

“Intelligent Design”

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“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech, night after night they display knowledge.”

Psalms 19:1-2

1. Basic Observations of This Universe

“The most beautiful system of sun, planets, and comets could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful being.”

Newton

“If the universe exhibits design, it is logical to conclude that there is a designer. The most obvious inference is that the universe appears to be designed because it is designed.”

Chuck Colson

“The mind can rationally comprehend physical aspects of the world because the world is rational. And since you can’t have rationality without a rational mind – you can’t have it by sheer chance – there must be a rational mind behind the physical world.”

Letters From a Skeptic; Gregory Boyd

*“Physicist Heinz Pagels says that if the universe appears to be tailor-made for life, the most straightforward conclusion is that it **was** tailor-made, created by a transcendent God.”*

2. Moral Compass

“The requirements of the law are written on their heart, their consciences also bearing witness.”

Romans 2:15

3. Longing for God/Gravity

“...it is incongruous with everything else we know about the world to suppose that nature could provide creatures which have longings which nature doesn’t itself fulfill.”

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4. The Big Bang

“British physicist, Paul Davies, though not a professing Christian, says the Big Bang is ‘the one place in the universe where there is room, even for the most hard-nosed materialist, to admit God.’”

How Then Shall We Live, Colson, p. 58

5. Anthropic Principle

The anthropic principle states that in our universe, all these seemingly arbitrary and unrelated values in physics have one strange thing in common: They are precisely the values needed to get a universe capable of supporting life...it begins to appear that the laws of physics were exquisitely calibrated from the outset for the creation of human life."

How Then Shall We Live, Colson

"...the precision is so utterly fantastic, so mathematically breathtaking, that it's just plain silly to think it could have been as accident. Especially since we're not just talking about simple odds but what theorists call 'specified probability,' which rules out chance beyond a reasonable doubt."

Case for Christ, Strobel

6. The Existence of Beauty

Intelligent Design is at work in each person's life. (GPS)

"All things work together for good for those who love God. "

Romans 8:28