



# The Question of Originality: Where Did I Come From?

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**TRUE FREEDOM:** Living according to God's DESIGN for your life.

## WORLDVIEWS ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS:

1. How did we get here?
2. What went wrong?
3. How do we fix it?

### CHRISTIANITY

- **ORIGIN:** God Created (*Genesis 1:1*)
- **PREDICAMENT:** Humanity Sinned (*Romans 3:23*)
- **RESOLUTION:** Jesus Christ (*John 3:16*)

### NATURALISTIC DARWINISM

- **ORIGIN:** Humanity Developed by Accident
- **PREDICAMENT:** Evolution is a Clumsy Process
- **RESOLUTION:** Science Solves Our Problems

*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.  
- Psalm 19:1-2 (NIV)*

## TWO EXAMPLES OF EVIDENCE FOR DESIGN:

### 1. FINE TUNING:

- **FREEMAN DYSON:** "As we look out into the universe and identify the many accidents of physics and astronomy that have worked to our benefit, it almost seems as if the universe must in some sense have known that we were coming."
- **MARK WHORTON and HILL ROBERTS:** "If the balance between gravity and the expansion rate were altered by one part in one million, billion, billion, billion, billion, billion, billion, billion, there would be no galaxies, stars, planets, or life."
- **ROGER PENROSE:** concluded that "if we combined all the laws that must be fine-tuned, we couldn't even write down that number in full, since it would require more zeroes than the number of elementary particles in the universe."

## 2. BIOLOGY – DNA:

- **DAVID BALTIMORE:** “Modern biology is a science of INFORMATION.”
- **BILL GATES:** “DNA is like a COMPUTER program, but far, far more advanced than any software we’ve ever created.”
- **STEPHEN MEYER:** “Whenever we find specified information and we know the causal story of how that information arose, we always find that it arose from an intelligent source.”
- **ANTONY FLEW:** “What I think the DNA material has done is show that INTELLIGENCE must have been involved in getting these extraordinarily diverse elements together . . . The enormous complexity by which the results were achieved looks to me like the work of intelligence.”

## THE IMPLICATIONS OF DIVINE CREATIVE DESIGN ON MY LIFE:

### 1. I Enjoy the Pleasure of GOD’S PLAN

*Psalm 139:13-16*

*For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. - Jeremiah 29:11 NLT*

### 2. I Share the Power of HUMAN DIGNITY

*So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. - Genesis 1:27 NLT*

*Sometimes [the tongue] praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. <sup>10</sup>And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!  
- James 3:9-10 NLT*

### 3. I Embrace the Strength of PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

*Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.” - Genesis 2:18 NLT*

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Matthew 22:37-39 MSG*

*The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You’ve got to love both. - 1 John 4:21 MSG*

# Walk the Talk

## *A Small Group Guide*

Read: Romans 1:18-32

1. What cause you to be in awe of God in the great outdoors? A garden? A mountain retreat? A vacation at the beach?
2. What things in nature have you seen that “proves” to you God exist?
3. How does this passage fit into your conception of the God who has shown himself in nature?
4. This passage is the most descriptive review of the “Fall” of humanity. What did human beings do when they were given the plain “truth” about God in nature?
5. How did God respond to this failure to thank God or even acknowledge God for who He is (see vv. 24, 26, 28)? How does this inform you regarding the nature of God about his love and his anger?
6. Has society gotten better since Paul wrote these words or worse? How so? Does this passage show an evolution up regarding moral advancement or a devolution down?
7. How does modern psychology get this all wrong? Right?
8. How will you approach your children or grandchildren knowing the propensity of humanity to devolve morally? How will you counteract this devolving reality in your life and those you have influence over?