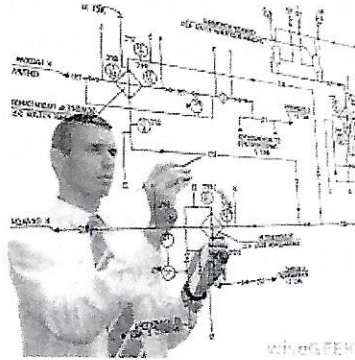


The Teleological (Design) Argument

Please watch this great introductory video at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EE76nwimuT0&list=PL3gdeV4Rk9Efl-NyraEGXXwSjDNeMaRoX&index=4>

Recent history of the 'conflict' between science & Christianity...



The teleological argument is as follows:

A) All _____ systems (not simple designs or patterns, like a snowflake) imply a _____.

B) There is _____ in the universe.

C) Therefore, there must be a _____.

To fully understand the modern implications of this argument, you'll need to understand some math. Oh hush, it'll be fun. Exponents...

$$10^1 = 10$$

$$10^2 = 10 \times 10 = 10^1 \times 10^1 = 10^{1+1} = 10^2 = 100 = \text{one hundred}$$

$$10^3 = 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 10^1 \times 10^1 \times 10^1 = 10^{1+1+1} = 10^3 = 1,000 = \text{one thousand}$$

$$10^6 = 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = \text{one followed by 6 zeros} = 10^6 = 1,000,000 = \text{one million}$$

$$10^9 = \text{one followed by 9 zeros} = 1,000,000,000 = \text{one billion}$$

$$10^{12} = \text{one followed by 12 zeros} = 1,000,000,000,000 = \text{one trillion}$$

The difference of one number in an exponent is a difference of 10 times as much as the previous number. So 100 (10^2) is ten times as much as 10 (10^1).

There are 10^{22} (one followed by 22 zeros) number of stars in our entire universe.

There are about 10^{80} (one followed by 80 zeros) number of atoms in our entire universe. Although 'impossible' is hard to define, scientists have defined it as...if you don't have one chance in 10^{53} (one followed by 53 zeros) of something happening, it'll NEVER happen.

Now if you change the strength of gravity by one part in _____ power, no stars would have formed.

If you changed the rate of expansion of the universe by one part in _____ power, the universe would not have formed at all.

If you changed the strength of the strong force (which binds particles together in an atomic nuclei) by one part in _____ power, atoms would fly apart and nothing would exist at all. This precision is the same as firing a bullet from a gun and hitting a one inch target from a distance of 20 billion light years (that's 480,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 miles away).

For all 3 of these 'constants' to happen by pure chance would be $10^{40+12+60}$ or one chance in _____ power. Astro-physicist Dr. Hugh Ross has identified 152 of these 'constants'.

The _____ of any _____ in the universe existing by pure chance is one chance in _____ power. That's the number one followed by _____ zeros. Since there are only 10^{80} number of atoms in the entire universe, we're saying that there is _____ chance of even one planet forming with all the life supporting conditions that we have here on Earth, unless there is an intelligent designer. The fine tuning of the universe provides prima facie evidence of deistic design."

These 'constants' all define what is known as the _____, which is the mounting evidence that many scientists believe that our universe is extremely fine-tuned (designed) to support human life on Earth.

Life being created by chance takes a lot more faith than it takes to believe it was created by God. I have listed several websites and books that go into much greater detail about the teleological argument.

Reference websites:

www.godandscience.org

<http://tcapologetics.org/arguments-for-gods-existence-teleological/?print=pdf>

Reference books:

"The Case for a Creator" by Lee Strobel

"I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist" by Geisler & Turek

"The Politically Incorrect Guide to Darwinism and Intelligent Design" by Jonathan Wells

"What's So Great about Christianity" by Dinesh D'Souza