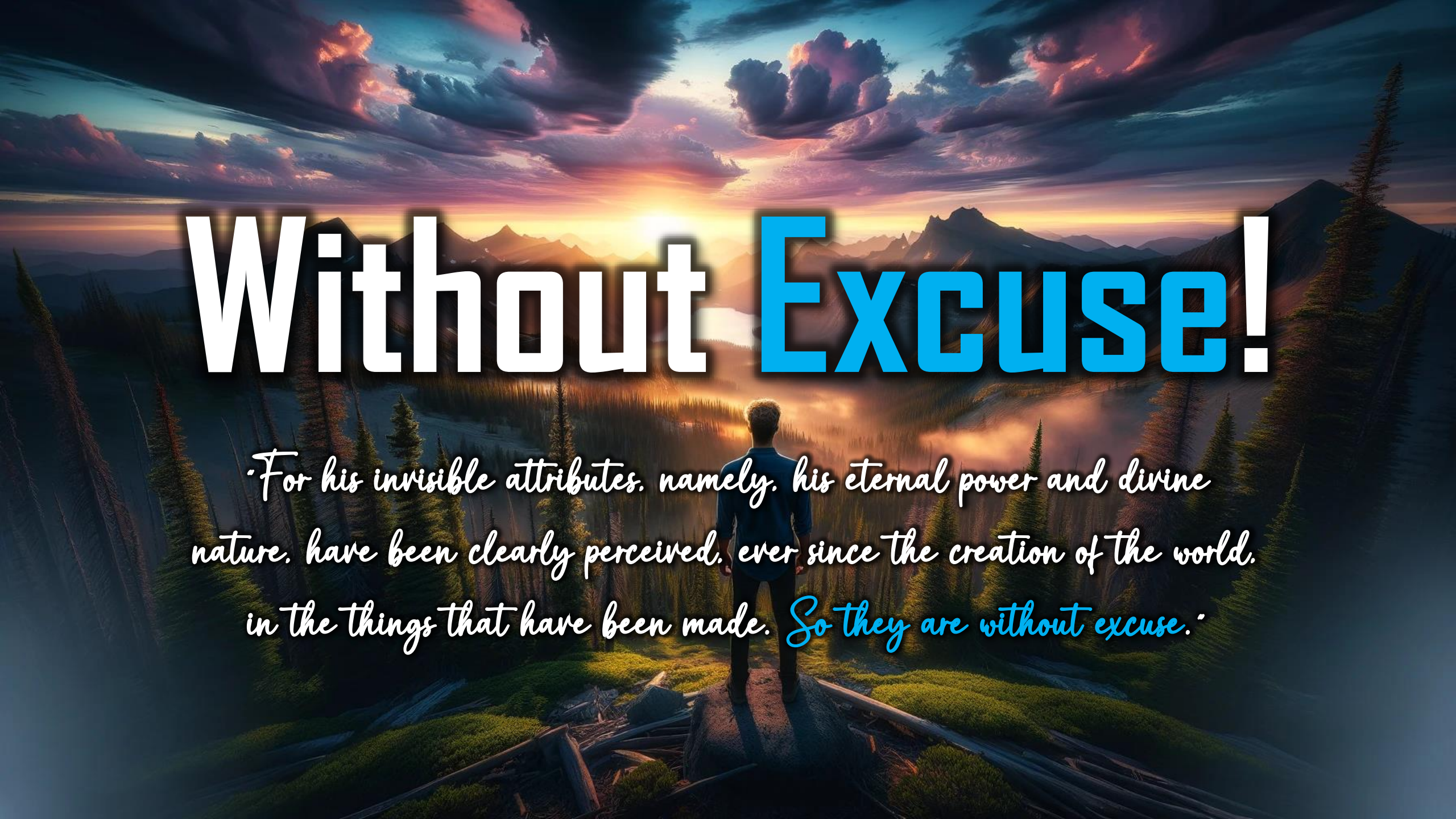


A person stands on a mossy log in a dense forest, looking out over a valley at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the mountains and the forest. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

Without Excuse!

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The **Irrefutable** Evidence of God!

- Those that Deny Gods existence are Without Excuse
 - For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

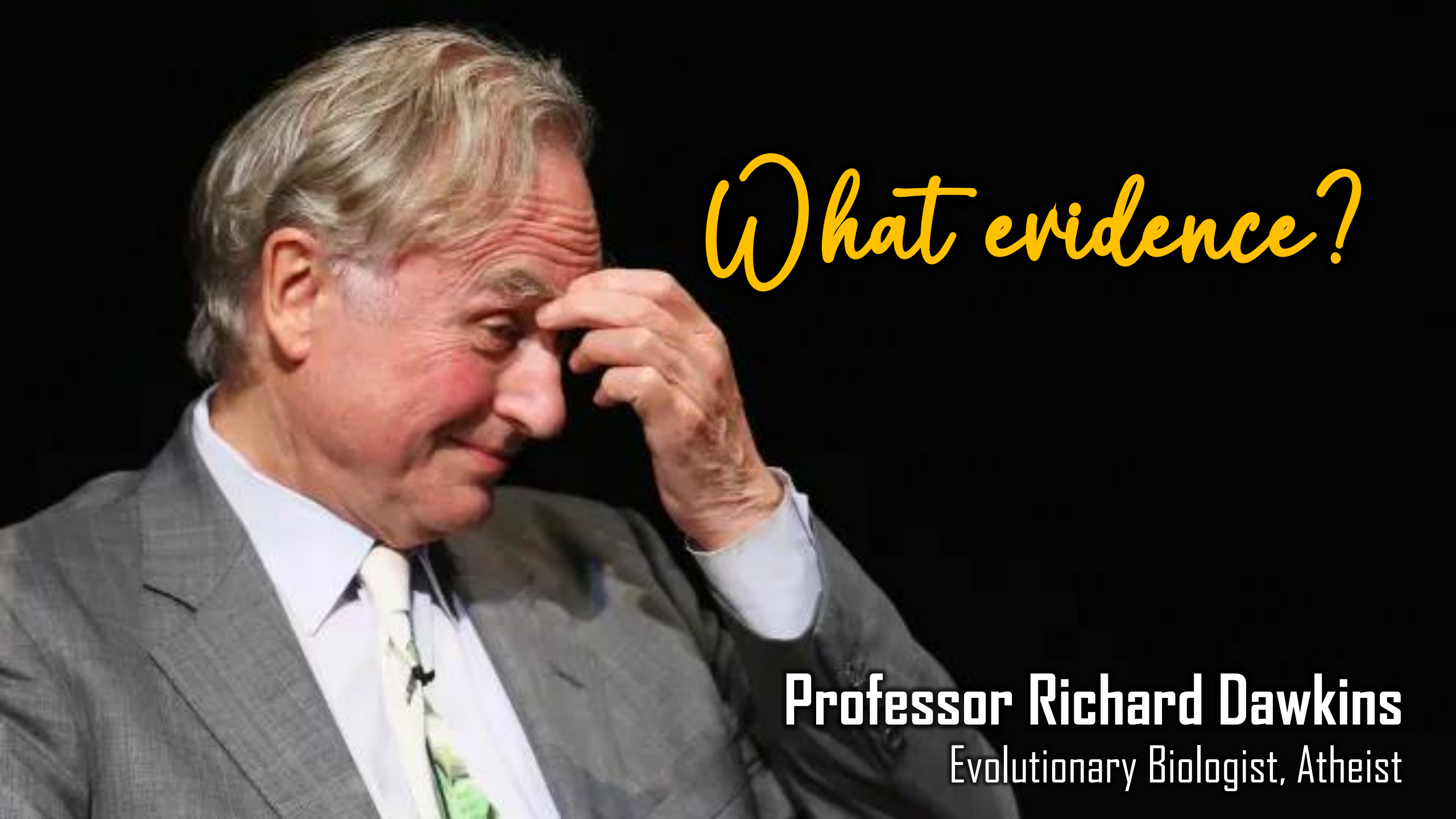
Romans 1:18-20

- Clearly Perceived: behold fully, experience, and understand
- Without Excuse: anapologētos there is No-Excuse, or defense

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Without Righteousness: Why is God Angry?

- The Ungodliness and Unrighteousness of Man
 - Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness ^{G763} and unrighteousness ^{G93} of men, who hold ^{G2722} the truth in unrighteousness;
 - **Ungodliness**: G763 – lack of reverence for God, for failing to worship and honor God as He deserves. (vertical relationship with God)
 - **Unrighteousness** G93 - moral wrongs and unjust actions that violate ethical principles. (horizontal relationship with each other)
 - **Hold** G2722 - Their actions they suppress the truth they know exists

A photograph of Professor Richard Dawkins, an older man with grey hair, wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and a light green patterned tie. He is looking down and to his right, with his right hand raised to his forehead in a thoughtful or contemplative gesture. The background is dark.

What evidence?

Professor Richard Dawkins
Evolutionary Biologist, Atheist

Man Has **Corrupted** Gods Image

- Man has inhabited his image with ungodliness
 - God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Psa 53:2-3
- Humanity has pursued unrighteousness as a passion
 - And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, Romans 1:28-29

Without God: This is the Result

1. Changed God: Remove the Rule Maker

- Romans 1:23 And changed ^{G236} the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things
- *Changed: G236 – To Make Different, Change from one form to another (exchange)*

2. Changed Truth: Remove the Rules

- Romans 1:25 Who changed ^{G3337} the truth of God into a lie, and (they) worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
- *Changed: G3337 - profound change, exchanging one form of behavior/belief for another.*

3. Changed Morality: Remove the Guilt

- Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change ³³³⁷ the natural use into that which is against nature:

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The **Result** of Removing God

- God calls Moses to the mountain
 - Exo 24:12 The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”
- The call to choose a side
 - Exo 32:26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Who is on the LORD's side? Come to me.” And all the sons of Levi gathered around him.

We Too are Without Excuse!

- We cannot associate with the world
 - Rom 1:32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.
- There are 2 types of responses
 - Rom 2:7-8 to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; (8) but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

How are We Without Excuse?

We Must have Spiritual Discernment against Deception

- We have been warned about human philosophy
 - **Colossians 2:8**: "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ."
- There will be Persecution about the Pressure to Conform
 - **2 Timothy 3:12-13**: "In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived."

How Are we Without Excuse?

- We have been called on to uphold Biblical truths!
- False Teachers and Doctrines in our midst
 - 2 Peter 2:1-3: "But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute."

How Are we **Without Excuse?**

- We know about Moral Decay and Lawlessness
 - **2 Timothy 3:1-5:** "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people."

How Are we **Without Excuse?**

- We have the sure word of prophecy before us
 - **2 Peter 1:19-21:** "We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

Signs of the Last Days Are Here

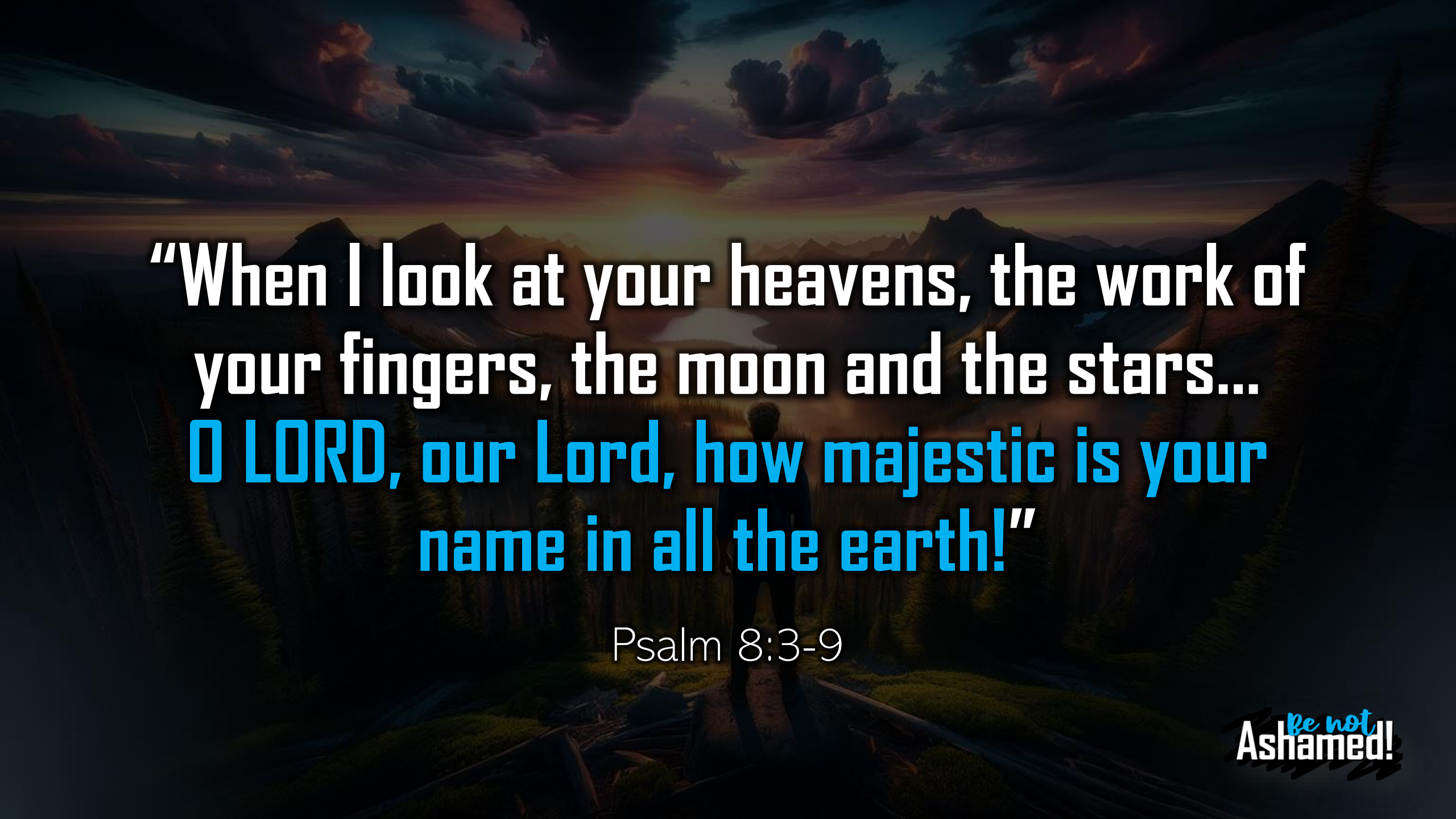
- The Words of our Lord should ring in our ears
 - Matt 24:5-14 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places
- We have an assurance from our Lord
 - But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Hope in the Last Days

- But we have God on our side — and hope
 - **Hebrews 13:5**: "God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"
- The reward for Faithfulness
 - **2 Timothy 4:8**: "Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

Responsibility to Uphold Biblical Truth

- Our ecclesia's need to teach clear biblical principles
 - Jud 1:3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.
- We have to address and expose the issues of the day
- We need to provide a safe place for discussion

A person stands on a forest path, looking out over a vast landscape at sunset. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds in shades of orange, red, and purple. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible, with a calm lake reflecting the sky's colors. The foreground shows a path leading through a forest of tall evergreen trees.

**“When I look at your heavens, the work of
your fingers, the moon and the stars...
O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your
name in all the earth!”**

Psalm 8:3-9

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