

Just Thinking Apologetics

Last time we looked at the fine-tuning of the universe in order to argue for the existence of God. This week I would like to consider biological fine-tuning. The order and design that exists within DNA is stunning. The question to be addressed is did this complexity of DNA happen as the result of chance or design?

To avoid the complication of explaining DNA, just imagine a human's DNA as 75,490 pages of the New York Times. Every page contains information that can be understood. We are not talking about 75,000 pages of random letters. Cambridge biology graduate, Dr. Stephen Meyer asks how does the word INFORMATION arise? He states, "Neither chemistry or physics arranged the letters this way. The word INFORMATION clearly comes from outside the system." In other words, the word INFORMATION does not and cannot spring into existence by chance, but it is something that shows thought and specified design.

The information in DNA points overwhelmingly to design, and if there is design, there must be a designer. It has been calculated that the odds of chance DNA formation is about one chance in a hundred thousand trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion. Francis Crick, the discoverer of the DNA double helix said, "An honest man, armed with all the knowledge available to us now, could only state that in some sense, the origin of life appears at the moment to be almost a miracle." Francis Collins, the lead scientist in the mapping of the human DNA chain says, DNA is "Our own instruction book, previously known only to God." A Divine Designer best explains the information of DNA.