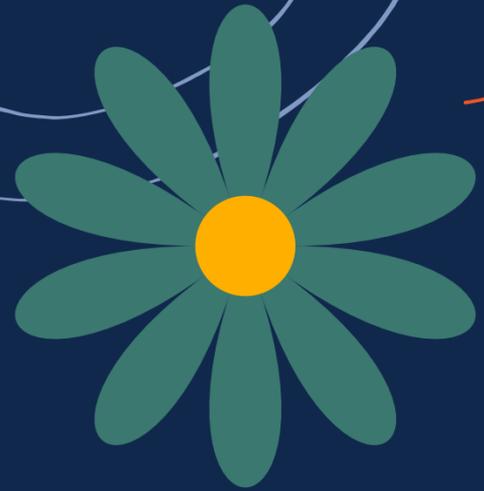
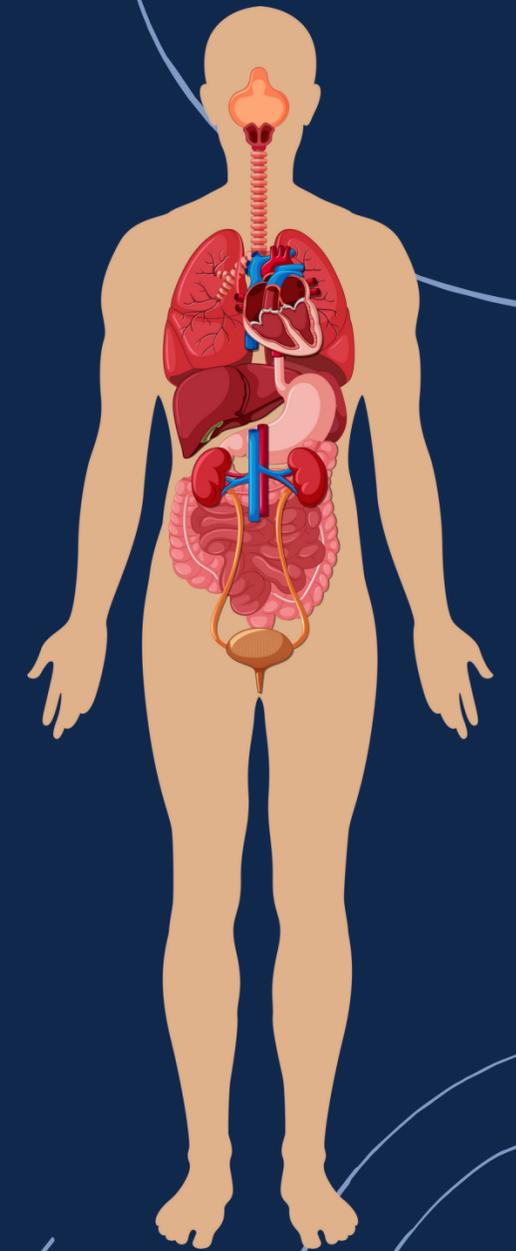
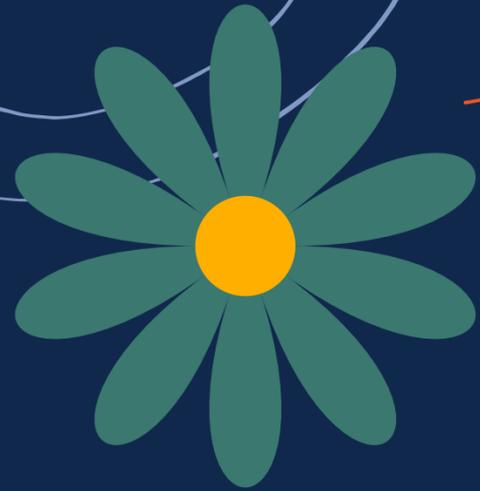


The Teleological Argument for the Existence of God





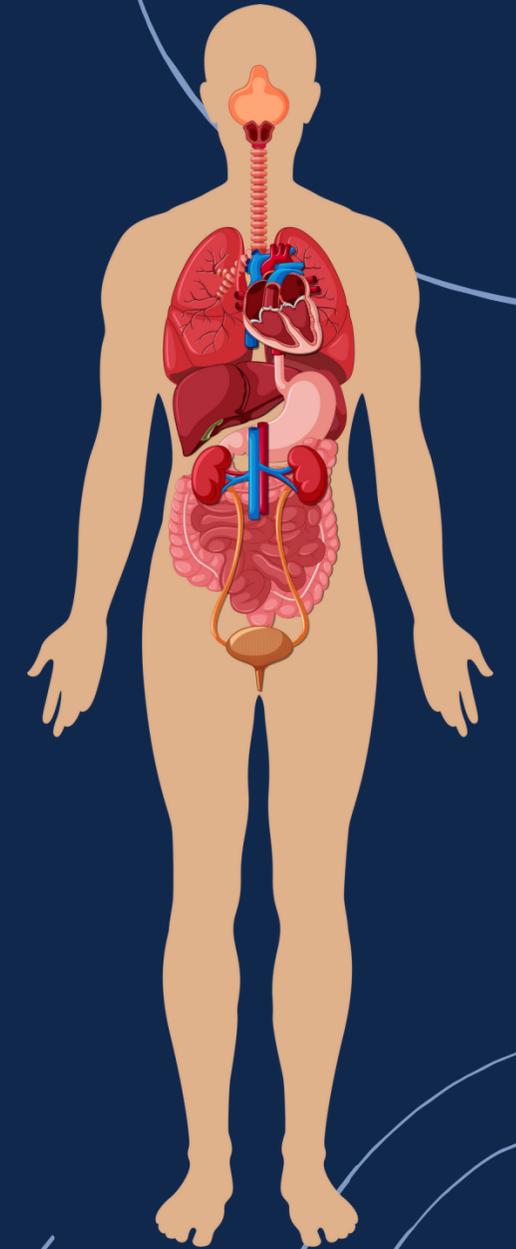
Teleology:

a belief that natural phenomena are determined not only by mechanical causes but by an overall design or purpose; the doctrine of design & purpose in the material world

a.k.a.

Intelligent Design:

the theory that the universe and its complex life forms cannot be explained solely by natural causes, and thus an intelligent higher power contributed to the origins of the universe



How do I know God exists?

What I See:

- Nature
- Animals
- Humans

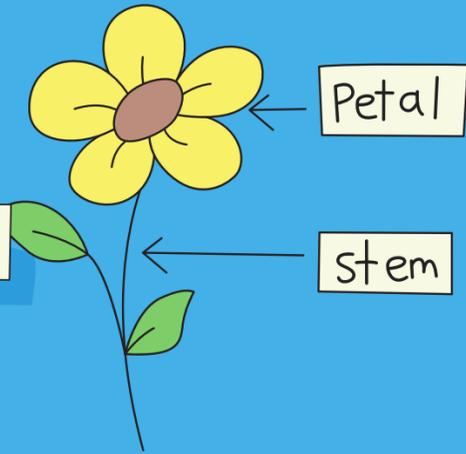
Nature

Flower

A flower seems like a pretty simple piece of nature.



PARTS OF A FLOWER



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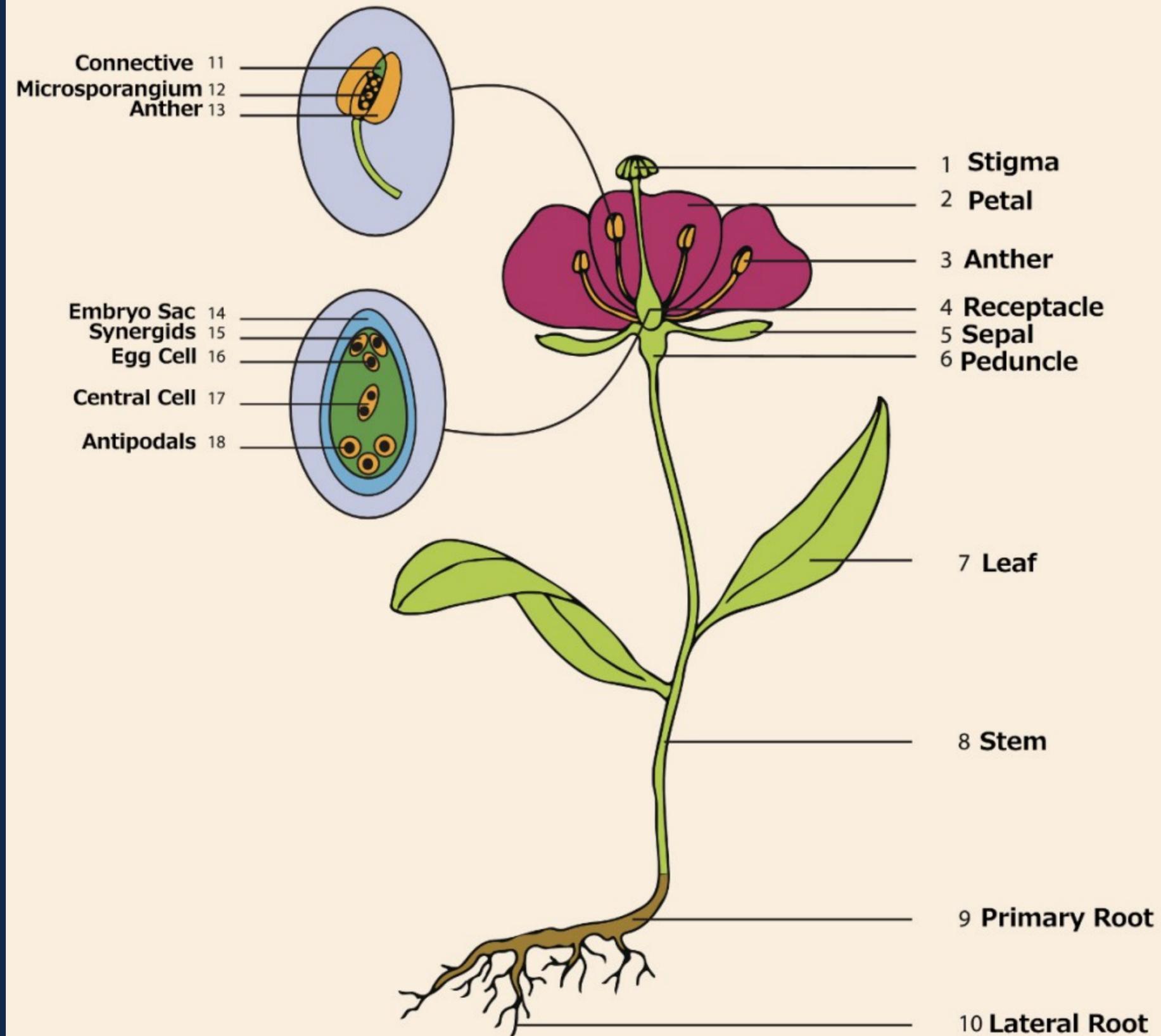
Petal

stem

Flower

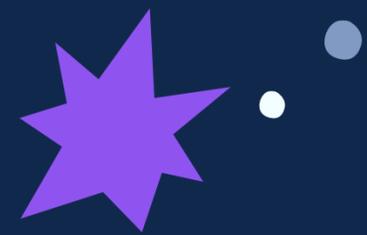
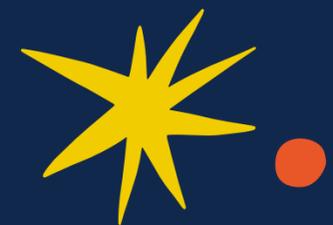


However, looking at this diagram of a flower, we see that there is a more complex design and system in place just for one single flower.



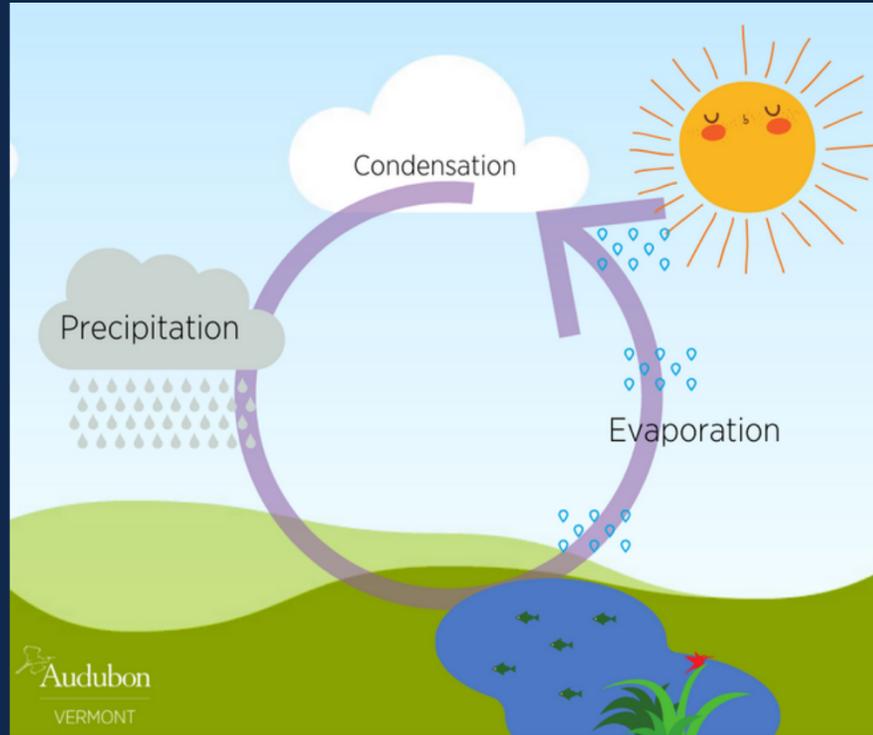
Water

Rain, lakes, ponds, etc. Water is a pretty simple part of nature... right?





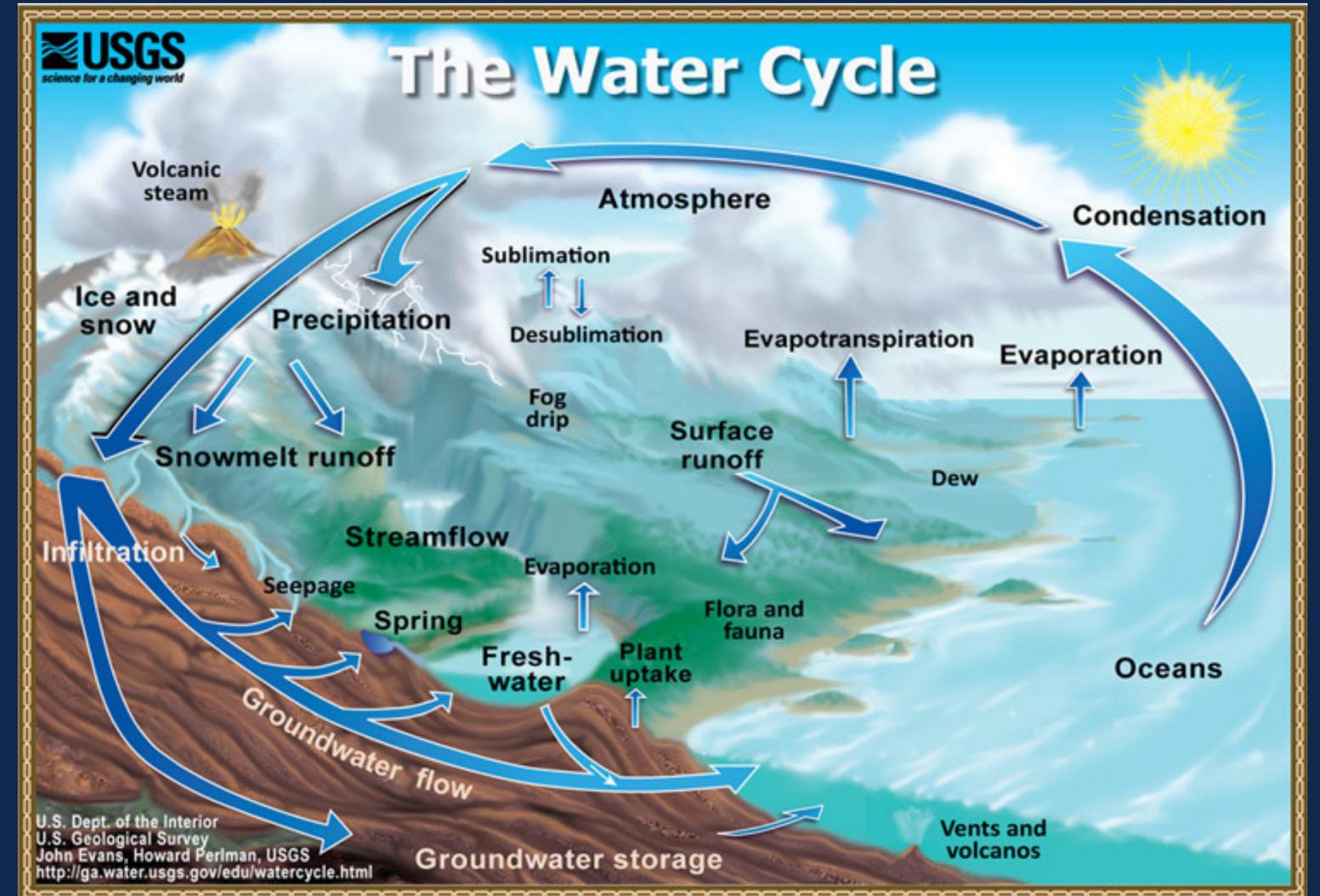
Water



Elementary Version

Let's think again... there is so much happening here!

Big People Version



Animals



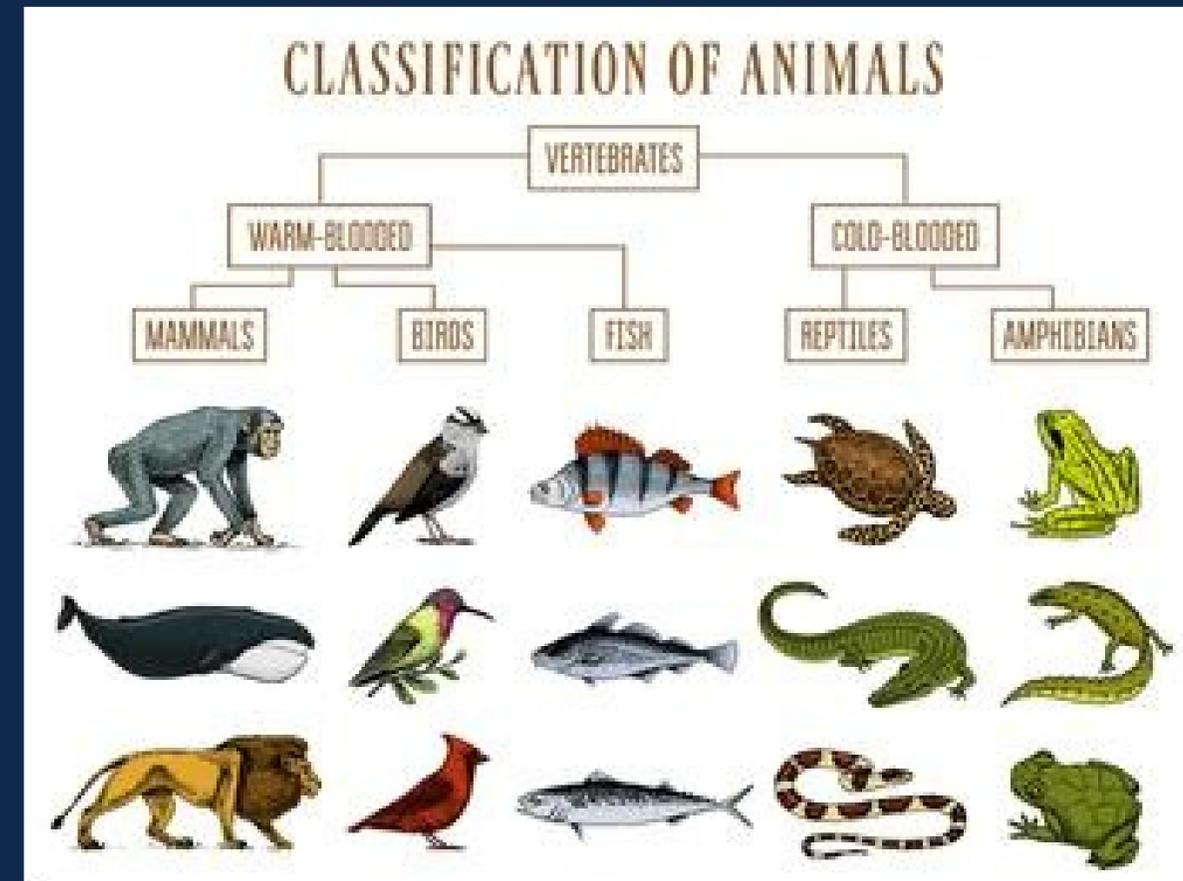
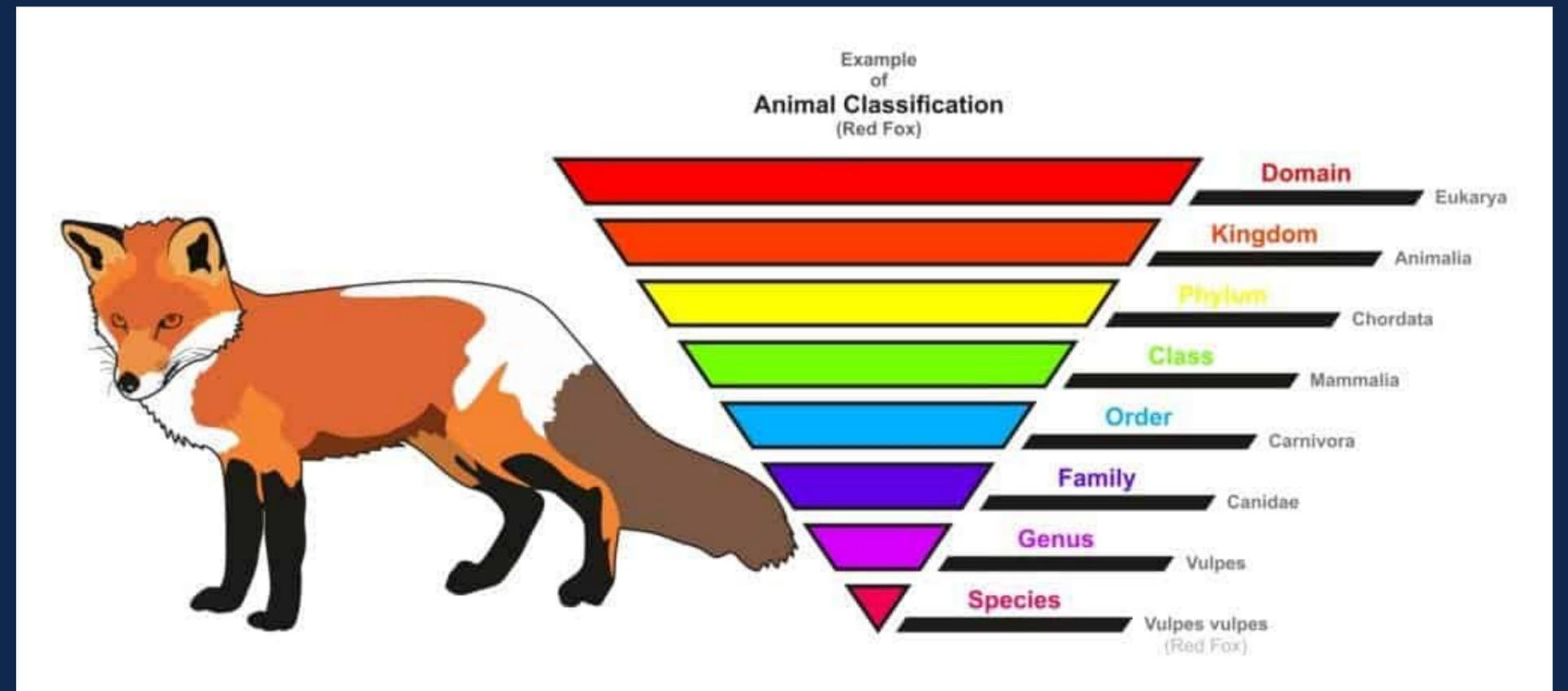
The Animal Kingdom

From insects to hump back whales, we see animals all over the place in our daily lives.



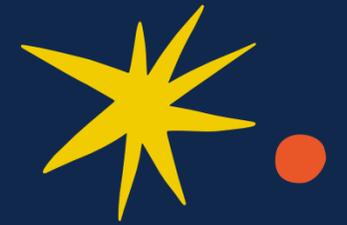
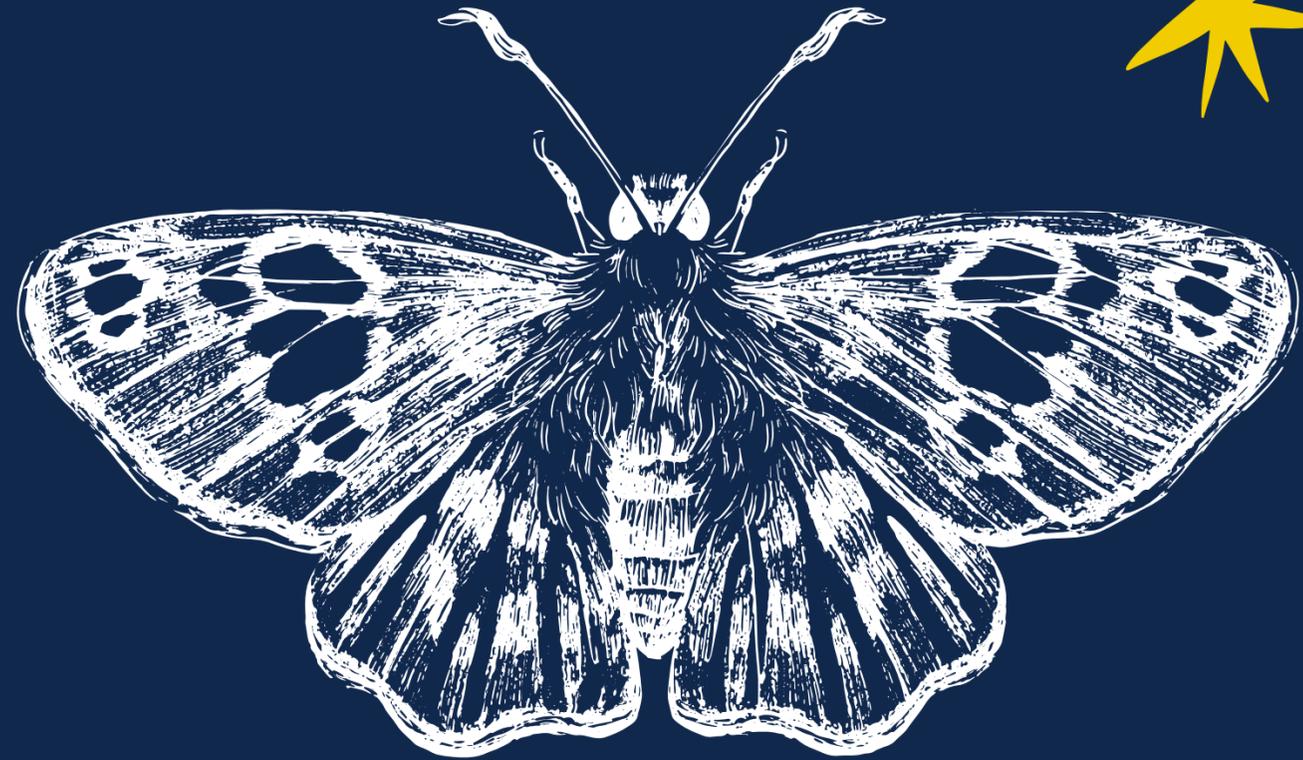
The Animal Kingdom

When we look at the Animal Kingdom as a whole, it gets a little crazy! Kingdom - Phylum - Class - Order - Family... it's not that simple!



Lepidoptera

Lepidoptera is an order of insects that includes butterflies and moths. About 180,000 species of the Lepidoptera are described, in 126 families and 46 superfamilies, 10 percent of the total described species of living organisms. It is one of the most widespread and widely recognizable insect orders in the world.





IF YOU'RE PAYING
ATTENTION, YOU'RE
ALREADY STARTING TO
SEE A PATTERN...

Humans

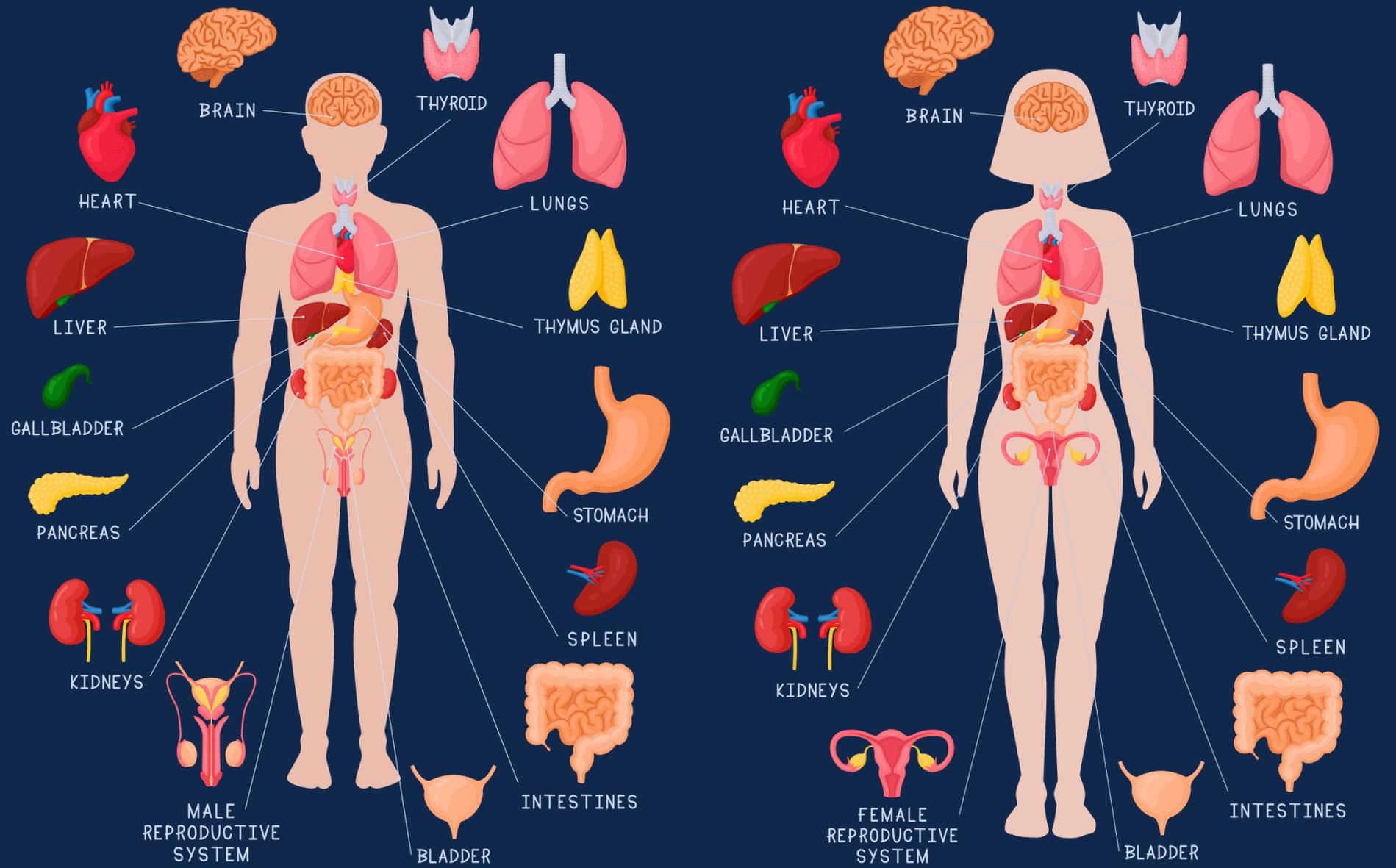
The Human Body

From the outside, a human looks pretty basic. Eyes, ears, nose, mouth, arms, feet... not too hard to comprehend.



The Human Body

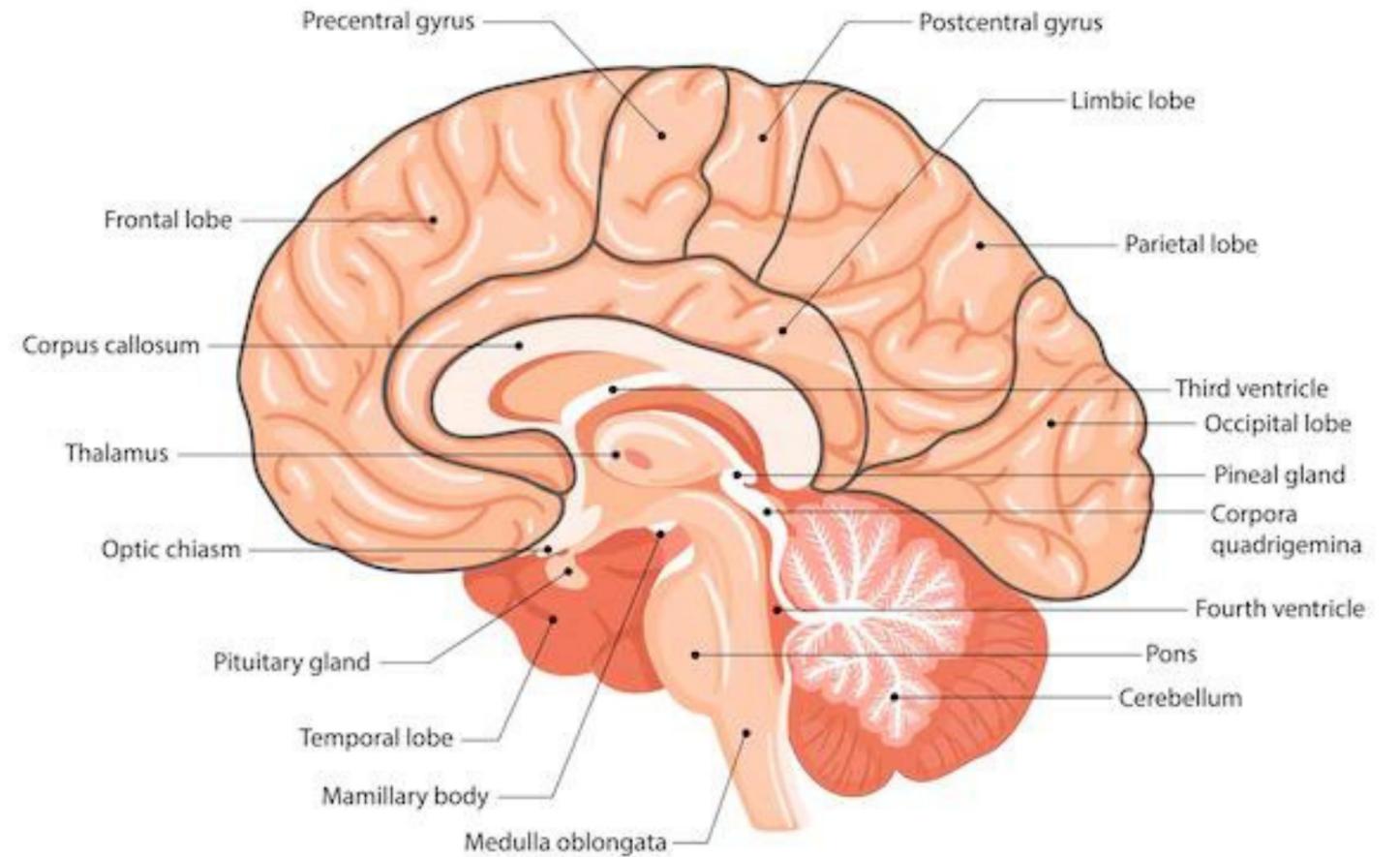
When we take a look INSIDE the human body, things change! We see what all makes up our physical body.



The Human Body

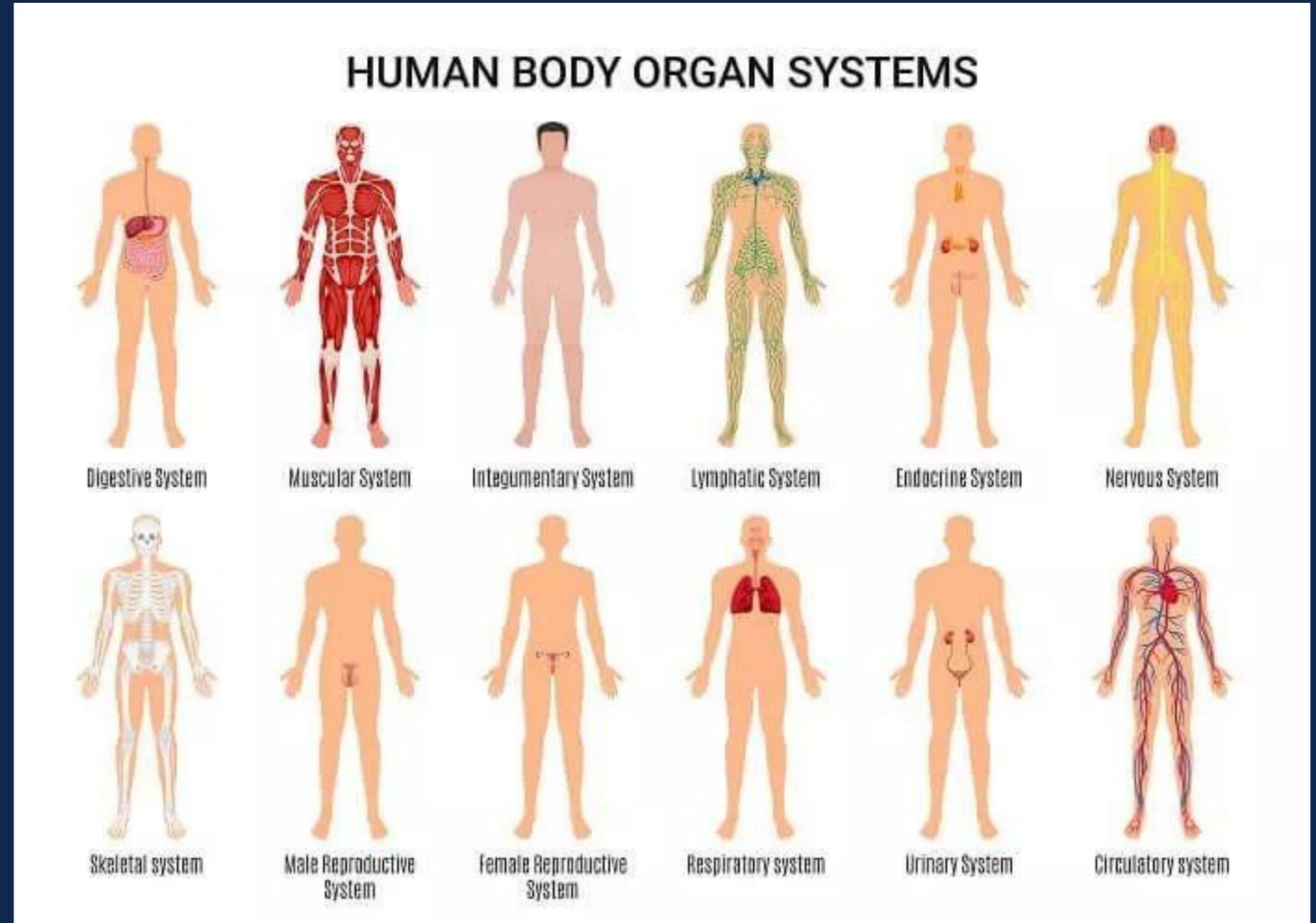
Now let's focus in on just ONE organ, and what we find is mind-blowing!!

Human brain anatomy



The Human Body

And that's nothing compared to the complexity of how these systems in the body work together! There are 11 systems cooperating all at one time.



Object Lesson

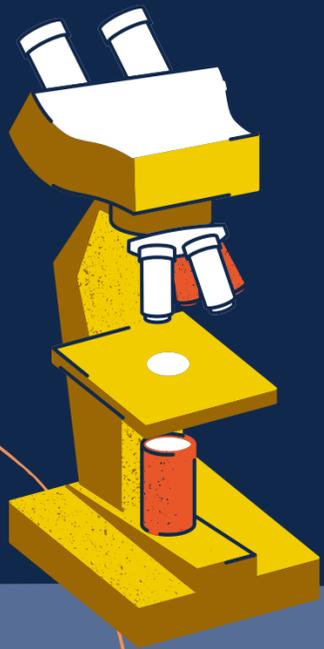


Let's take a look at
a bowl of legos!



HOW CAN I KNOW THAT GOD EXISTS?

I can make logical conclusions based on what I see in my everyday life. I can assume that if a simple object cannot come into existence without a designer, that there is no way even more complex objects can be created and work in order without a specific plan, designer, and creator. I can confidently believe that the creator of all I see is the God of the Bible - the only true God capable of such amazing and organized systems!



Romans 1:19-20

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.

