

Just thinking Apologetics

I recently viewed the movie “Knowing”, starring Nicholas Cage. One of the early movie lines really caught my attention. He thought about the fact that that earth seems to be perfectly placed in the solar system and he considered other factors that seem to be just right for life development. The implications boiled down to a choice of design or chance. He opted for chance. Is everything just a coincidence? How many things need to be just coincidences before someone can see that it is more logical to believe in design? Romans 1:18 address such individuals who will never believe by saying that these individuals suppress the truth.

Psalm 19:1 states, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the works of his hands.” It is this statement that I would like to explore in the coming weeks. Just how unique is planet earth?

Guillermo Gonzalez, a professor of astronomy at Iowa State University wrote a book recently called the “Privileged Planet.” One of the initial points made is that our position not just in the solar system, but also within the galaxy provides a unique vantage point in which we can conduct scientific research. In other words, were we not in the position of the galaxy that we are, we would have no way to discover many aspects of the universe. If the universe is designed, then it seems probable that the Designer created our rare earth for us to discover his design as Psalm 19:1 states, however if we are an accident, we should not expect humans to detect design. Next week we will consider some specific points of design in the universe. If design is present, then spiritual implications follow, if not, then life is without meaning.