

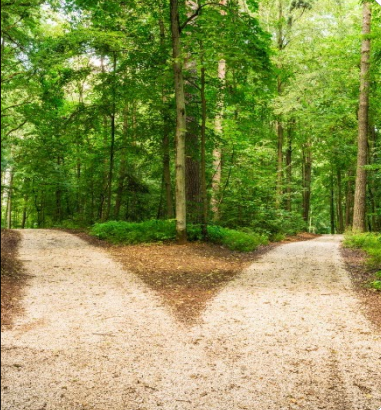
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***He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.***  
***Psalm 40:2***

**I. Key question: Where does the universe and life come from?**

<p><u>A Designer</u></p> <p>There is a God who created the universe, including the Earth, with all its intricacies and order.</p>		<p><u>No Designer</u></p> <p>The universe, its physical laws, and all life on Earth came into being accidentally.</p>
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**II. Key question: Why do I believe that the universe was created by the God of the Bible?**

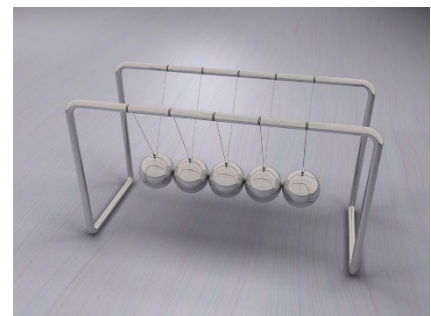
**A. Because of Physics**

**First Law of Thermodynamics:**

“Energy can neither be created or destroyed, although it may be converted from one form to another.”

**Second Law of Thermodynamics:**

“The entropy (randomness, disorder) of a system always increases over time.”



Stephen Hawkins, Cambridge atheist and cosmologist

“In order to create a Universe, you need just three ingredients: matter, energy, and space. Nothing more.”

Evolutionary physicist Victor Stenger

“ The universe is probably the result of a random quantum fluctuation in a spaceless, timeless void... What caused it? Not everything requires a cause. It could have just happened spontaneously as one of the many linear combinations of universes that has the quantum numbers of the void.... Much is still in the speculative stage, and I must admit that there are yet no empirical or observational tests that can be used to test the idea of an accidental origin.”

Dr. Ralph Estling, in New Scientist

“I don’t think that what these cosmologists, these quantum theorists, these universe-makers, are doing is science. I can’t help feeling that universes are notoriously disinclined to spring into being, ready-made, out of nothing, even if Edward Tryon has written that ‘our universe is simply one of those things which happen from time to time....’”

Alan Guth, professor of physics at M.I.T.

“In response to Tyrone in this context, a proposal that the universe was created from empty space is no more fundamental than a proposal that the universe was spawned by a piece of rubber. It might be true, but one would still want to ask where the piece of rubber came from.”

Physicist Michio Kaku, discoverer of String Theory

“The universe is a place of order, beauty, elegance, and simplicity...the order we see in the universe is evidence of a Creator...Believe me, everything that we call chance today won’t make sense anymore. To me, it is clear that we exist in a plan which is governed by rules that were created, shaped by a universal intelligence and not by chance.”

Hebrews 1:1-3, 10-12 (Ps. 102)

<sup>1</sup> In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. <sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word...

Hebrews 1:1-3, 10-12 (Psalm 102)

<sup>10</sup> “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. <sup>11</sup> They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. <sup>12</sup> You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”

## B. Because of Astrophysics

NASA Kepler Telescope 2009-2018

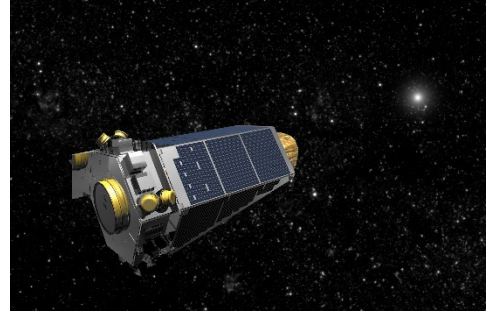
### *The Goldilocks Zone*

100 billion planets

4500 from Kepler through 2018

46 in possible Goldilocks zone

1: Kepler 452b (no longer qualifies)



Dr. Danny Falkner, Astrophysicist

“This raises questions as to whether the planet Kepler-452b has already suffered a runaway greenhouse due to increased stellar luminosity with age...We expect that the hype over Kepler-452b soon will dissipate as facts eventually will argue against it as a cradle for life. With nearly 2,000 extrasolar planets now known, there is no evidence that life exists elsewhere or that life could even exist elsewhere.”

Colossians 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For in him (the Son) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

## C. Because of Genetics

Genetic Research on “Mitochondrial Eve” (Rebecca Cann, 1987; Human Genome Project)

Dr. Francis Collins, Director of The Human Genome Project

“As the director of the Human Genome Project, I have led a consortium of scientists to read out the 3.1 billion letters of the human genome, our own DNA instruction book. As a believer, I see DNA, the information molecule of all living things, as God's language, and the elegance and complexity of our own bodies and the rest of nature as a reflection of God's plan...”

“I have found there is a wonderful harmony in the complementary truths of science and faith. The God of the Bible is also the God of the genome. God can be found in the cathedral or in the laboratory. By investigating God's majestic and awesome creation, science can actually be a means of worship.”

Genesis 3:20

“Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.”

Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”