



The Cosmological Argument

- An argument for the first cause of the universe – natural laws that call for a beginning

Something or somebody had to start the process

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- **The Universe is Expanding**  
AT some point in time past the universe was at a central starting point and has been expanding since then
- Questions:
  - 1) What or who caused it (i.e. the big bang?)
  - 2) What was before that?
  - 3) Can you prove it?

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- **Laws of Energy**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics states that while energy cannot be either created or destroyed it is constantly deteriorating from usable energy to unusable energy.
- Questions:
  - 1) If eternally deteriorating was there a point of maximum energy? When?
  - 2) Why has it not been used up?

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- **Is Matter Eternal?**
- Many atheists believe that matter is eternal or that it created itself. But all of nature demonstrates entropy (wearing down, moving from a state of order to disorder) and points to a beginning.  
Concerning these origins all science can do is present theories

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- So **WHAT** is eternal?
- The Bible gives the answer: *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”* (**Genesis 1:1, John 1:1**)
- Bara – to create something from nothing.
- God is the best answer for what (Who) was BEFORE “the beginning” and what is ETERNAL because He is OUTSIDE the natural realm.

### The Teleological Argument

- Design demands a designer
- We have no problem understanding this in the world today – a car, television, Mt. Rushmore, a watch, buildings, etc.
- The universe is filled with examples of systems that are so intricate they could not have happened accidentally
- NOTE: Science relies upon order and consistency to learn

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- The order of the universe shows design
- The size of the earth is just right.  
It’s distance from the sun is just right to support life.  
The tilt of the earth, the speed of its rotation and the speed of its orbit around the sun all are exactly right to support life on earth

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- The gravitational pull of the moon is the right distance and strength to keep the boundaries of oceans and currents  
Oxygen in the atmosphere is 21%. If it were 25% fires would erupt spontaneously, if 15% humans would suffocate.  
The human body has numerous complex systems that display incredible design.

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- The Bible explains this design:  
*“I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.”*  
**Psalms 139:14**  
  
*“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork.”*  
**Psalms 19:1**

### The Origin of Life

- Life cannot come from inorganic (non-living) matter
- Science, has been unable to create even the slightest form of life – but they continue to try  
**How Did Life Begin?** *“Researchers are a long way from reconstructing any plausible path to the origin of life...But they always conclude that no matter how fragmentary the evidence, that life is possible.”*  
NY Times, 11/11/2003,

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- Life cannot come from inorganic (non-living) matter  
With all that science understands about the composition of a living thing, it **CANNOT** create that “spark of life.”
- NOTE: Let’s suppose that scientists eventually do create life in a test-tube – **WOULD IT REQUIRE INTELIIGENCE to do it?**

### The Origin of Life

- The tragedy of so many in the scientific community is their refusal to consider an intelligent source **OUTSIDE** of natural law
- The Bible says, “*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being*”  
**Genesis 2:7**  
When you see life, you see argument for the existence of God.

### The Nature of Man

- There are many attributes of man that cannot be explained through natural process or by nature itself
- “Why am I here?” – Why do we ask the question?
- Can science explain:  
Man’s highly developed intelligence?  
Our craving for knowledge?  
The conscience, virtue, faith?

### The Nature of Man

- Concerning morality:
- There are universal standards that all reasonable human beings understand – don’t indiscriminately kill, don’t steal what belongs to your neighbor, etc.
- WHO determines what is moral and what is not? **Can science & nature explain this?**
- Within man there is “a sense of ought” not found in other living things

### The Nature of Man

- Concerning morality:
- A moral standard requires a source greater than ourselves to whom we are accountable
- If not, WHO determines what is right and wrong? **Who sets the standard?** Why not live for yourself? How can we condemn Hitler, terrorists, warlords, ethnic cleansing, child molesters, drunk drivers, etc.?

### The Nature of Man

- The Bible explains our moral standard
- “*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*”  
**Genesis 1:27**  
“*If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most pitiable*”  
**1 Corinthians 15:19**  
“*For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ...so then each of us shall give account of himself to God*”  
**Romans 14:10-12**

Concluding thoughts:

- You do not have to look very far in this world to see a case being made for the existence of God.
- “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse”*  
**Romans 1:20-21**

Concluding thoughts:

- Does our belief in God require faith?
- Absolutely!*  
*“By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”* **Hebrews 11:3**
- “But without faith it is impossible to please Him., for he who comes to God must believe that He is...”* **Hebrews 11:6**

Concluding thoughts:

- But what about atheism? Does it require faith?
- Absolutely!*
- By faith – the atheist must accept:
  - That God does NOT exist
  - Matter is eternal or created itself
  - Life originated through inorganic matter and without intelligent design

Concluding thoughts:

By faith – the atheist must accept:

- That “accidents” caused what nature cannot explain or duplicate
- That morals and conscience evolved
- That man created the concept of God
- That he will NOT have to give an account for his life

Concluding thoughts:

NOTE: Why use scripture in a lesson like this to prove the existence of God?  
To show that the Bible DOES provide answers to many of the questions asked by those who question the existence of God.  
Answers where science and nature cannot!

Because God exists, we have hope beyond this life.

Do you believe?

