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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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■ **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



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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 ever rise to intelligent, technological beings is open to speculation. However, if such life could be detected across interstellar distances, it may actually offer our best hope of discovering extraterrestrial life in the universe.

Advanced technological civilizations are a natural part of the effort. Currently the Center for SETI Research develops signal processing techniques to search for signals from advanced technological civilizations in the radio spectrum.



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

From the Academy Award-Winning Director of "Forrest Gump" and Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author of "Contact."

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A message from deep space.
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A journey to the heart of the universe.

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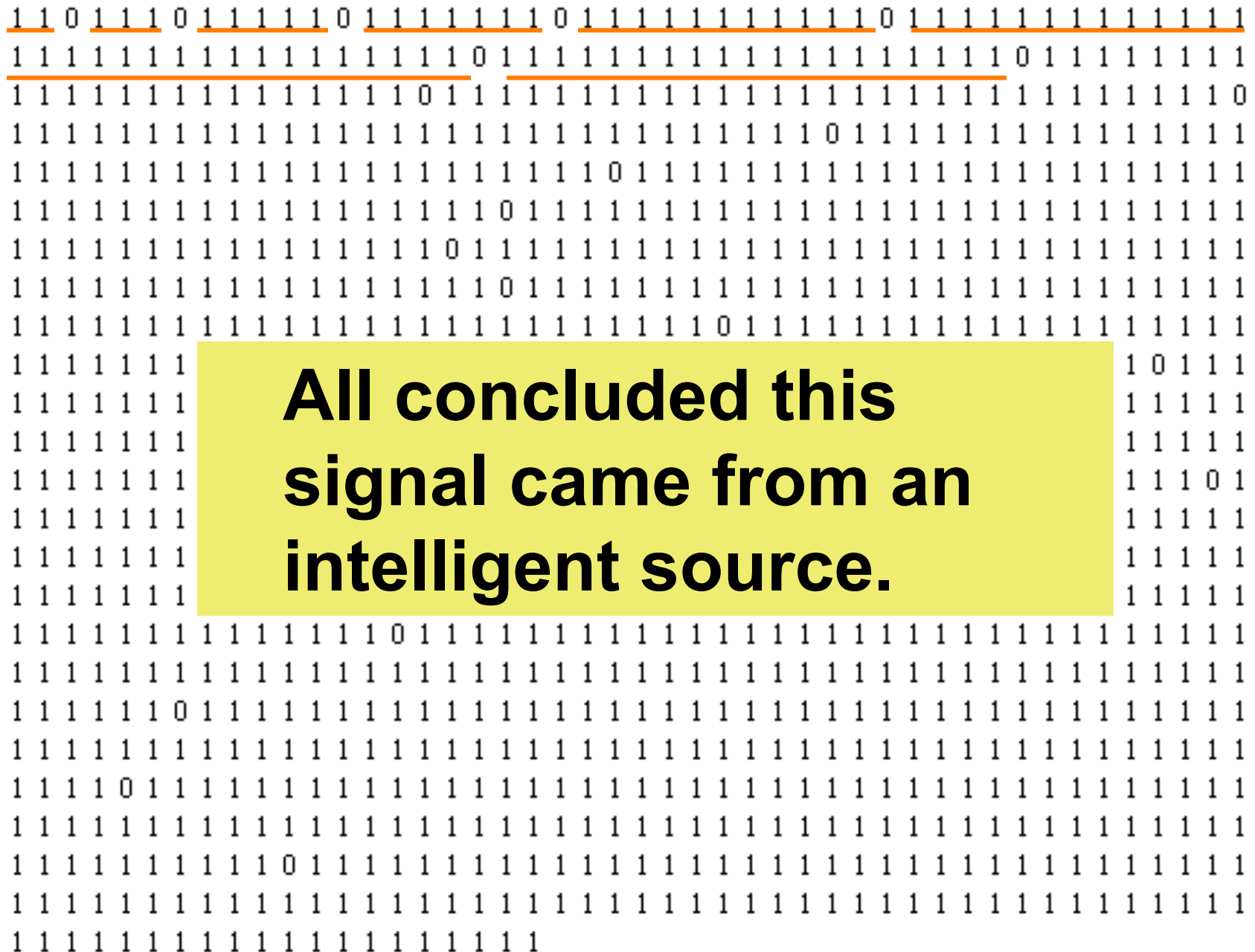
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**This sequence contains
the first
25 prime numbers!**

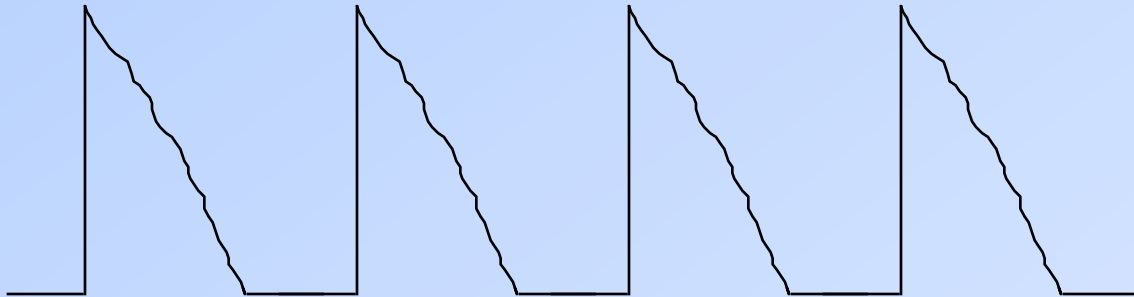
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**All concluded this
signal came from an
intelligent source.**

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Signal Received from Space

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

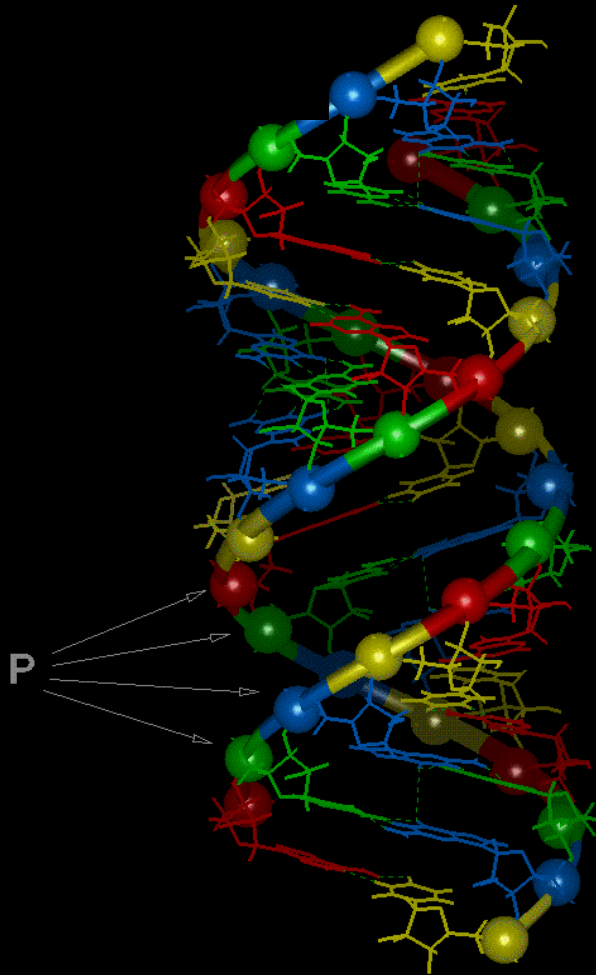
Signs of Intelligent Design Right Here on Earth

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- **Anthony Flew “had to go where the evidence leads.”**

DNA



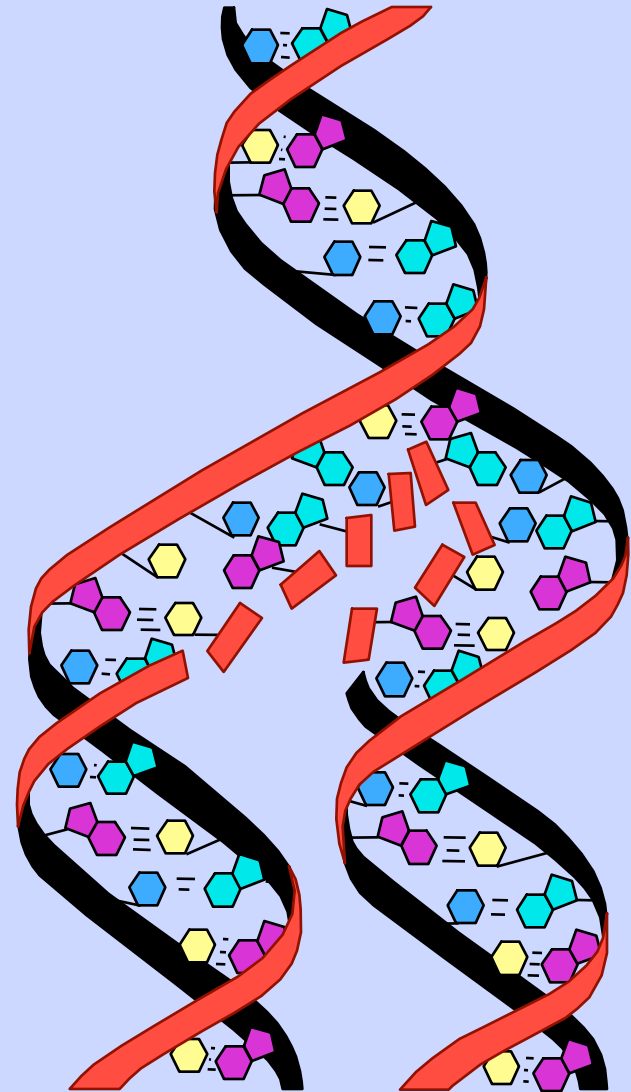
**Certain
characteristic
structure**

**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!!

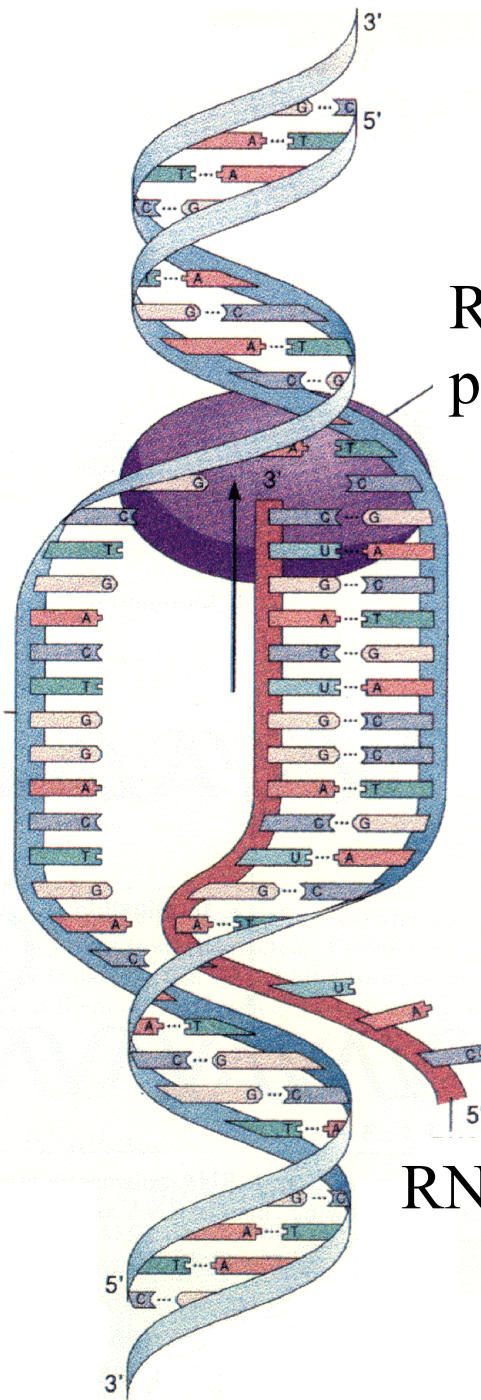
DNA Transcription

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DNA strand
(not transcribed)

RNA
polymerase

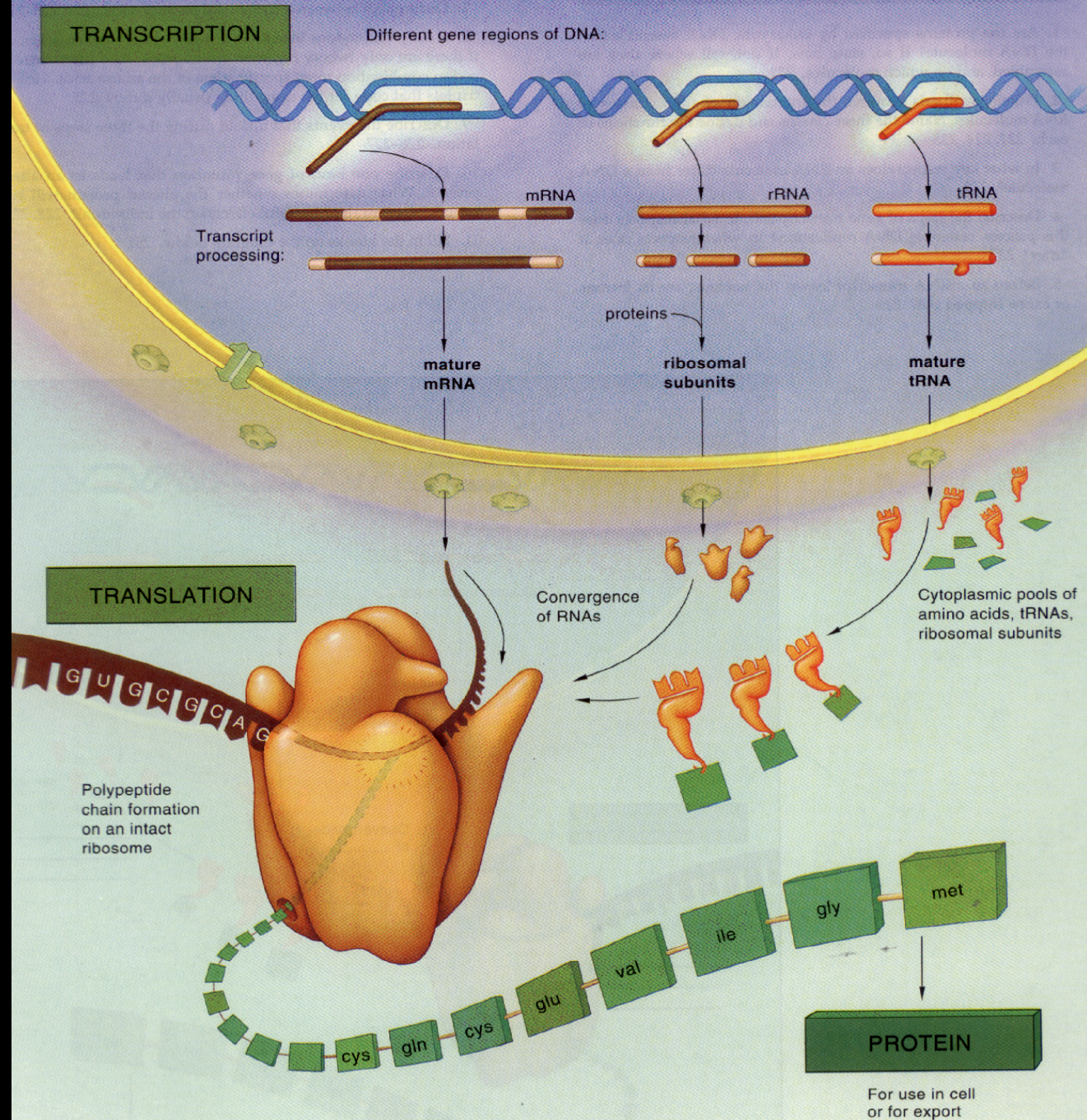
Template
DNA strand
(transcribed)

RNA

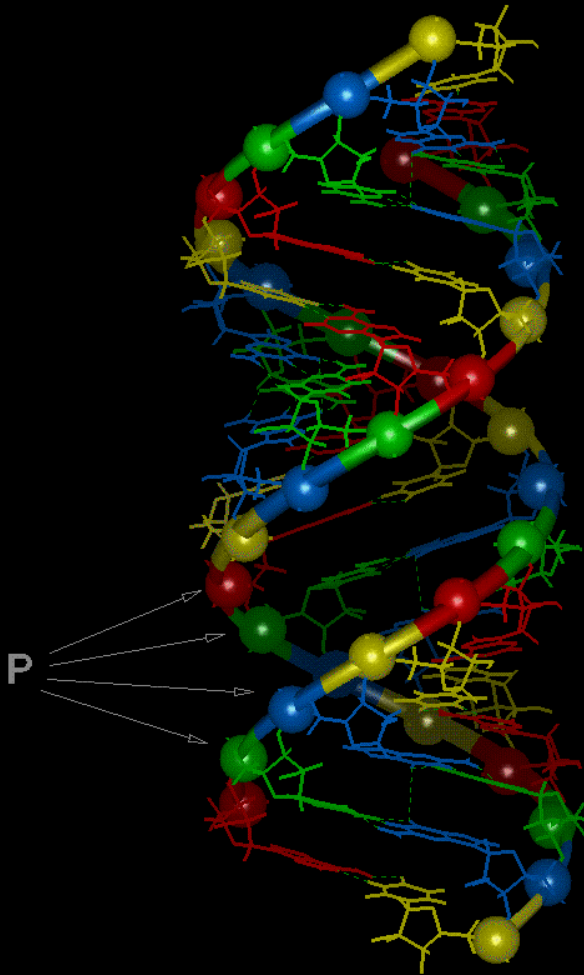


Protein Building

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)**

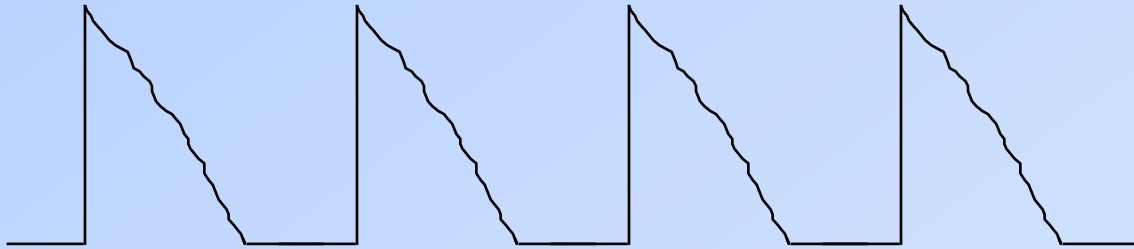
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3. The organism provides an informational context

- **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.”