

November 14-15, 2009

Tough Questions About God

"Why is there Order & not Chaos?" God the Intelligent Designer

Major World Views -

- _____ - There is no God.
- _____ - The view that only through testable and observable science, can anything really be known.
- _____ - Impossible to prove or disprove God so don't worry about it.
- _____ - There is a God, but completely uninvolved and uninterested in creation.
- _____ - All that is, came about by and can be explained by natural processes.
- _____ - God is inextricably linked to the physical world.
- _____ - There are many gods each with particular realms and duties.
- _____ - A personal, active and involved creator.

Theme Verse

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.” Romans 1:20 (NLT)

Last week we explored the question concerning the _____ of the Universe.

This week we will explore the question concerning the _____ of the Universe

This weekend’s tough question - **“Why Is There Order and not Chaos?”**

Scientific Observation – Scientists have found that the construction of the universe and our place in it is ordered and structured to mind boggling degrees to be able to produce life.

The name for the order of the universe is the _____ or _____ Principle

3 Proposed Hypotheses for the Anthropic Reality

1. The _____ Hypothesis

2. The _____
_____Hypothesis

3. The _____
_____Hypothesis

What the Ordered Universe Teaches Us about the
Intelligent Designer

1. The Designer is _____

2. The Designer is a _____

3. The Designer is _____

Summary:

The universe is _____, _____ and _____ to mind boggling accuracy.

The Universe is either a random event against almost infinitely large odds **AND** violates everything else we have ever observed in nature **OR** it is the Design of an _____, _____, _____, _____.

God the Powerful Creator

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.... He said “Let there be light and there was light.” Gen. 1:1, 3

God the Intelligent Designer

“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. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.” Psalm 19:1-3

Tough Question Follow Up:

Christ Followers: Practice Awe and Gratitude as you soak in the majesty of God’s handiwork.

Seekers: Wrestle with the implications of the Anthropic principle. Are there other good reasons for such a finely tuned universe?