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Chapter 2

Daniel 2: 1 (NASB)

*Now in the second year of
the reign of
Nebuchadnezzar,
Nebuchadnezzar had dreams;
and his spirit was troubled
and his sleep left him.*

Question

This is occurring after Daniel has been approved to serve the king in chapter 1, how long did the preparation period last?

3 years

Daniel 1: 5 (NASB)

*The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated **three years**, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service.*

Question

Remember Nebuchadnezzar took Daniel as a hostage when he first marched through Judah because his father was dying and he needed to get back to the funeral and prepare to take over as king.

Question

So if Nebuchadnezzar became king when Daniel was taken captive, and it took 3 years of education before Daniel could enter the king's service, how is this the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar?

Daniel used Babylon dating which counts the first year as the accession year and is not counted among the years of his reign while Hebrew dating counts all years. This reinforces the absolute accuracy of the Bible.

Question

What does it mean that his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him?

What kind of dreams was Nebuchadnezzar having?

Question

What happens to you when
you go without sleep?

Question

Do you think there is any significance to the fact that God is revealing prophecy to a pagan king and not through one of his prophets?

Question

Israel had become just as ungodly as the pagan world so this could also be considered a chastisement by God.

Question

Note-it takes a man of God
to interpret the prophecy so
a godly prophet is still
involved.

Daniel 2: 2 (NASB)

Then the king gave orders to call in the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams.

Which group did Daniel belong to?

Let's find out who these
characters are!

Magicians

The atheistic, humanistic academia of that age that studied the things of nature, and the natural causes of things. The chemists with their magic potions as well as other scientists.

Conjurers

The astrologers who could predict the future by the position and influence of the stars. They could predict the future by consulting the horoscopes.

Sorcerers

The mediums that talk with the spirits of the dead, and the necromancers that consulted the dead, in order to get knowledge of future things. These are the ones that held séances.

Chaldeans

The leading group of the wise men. The wisest and most knowledgeable of all of Babylon. The philosophers and the educated elite.

Question

Who did the people of Judah consult about their future before they were taken captive into Babylon because of their sins?

Jeremiah 27: 9

"But as for you, do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your dreamers, your soothsayers or your sorcerers who speak to you, saying, 'You will not serve the king of Babylon.'

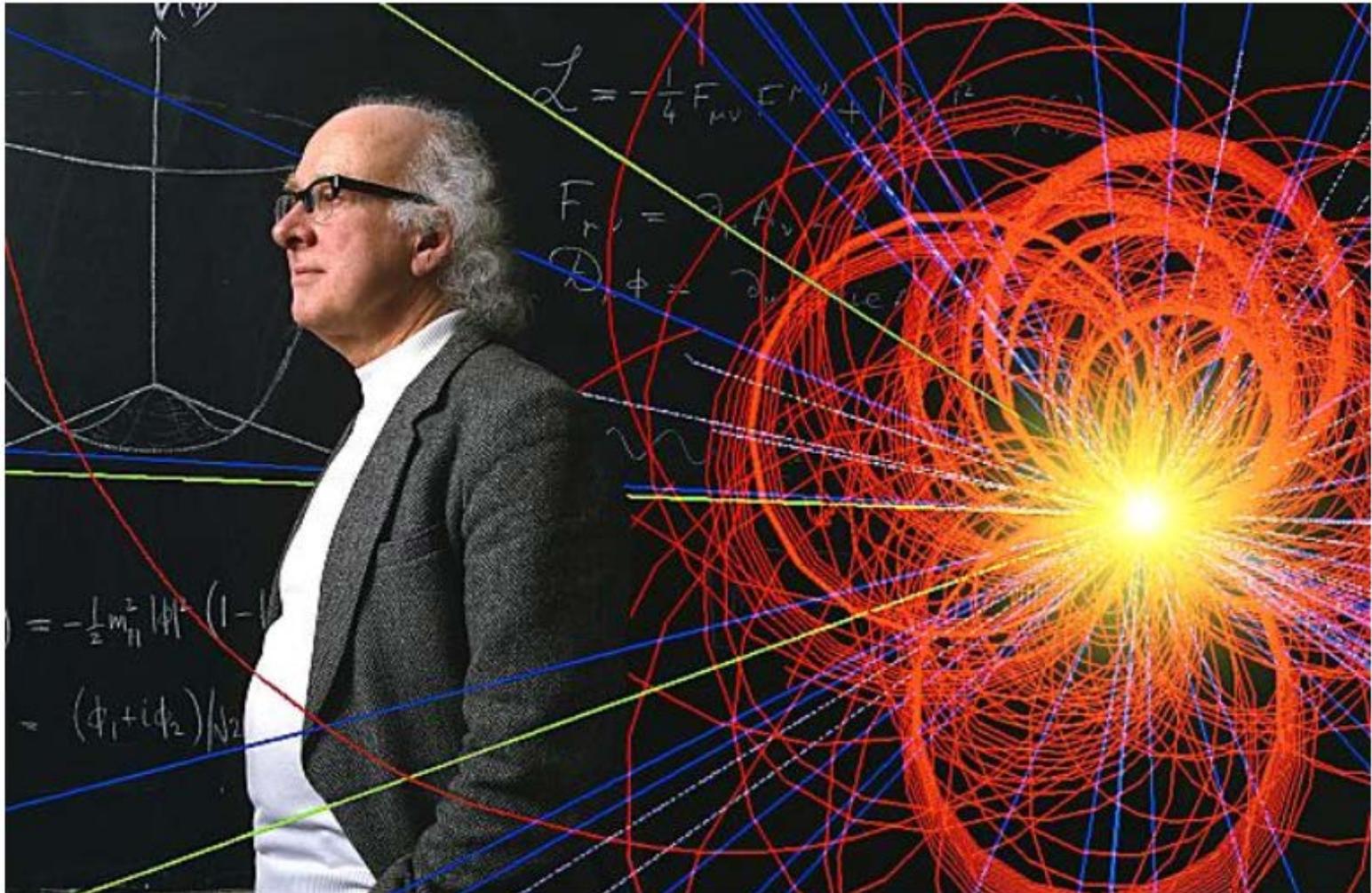
Question

Who does society consult today when they are trying to find out what is going to happen in the future?

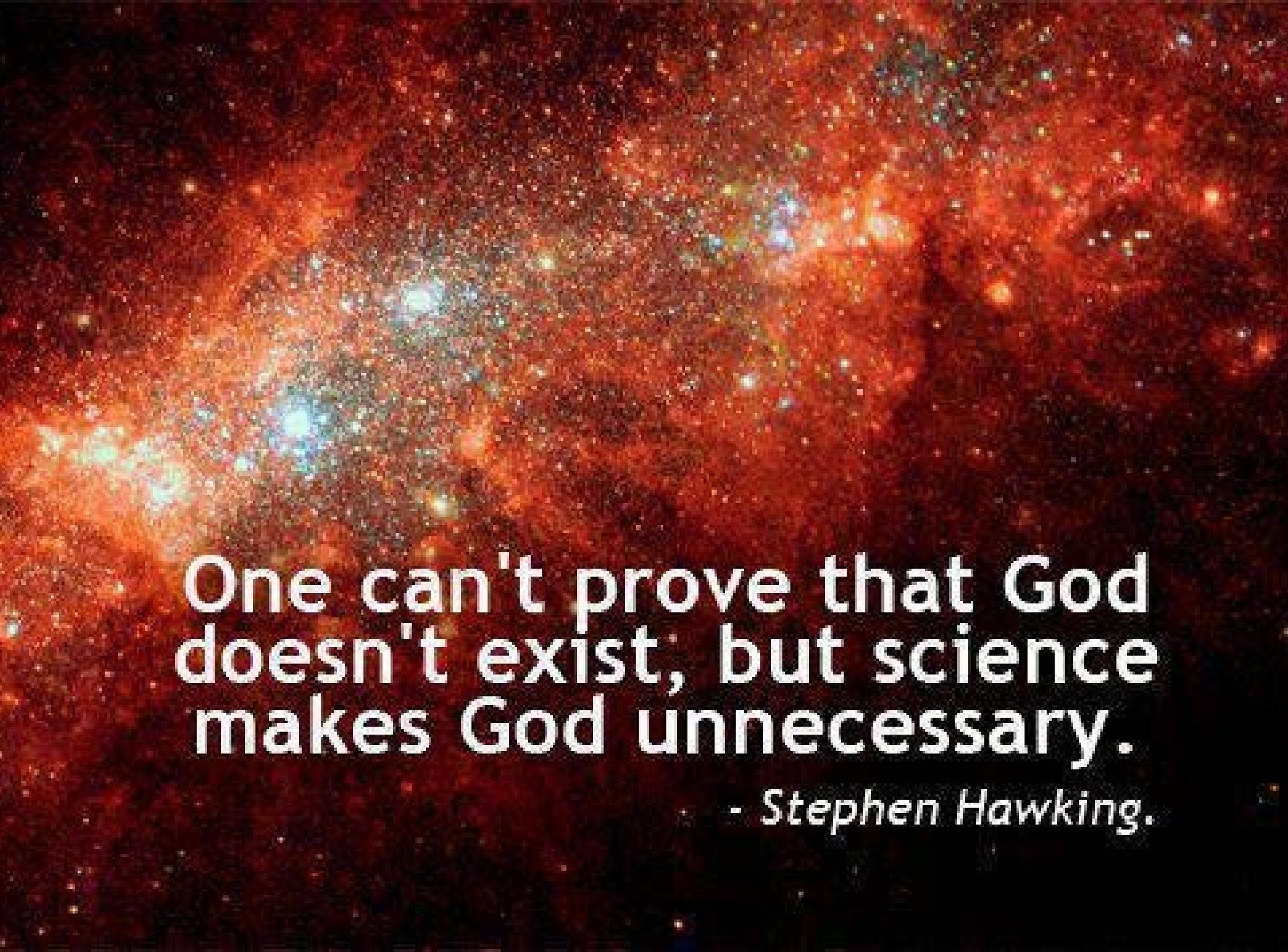
The Magicians

God Particle Discovered, Science Is Freaking Out

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British scientist Peter Higgs wins Nobel for 'god particle' prediction



One can't prove that God
doesn't exist, but science
makes God unnecessary.

- *Stephen Hawking.*

The Conjurors





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Divine Messages

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Most of us have pondered heaven at some time. If you haven't, one glance at a stunning image of the universe from the world's most powerful telescope, ALMA (the Atacama Large Millimeter/sub millimeter Array), will jump-start your imagination. What else is out there? Who else is out there? Is anyone listening? Does heaven exist? Where do we go after we die? We have all measured our knowledge against the possibility of the presence of things we cannot fully perceive, or things that we cannot explain, like heaven or contact with spirits or ghosts.

Mediums are individuals who act as conduits that receive and share information from the Other Side. Lynn Darmon is a well-known local medium. She is a soft-spoken, admittedly low-tech, gentle woman with a warm demeanor. She is sought out by housewives, parents, authors, physicians, attorneys, psychologists, friends, CEOs, and others who are looking to connect with somebody who has passed.

The Chaldeans

Chaldean Numerology

For Beginners

How Your Name & Birthday Reveal Your True Nature & Life Path



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Daniel 2: 3 (NASB)

The king said to them, "I had a dream and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream."

Question

What is the king wanting to know and what does it mean that his spirit is “*anxious to understand the dream*”?

Daniel 2: 4 (NASB)

Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic: “O king, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation.”

Question

Why did the Chaldeans
answer the king in
Aramaic?

Aramaic was the language of the courts because there were multiple languages spoken in Babylon and Aramaic was the language that was understood by most everyone. Very similar to English today.

Note: The text is in
Aramaic from here through
Daniel 7: 28

Question

Why did the Chaldeans begin with “O king, live forever?”

It is the proper way to address the king. Similar to long live the king today.

Question

Why did the Chaldeans ask the king to first tell them the dream and then they would interpret it?

The Chaldeans had dream encyclopedias where they had recorded dreams for centuries. In these books they would log dreams and then they would record what happened to the person after the dream so they were going to research their dream interpretation books.

This would take considerable time to dig through all the dream manuals and dream charts but given enough time the Chaldeans were confident they could interpret the dream.

Question

What is the Chaldean's
problem with this
approach?

The king forgot the dream!

Daniel 2: 5 (NASB)

The king replied to the Chaldeans, "The command from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb and your houses will be made a rubbish heap.

Question

Can someone read
Daniel 2: 5 from the KJV?

Did you catch the
difference?

Daniel 2: 5 (NASB)

*The king replied to the Chaldeans, “**The command from me is firm**: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb and your houses will be made a rubbish heap.*

Daniel 2: 5 (KJV)

*The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, **The thing is gone from me**: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.*

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Question

Does the king sound angry?

Do you think deep down the king believes in these people?

Note: Daniel is just a rookie so he would not have been present at this meeting.

This threat from the king was not uncommon. When someone had dishonored the king they would be cut into pieces, their house burned and a public outhouse placed on the property where the house stood.

Listen as King Jehu did
this very thing to those
worshiping baal. Note he
is the tenth king of the
northern Kingdom of
Israel

2 Kings 10: 18-27 (NLT)

Then Jehu called a meeting of all the people of the city and said to them, “Ahab’s worship of Baal was nothing compared to the way I will worship him!

Therefore, summon all the prophets and worshipers of Baal, and call together all his priests.

See to it that every one of them comes, for I am going to offer a great sacrifice to Baal. Anyone who fails to come will be put to death.” But Jehu’s cunning plan was to destroy all the worshipers of Baal.

Then Jehu ordered, “Prepare a solemn assembly to worship Baal!” So they did. He sent messengers throughout all Israel summoning those who worshiped Baal. They all came, not a single one remained behind

they filled the temple of Baal from one end to the other. And Jehu instructed the keeper of the wardrobe, “Be sure that every worshiper of Baal wears one of these robes.” So robes were given to them.

Then Jehu went into the temple of Baal with Jehonadab son of Recab. Jehu said to the worshipers of Baal, “Make sure no one who worships the Lord is here—only those who worship Baal.”

So they were all inside the temple to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had stationed eighty of his men outside the building and had warned them, “If you let anyone escape, you will pay for it with your own life.”

As soon as Jehu had finished sacrificing the burnt offering, he commanded his guards and officers, “Go in and kill all of them. Don’t let a single one escape!” So they killed them all with their swords, and the guards and officers dragged their bodies outside.

Then Jehu's men went into the innermost fortress of the temple of Baal. They dragged out the sacred pillar used in the worship of Baal and burned it.

They smashed the sacred pillar
and wrecked the temple of
Baal, converting it into a
public toilet, as it remains to
this day.

Why did I say the northern
kingdom of Israel did not have
a single good king?

2 Kings 10: 28-31

In this way, Jehu destroyed every trace of Baal worship from Israel. He did not, however, destroy the gold calves at Bethel and Dan, with which Jeroboam son of Nebat had caused Israel to sin.

Nonetheless the Lord said to Jehu, “You have done well in following my instructions to destroy the family of Ahab. Therefore, your descendants will be kings of Israel down to the fourth generation.”

But Jehu did not obey the Law of the Lord, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He refused to turn from the sins that Jeroboam had led Israel to commit.

Daniel 2: 6 (NASB)

But if you declare the dream and its interpretation, you will receive from me gifts and a reward and great honor; therefore declare to me the dream and its interpretation.”

Question

This is a demand from the king to either tell him his dream and the meaning of his dream or he will kill them by ripping them limb from limb and turn their home into a public toilet.

How do you think they responded?

Daniel 2: 7 (NASB)

They answered a second time and said, “Let the king tell the dream to his servants, and we will declare the interpretation.”

Question

Why are they insisting
that the king tell them
his dream?

Do you think their
answer will please the
king?

Daniel 2: 8-9 (NASB)

The king replied, "I know for certain that you are bargaining for time, inasmuch as you have seen that the command from me is firm, that if you do not make the dream known to me, there is only one decree for you.

Question

Why does the king think they are doing?

Asking for more time in hopes the king would cool down!

Daniel 2: 8-9 (NASB)

*The king replied, **I know for certain that you are bargaining for time,** inasmuch as you have seen that the command from me is firm, that if you do not make the dream known to me, **there is only one decree for you.***

Question

What is the only decree
for them according to the
king?

Daniel 2: 9 (NASB)

For you have agreed together to speak lying and corrupt words before me until the situation is changed; therefore tell me the dream, that I may know that you can declare to me its interpretation.”

Question

Does it sound like the king believes them and has faith that they will be able to tell him his dream?

Then they finally give
the king the Correct
answers. See if you can
spot the truth.

Daniel 2: 10 (NASB)

The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer or Chaldean.

Can you see what they
are doing with this
comment?

*“no great king or ruler
has ever asked anything
like this”*

Daniel 2: 11 (NASB)

Moreover, the thing which the king demands is difficult, and there is no one else who could declare it to the king except gods, whose dwelling place is not with mortal flesh.”

Question

Do you think this answer
will please the king?

Interesting Observation

Note: there are demonic spiritualists and other satanic individuals present that are unable to read the king's dreams-What does this tell us about satan?

Interesting Observation

I believe this is an indication that satan cannot read our thoughts, dreams or mind. Only God has access to these.

Daniel 2: 12-13 (NASB)

Because of this the king became indignant and very furious and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. So the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for Daniel and his friends to kill them.

Question

What is happening now?

Why is the king putting
an order out to kill
Daniel?