

A Warm Welcome Awaits You at Our Sunday Worship

@10:30am Block 67, #07-10 Ayer Rajah Crescent, Singapore 139950



One Year Chronological Bible

September 28

Zechariah 5-9

September 29

Zechariah 10-14

September 30

Esther 1-5

October 1

Esther 6-10

October 2

Ezra 7-10

October 3

Nehemiah 1-5

October 4

Nehemiah 6-7

October 5

Nehemiah 8-10

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Giving:





Introducing Our Care Team Leaders



The men's Care team is our largest, with Alfred Poon and Ramesh Dhanabalan leading the group. They are primarily responsible for our worship services.



The ladies' Care team is led by June Dhanabalan and Annie Koh. They coordinate of all the lunch fellowships.



Henry Kong and Paul Poon lead the Youth Care team.

Care teams meet at 10am, before the worship. They check in on each other, discuss the previous week's sermon and pray for each other.

All members attend the Care team to get to know one another and grow in faith. We welcome you, your friends and family to join us.

- Henry Kong



Natural Theology

When Creation Proves God is Real

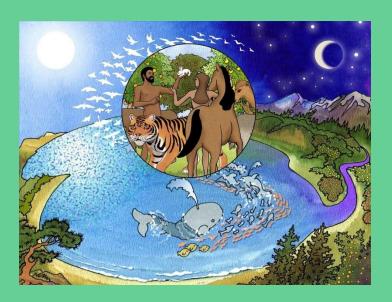
TODAY'S VERSE

Colossians 1:16 (NIV)

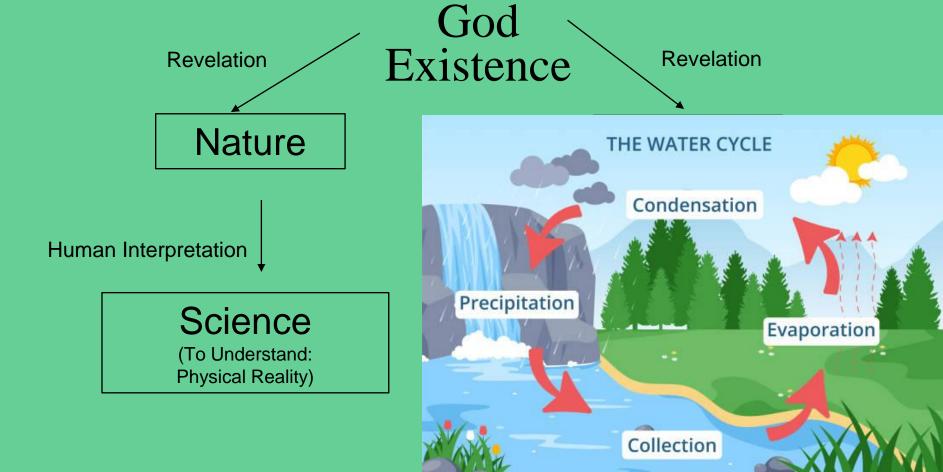
For in Him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things have been created through Him and for Him.

What is Natural Theology?

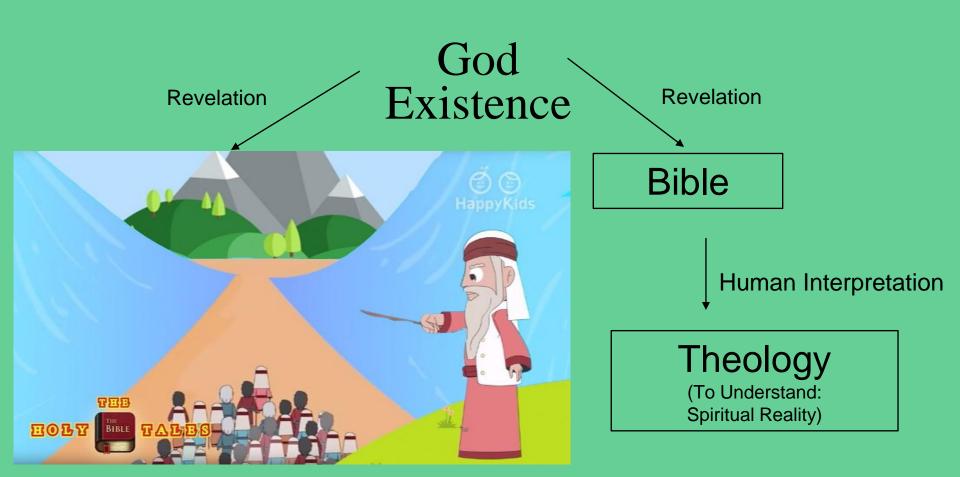
the study of God and divine truths by looking at nature, reason, and the created world



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Why Study Nature Theology?

- 1. Reveals God through Creation
- 2. Strengthens Faith
- 3. Bridges Faith and Reason
- 4. Engages Culture and Science
- 5. Important part of Apologetics

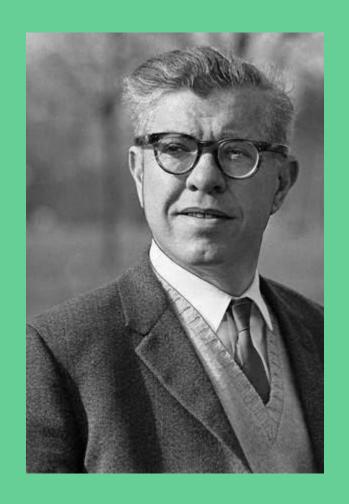


Definition of Apologetics

The practice of explaining and defending the Christian faith with reasons, evidence, and answers to questions or objections.

Think of it like this: If someone asks:

- □ Why do you believe in God?
- or
- ☐ How can the Bible be true?
- or
- ☐ How do you know God exists?



A superintellect has monkeyed with physics, as well as with chemistry and biology, and there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature.

Sir Fred Hoyle, Cambridge University Father of the term "Big Bang" Theory

2 Arguments of Natural Theology

(A) Cosmological Argument

(B) Teleological Argument

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

(A) Cosmological Argument

Evidence of First Cause

Creator of the Bunny



Bunny Great Great Grand Parent



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Bunny Grand Parent



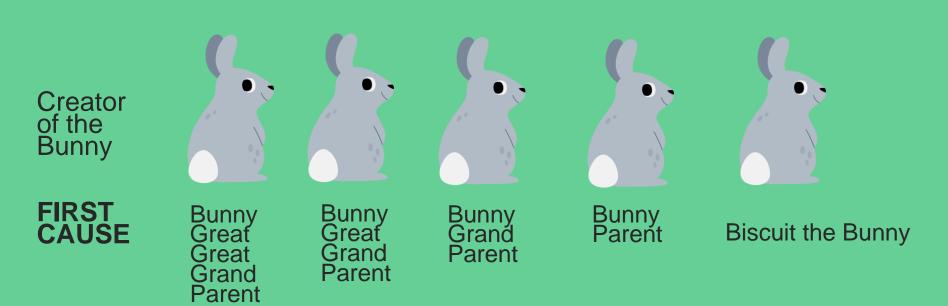
Bunny Parent



Biscuit the Bunny

- Before Biscuit Bunny begins to exist, Biscuit Bunny parents have to begin to exist, and before they begin to exist, their parents have to begin to exist, and so on...
- If everything is like this, nothing would ever begin to exist.
- For every preceding is not existing originally, and has no power to begin to exist by itself.

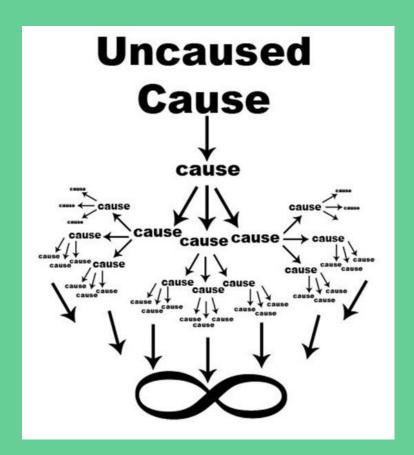
What is required is a <u>First Cause</u> which does not need to depend on another thing in order to exist.



(A) Cosmological Argument

Why is the First Cause = God?

- Since the First Cause is the first, it must be uncaused.
- Since whatever begins to exist has a cause, the First Cause must be beginningless.
- The First Cause has the power to bring about the first event by itself.

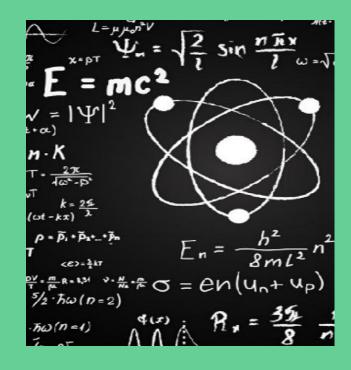


BONUS FACT:

First Cause eliminates other religions without a First Cause.

(B) Teleological Argument

Evidence of Design



(B) Teleological Argument

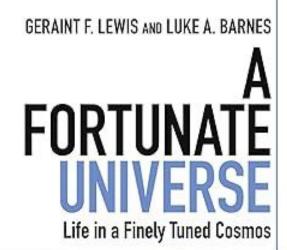
In order to bring about a universe with its highly ordered laws of nature and fine-tuning, the First Cause must be highly intelligent (a 'superior Mind'— Einstein) and enormously powerful.

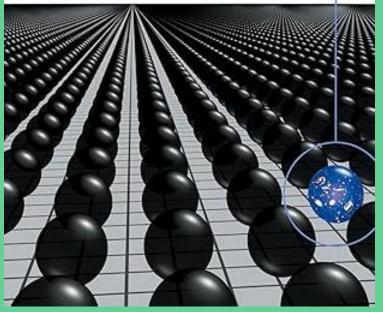


(B) Teleological Argument

Design of creation:

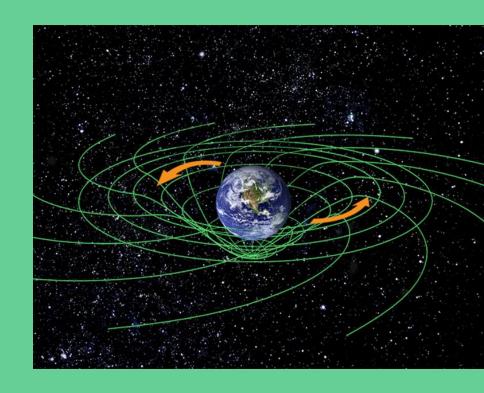
- (i) Designed by a Super intellect being
- (ii) Designs are High Quality and High Precision





Evidence of Design 1: Earth's Gravity-electromagnetic ratio

- The ratio of the strength of gravity to electromagnetism.



Evidence of Design 2: Controlled Explosion that Created the Universe

- Entropy must be extremely highly precise with a very high amount of usable energy.
- □ Probability that a universe chosen at random would possess the necessary degree of order is 1 in 10¹⁰⁽¹²³⁾.



Probability of Winning TOTO 1st Prize

- TOTO is to pick 6 numbers out of 49
- Odds of winning once:1 in 13,983,816(1 in 13.98 million)



Probability Comparison: Odds of Happening in Nature

- Gravity-electromagnetic ratio: 1 in 10⁴⁰: Winning 6 times 1st Prize in a continuous row.
- □ Entropy: 1 in 10¹⁰⁽¹²³⁾:

 winning 1.4×10¹²² times

 1st Prize in a continuous

 row.



If creation is this glorious, how much greater must the Creator be?

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 19:1

Evidence of Design 3: God above gods of Egypt

The Plagues of Egypt

Exodus 7-12



Blood (7:14-24)
The Nile and other waters in Egypt turned to blood.



Boils (9:8-12)
Boils break out on everyone in Egypt.



Frogs (8:1-15)
Frogs cover the land of Egypt.



Hail (9:13-35)

Hail strikes down everything in the fields – humans, animals, plants and trees.



Gnats (8:16-19)
The dust in the land of Egypt turned to gnats covering all the people and animals.



Locusts (10:1-20)
Locusts cover Egypt destroying everything the hail did not destroy.



Flies (8:20-32)
Flies filled the houses and all the land of Egypt.



Darkness (10:21-29)
Darkness covers Egypt for 3 days.



Livestock (9:1-7)
All the Egyptian livestock die.



Death of Firstborn (11:1-12:33)

The firstborn of all the Egyptian people and cattle die.

Evidence of Design 4: God's Redemption Plan



Natural Theology Applications

G.R.A.C.E

- > Grow in awe of God's majesty.
- > Remember His presence through creation daily.
- > Arm your faith with apologetics.
- > Connect with others using creation as a doorway.
- > Enjoy pausing to notice God in nature.





