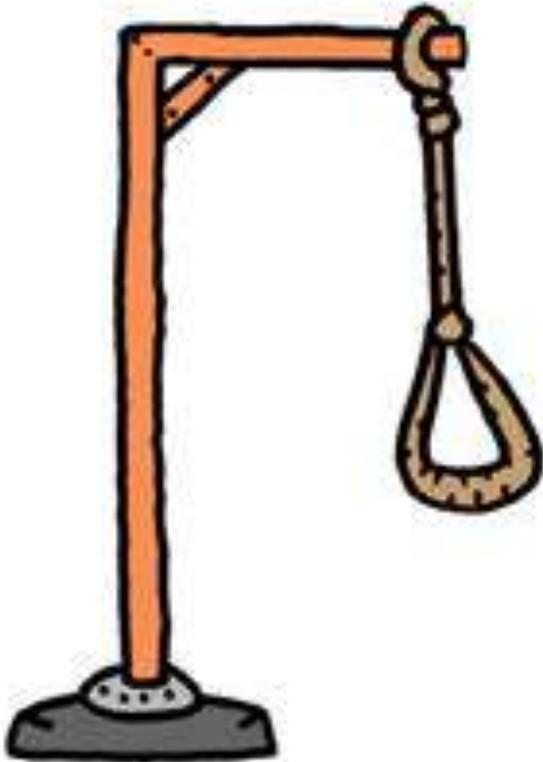


Title: The Self

LO: To understand Plato's analogies of the (a) chariot and (b) cave

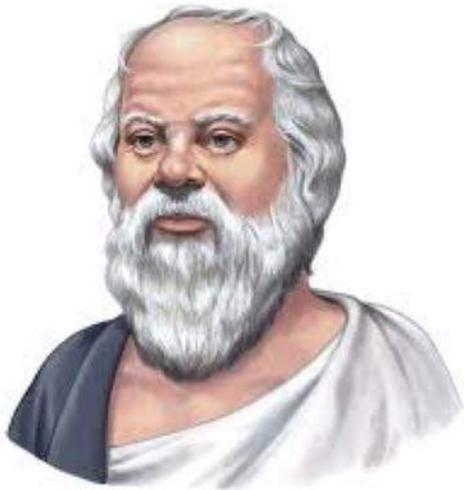
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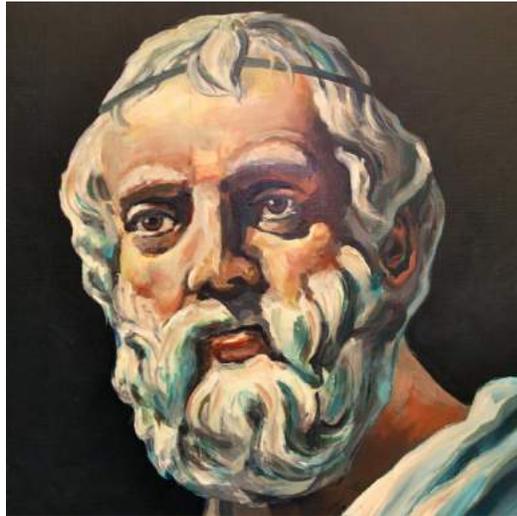
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During this term we learned that Western philosophy started in Ancient Greece. We have already mentioned the names of the following Greek Philosophers:



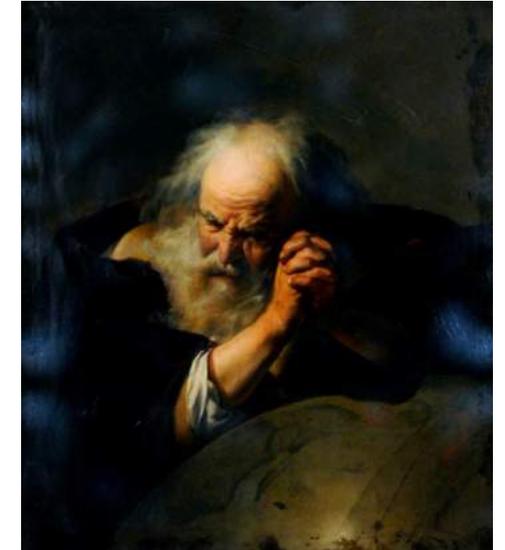
Socrates



Plato



Aristotle



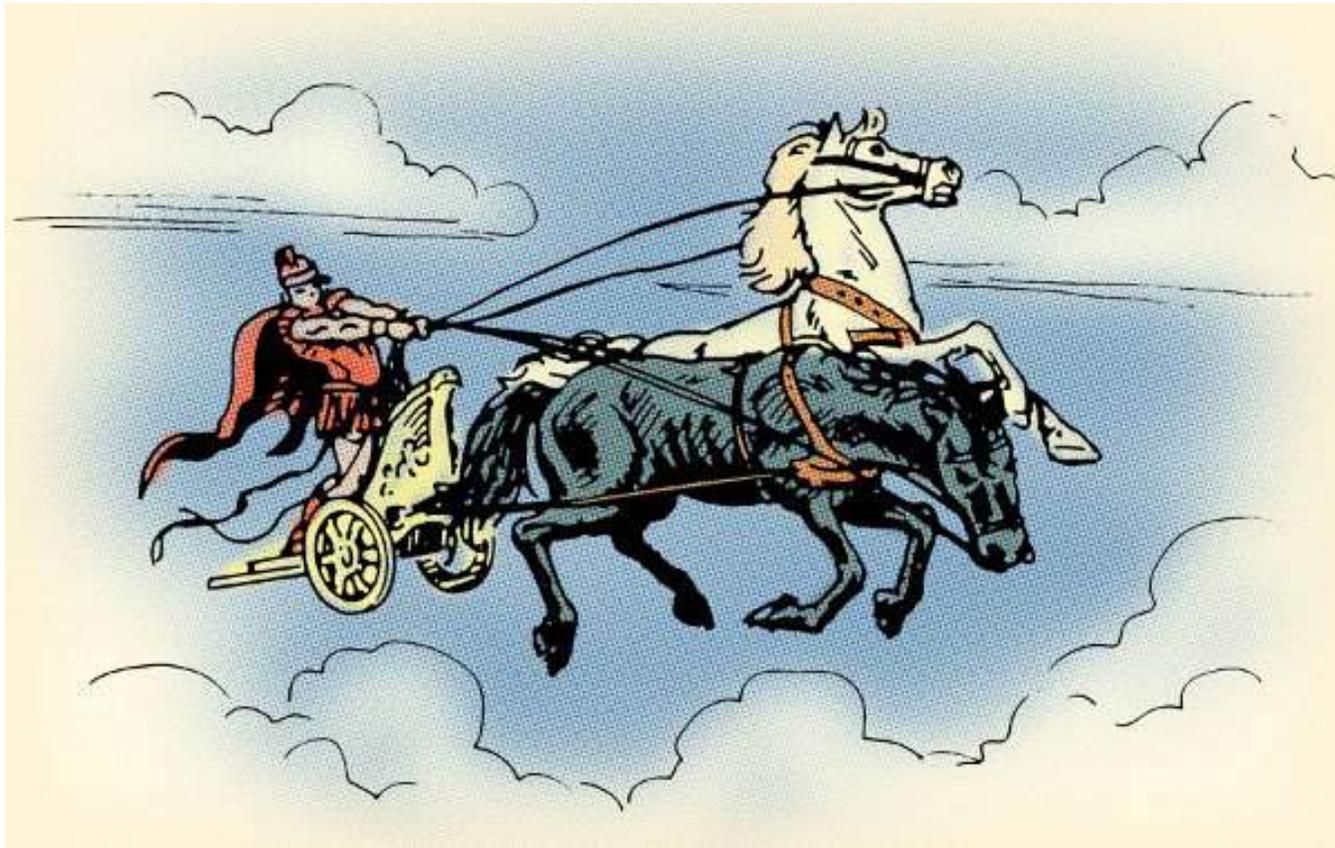
Heraclitus

The above philosophers lived in Ancient Greece around 350 -500 years before the birth of Jesus and the start of Christianity

The analogy of the driver in the car



Plato's Analogy of "The Chariot"



Plato believed that the soul has three parts:

- (a) Reason/intelligence
- (b) Selfish desires
- (c) Good desires

He used the analogy of the chariot to describe the soul

Can you find where the three parts of the soul are represented in this picture?

Plato's Analogy of "The Cave"



Plato thought that there are two worlds (or realities)

We can see only the first reality through our five senses. The second world is invisible to our senses and mind. We can perceive the second reality through intelligent thinking (reason)

The idea there are two different worlds (realities) is called **dualism**

Let us try to understand the 'analogy of the cave'

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTWwY8Ok5I0>



Let us summarise again Plato's ideas about the soul

- There is an immortal soul (different from the body).
- Two worlds exist: the material and the spiritual
- The material world contains things we perceive with our senses
- The spiritual world contains things that our senses cannot see.
- We can see and reach the spiritual world using intelligence (rationale)
- The idea of two realities ('spirit' and 'matter') is called '**dualism**'



The Analogy of the Cave: Role Play

- Work in groups and prepare to act out the 'analogy of the cave'.
- First complete the questions on Worksheet 7.2.5a; then prepare your play (2-3 minutes).
- One group will be selected randomly to explain the analogy and act in front of the class.

Let us see if we have understood Plato's analogy of the cave!

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- The diagram consists of two rectangular boxes. The left box has a dark green background and contains five bullet points. The right box has a dark blue background and contains five circular bullet points. Five orange arrows point from the left box to the right box, connecting the concepts. The connections are: 'The prisoners' to 'People in the material world', 'Life inside the cave' to 'The material world', 'Life outside the cave' to 'The spiritual world', 'The chains' to 'Selfish desires', and 'The person who escapes the cave' to 'A wise philosopher'.
- The prisoners
 - Life inside the cave
 - Life outside the cave
 - The chains
 - The person who escapes the cave
- People in the material world
 - The material world
 - The spiritual world
 - Selfish desires
 - A wise philosopher

Title: “The Christian View of the Soul”

To know the meaning of the word ‘resurrection’ and to compare Christian and Hindu ideas

- ❖ What will you do, that is special, during the Christmas holidays?
- ❖ What does Christmas celebrate for Christians?



What do you know about Jesus?

❖ Jesus was born in Nazareth
(today in Palestine)

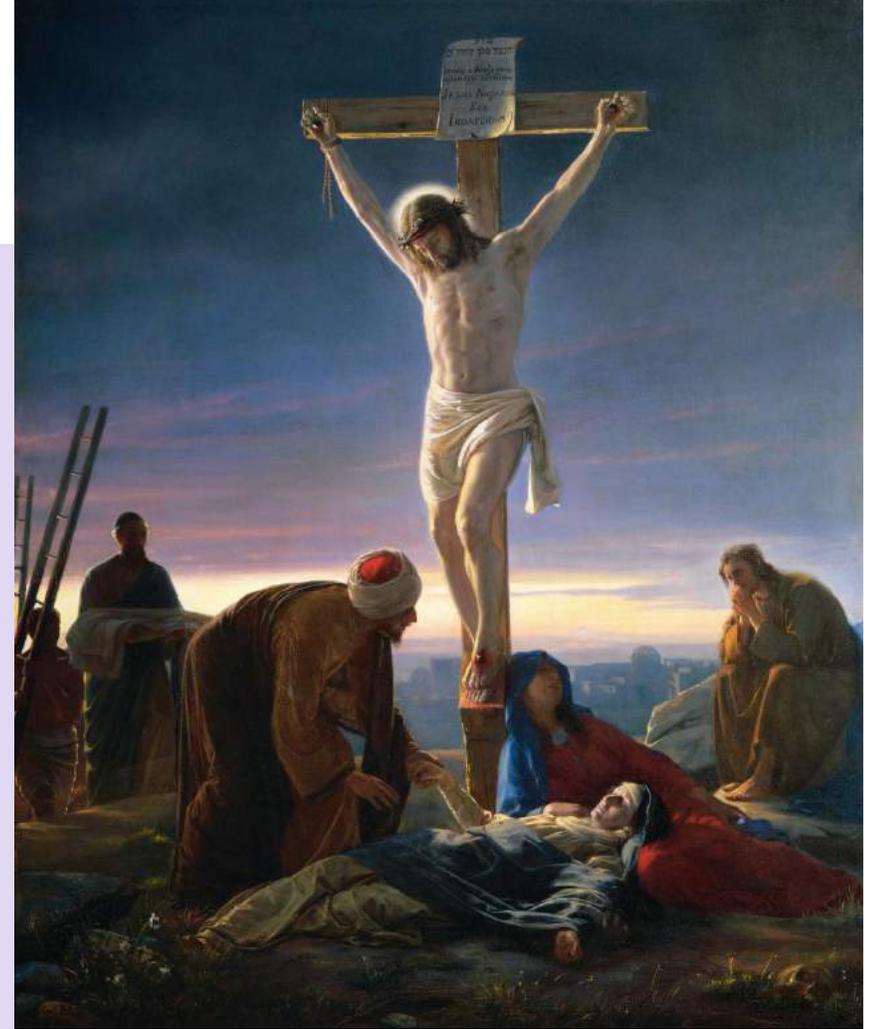
❖ Christians believe in the Holy Trinity.
God is one but has three parts, namely:
God – Son (Jesus) – and the Holy spirit

❖ Most Christians believe that we cannot know and love God
without the help of Jesus



What do you know about Jesus?

- ❖ Jesus taught people to be kind, loving and forgiving
- ❖ Jesus was crucified and then 'resurrected'
- ❖ Christians believe that God will judge us after death and send us to hell or heaven



Resurrection means : coming back from the dead by raising the body

What do we know about Jesus?

- ❖ Christians believe that Jesus dying on the cross shows how much he loves us all.
- ❖ They believe that his coming back from the dead is a symbol of hope for a new life in heaven.



Let us watch a short video clip about Jesus' resurrection

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evoOaIQwITg>

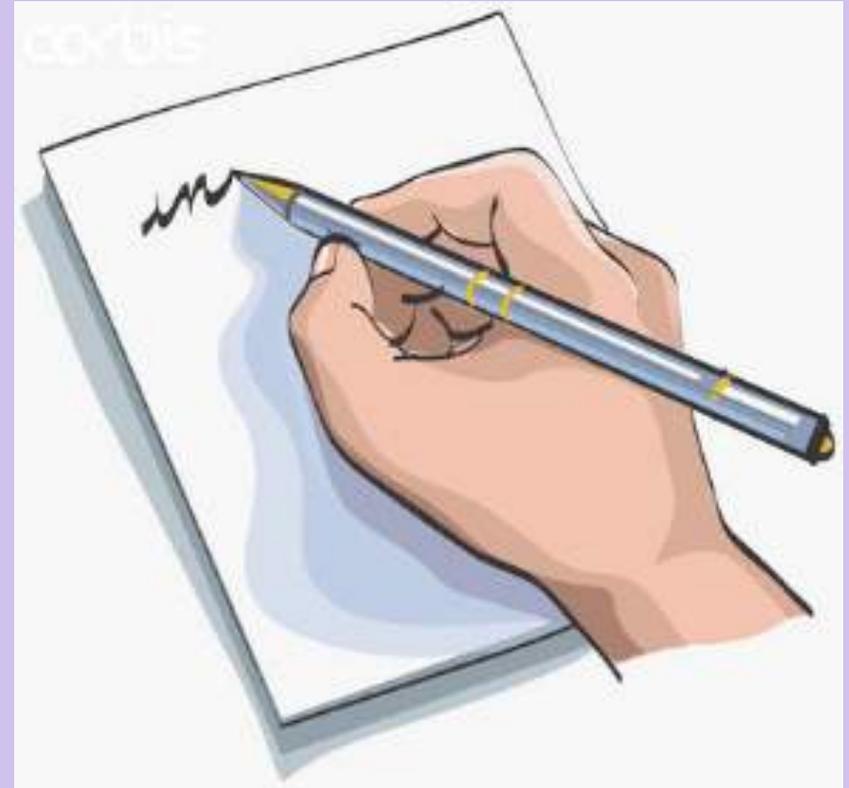
Teachings of Jesus on equality

“The good Samaritan” story

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53Pqw20xK10>

Exercise!

- Read some facts about Christianity and complete Worksheet 7.2.5b



Correct Answers to our Questions

| Question | Hindu Answer | Christian Answer |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Who are we? | The atman (in all species of life) | The soul (only in humans) |
| Is the self material or spiritual? | Spiritual. It is different from: (a) the mind and intelligence (b) the body. | Some think the soul is a spirit body, others believe that the soul is <u>both</u> spirit <u>and</u> matter. |
| Is there life before birth? | Yes, in another body; the soul is eternal in the past and future. It is neither created nor destroyed | No (for most Christians) |
| What happens after death? | Reincarnation | Resurrection |
| How many lives <u>do</u> we have? | Many | One life followed by eternal heaven or hell |
| Who/What decides our next life? | The 'Law of Karma' | God's Judgement |
| What other worlds do they believe in? | Millions. Three main systems in the material world: also an eternal spiritual world | 'Hell', 'Earth', 'Heaven'. For some, 'Purgatory' |
| What is the Aim of Life? | Heaven, moksha, love of God | To reach Heaven and love God though Jesus. |



True or False?

Christians believe:

1. That our souls existed before we were born.
2. In 'resurrection'.
3. That the soul stays in hell for 100 years.
4. That good animals, such as dogs, also have souls.
5. That Jesus is the son of God.

Title: The secular view about the soul

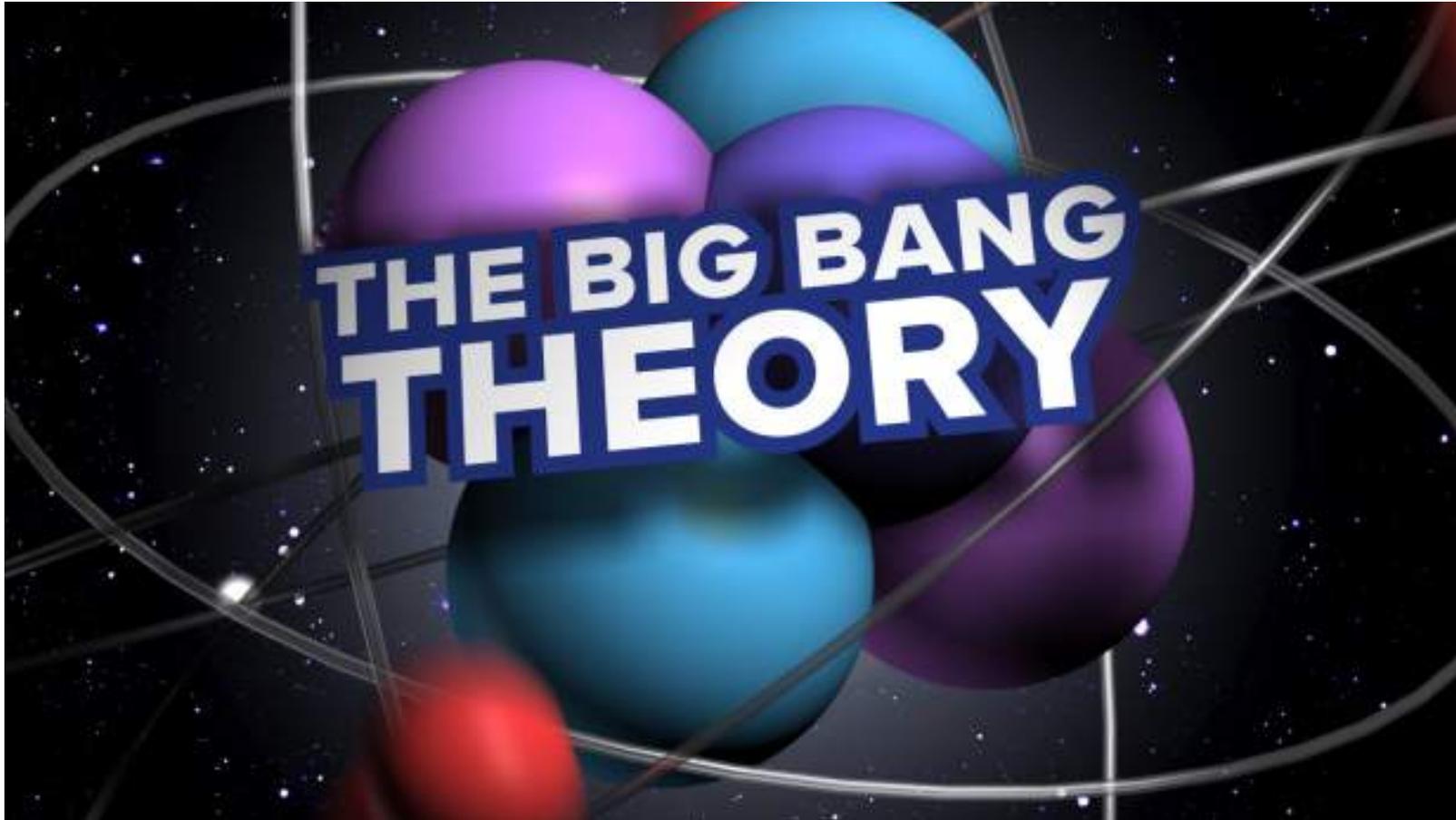
LO: To understand the secular view about the soul

• *Please choose the phrase that best explains what 'life is...':*

1. ...movement
2.awareness (consciousness)
3. ...being able to respond to light, sound, heat etc
4. ...made of biological cells
5. ...birth, growth and death
6. ...feelings and desires
7. ...eating, breathing and reproducing
8. ...intelligence



According to many scientists, the universe was created with a huge explosion

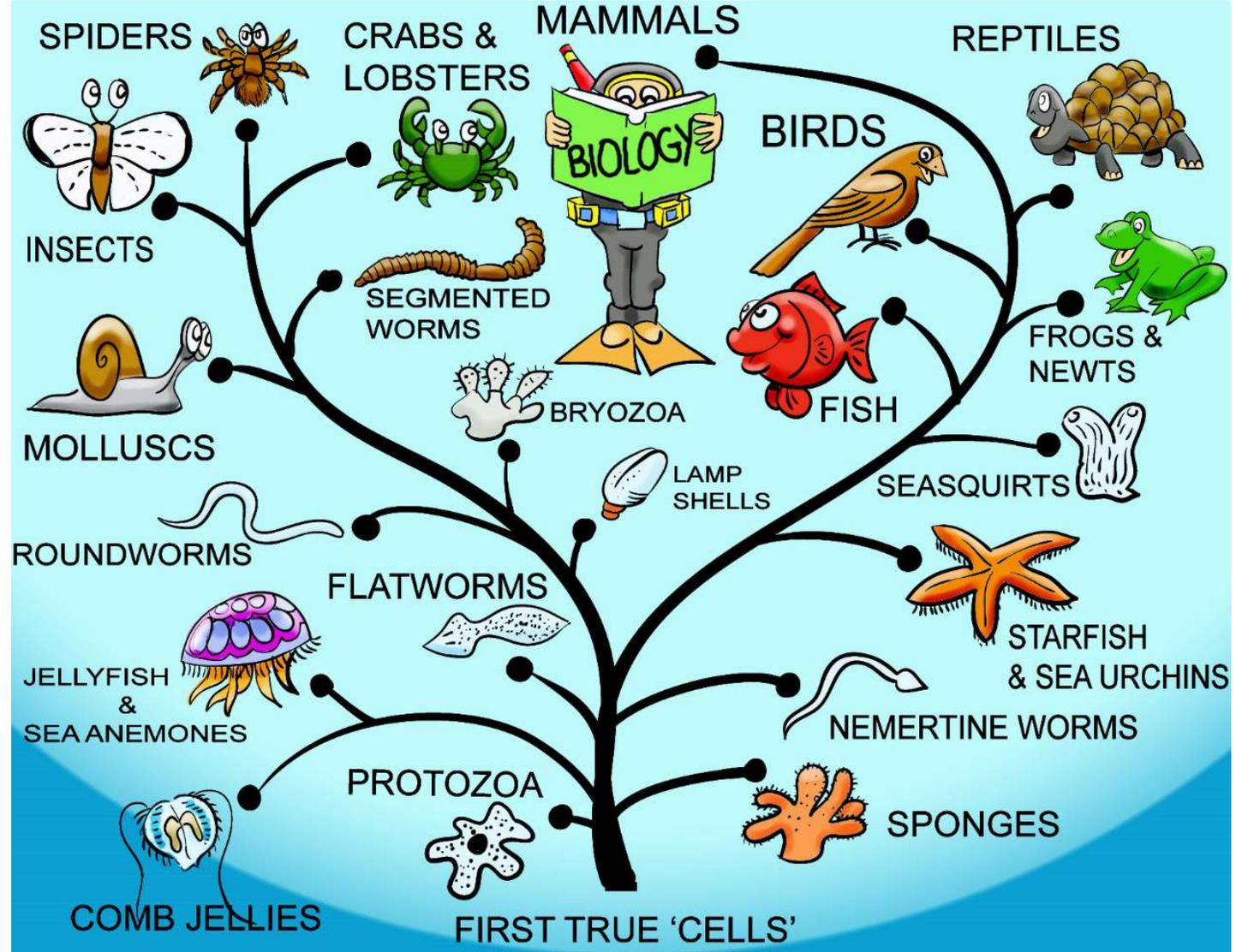


According to this theory, no life existed at this initial stage. (Religions often say God existed before creation). So, life had to 'start' at some point!

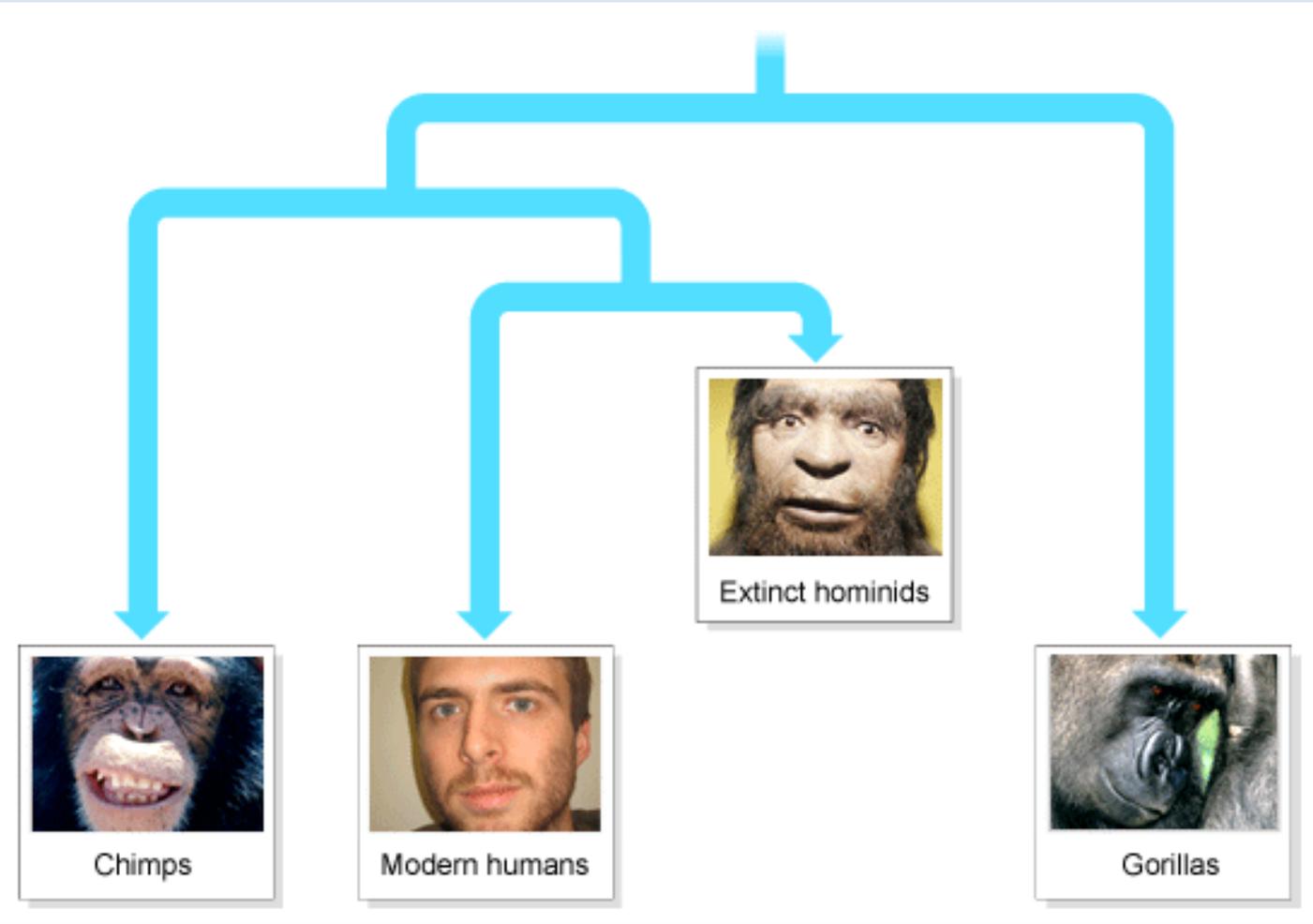


Scientists say, “Once life started, then it evolved from simple life forms into more complex.”

We all have a common ancestor; the first simple cells



Evolution for humans





The tortoise on the left has adapted to her environment in order to survive (she has developed a very long neck to reach food)

The stronger survive
the weaker die



But, how did life start?
The 'cosmic soup' idea



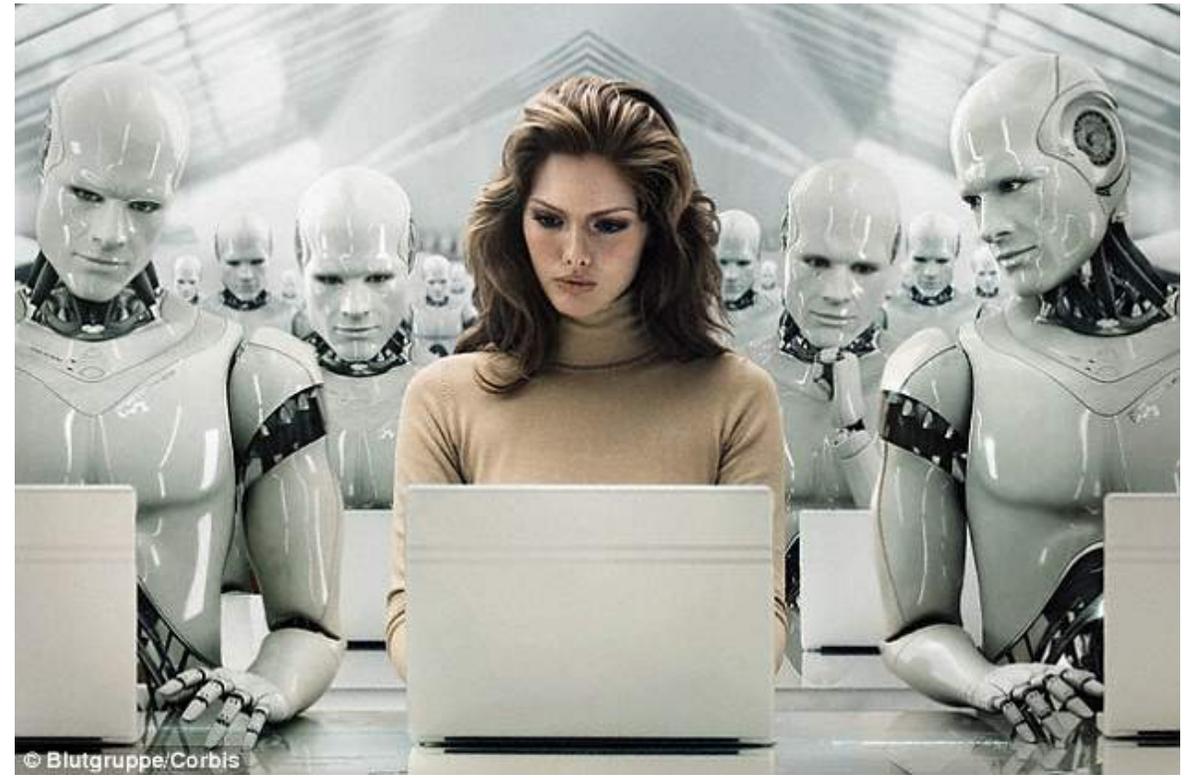
Scientists

- Have made some of the chemicals needed for life, such as 'amino acids'
- They have not yet managed to make life in the laboratory. They claim they might do this in the future.
- Is it possible?



Some scientists...

- Think we might create life another way: by making robots (through “Artificial Intelligence”).
- There is a danger that robots might rebel and take over the Earth!
- Is this possible?
We have seen films about it!



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A movie clip about 'Life Coming from Chemicals'

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1fteDkXLBE>

A movie clip about 'Life Coming from Machines'

- <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Mc3B42wbuEw>
- Or
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARJ8cAGm6JE>
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Pair Discussion (before the debate)

• Please answer these questions:

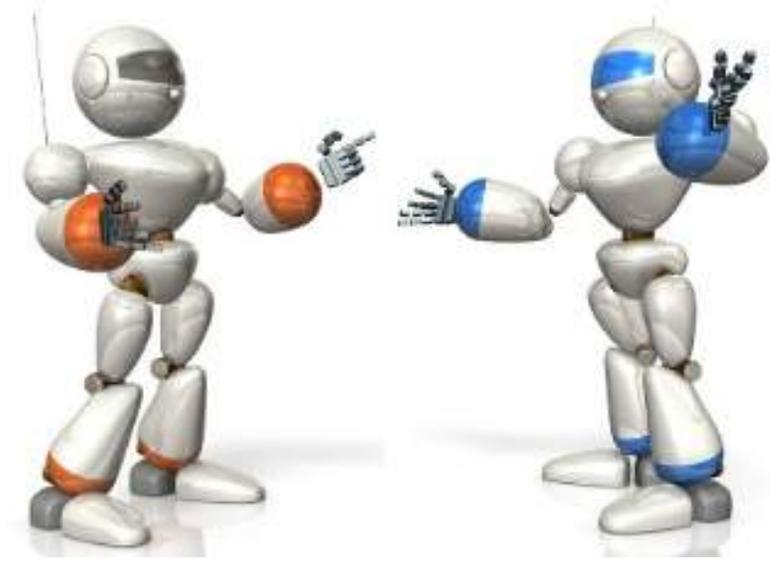
1. “Do you think robots might take over the world?”

2. “What reasons do you have?”

(you might consider some further questions →)

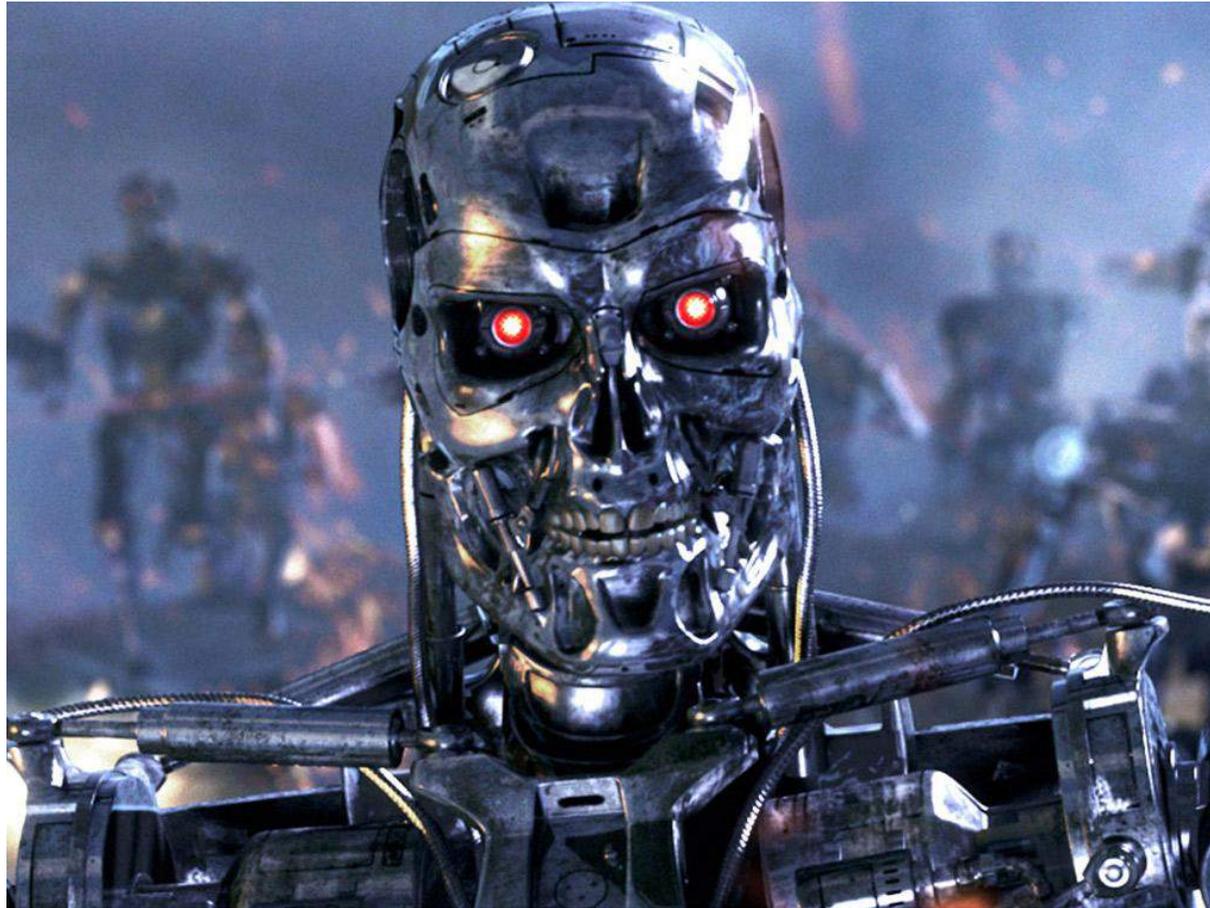
Extension Question:

3. Do you think robots will ever develop consciousness?



1. Will robots be able to stand up?
2. Can they sense light, sound and heat?
3. Can robots think?
4. Will they eat, breath and reproduce?
5. Can they be intelligent?
6. Will they have feelings, emotions and desires?

Will robots take over the world in the future?
“Let’s have a debate!”



“Let’s see what we think?”



- Who thinks life comes from matter?
- Who thinks life comes from spirit (the soul or God)?
- Who thinks life must have both spirit (a soul) and matter (a body)?

