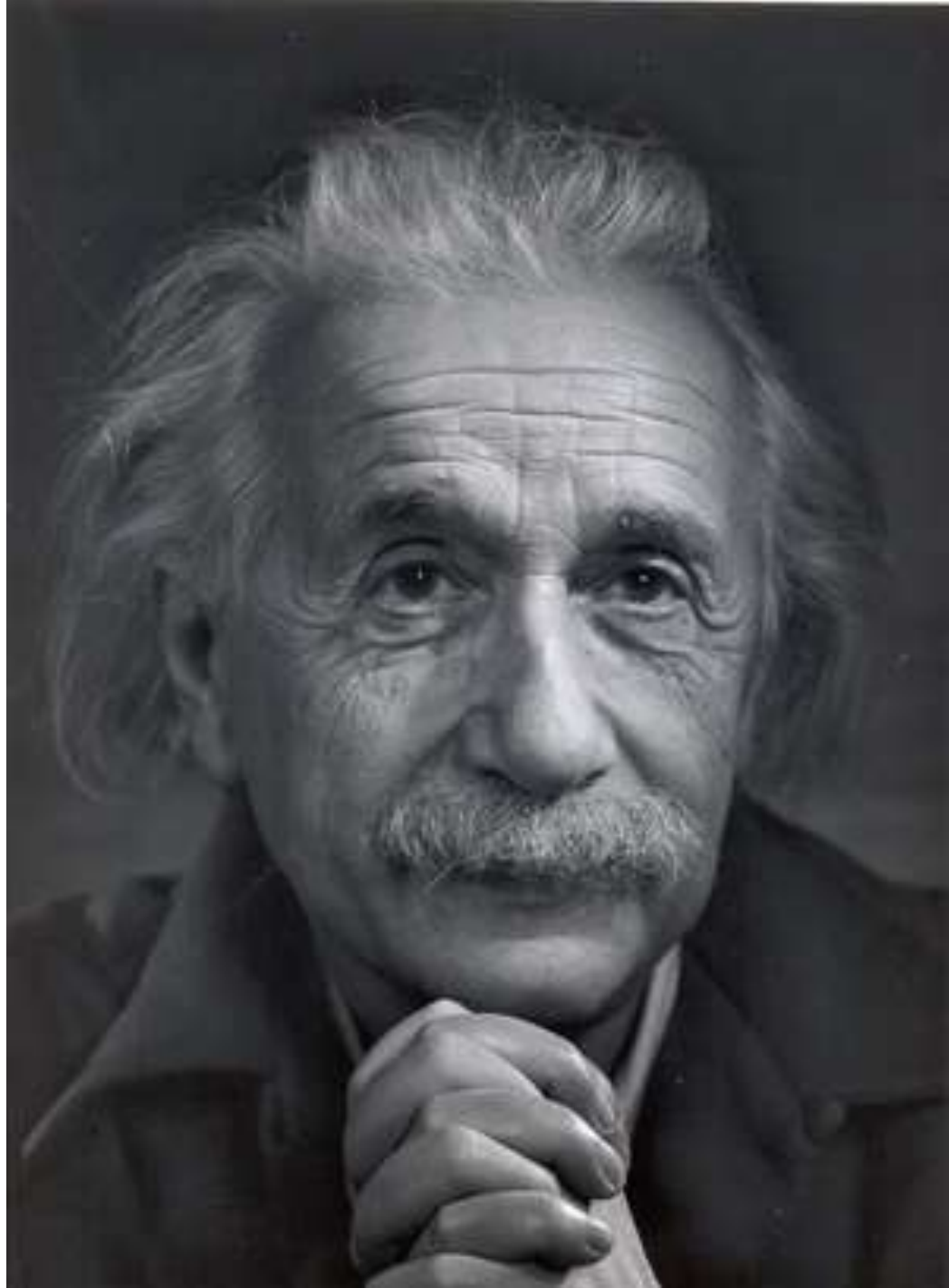


God doesn't  
play dice with  
the universe

The problem  
with Quantum  
Mechanics and  
Heisenberg's  
Uncertainty  
Principle





I speak the truth in Christ--I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel.

Romans 9:1 - 4

This is a serious declaration calling God as a witness!

Paul is concerned for his unsaved family  
(What about Philippians 4:4?)

He feels like Moses (Exodus 32:32)

It is supremely fulfilled by Jesus ( John 10:15)

First hinted at in  
Rom 3: 1-2

A great list of 8  
privileges the Jews  
enjoy (a cause for  
humble responsibility)



1, Theirs **is** the adoption to  
sonship;  
2, theirs the divine glory,  
3, the covenants,  
4, the receiving of the law,  
5, the temple worship  
6, and the promises.  
7, Theirs **are** the patriarchs,  
8, and from them **is** traced the  
human ancestry of the Messiah,  
who is God over all, forever  
praised! Amen.

Romans 9: 4 - 5

He answers the Really BIG question that arises from Israel's increasing rejection of Jesus as their Messiah.

It is not as though God's word (ie plan) had failed.

Romans 9:6



For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children.

Romans 9:6 - 7

Eg. Elijah thought he was the only one left!

See Jesus' criticism of the Pharisee opposition in John 8: 37 – 44 making the same point.





On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.

Romans 9:7 - 9

It is God's choice and it is a spiritual matter, not based on heredity.

But also see the promises to Ishmael and the Arab peoples.

Genesis 16:9-15



Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad--in order that God's purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls--she was told, "The older will serve the younger." Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

Romans 9:10 - 13



God's Sovereign choice

“It's through Jacob, not Esau my promise will come”

In Luke 14:26 Jesus said "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters--yes, even their own life--such a person cannot be my disciple.



# Objection 1: It's not fair!

What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy. For Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.



Romans 9:14 - 18



# Objection 1: It's not fair!

1, God has spoken.  
“It’s my free choice.”

**If everyone has sinned, mercy cannot be demanded.**

2, Pharaoh resisted. God simply “helped” him BE WHAT HE WANTED in order to demonstrate his power in rescuing Israel from his evil hand.  
Cf Romans 1: 24 ‘ God gave them over’



Romans 9:14 - 18

## Objection 2: If he does what he wants, why blame us ?

One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who is able to resist his will?" But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use? What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath--prepared for destruction? What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory--

Romans 9:19 - 23



# Objection 2: If he does what he wants, why blame us ?

1, Who do you think you are talking to?

2, He's your creator! You are a "pot"!

3, He put up with a lot from them.

Their guilt was real.

It shows how merciful he's been to you.



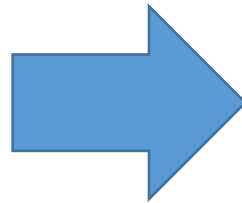
Romans 9:19 - 23

objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory-- even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? As he says in Hosea: "I will call them 'my people' who are not my people; and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one," and, "In the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'children of the living God.'"

Romans 9:23 - 26

The gentiles are in the plan along with the Jews

(but the secret part is only just revealed to Paul)  
Chapter 11





Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved. For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality." It is just as Isaiah said previously: "Unless the Lord Almighty had left us descendants, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah."

Romans 9:27 - 29

Isaiah saw Israel's unbelief and that only a few  
would be true to God.  
If God in mercy had not spared them there would  
not have been ANY!

What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, **a righteousness that is by faith**; but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. Why not? Because **they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works**. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall,

Romans 9:30 - 33



As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and **the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.**" Romans 9:33



So the gentiles are turning to Jesus finding grace through faith  
While the Jews are turning from Jesus because their faith is in the  
wrong things. A crucified Messiah is a stumbling block.

***But the God's plan for Israel and the Jews isn't finished YET***

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