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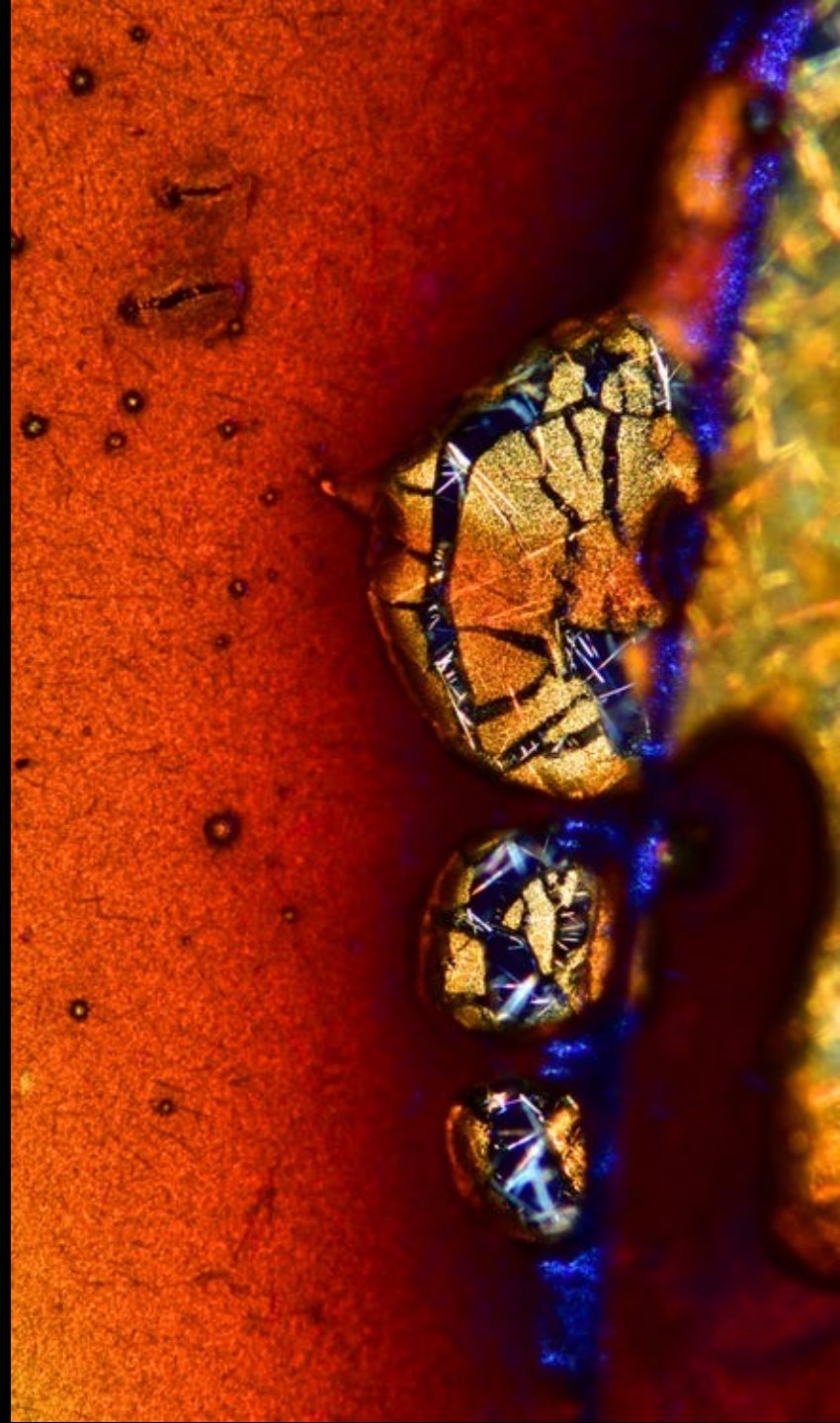
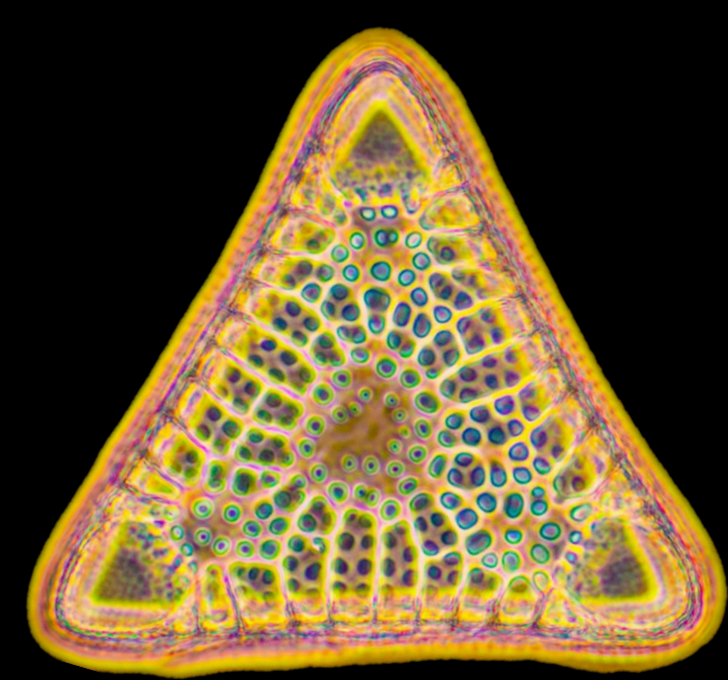
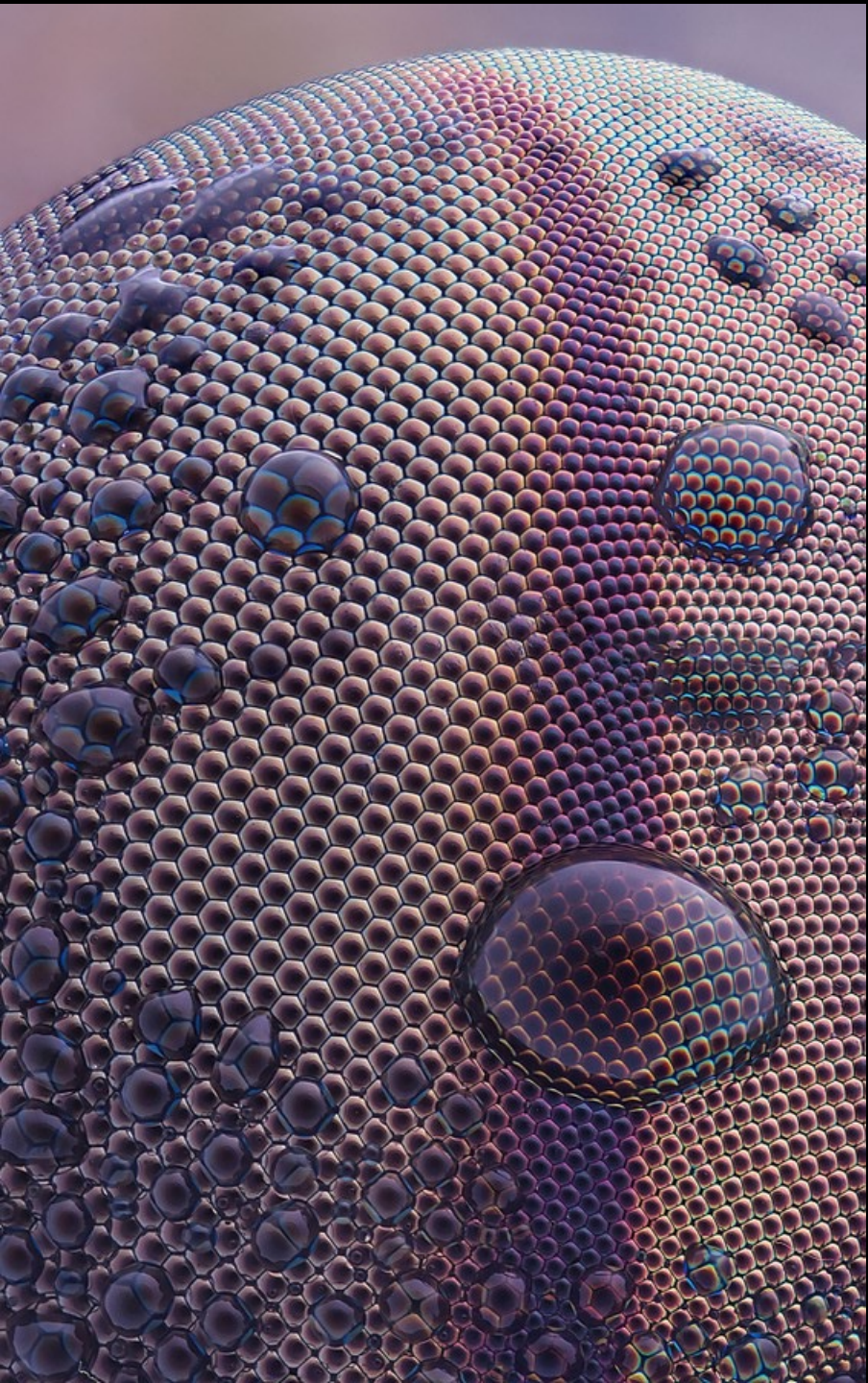


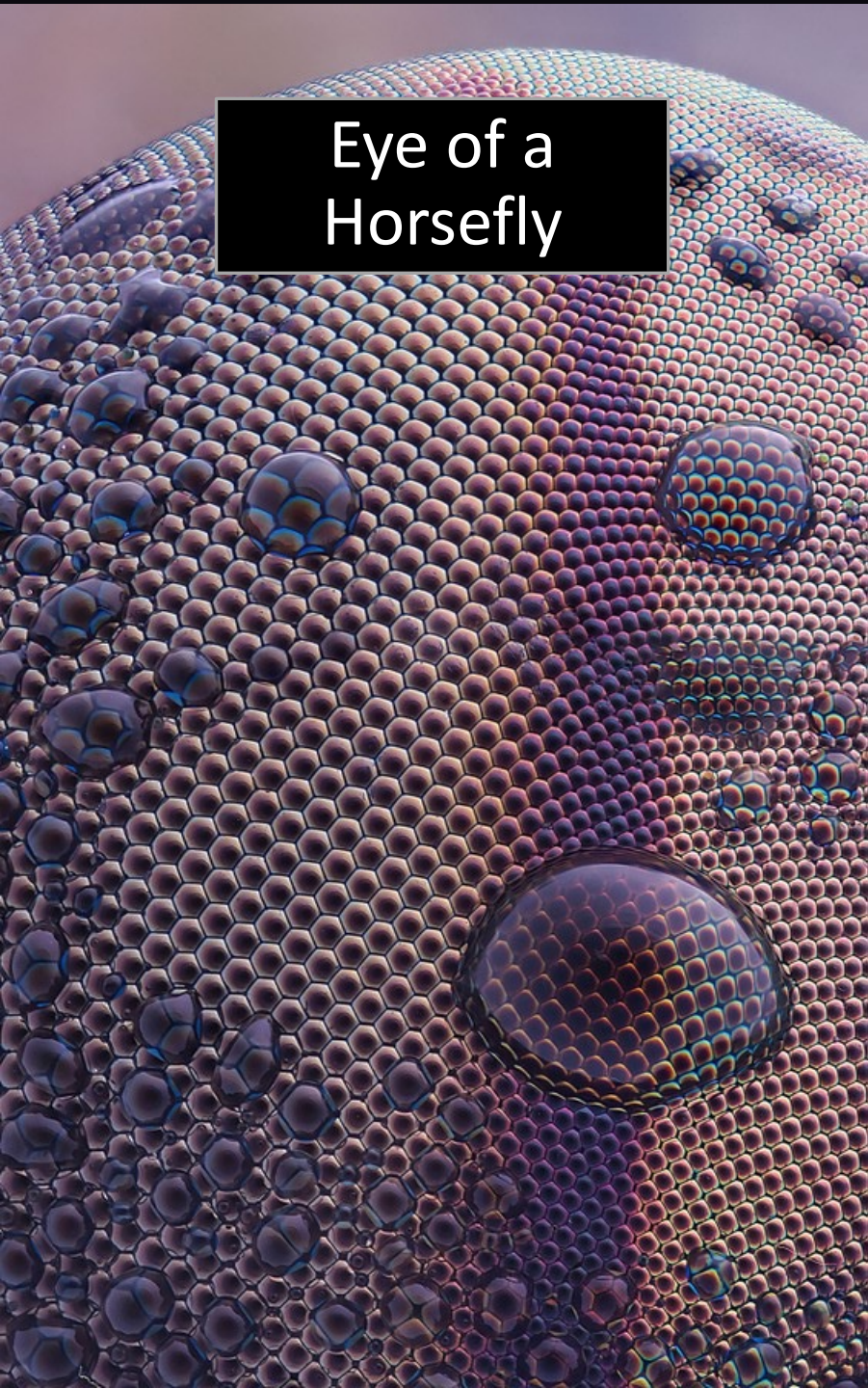
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REVELATION 4 “THE THRONE ROOM”

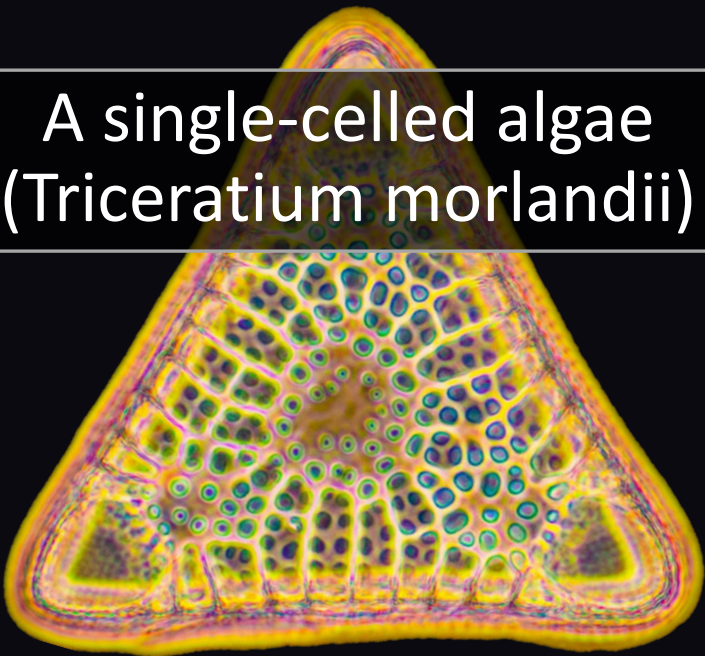
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4:11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”





Eye of a
Horsefly



A single-celled algae
(*Triceratium morlandii*)



Espresso



Human Hair

Revelation 4 & 5 go together: Theophany & Christophany

Revelation 4

¹ After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ² At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³ And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶ and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

*“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!”*

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Summarize this passage
in 10 words or less

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Westminster Abbey during
the coronation of
Queen Elizabeth II,
June 2, 1953



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Napoleon, 1804

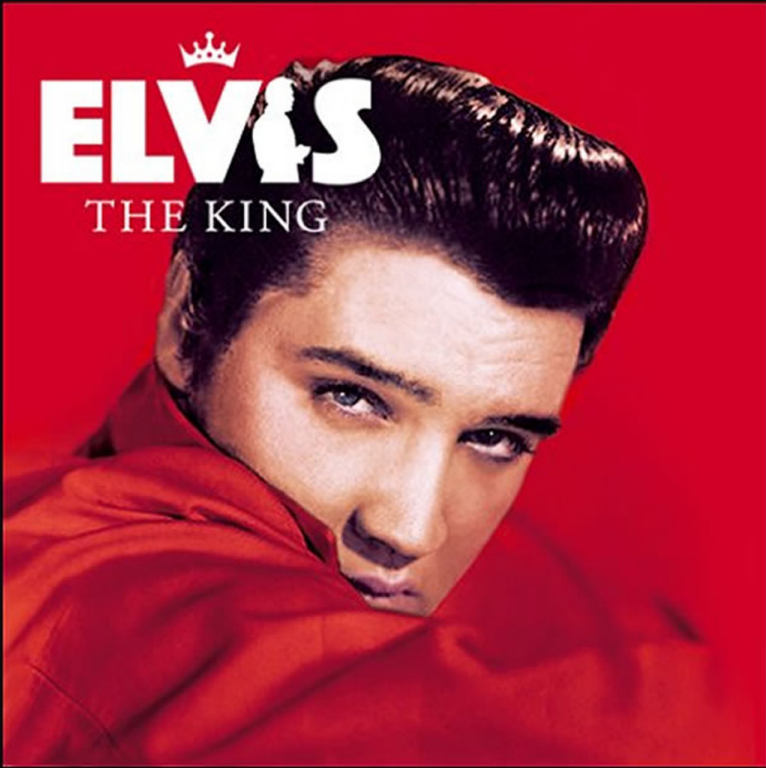


The Dragon Throne of China



Emperor Bokassa in 1977





Three Layers of Thrones

Greek Thrones

Zeus in Pergamum

Athena, Aphrodite &
Apollo in Laodicea



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Domitian



Hadrian

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Eternal Faithfulness

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Pure Holy Separation (?)

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Sebasteion at Aphrodesias

200 Reliefs of gods, emperors and
military leaders surrounding
the walkway to Temple



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12+12

Thrones & Crowns

Cleaned & Redeemed

Revelation 3:21

The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

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Four Comprehensive Creatures

Thrones & Crowns

White Garments

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Isaiah 6

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

*“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

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Community

Who He is:
Glory & Honor

What He's Done:
Thanks

Humility & Generosity

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But we are still missing a vital piece of the puzzle.

The Place of Worship

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So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the **door** of the sheep." (John 10:7)

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*“Jesus redeems us
and all creation
to eternally glorify Him.”*

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Luke 22

¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”



Benediction

A 4000 years old tradition of giving a corporate blessing over God's people.

1 Timothy 1:17

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor
and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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