

The year of overcoming.

1John 5:4, “For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

Why Faith?

Last week: The time has changed

John 4:23, “But the *time is coming, and is now here*, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.”

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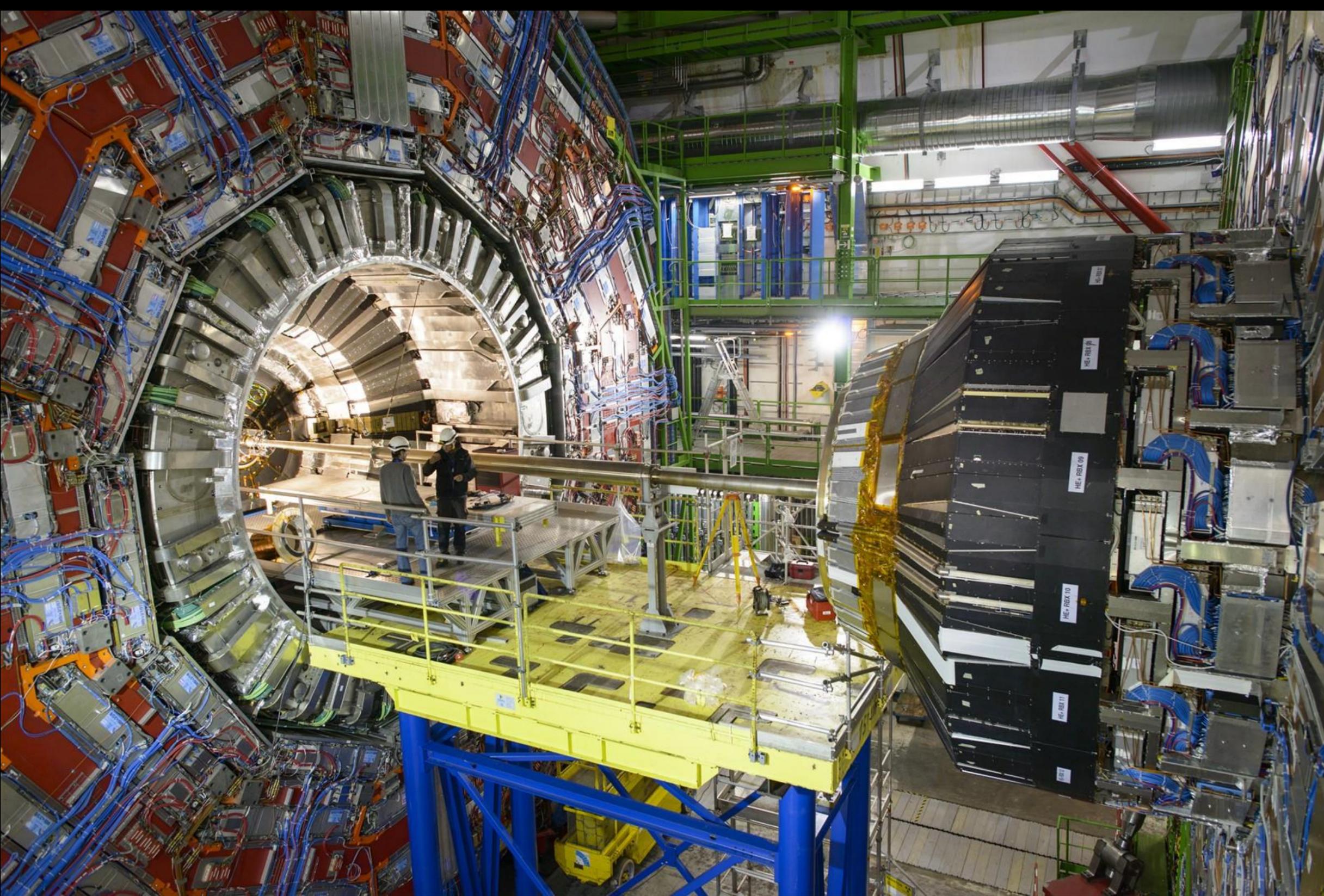
This Week: The Law of Faith

John 9:1-17





How does this
machine work?
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How do I get
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Who likes
to be
judged?



The Wonderland: I Don't get it!

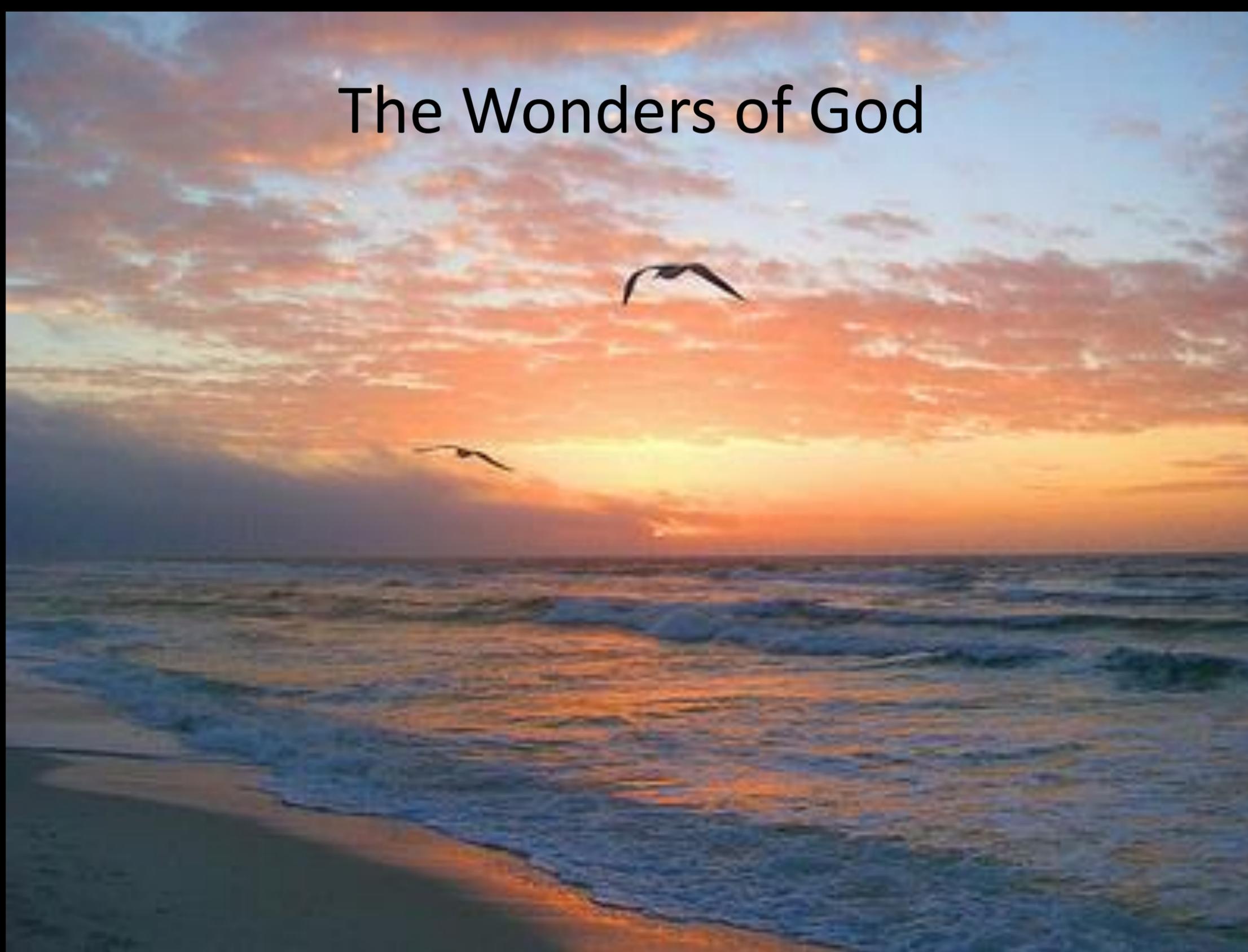
John 9:9-10, "Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

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What do you really know?

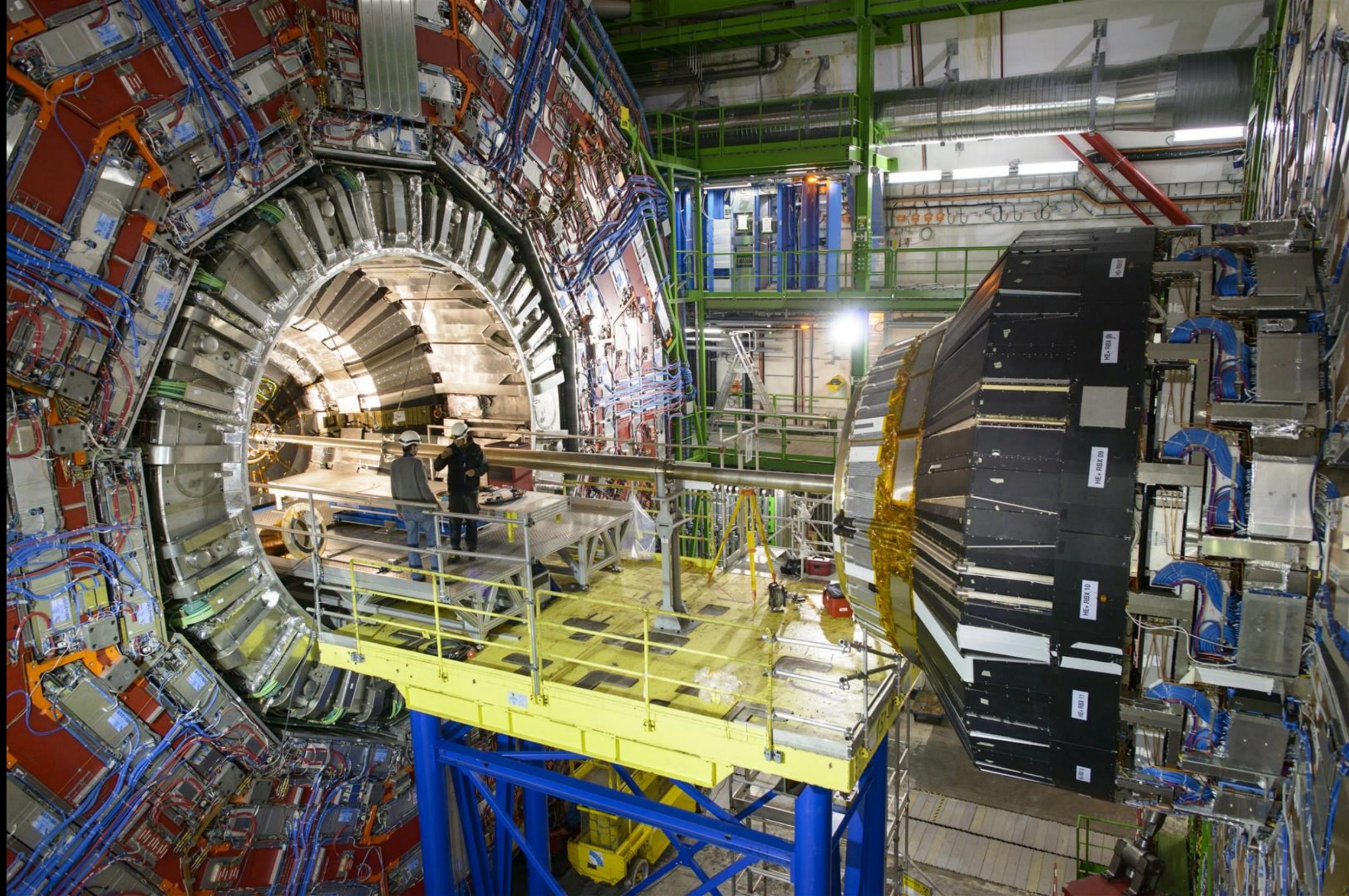
John 9:24-25, "So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

What do you really know?

John 9:39-41, “Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

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God's basic operating system:
The law of Faith

Romans 3:27, "Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith."

The only way there has ever been.

Romans 3:21-22, “But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.”

Yes, But what about Abraham?

Romans 4:1-2, “What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.”

Who is your “what about” guy/girl?

Genesis 15:1-3, “After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”

Genesis 15:4-6, “And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.”

Abraham believed, that's how it worked.

Romans 4:3, "For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

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Romans 4:4, “Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.”

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Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Like all your Christmas' came at once.

Romans 4:5, “And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.”

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."