

Just Thinking Apologetics

One of the more powerful arguments for the existence of God is called the fine-tuning of the universe. This argument turned one of the foremost atheist thinkers (Anthony Flew) to theism. There are various levels of the argument from the fine-tuning of DNA to fine-tuning of the cosmos.

The fine-tuning of the cosmos (universe) is astounding. There are certain parameters that have to be in place during the initial millisecond of the big bang in order to create a life-producing universe. For example, the strong nuclear force, which binds protons to neutrons in the atom, must be finely tuned in order for life to be possible. If this force in the beginning of time was just a hair too strong or weak, then life as we know it would not be possible. Astronomer Hugh Ross has listed 35 quantities that must be precisely fine-tuned during the initial creation of the universe if life is even going to have a chance to exist. If one of these quantities is slightly off, no life can exist. The odds are so great for the universe springing into existence by chance that Physicist Robin Collins says, “It would be like throwing a dart from space toward the earth and successfully hitting a bull’s eye that is less than the size of one solitary atom.”

Perhaps the universe has the appearance of design because a Designer really does exist? A chance explanation of the universe is nothing more than an intellectual cop-out. Atheist, Paul Davies states, “There is for me powerful evidence that there is something going on behind it all...it seems as though somebody has fine-tuned nature’s numbers to make the universe...the impression of design is overwhelming.”