

Romans 1:18-32



When *Creation* Rejects *Creator*

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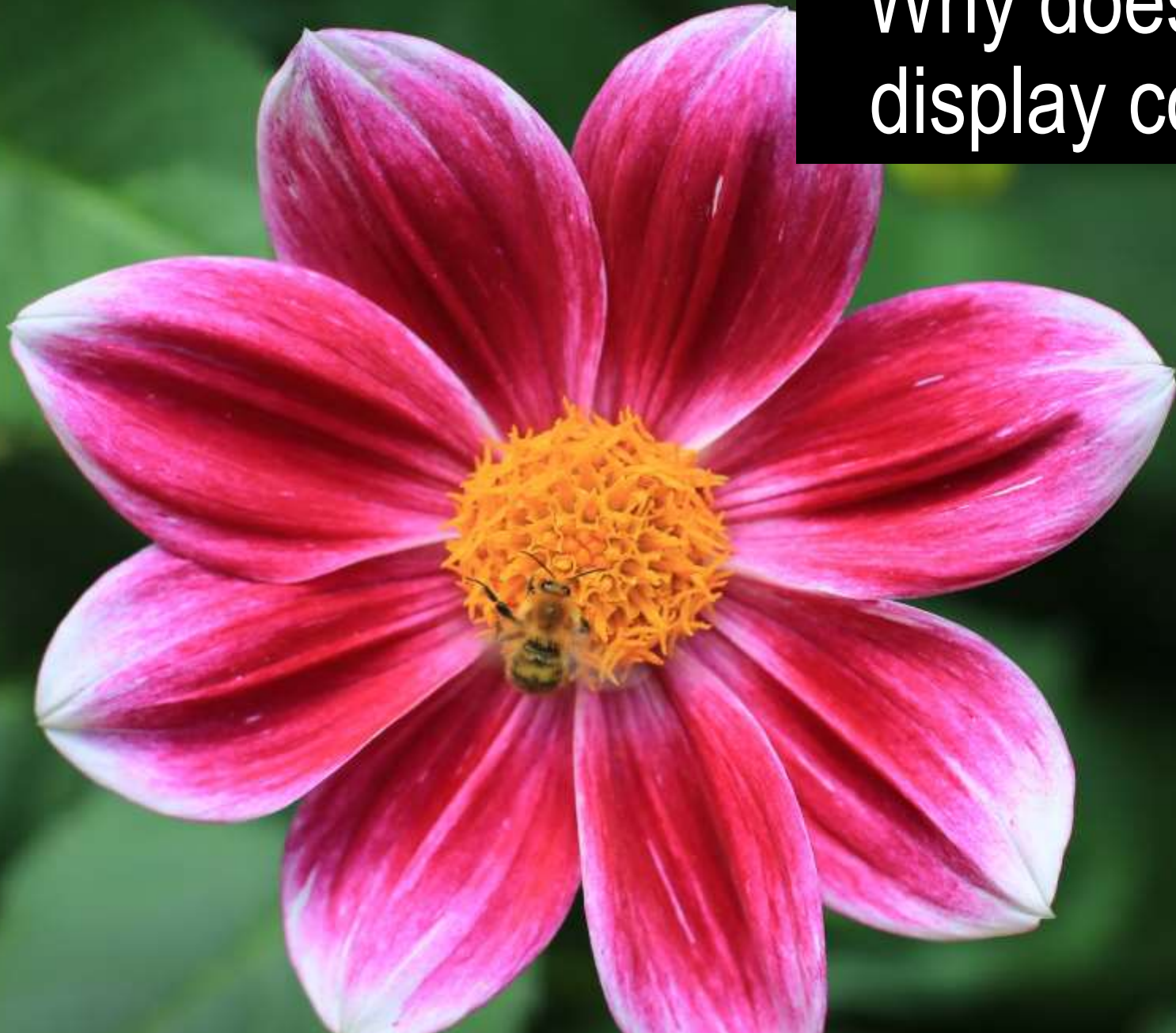
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A night sky photograph showing the Milky Way galaxy. The galaxy is visible as a dense band of stars and interstellar dust, appearing in shades of blue and purple. The background is a dark, starry sky. In the upper right corner, there is a black rectangular box containing white text.

Why is there something
instead of nothing?

Why does the world display complexity?



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- **The simplest things point us to God**
 - *Acts 14:15-17*
 - *Acts 17:27-28*

So, what happens when we reject God?



We Worship Something Else

Romans 1:22-23, 25

- **A not-so-great exchange**
 - *God's permanent glory for corruptible images (v. 23)*
 - *God's truth for a lie (v. 25)*
- **Creation worship has many forms**
 - *Colossians 3:5, Philippians 3:19*
 - *Things we want*
 - *People we love*
 - *Ideas we believe*



We Lose Our Identity

Romans 1:26-27

- **God created us, our gender and sexuality**
 - *Genesis 1:27, 2:24-25*
 - *Another not-so-great exchange (v. 26)*
- **“You are your sexuality” is a lie**
 - *You don’t create identity, God already has*
 - *Your identity is “created in God’s image”*
- **Same-sex marriage and behavior are excluded from God’s skillful design**



We Destroy Ourselves

Romans 1:28-32

- **Attitudes and behaviors which destroy**
 - *Greed / envy destroys happiness*
 - *Murder destroys life*
 - *Deceit destroys truth and trust*
 - *Disobedience destroys authority*
 - *Pride destroys humility*
 - *Hate destroys mercy and compassion*
- **Which of us is innocent?**





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