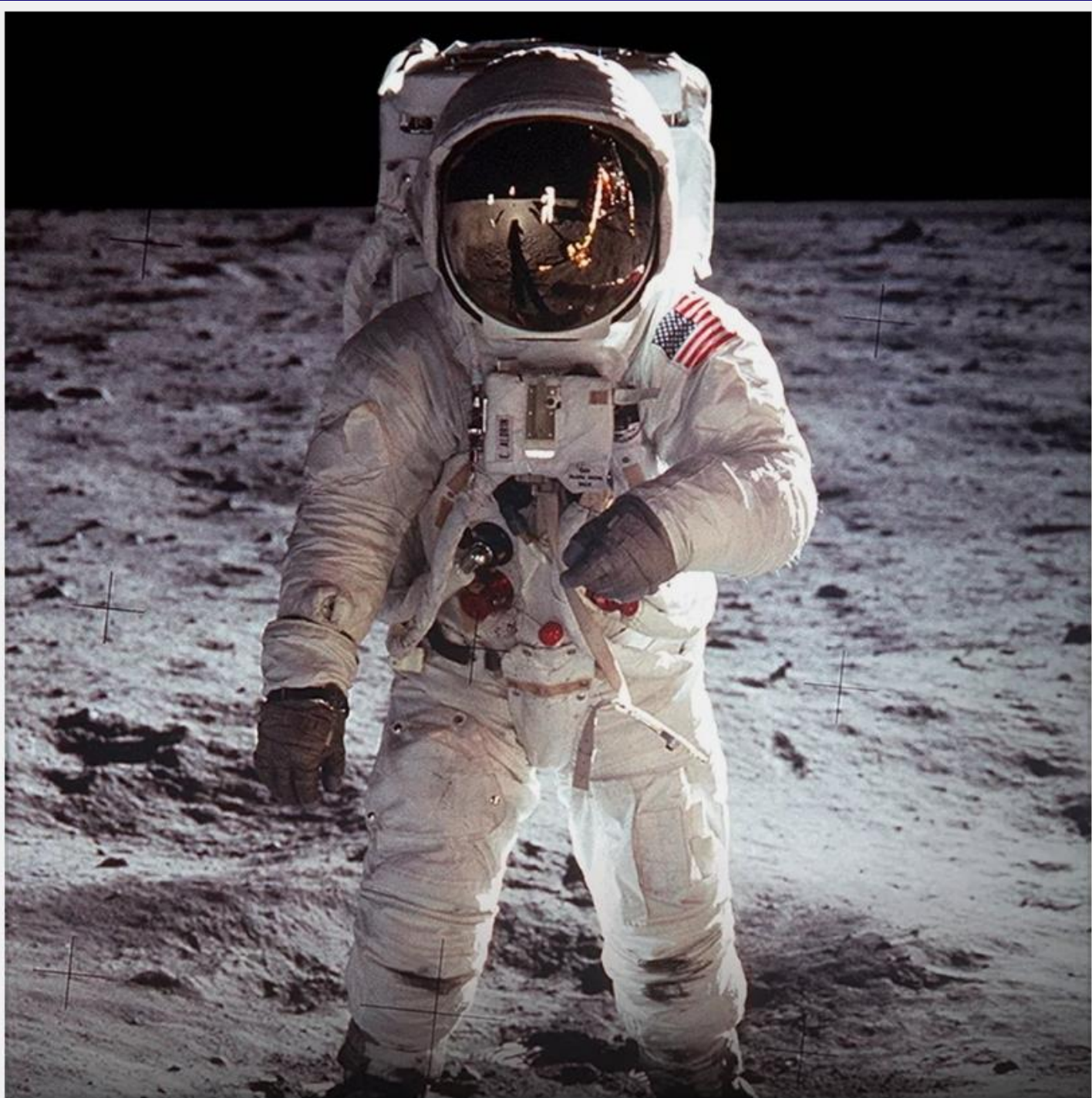

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Ecclesiastes  
3:12-22

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One giant  
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# The View from The Three Peaks of Mount Skeptical

Life is Unfair: Humanistic View (v. 16)

"Moreover, I saw under the sun in the place of judgment, wickedness was there. In the place of righteousness, iniquity was there."

# The View from The Three Peaks of Mount Skeptical

Life is Temporary: Mechanistic  
View (vv. 18-20)

This is the ideology of evolution.

# The View from The Three Peaks of Mount Skeptical

Life is Uncertain: Pessimistic  
View (vv. 21-22)

# The View from Mount Spiritual

Life is a Gift: We Receive from Him

(vv. 12-13)

You put God into your thinking, as does Solomon here, and it changes your viewpoint.

Life is a Test: We Should Relate to Him

(v. 14)

Life Has a Record: We Will Report to Him

(vv. 15, 17)

# Food For Thought

1. In your quiet moments, when you "talk to yourself" about life, what are the messages?
2. The choice of viewpoints is between a *plan* or *pandemonium*. Do you see your life as being part of GOD'S plan or as random events without a goal of purpose?
3. How does the knowledge of a final judgment affect how you live your life now?