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# When God Meets Job

## Job 38–42



# God meets Job personally

*Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said...*

Job 38:1

*"I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you..."*

Job 42:5



## God meets Job in his deconstruction

*After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. And Job said, “Let the day perish on which I was born, and the night that said, ‘A man is conceived.’ Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, nor light shine upon it. Let gloom and deep darkness claim it. Let clouds dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.”*

Job 3:1–5



## God meets Job in his deconstruction

*“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements— surely you know!”*

Job 38:4–5

“For God has deprived  
her of wisdom; he has  
not endowed her with  
understanding.”  
Job 39:17





## God meets Job in his deconstruction

*“Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further.”*

Job 40:4–5



# God reminds Job of his cosmic rule

“Behold, Behemoth...”

Job 40:15–24

“Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook...?”

Job 41:1–34



# Leviathan

*“His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the dawn. Out of his mouth go flaming torches; sparks of fire leap forth. Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes.”*

Job 41:18–20



*“...will he make many pleas to you? Will he speak to you soft words?”*

Job 41:3



*“...he sees everything that is high; he is king over all the sons of pride.”*

Job 41:34





# Leviathan

*“In that day the LORD with his hard and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the dragon that is in the sea.”*

Isaiah 27:1



# Will God meet us in our suffering?

Question 1: Will he reveal his name to us?

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."*

2 Corinthians 4:6



# Will God meet us in our suffering?

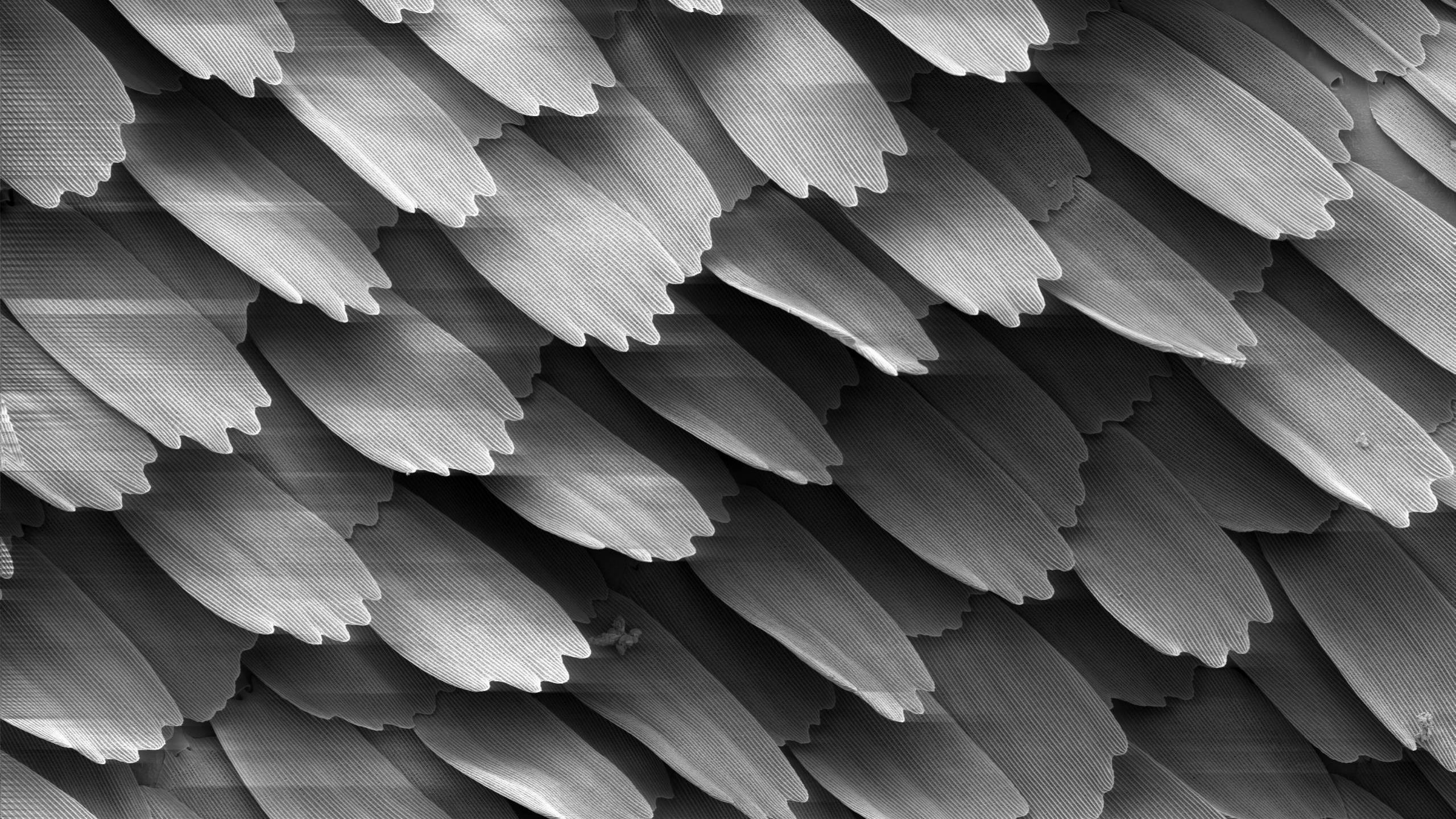
Question 2: Does he still rule over creation?

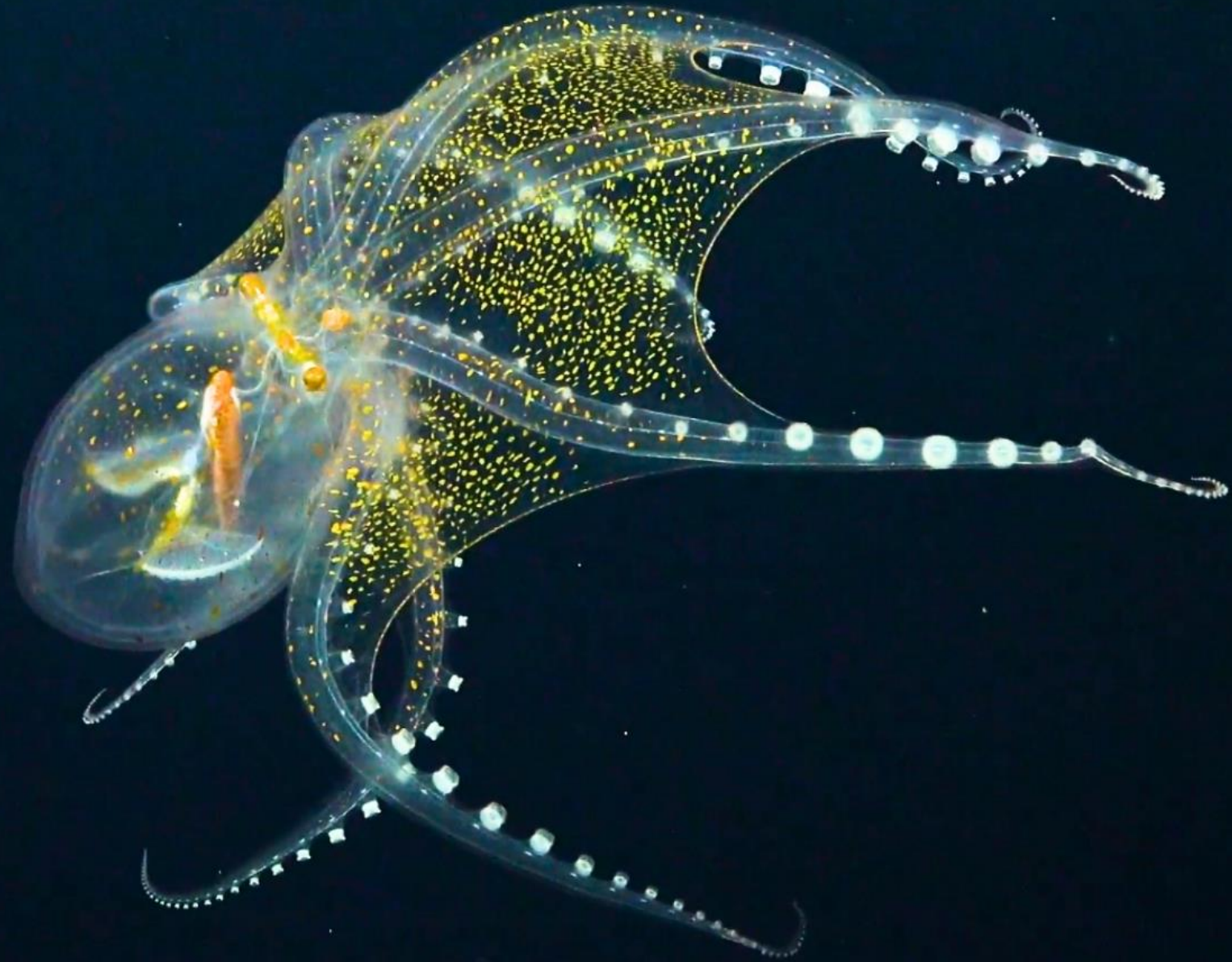
*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

Colossians 1:15–17











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Question 3: Does he rule over chaos and the cosmos?

*And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while....and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

Revelation 20:2,10



*...And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

Ephesians 1:22–23

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