

## **Just Thinking Apologetics**

Last week we looked at the special qualities of the solar system that makes life possible here on earth. This week we will consider some of the special characteristics of the earth that make life possible. Did you know that our tilt is necessary for life? If the tilt of the earth is too great, then surface temperatures are too extreme. Our magnetic field is also a special quality for the existence of life. If the magnetic field were stronger, then electromagnetic storms would be too severe. If the magnetic field is weaker then the ozone, which shields us from solar radiation, is not sufficient to protect us. The thickness of the earth's crust has to be just right. If thicker, too much oxygen is transferred from the atmosphere to the crust. If the crust is thinner, then volcanic or tectonic activity becomes too extreme for life to exist.

Once again, we see that the planet we live on is a special place in the universe. Either it happened by chance or it was designed for humans to live on. If it was designed, there must be a designer that desires to have a relationship with us. What a marvelous designer this must be.

Millions of dollars are being spent looking for extraterrestrial intelligence. Former Senator William Proxmire stated, "We would be far wiser to have spent the money looking for intelligent life in Washington." The earth shows remarkable design features indicating that there is a grand designer of our privileged planet.

On a side note, I would like to invite anyone interested in apologetics to First Southern Baptist each Sunday at 6:00 PM. We will consider a variety of subjects ranging from scientific to culturally relevant issues.