

Does God Exist?

The Design Argument

Video #1: Reasonable Faith Design Video, Video #2: Case for Creator Clip

Step 1: The universe is exquisitely fine-tuned for the existence of intelligent life

1. Living things are “fine-tuned”: the human eye is so complex, you couldn’t have formed it piece by piece, by chance, but it would have to be there all at once
2. The laws of nature are fine-tuned
3. The constants of nature are fine-tuned
4. The initial conditions of the universe are fine-tuned

Step #2: Fine-tuning can only be explained by either necessity, chance, or design.

Either there is something about the laws of nature that guarantee intelligent life (very few scientists believe this) or chance (evolution) or it was intelligently designed. Example: if your friend wins the lottery twice, or even 3 times, it’s safe to say it probably isn’t chance or necessity (how about a billion times). It’s rigged!

Step #3: Chance and necessity cannot explain the fine-tuning of the universe

Necessity? 1. That would mean it is impossible for life NOT to exist, which is absurd. 2. The constants and quantities of nature aren’t determined by nature itself since they are just “programmed” before space/time existed. There is nothing to guarantee life if the universe wasn’t programmed for it. 3. Chance is hard enough to explain us let alone saying life MUST exist!

Chance? 1. Things are so exquisitely fine-tuned that they are effectively zero, according to William Dembski. Imagine rolling a dice with a trillion sides waiting for your SS# in exact order, but you only have 5 minutes to roll. There just isn’t enough time! Same with universe but worse. Desmbki argues any probability less than 1 in 10(150th power) is essentially zero. Our odds: at least 1 in 10 to the 10 to the 123rd power (Roger Penrose).

More zeros in the # itself than there are atoms in the entire universe! **Dart-board illustration.**



YEAH, BUT: What if ours is one of an infinite number of universes? Chances increase and anything becomes possible.

ANSWER: 1. There’s no evidence for a multiverse, it’s a made-up idea to get around design, 2. Still can’t explain fine-tuning, 3. Only a limited # of universes could exist given age of universe, 4. Even a multiverse needs a cause (see cosmological argument)

Therefore, it must have been intelligently designed.