

Arguments for the existence of God.

Romans 1:20 NLT

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

When we open our eyes and look around, we are confronted with the wonder of creation and the universe that we find ourselves a part of. There is such order and precision, beauty and intricate creativity. The sunrise and seasons, the laws of sowing and reaping and gravity – everything is fixed and functions like clockwork. When we consider ecosystems, the relationship between the sun, moon and earth or even the minute detail in a fingerprint or leaf, it's hard to believe that everything came from nothing. Everything works in such harmony and with such exactness and reliability that it all points towards a Creator. Creation itself is a testament to the existence of God. If everything was created, it must have been created for a certain purpose. It exists for a reason.

The Fine-Tuning of the Universe

When we look at the universe, for life to exist at all there are specific conditions that have to be in place. These conditions are so specific that it appears that they have to have been carefully arranged. Life in the universe would be impossible if only a few of these conditions were even slightly different from what they are. Such precision must be intentional; we cannot reasonably attribute the universe and life to pure chance. Physicists say that the odds of “randomly” arranging the conditions of life are 1:10¹²⁰.

If the strength of gravity were different by just one part in 1060, there could be no stars and galaxies! If the strength of gravity were a tiny bit stronger, then all the matter would collapse back in on itself. If it were slightly weaker, the matter would spread out too quickly for anything like galaxies or stars to be able to form.

(www.gotquestions.org/fine-tuning-argument, www.Discovery.org, <https://www.solas-cpc.org/a-beginners-guide-to-the-fine-tuning-argument/>)

Earth's Perfect Size

Earth is the only known planet with an atmosphere of the right mixture of gases to sustain plant-, animal- and human life. The earth is the perfect distance from the Sun and is protected from harmful solar radiation by its magnetic field. The earth is kept warm by an insulating atmosphere, and it has all the right chemical ingredients for life, including water and carbon. This all shows us that life must be intentional and not the result of nothing – creation is so perfect that it points to an intelligent designer.

(everystudent.com, <https://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/permanent/planet-earth/why-is-the-earth-habitable>,)

Irreducible Biological Complexity

William Paley famously argued, in his 1802 watchmaker analogy, that complexity in nature implies a God for the same reason that the existence of a watch implies the existence of a watchmaker. There are many biochemical systems that cannot function if one part were removed (they are irreducibly complex) which reveals that thoughtful

intent is behind these systems. Design is evidence of a designer. (wikipedia.org, talkorigins.org, everystudent.com).

Consider your body

The human brain processes more than one million messages a second. Your brain weighs the importance of the data and allows you to focus and operate effectively in your world. The human eye has automatic focusing and handles an astounding 1.5 million messages simultaneously. In addition, it can distinguish between seven million colours making it a highly complex organ. (everystudent.com)

These are only a few of the many points that point to the existence of God. However, these arguments don't tell us who God is. That's what we'll look at in the next lesson.

Please watch the following video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otrqzITuSqE>

Questions for reflection (if you already believe in Jesus)

1. The things we discussed in this lesson are only a few of the many occurrences in the natural world that make it reasonable for us to believe that there is an intelligent designer behind this wonderful world of ours. How does all this information affect the way you perceive Jesus and your relationship with Him?

Questions for reflection (if you are not convinced to believe in Jesus yet)

1. The things we discussed in this lesson are only a few of the many occurrences in the natural world that make it reasonable for us to believe

that there is an intelligent designer behind this wonderful world of ours. Consider: If the universe was indeed designed by an outside force, what would the implications be for you, personally? Would you desire to know more?

References used, and for your further study:

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