Is It Reasonable to Believe in God in This Scientific Age?

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INTRODUCTION

- Is it reasonable to believe in God in this scientific age? I can tell you the answer to that question on the part of many folks, particularly in the scientific community, would be absolutely not.
- It is saying you can examine the natural world, look at things that clearly have all the evidence that they were made, and therefore they testify to a grand and glorious Maker, whom the Bible calls God.
- In my judgment, it's more reasonable than ever. And we have less excuse than ever for missing that there is a God.

1 Same Evidence, Different Conclusions

- I will tell you that Frank Bormann and James Lovell became stronger believers in God because of this experience.
- The same evidence can bring people to completely different conclusions, depending on their presuppositions.
- Because there's abundant reasons, in my view, for you to believe that there's a God, even in this scientific age.

2 Rare Earth: Why Complex Life Is Uncommon

- Why complex life is uncommon in the universe. It's based on a lot of science.
- What we're learning is life is so complex, way far more complex than we ever dreamed in 1960. That the chances of it existing somewhere else in complex form is rare.
- Here we are, 60 years later, and they're openly saying this earth and its complex life is rare, folks.

3 The Universe Looks Designed for Life

- Everyone agrees that the universe looks as if it was designed for life. It looks as if our universe is spectacularly fine-tuned for life.
- By the 2000s, scientists had discovered 38 characteristics of the cosmos and over 150 characteristics of our solar system that are all fine-tuned for life.
- How many coincidences does it take to convince you this isn't a coincidence?
- If circumstances had been just slightly different in our universe, there would be no life today.

4 Foundational Fine-Tuned Factors

- Todd was convicted of first-degree murder based on the series of circumstantial evidences that added up. You can be convicted that life came about by design by looking at the evidence.

- In the universe, there are lots of foundational fine-tuned factors that support life that have to be just right.
- If the ratio between the electromagnetic force and the gravitational force was altered by more than one in 10 to the 40th, this universe would suffer a similar fate.
- There are 38 of those that are all the same way. You change it one little teeny bit, and you wouldn't be here.

5 Regional Fine-Tuned Factors

- To support life, it can't just be anywhere in the universe. You have to have the proper type of a galaxy to support living systems.
- Most of the galaxies in the universe would not support a planetary system with life on it like we have.
- You have to be in a certain very narrow region to support life. That's not all. You have to have the proper kind of star.
- It has to have the right spin. And it has to be the right distance from the sun, and it has to have the right tilt.
- There are 150 different features of our solar system. These are regional factors that all point to design or pure coincidence.

6 Water, the Most Amazing Substance

- Water is the most amazing substance in this universe. And everybody knows you have no life with no water.
- It's the only substance on earth that exists in all three states solid, liquid, and gas.
- When water freezes, it expands. So it's less dense than the liquid, which makes it float.
- So you can believe if you wish, that just happened, and it just happens to be the most important substance for life.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I hope if you're doubting the existence of God, we've opened up at least enough of a door to say to you, would you consider examining the evidence of the natural world?**

MY NOTES