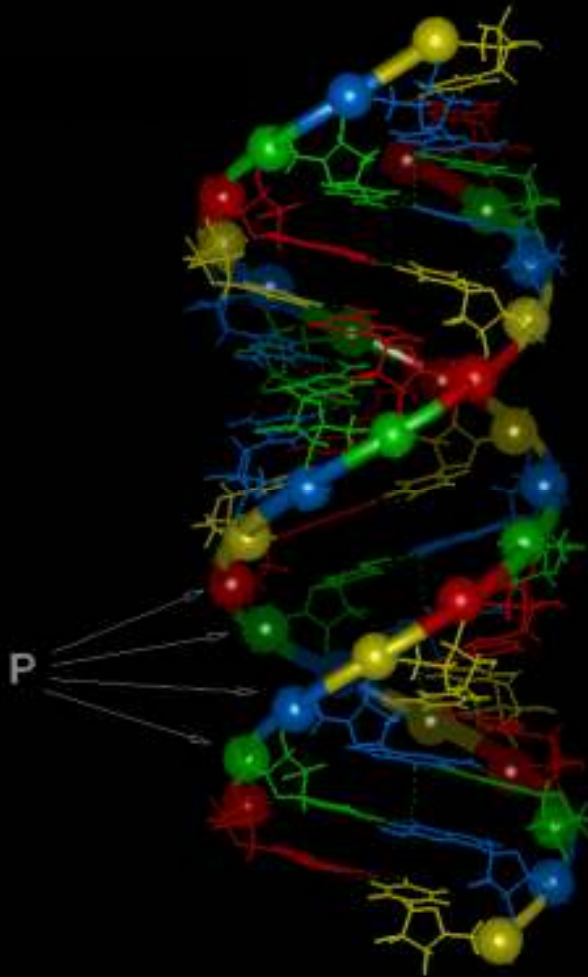
RNA

Protein Building

Transcription, Migration, & Translation



DNA



- **But what about junk DNA?**
- **Only about 5% of DNA used for protein building**
- **Some say that DNA is 95% junk.**

Recent Discoveries About the Cell's Informational System

1. **Densely concentrated, specified information in DNA**

- **Multiple messages stored in the same sequence of bases**
- **“Spliceosomes” and “editosomes”**
- **Code within a code**
- **Dual and overlapping messages**

Recent Discoveries About the Cell's Informational System

2. A files-within-folders system to make retrieving, manipulating, and expressing information-rich data more efficient

- **Similar to words, sentences, & paragraphs**
- **Genes, gene folders and superfolders, & “isochores” (megafolders)**

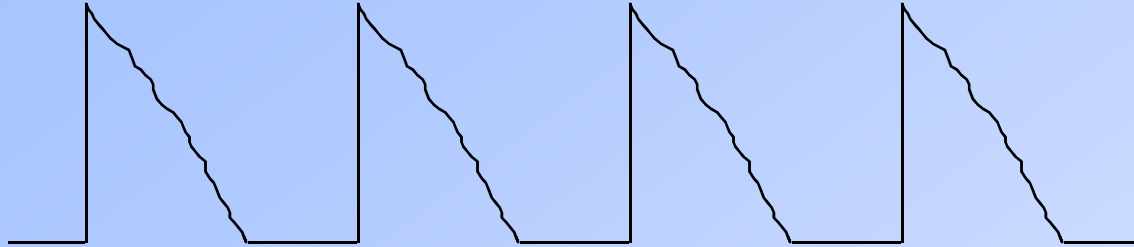
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3. The organism provides an informational context

- **DNA alone does not wholly determine morphological form in organisms.**
 - **Cell types are made of, among other things, systems of specialized proteins**
 - **Organs are made of specialized arrangements of cell types**
 - **Body plans of specific arrangements of organs and tissues.**

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If SETI received a message from space containing nothing but the genetic code, they would certainly conclude **intelligent design!**



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Rom. 1:20

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



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- **Rom. 1:20**
- **Everywhere we look, from the macroscopic to the microscopic things look like they are MADE**
- **A loud, clear, piercing cry of DESIGN!!**

(M. Behe, [Darwin's Black Box](#))



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■ John 14:1-6

- “If you believe in God, believe also in Me ...”
- “I go to prepare a place for you ...’
- “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by Me.”