

## Lesson 3: Does God Exist? (Continued)

*“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”*

*Romans 1:20 (NIV)*

### TELEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT: ARGUMENT FROM DESIGN

If you found a watch in the woods, would you think it had come about by natural law?

### THE TWO FUNDAMENTAL ORIGIN QUESTIONS:

What Caused The:

1) Universe

2) Life

### The Universe Displays Evidence Of Design And Fine Tuning For Life

Often Called the Anthropic Principle, It Reveals The Fingerprint of The Creator

Anthropic Principle = The Universe Is HIGHLY Fine Tuned For Human Life To Exist

The best data shows that the universe will expand forever.

### Extreme Precision Right Now:

If the gravitational force were altered more than 1 part in  $10^{40}$ , the sun would not exist and the moon would crash into the earth or sheer off into space.

Earth and the Solar System also fine tuned in many ways for life.

The average distance between stars in our galaxy is 30 trillion miles. That distance is needed for earth to exist in its present life – supporting position.

*“Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.” Isa 40:26 (NLT)*

**Do you wish to know who God is? Remove all limits from your mind – that is God.**

*“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;” Ps 103:11 (NIV)*

God’s Love – and all his attributes – are infinite.

## THREE POSSIBILITIES FOR FINE TUNING

1. Chance
2. Physical Necessity
3. Design

The first two require much more faith to believe than the third. They are too hard to believe.

### **Atheist Richard Dawkins**

(Author of 'the God Delusion')

"the Central Argument of my book" p. 157-58:

1. The Appearance of design is "overwhelming."
2. There's no explanation for it in physics.
3. Maybe the multi-universe theory (which relies on "luck").

Problems with this theory:

There is zero evidence for it.

It is completely untestable – since we cannot see outside our own universe. Even advocates admit that it does not solve the "problem" of an absolute beginning. This position can only be held by faith.

4. Who made God? (As we have learned, God, by his nature and according to scripture, exists outside of space and time. See Ex. 3:14-15, Jn 8:58)