



Reasons for God
Resolving doubts. Renewing purpose.

Our world looks like it was designed



“While Christianity IS about faith, it is not a blind faith!”



**19 They know the truth
about God because he has
made it obvious to them.**

Romans 1 (NLT)



**so they have no excuse
for not knowing God.**

Romans 1 (NLT)



Biblical view of why we are here





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created the heavens and the
earth..

Genesis 1



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Psalm 102:25-26



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- *Our universe had a beginning*
- *God existed before the beginning*
- *Creation was caused by God*
- *God created something out of nothing*
- *There will be an end to the universe*
- *We can see God in the design of our world*
- *We can see God in the complexity of our human anatomy*
- ***We believe this by faith***





sci·ence

/ˈsiəns/ 

noun

the intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment.

"the world of science and technology"

synonyms: branch of knowledge, body of knowledge/information, area of study, discipline, field

"the science of criminology"

- a particular area of this.

plural noun: **sciences**

"veterinary science"

- a systematically organized body of knowledge on a particular subject.

"the science of criminology"

synonyms: physics, chemistry, biology; [More](#)



*If it cannot be observed,
or repeated by
experimentation, then it
is not science. It is
faith.*

Dr. Simon Greenleaf

Harvard University Law



**Not a believer, he used to put
down the Christians in his law
classes.**



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**...One year, Christian students
challenged him to take his three
volumes on the Laws of Legal
Evidence and apply the principles
to evidence for the resurrection of
Christ...**



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...In the process, he became a believer and concluded “the resurrection is one of the best established facts of history.”



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Greenleaf concludes that the resurrection of Christ is one of the best-supported events in history according to the laws of legal evidence administered in courts of justice.





***Why is there something
instead of nothing?***



Kalam Cosmological Argument

- *Whatever begins to exist has a cause*
- *The universe began to exist*
- *Therefore, the universe has a cause*



If the universe had a beginning, then one moment there was nothing and the next there was something. To deny the existence of God, one would have to believe that nothing created something.



*Our world looks like it
was designed*



Common Sense





Look at
what time
and
random
chance
produced?



It must have been an explosion in a
brick factory?

A design implies a
designer



Common Sense

Our human anatomy

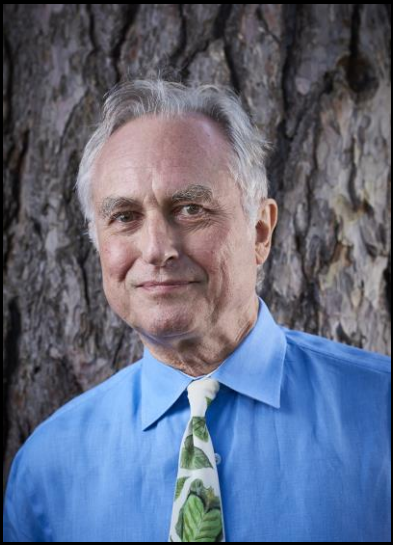








*An atheist must
believe that no
information produced
information*



“Biology is the study of complicated things that give the appearance of having been designed for a purpose”



I could prove God statistically.
Take the human body alone - the
chances that all the functions of
an individual would just happen
is a statistical monstrosity.

- George Gallup



Common Sense Human Anatomy

Fine Tuning



GRAVITY

$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

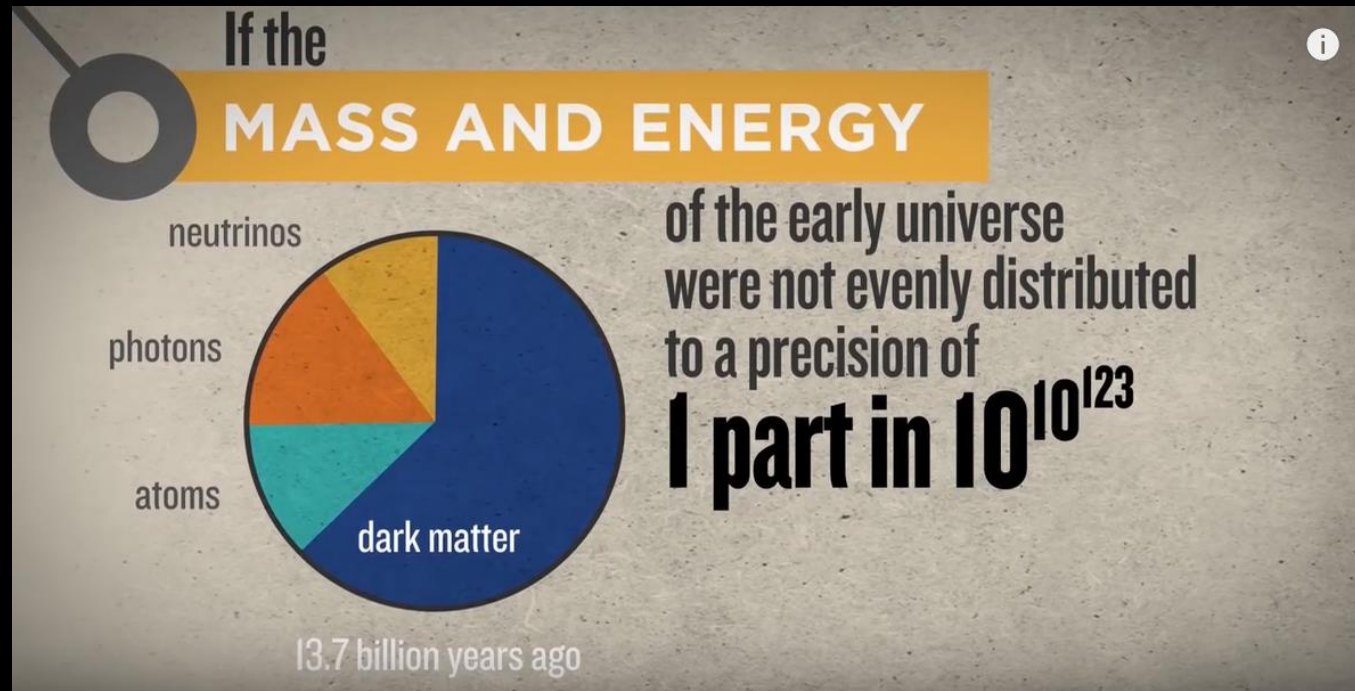
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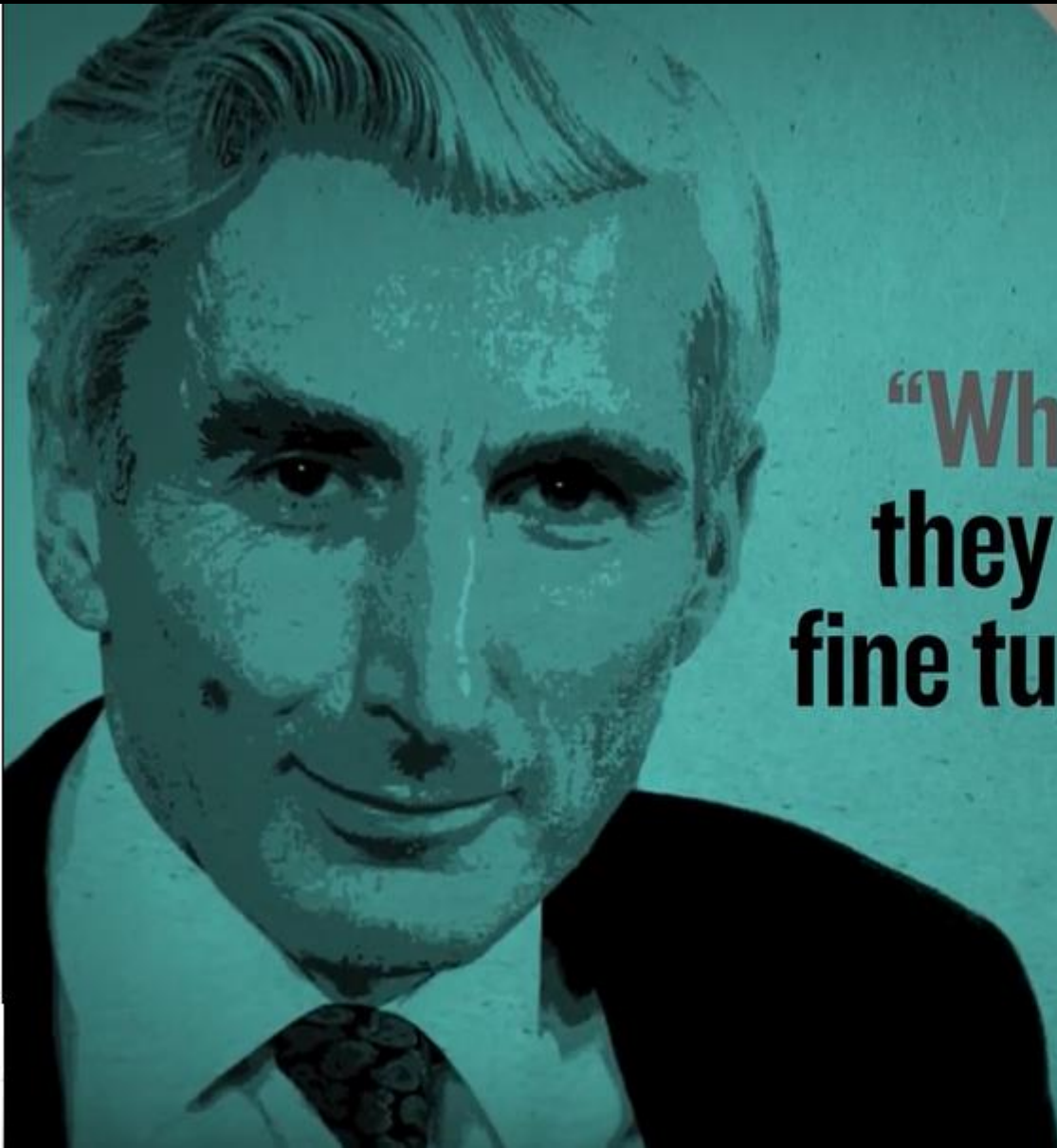
Dr. Craig videos - The Fine Tuning of the Universe (YouTube)

*If this gravitational constant varied by
only 1×10^{60} parts no life could exist*

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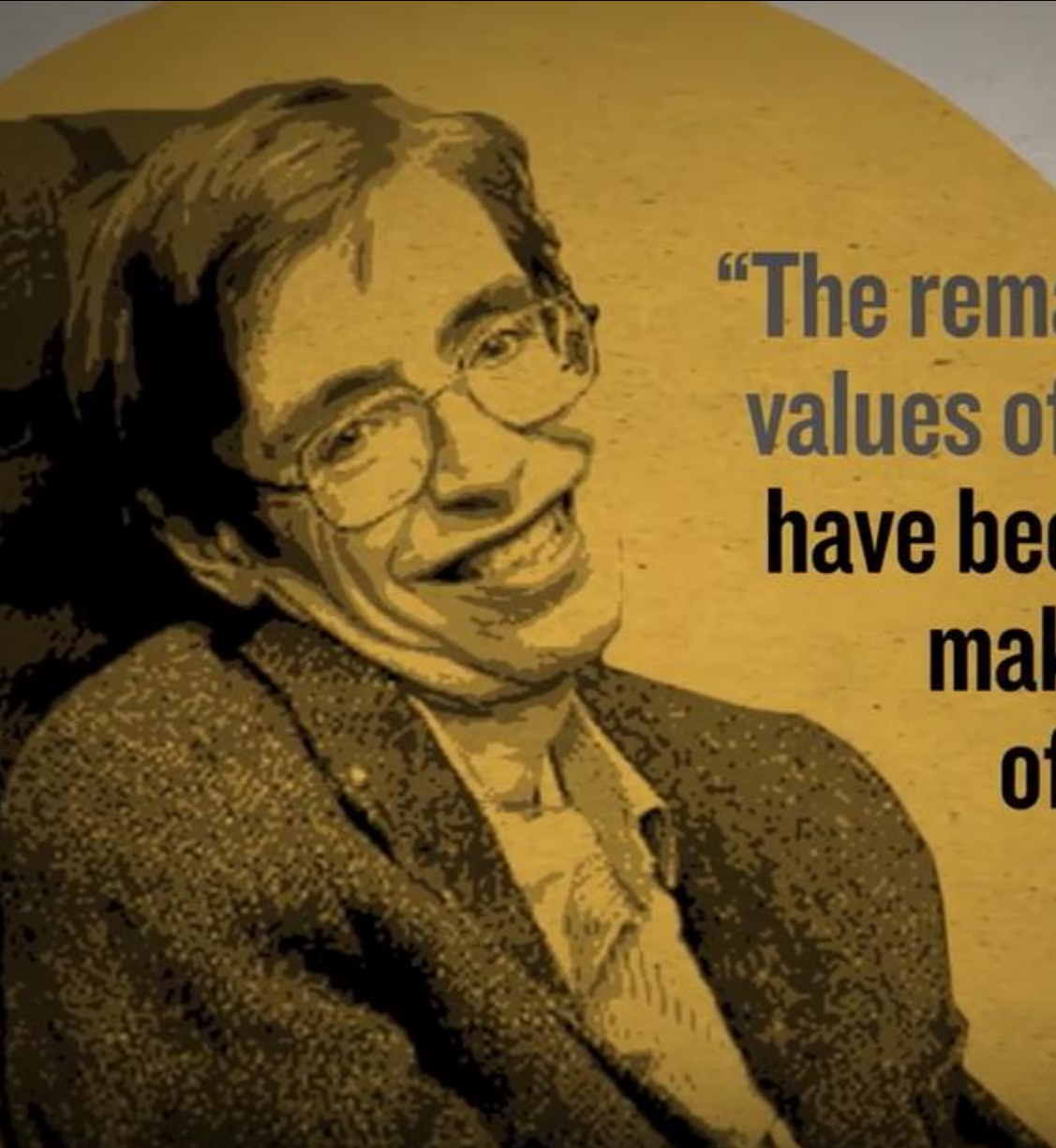
The universe would be
hostile to life of any kind.

A portrait of Sir Martin Rees, a man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. The portrait is set against a teal circular background.

**“Wherever physicists look,
they see examples of
fine tuning.”**

-Sir Martin Rees

*Astronomer Royal of Great Britain
Fellow of Trinity College and Emeritus
Professor of Cosmology and Astrophysics
at the University of Cambridge*



“The remarkable fact is that the values of these numbers seem to have been very finely adjusted to make possible the development of life.”

-Stephen Hawking

*Theoretical physicist and cosmologist
Director of Research at the Centre for Theoretical
Cosmology within the University of Cambridge*

“If anyone claims not to be surprised by the special features the universe has, he is hiding his head in the sand. These special features are surprising and unlikely.”

- David Deutsch

*Physicist at the University of Oxford.
Visiting Professor in the Department of Atomic
and Laser Physics at the Centre for Quantum
Computation (CQC) in the Clarendon Laboratory
of the University of Oxford.*



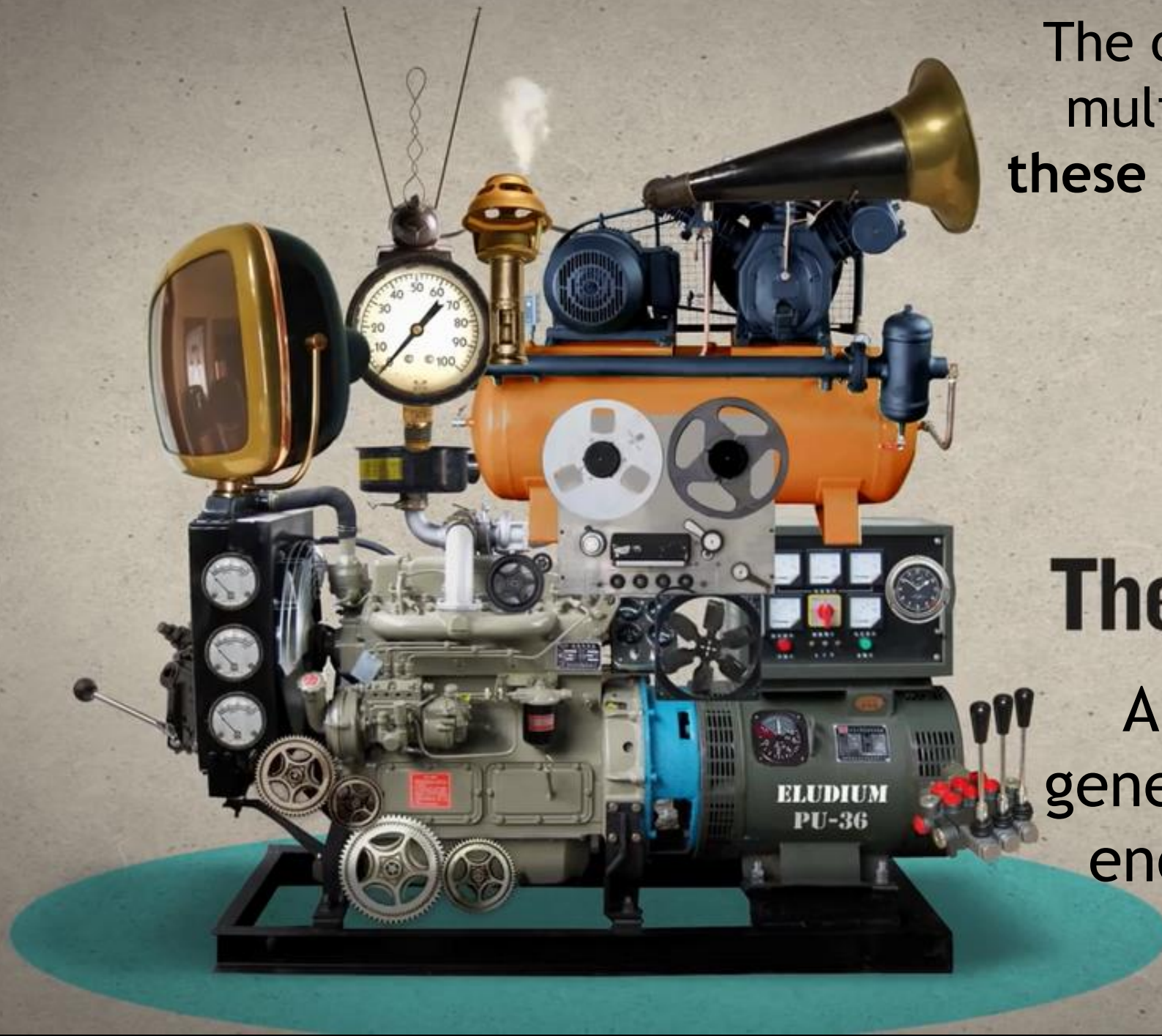
FINE TUNING IS DUE TO EITHER:

Options

~~NECESSITY~~

~~CHANCE~~

DESIGN



The only problem with the
multiverse theory is that
these multiverses cannot be

Detected
Observed
Measured
Proved

The Multiverse

Also... the universe
generator would require
enormous fine tuning

“A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a superintellect has monkeyed with physics ... and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature. The numbers one calculates from the facts seem to me so overwhelming as to put this conclusion almost beyond question .”

-Fred Hoyle

*Astrophysicist and cosmologist
Plumian Professor of Astronomy and
Experimental Philosophy at Cambridge*



**“There is for me powerful evidence
that there is something going on
behind it all ... it seems as though
somebody has fine-tuned nature's
numbers to make the universe.
The impression of design is
overwhelming.”**

- Paul Davies

Physicist

*Recipient of the Templeton Prize,
the Kelvin Medal from the UK Institute of Physics,
and the Michael Faraday Prize*



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Looking at the doctrine of Darwinism, which undergirded my atheism for so many years, it didn't take me long to conclude that it was simply too far-fetched to be credible.

Lee Strobel (2009). "The Case for a Creator: A Journalist Investigates Scientific Evidence That Points Toward God", p.355, Harper Collins



I realized that if I were to embrace Darwinism and its underlying premise of naturalism, I would have to believe that:

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1. Nothing produces everything

2. Non-life produces life

3. Randomness produces fine-tuning

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4. Chaos produces information

5. Unconsciousness produces
consciousness

6. Non-reason produces
reason....



Lee Strobel has explained that
he just did not have enough faith
to continue in his atheism

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**3 All things were made
through Him, and without Him
nothing was made that was made.**

John 1:3



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A man rejects God neither because of intellectual demands nor because of the scarcity of evidence. A man rejects God because of a moral resistance that refuses to admit his need for God.



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Purpose

- **Exalt** - Worship
- **Evangelize** - Tell people about Jesus
- **Equip believers to serve** - make disciples
- **Engage** – Serve others
- **Encourage** – Spend time together



Mission Statement

*To know Jesus and to make Him
known while living, loving and
serving like Him*

confirmation

EVIDENCE

proof

verification

affirmation

substantiation

corroboration