

<sup>1</sup> Some time later Joseph was told, "Your father is ill." So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim along with him. <sup>2</sup> When Jacob was told, "Your son Joseph has come to you," Israel rallied his strength and sat up on the bed. <sup>8</sup> When Israel saw the sons of Joseph, he asked, "Who are these?" <sup>9</sup> "They are the sons God has given me here," Joseph said to his father. Then Israel said, "Bring them to me so I may bless them." ...

**GENESIS 48 : 1 - 2, 8 - 14**

<sup>10</sup> Now Israel's eyes were failing because of old age, and he could hardly see. So Joseph brought his sons close to him, and his father kissed them and embraced them. <sup>11</sup> Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face again, and now God has allowed me to see your children too."  
<sup>12</sup> Then Joseph removed them from Israel's knees and bowed down with his face to the ground. ...

**GENESIS 48 : 1 - 2, 8 - 14**

<sup>13</sup> And Joseph took both of them, Ephraim on his right toward Israel's left hand and Manasseh on his left toward Israel's right hand, and brought them close to him. <sup>14</sup> But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head, though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was the firstborn...So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh. ...

**GENESIS 48 : 1 - 2, 8 - 14**

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' ...

**GENESIS 50 : 15 - 26**

Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. <sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ...

**GENESIS 50 : 15 - 26**



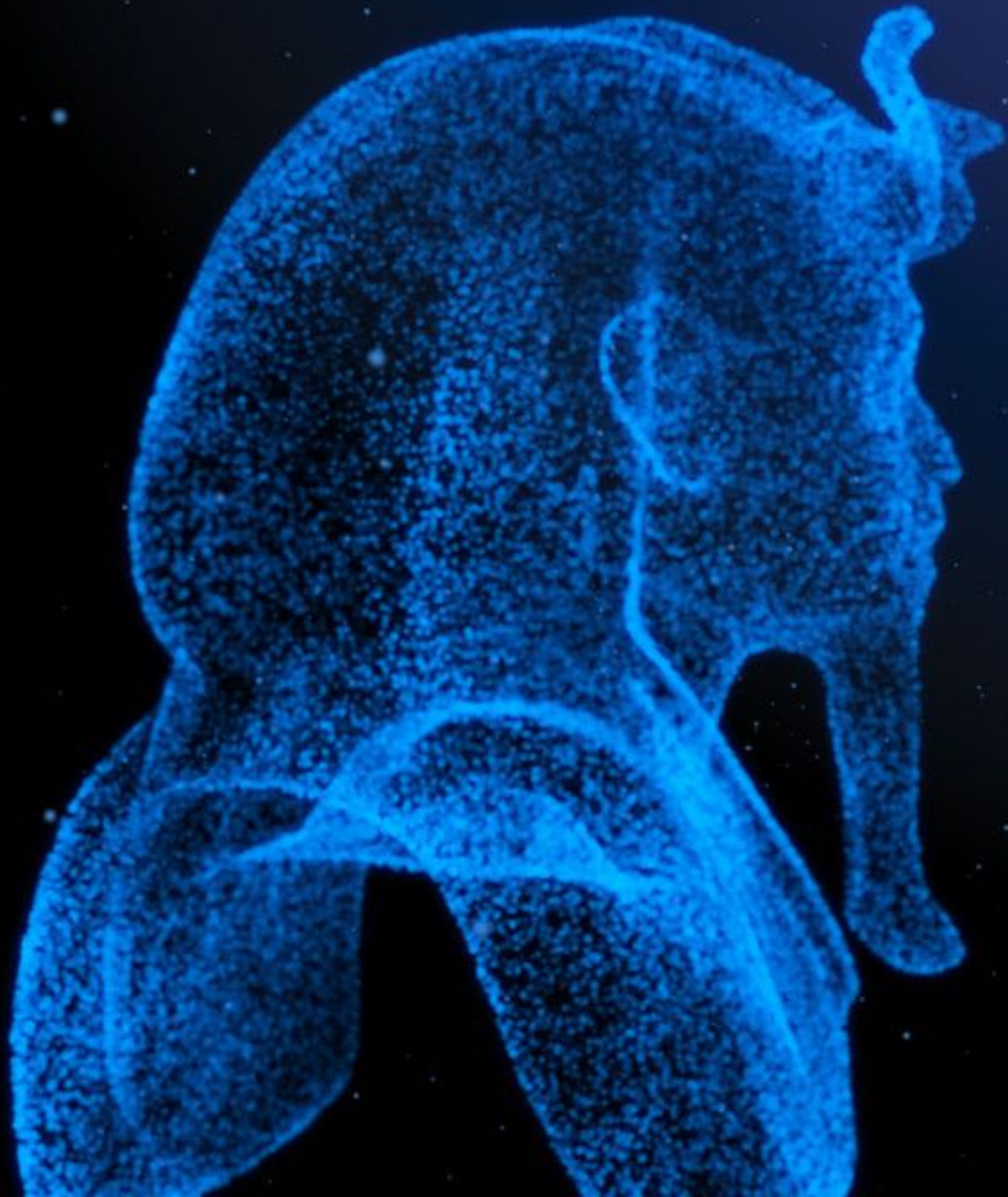
<sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. <sup>22</sup> Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years <sup>23</sup> and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees. <sup>24</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. ...

**GENESIS 50 : 15 - 26**

But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." <sup>25</sup> And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place." <sup>26</sup> So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

**GENESIS 50 : 15 - 26**





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**GENESIS 48 : 13 - 14**





By faith Jacob, when he was dying,  
blessed each of Joseph's sons.

**HEBREWS 11:21**



...the God who has been my  
shepherd *all my life*.

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**GENESIS 50 : 18 - 20**

*This single verse holds together  
the theological tension of the Bible  
between the free will of people  
and the sovereignty of God.*

"We are no more than biological machines  
...so free will is an illusion."

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"The future is whatever you make it,  
so make it a good one."

**DOC BROWN | BACK TO THE FUTURE**



"Stop!" shouted Kirk. "What do you mean by wildness, and what grounds did you have for not expecting it?" I don't remember exactly what I replied, but as answer after answer was torn to shreds it at last dawned on me that he really wanted to know. ...

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I was stung into attempting a real answer. He soon showed me I had no clear idea and distinct idea corresponding to the word wildness. ...

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"Do you not see," concluded the Great Knock,  
"That your remark was meaningless?" ...

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I assumed the subject would now be dropped. Never was I more mistaken. Having analyzed my terms, Kirk now proceeded to deal with my pair-opposition as a whole. On what had I based my expectations about the flora and geography of Surrey? Did I base my expectations on maps? Was it photographs? Or books? ...

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I could produce nothing. It had, heaven help me, never occurred to me before that my thoughts needed to be based on anything. So Kirk concluded, "Do you not see then, that you had no right to have any opinion whatever on this subject?" ...

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This set the tone that was preserved without a break throughout all the years I spent at Bookham. If ever a man came near to being a purely logical entity, that man was Kirk. Some boys would not have liked it. To me, it was red beef and strong beer."

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<sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

**ACTS 2 : 23 - 24**

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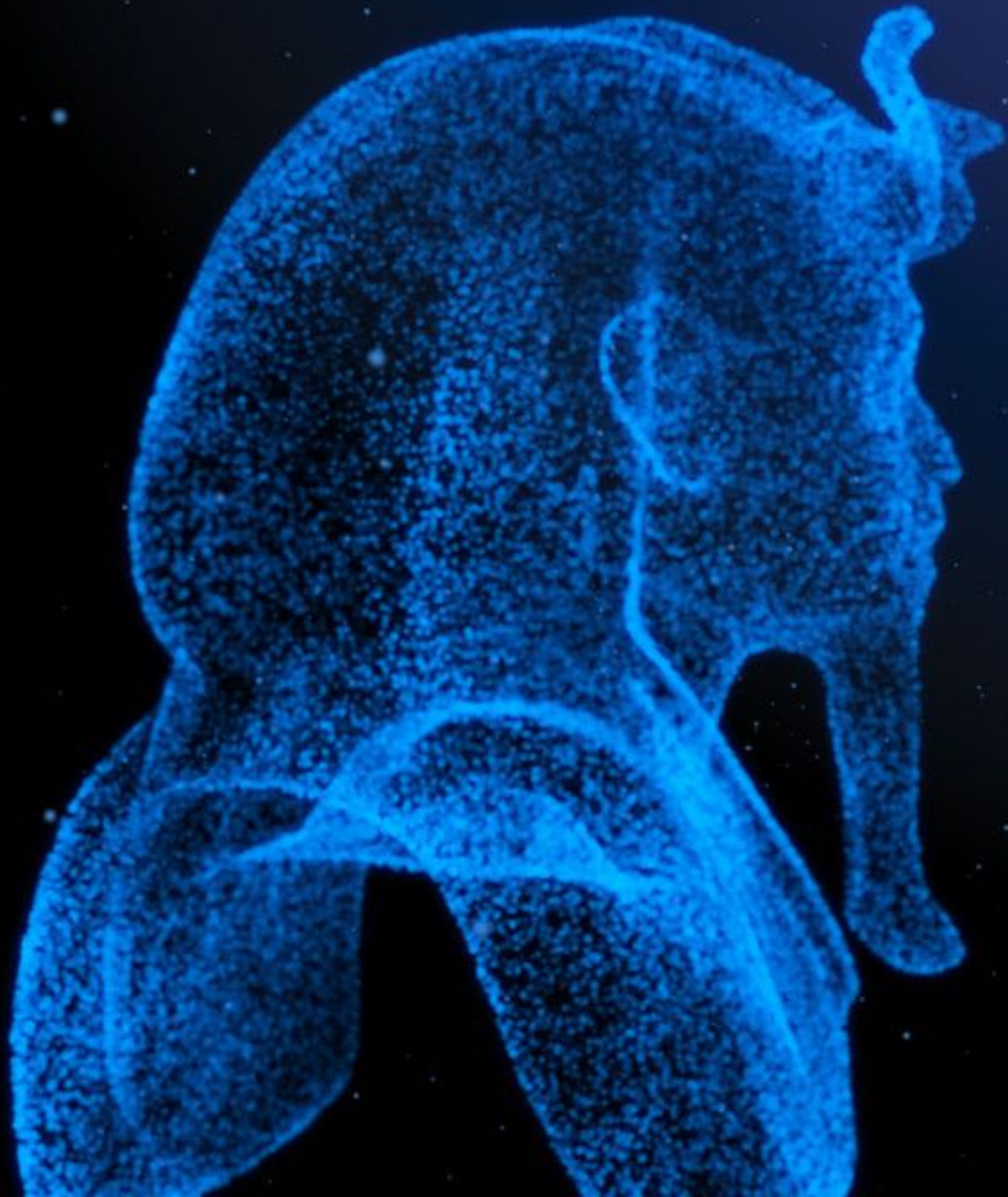


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**GENESIS 50 : 26**

*God moves from  
creation to coffin to new creation.*





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