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- **Philosophical Argument for a beginning:** The past number of events must be finite.
- ***creation ex nihilo:*** Latin: "out of nothing".
- **The big bang falls short** because it does not explain this.

"By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible."

---Hebrews 11:3

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- **Scientific Naturalist View:** The universe is a closed box. Within that closed box, the universe is governed by natural laws (or forces).
- **4 natural forces:** Gravity, the strong and weak nuclear forces, and the electromagnetic force.
- Everything that happens within the closed box of the universe must have a natural explanation. This rules out miracles.

This view presupposes atheism.

# The Creation of the Universe was a Miracle

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- Remember that a miracle is a 'supernatural' event.
- For someone to demonstrate that a miracle is not possible, he must first show that God does not exist.
- If it is even possible that God exists, miracles are possible.
- Remember: Natural laws are *descriptive*, not *prescriptive*.

**When someone is willing  
to follow the evidence...**

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**"Astronomers now find they have painted themselves into a corner because they have proven, by their own methods, that the world began abruptly in an act of creation to which you can trace the seeds of every star, every planet, every living thing in this cosmos and on the earth. . . . That there are what I or anyone would call supernatural forces at work is now, I think, a scientifically proven fact."**

**----Robert Jastrow (Astronomer & Planetary Physicist)**

# Fine tuning Argument

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**There are more than 100 anthropic constants.**

**Anthropic Constant:** An unchanging condition that makes earth life sustaining.

**The Atheist response to fine-tuning:**

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**The multiverse theory**

# **Design Argument**

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- **Every design must have a designer.**
- **The universe shows evidence of design.**
- **Therefore, the universe has a designer.**

Random occurrence, or by design?



## **Is a young earth possible?**

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- The speed of light is 186,282 miles per second.
- Some stars that are visible from earth are millions of light years away from earth.
- Because we can see them from earth, it must have taken millions of years for the light to travel from the stars to earth.
- Therefore, they conclude, the universe must be millions of years old.

**Answer: God made the universe with the appearance of age.**

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**Gen. 1:16-19:** “God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; *He made* the stars also. <sup>17</sup> God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.”

- ❑ **A fully functioning universe would have the appearance of age.**
- ❑ **This is right in line with the way that God created man. He didn't create Adam and Eve as babies. He created them as mature beings.**

# **Is theistic evolution possible?**

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- **What is theistic evolution?**
- **Difference between macro-evolution and micro-evolution.**
- **Reasons why macro-evolution is not possible. (irreducible complexity; can only reproduce within species).**

# **Is theistic evolution possible?**

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- **Not if we interpret Genesis literally.**
- There is no reason to interpret it any other way.
- The text speaks for itself, don't try to speak for it.

# **New Testament passages that argue against theistic evolution.**

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- **Jesus affirms the special creation of Adam and Eve at the beginning ([Mark 10:6](#)).**
- **Luke connects the human lineage of Jesus to Adam ([Luke 3:38](#)).**
- **Jesus links the doctrine of marriage to Adam and Eve ([Matthew 19:4–6](#)).**
- **Paul connects the doctrine of the church to Adam and Eve ([Ephesians 5:30–32](#)).**
- **Paul argues for family order because of Adam and Eve ([1 Corinthians 11:8–12](#)).**
- **Paul attaches the origin of sin in the world to Eve ([1 Timothy 2:13–14](#)).**
- **Paul also connects death from sin to Adam ([Romans 5:12–14](#)).**