

Bibliography for Sessions 2 & 3

This is an abbreviated list of resources used while researching the cosmological and teleological arguments. They are not all Christian, nor does this author agree with every resource. One must read broadly to come to a solid understanding of a subject. (In approximate order of usefulness.)

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FILMS

The Story of Everything – Uses the arguments in Stephen Meyer's *Return of the God Hypothesis*, but through interviews with scientists and historical information. Highly recommended. (Currently \$10 to purchase on Amazon Prime video.)

The Fine-Tuning of the Universe. A William Lane Craig video that was highly recommended to me by a reliable source, but I have not reviewed it yet. I find Craig's arguments in this field very useful.

Everything and Nothing: The Amazing Science of Empty Space – A worthwhile secular documentary on how we measure space and the true size of the universe. A mix of science and philosophy.

WEBSITES

reasons.org – Science from an old Earth perspective. Hugh Ross

answersingenesis.org – Science from a young Earth perspective. Ken Ham

biologos.org – Site which attempts to harmonize creation with evolution. Francis Collins

Some Sample Questions

If your brain is the product of blind physical and chemical forces, why would you trust it to give you an accurate understanding of reality?

How can mindless random process produce consciousness and self-awareness?

Could evolution cause us to have false beliefs? (e.g., justice and morality)

Why is there so much gratuitous beauty in this world? (Beauty that is not needed for survival. The beauty in this world far exceeds that which is *needed*.)

What do you think of when you hear the term “God?”

What kind of universe would you expect if it was a product of random chance conditions and not one that was designed?

A famous quote from Richard Dawkins is that the universe has just those properties one would expect if there were no design, no purpose, only blind, pitiless indifference. What do you think of that statement? (This question can lead many places, even to “social justice” and no standard to judge by without God. The survival of the fittest.)

How do you account for the precise calibration of the universes fundamental constants?

Why are there laws of nature at all instead of just chaotic interactions?

Regarding the universe’s beginning pointing to God, you can ask: If the necessary and sufficient conditions for the production of the universe are eternal, then why isn’t the universe eternal? How can all the conditions sufficient for the production of the universe changelessly exist and yet the universe not also exist, along with the cause? How can the cause exist without the universe? If the cause were an impersonal set of conditions, “it could not choose to create but would automatically actualize the universe and could not exist without its effect.”¹

Can a software program arise without an intelligent programmer?

How can millions of precise biological instructions in DNA arrange themselves?

See pages 99-105 of *Street Smarts: Using Questions to Answer Christianity’s Toughest Challenges* by Gregory Koukl, for some sample questions addressing DNA and Multiverses.

¹ Douglas Groothuis, *Christian Apologetics*, 226.