

Just Thinking Apologetics

As we consider the uniqueness of earth, one of the other design features that must be considered is the earth's own atmosphere. These features along with others previously mentioned shed further evidence that the earth is designed. As mentioned earlier, if there is design there must be a designer (God).

In order for life to exist we must have the right oxygen to nitrogen ratio. If it is larger, then advanced life functions proceed too quickly. If smaller, advanced life functions proceed too slowly. The carbon dioxide level is critical for life here on earth. If it is greater, a runaway greenhouse effect develops. If smaller, plants would be unable to function by photosynthesis properly. The earth's water vapor is also an important component to life maintenance. If greater, then once again you would have a runaway greenhouse effect. If less, then the decreased rain fall could not support advanced life.

When looking at the overwhelming design around us, physicists Tony Rothman states, "When confronted with the order and beauty of the universe and the strange coincidences of nature, it's very tempting to take the leap of faith from science into religion. I am sure many physicists want to. I only wish they would admit it." Again when looking at the ordered universe, Vera Kistiakowsky, an MIT physicist says, "The exquisite order displayed by our scientific understanding of the physical world calls for the divine."

Lastly, it is good to see Jim back in town. If you believe in prayer, I'm sure he would still appreciate it. This week's apologetic talk (6:00 PM) at First Southern Baptist is going to be called "Darwin, Knowledge, and the fight for Truth."