

To what extent, if at all, does the universe's existence prove the presence of a God?

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Firstly, What is God?

- The being which made the universe, the Earth and its people and is believed to have an effect on all things.
- Omnipotent
- Omnibenevolent
- Omniscient

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Creationism

- Creationist: A person who believes that the world was made by God exactly as it says in The Bible.
- Genesis, “In the beginning, God created...”

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Is there a God?

- Marilyn Adamson claims the existence of God (source 3)

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Theology

The Teleological Argument - Paley's Watch Analogy

- A watch is a product of intelligent design
- The watch resembles the universe
- Conclusion, God is the “watchmaker” of the universe

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Teleological Argument

- The universe has a purpose, but what is it?
- The teleological argument states the world has a purpose, but doesn't say what.

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The universe is a watch?

- Can something as vast and complex as the universe really be compared to a watch?

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The Cosmological Argument

- Everything has a cause of existence
- The universe has a cause
- That cause is God

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Counter Arguments

- If everything has a cause, what caused God? What caused that?

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Evolutionism

- Charles Darwin, “Origin of Species”
- God didn’t create humans, we evolved over millions of years.

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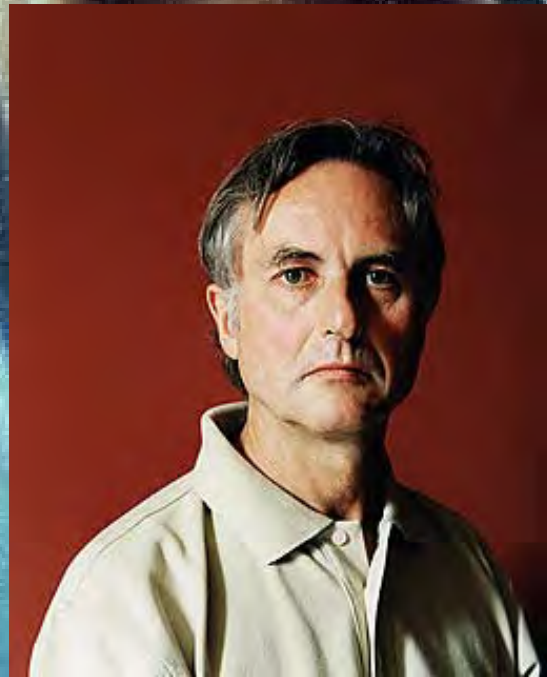
An argument supporting evolution.

- <http://www.scienceclarified.com/El-Ex/Evolution.html>
- Science clarified: Evolution

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How to win an argument with a creationist

- Richard Dawkins presents counter arguments to creationism.



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Strengths

- Makes references to counter arguments
- Exposes flaws in oppositions arguments and can comfortably deconstruct and criticise them

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Weaknesses

Extremely biased]

Dawkins presents no solid facts to back up his views

Evolution

Can evolution be proven?

It is a process taking millions of years.

It can be analysed and observed, but not proven

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Conclusion

- The existence of the universe is a strong argument for the existence of God, however, it doesn't provide proof.

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