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The Attributes of God

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Proverbs 8:1-36

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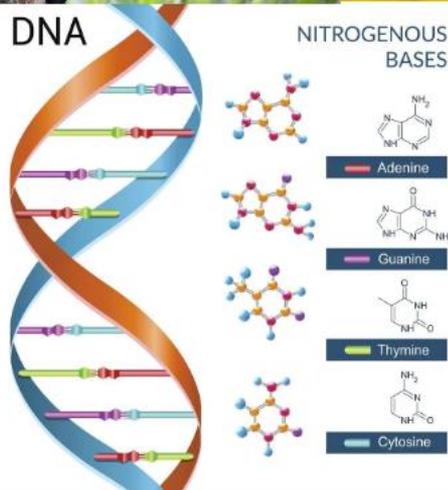
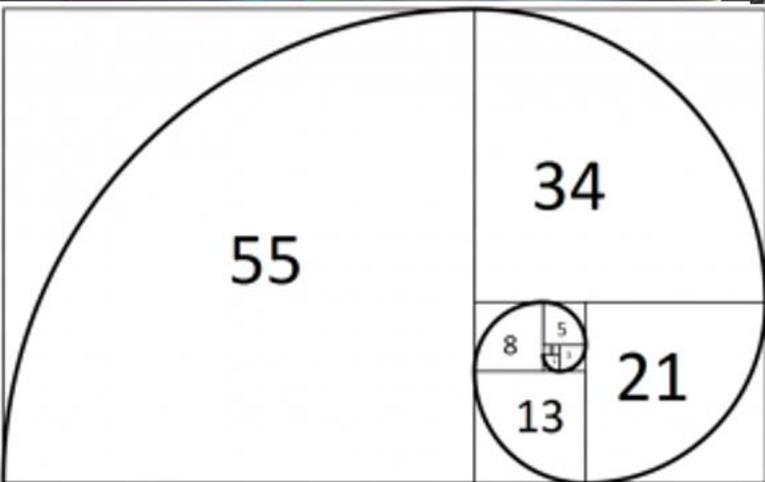
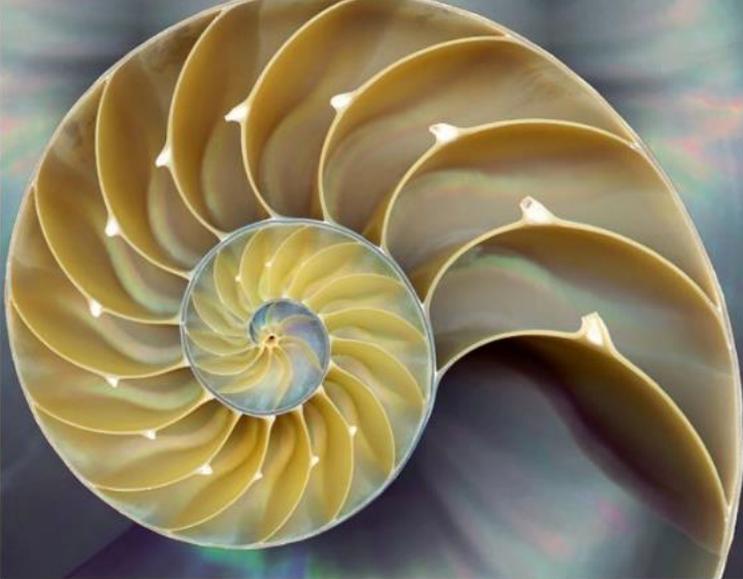
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- *John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God... 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

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- *I Corinthians 1:24, 30 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God... 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,*

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The background of the image is a night sky featuring the Milky Way galaxy. The galaxy's core is visible as a bright, yellowish-white band of light, surrounded by a dense field of stars. The colors of the galaxy transition from yellow and orange near the core to blue and purple towards the edges. At the bottom of the image, there is a dark silhouette of a mountain range against the horizon.

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