



DIVINE DESIGN

From the clothes we wear, to the vehicles we drive, to the homes we live in, design demonstrates a designer. So too, the intricate design of Earth & its creatures point to the Greatness & Goodness of our God.

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* All Scripture is from CSB (Christian Standard Bible) & NLT (New Living Translation)

🔍 Write down some examples of God's design:

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Romans 1:19-20 (CSB) ...what can be known about God is evident among them, because God has shown it to them. For **His invisible attributes**, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been **clearly seen** since the creation of the world, being understood **through what He has made**. As a result, people are without excuse.

Many refuse to recognize the Designer, opting for fairy tales where human beings are just highly evolved animals. That has led to foolish thinking where we treat animals better than people, while denying our Creator.

God's judgment? Allowing the sinful behavior of His creation to experience the full effect of sin's consequences.

We have already seen where Paul writes about how the evidence of the Creator is seen through creation, but here's the rest of the context.

God's Judgment

Romans 1:18-25 (CSB) For God's wrath is revealed from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of **people who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth**, since **what can be known about God is evident among them**, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made. As a result, **people are without excuse**. For though they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or show gratitude. Instead, **their thinking became worthless, and their senseless hearts were darkened**. Claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, birds, four-footed animals, and reptiles. Therefore **God delivered them over in the desires of their hearts** to sexual impurity, so that their bodies were degraded among themselves. **They exchanged the truth of God for a lie**, and worshiped and served what has been created instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amen.

Despite the fact that we live in an unprecedented time of scientific discovery, allowing us to view the vastness of deep space and focus on the intricacies of micro-organisms, people still refuse to believe in the Author of life.

WHY IS THAT? We don't like anyone telling us what to do. If there is a God, then He is the **AUTHOR** of life and the **AUTHORITY** of life. To not submit to Him is to face **God's wrath** (mentioned in Rom 1:18).

- IF that's YOU...would you **OPEN YOUR EYES** to the possibility of **DIVINE DESIGN**? Consider the evidences we're about to explore.

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The Significance of Fine Tuning & Anthropic Constants

Anthropic Constants are finely tuned, interdependent environmental conditions necessary for life on Earth. While there are more than 100, let's consider a few:

Anthropic Constant #1 - Oxygen Levels

Oxygen is 21% of our atmosphere. If slightly altered we would be in trouble. 25% oxygen levels would allow for spontaneous fires while oxygen levels of 15% or lower would suffocate all human beings.

Anthropic Constant #2 - Carbon Dioxide Levels

If CO2 levels were *higher* the Green House Effect would make it too hot to live on the planet. If CO2 levels were *lower*, photosynthesis wouldn't occur as plants need CO2 in order to live. Without plants...humans would die because since the produce Oxygen for us to breathe.

Anthropic Constant #3 - Gravity & Interaction of Earth & Moon

The gravitational force of our moon moves the tides that keep the oceans healthy. Without it, plants and animals would die in stagnation. If the moon were too large or too close to the earth, the gravitational force of the tides would be too profound (flooding the earth twice a day).

Anthropic Constant #4 - Jupiter is a Cosmic Vacuum Cleaner

Without Jupiter (the largest planet in our solar system - 318 times as massive as Earth) in its current orbit, the Earth would constantly be bombarded with space material (asteroids, comets, etc). Instead, it is a cosmic vacuum cleaner, keeping us safe.

Anthropic Constant #5 - 24 hour Earth Rotation

If Earth's rotation took longer than 24 hours, the temperature differences between night and day would be too great. Less than 24 hours would cause wind velocities would be too great.

The Earth's distance from the sun is just right.

- The **EARTH averages 57^o F...**
- **Venus** (closer to the sun) **averages 847^o F** - hot enough to melt lead.
- **Mars** (farther from the sun) **averages -81 degrees**.¹ It does have 70^o days on equator, but evenings can plummet to -100.

We live in the **Goldilocks Zone** (not too hot and not too cold)

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HUMAN BEINGS

- Human nose can recognize up to 10,000 different aromas.
- Human tongue has about 6,000 taste buds.
- Human brain contains 10 billion nerve cells, of which each individual brain cell is connected to as many as 10,000 other cells throughout the body.
- Human eyes are more powerful than most cameras - quick focus in different light sources and *able to see an estimated 10 million colors!*

Wondrously Made

Psalm 139:13-14 (CSB) For it was You who created my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I will praise You because **I have been remarkably and wondrously made**. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well.

Every person here has their own **unique DNA blueprint** - *if put in a book* - it would fill up **200,000 pages!**²

You are NOT an accident. You are here by Divine Design, living proof that...Design Demonstrates a Designer. And YOU were created BY God and FOR God.

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¹ <https://www.space.com/16907-what-is-the-temperature-of-mars.html>

² Bright, God - Discover His Character, 64.

You can deny the evidence that God is Great and God is Good, and try to fill that HOLE in your SOUL...OR you can listen to these ancient words God gave to His disobedient people:

Isaiah 55:1-3a (CSB) Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the water; and you without silver, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without silver and without cost! Why do you spend silver on what is not food, and your wages on what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and you will enjoy the choicest of foods. Pay attention and **come to Me; listen, so that you will live.**

② What is it in YOUR LIFE that you try to FILL the HOLE in your SOUL with? Have you noticed it doesn't satisfy for long? A few verses later we see these words that are true for all people.

Isaiah 55:6-9 (CSB) **Seek the LORD** while he may be found; **call to Him** while He is near. Let the wicked one abandon his way and the sinful one his thoughts; let him **return to the LORD**, so He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for **He will freely forgive.**

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not My ways." This is the LORD's declaration. "For as heaven is higher than earth, so My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

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Will you **seek the LORD** this week? Will you surrender your pride, turn from your sin, and bow your knee to the one who made you?

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Have questions and need some help? ...real soon...how about now? Please **call** or **text** us soon!

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