

The Ambassador Series
The New Atheists

Day 2

Part 2: Science

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- Attempting to redefine “science” as requiring naturalistic explanations

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Evidence proving Premise #2

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- Universe is Expanding
- Radiation Afterglow
- Geology & Geochemistry
- Einstein’s Theory of Relativity

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- The “Language” of DNA

Part 3: Morality

Moral Argument

Premise #1: All laws have a law-giver

Premise #2: There is an absolute moral law

Conclusion: There is a moral law-giver

Evidence proving Premise #2 – everyone acknowledges some moral absolutes

Evidence proving Premise #1 – there is logically no place for right or wrong if materialism & naturalism are true; materials don’t have morality. No foundation to claim right or wrong.

How to Be an Ambassador to Atheists

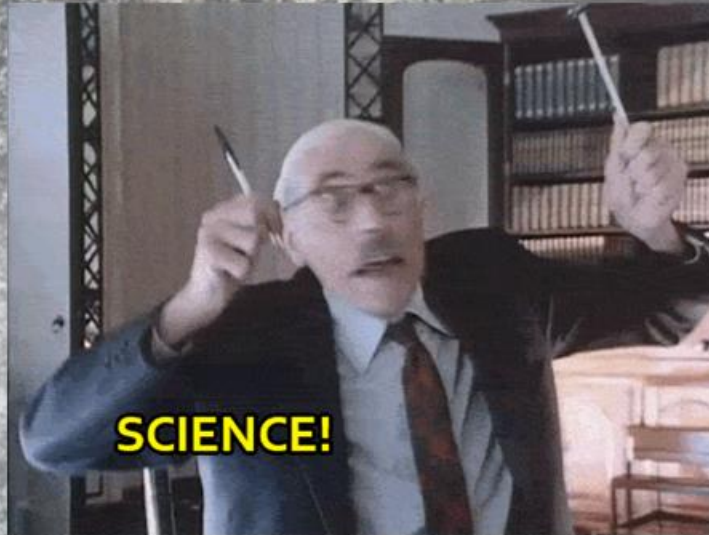
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**The “New Atheists”
Part 2**

*Atheism
What We're Going to Discuss*

- Last Week
 - Definition, history, beliefs, and appeal of atheism
 - How **reason** actually supports theism, not atheism
- This week
 - How **science** supports theism
 - How **morality** supports theism
 - How to be an Ambassador to atheists



Part 2: Science



Those who desire to certify miracles may wish to say that such recoveries have no natural explanation. But this does not at all mean that there is therefore a supernatural one.

(Christopher Hitchens)

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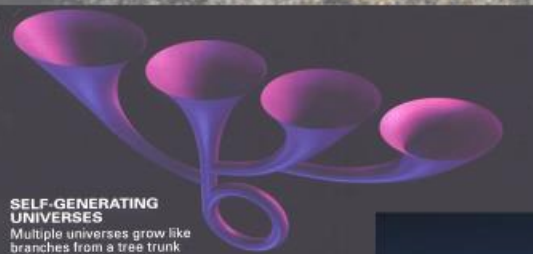
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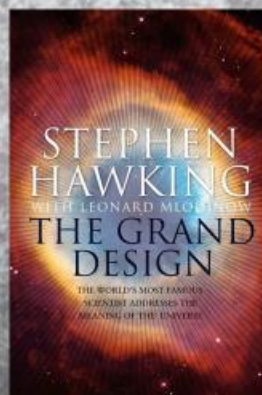
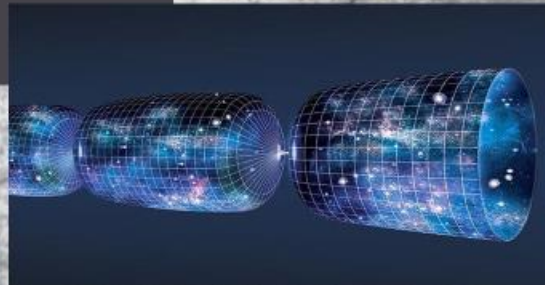
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SELF-GENERATING UNIVERSES

Multiple universes grow like branches from a tree trunk in a model that allows the universe to create itself.



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The Universe (and Life) Shows Evidence of Highly Complex Design

Anthropic Principle

The “Language” of DNA

Atmospheric transparency
 Chrome quantity in atmosphere
 Iron quantity in oceans and soil
 Quantity/extent of forest fires
 Quantity of soil sulfur
 Volcanic activity
 Diurnal temperature

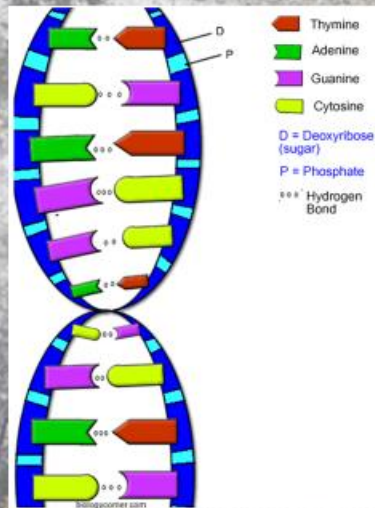
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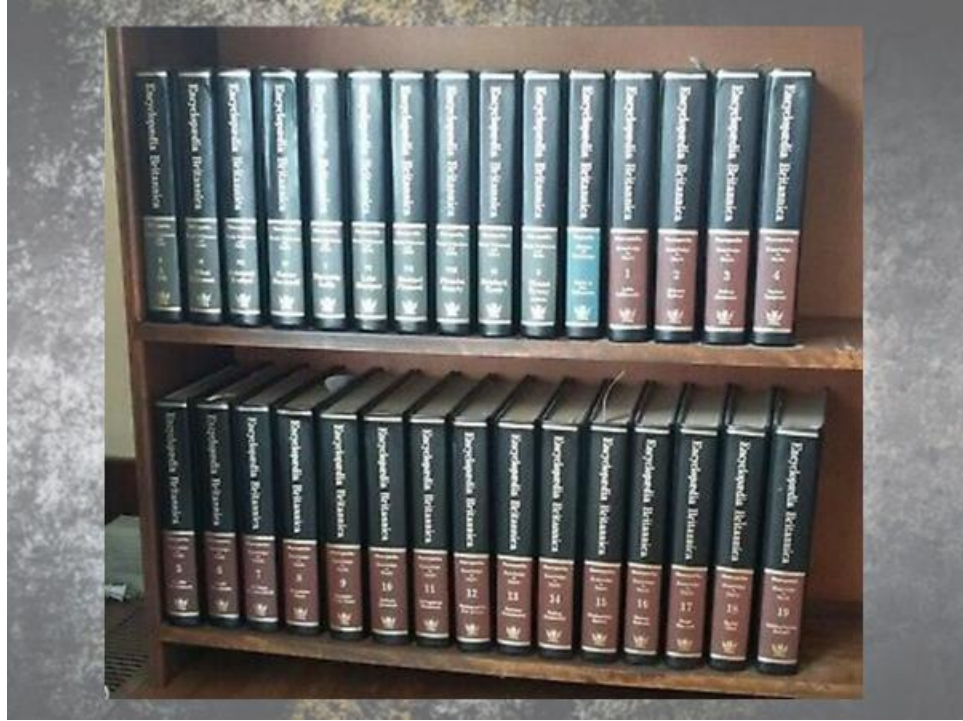
Strong nuclear force
 Weak nuclear force
 Gravitational force
 Electromagnetic force
 Ratio of electromagnetic to gravitational force
 Ratio of electrons to proton mass
 Ratio of electrons to protons
 Expansion rate of universe
 Entropy level of universe
 Initial uniformity of radiation
 Density rate of growth
 Polarity of water molecule
 Mass of neutrino
 Cosmological constant
 Galaxy size

Thickness of crust
 Albedo
 Asteroidal collision rate
 Oxygen/nitrogen ratio in atmosphere
 CO₂ level in atmosphere
 H₂O vapor level in atmosphere
 Atmospheric discharge rate
 Ozone level in atmosphere
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 Seismic activity
 Soil mineralization
 Gravitational interaction with the moon
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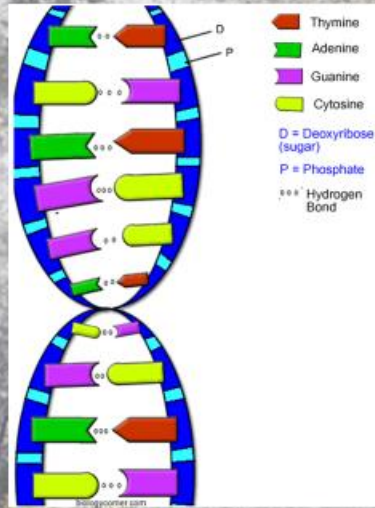
Galaxy type
 Galaxy location
 Supernova frequency
 Parent star distance from center of galaxy
 Parent star distance from closest spiral arm
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 Parent star color
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 Distance from parent star
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 Axial tilt
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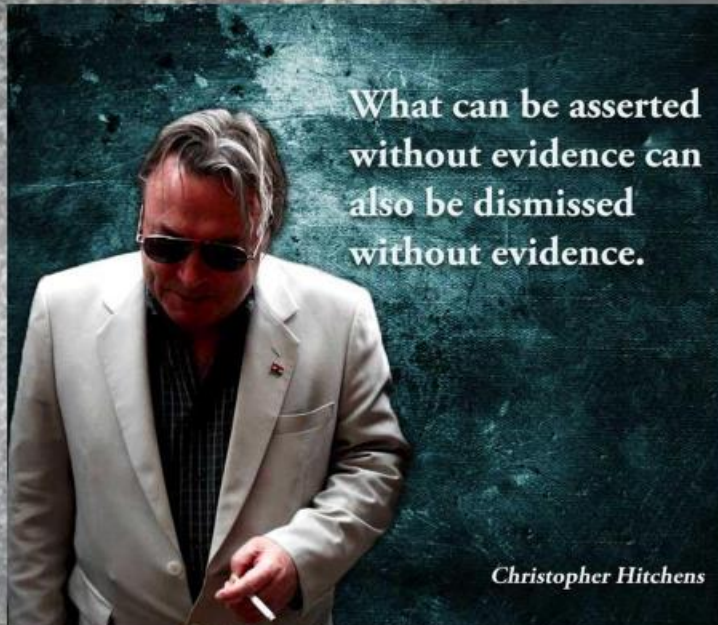
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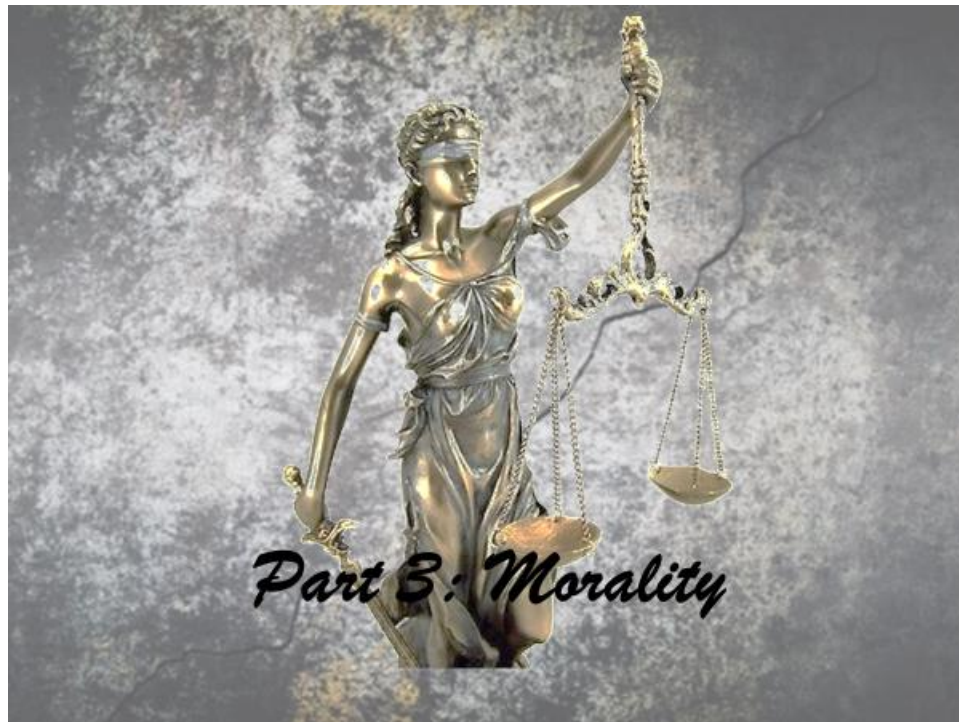




What can be asserted
without evidence can
also be dismissed
without evidence.

Christopher Hitchens

Donnell & Connell Meet
Richard Dawkins

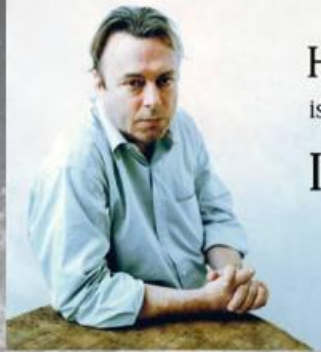


The Moral Argument

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Human decency
is not derived from religion.
It precedes it.

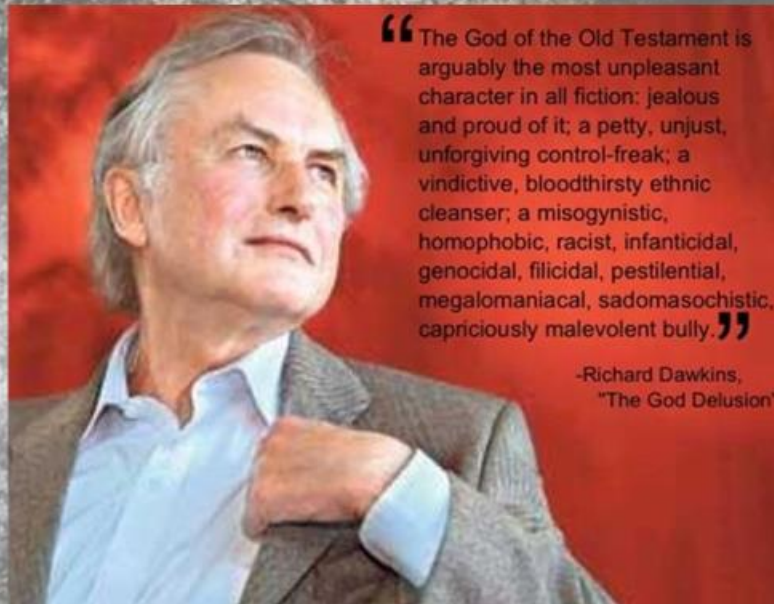
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"Morality comes
from humanism
and is stolen by
religion for its own
purposes."

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“The God of the Old Testament is
arguably the most unpleasant
character in all fiction: jealous
and proud of it; a petty, unjust,
unforgiving control-freak; a
vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic
cleanser; a misogynistic,
homophobic, racist, infanticidal,
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