



FOUNDATIONS

of

FAITH

Faith is a wise conviction
about unseen realities
based on trustworthy
evidence.

**Cosmological
Argument**

**Teleological
Argument**

**Moral
Argument**

**Existence
of God**



*“cause” mological – The
universe has a cause.*



Cosmological Argument

1. Whatever begins to exist has a cause.
2. The universe began to exist.
3. Therefore, the universe has a cause.



Cosmological Argument

Psalm 19:1 The Heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. **2**
Day to day pours out speech, and night to night
reveals knowledge. **3** There is no speech, nor are
there words, whose voice is not heard. **4** Their
measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.



Cosmological Argument

In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.



Cosmological Argument

Acts 14:17 “Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.”



Cosmological Argument

Romans 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.



Cosmological Argument

Teleological Argument

The image is a composite background. On the left, there is a vibrant red and orange nebula. On the right, a globe of Earth is shown with a yellow wireframe grid overlaid on it. The background is a dark space filled with numerous small white stars. The text 'Teleological Argument' is written in a large, bold, white sans-serif font, centered horizontally and vertically across the image.

Teleological Argument

1. All complex design implies a designer.
2. The universe (especially life) has a complex design.
3. The universe must have had a designer.



3 When I look at your heavens, the
work of your fingers, the moon and
the stars, which you have set in
place, 4 what is man that you are
mindful of him, and the son of man
that you care for him?

Psalm 8:3-4



13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. **14** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. **15** My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. **16** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.

Psalm 139:13-16



3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Hebrews 11:3





Can Design Happen By Chance?



William Paley (1743-1805) is famous for his watchmaker argument. He made this argument - if you find a watch, its machinery and precise design let you know that it had a designer.



Even if we had never seen someone make a watch before, or if we had no idea how one was made, we could know that an intelligent designer made it.

Astronomer and textbook author, Fred Hoyle, says that if a junkyard had all the parts for a 747 jet plane, the odds that life started by chance would be greater than the chances of tornadoes all over the universe in such junkyards forming a single jet plane.



“As we look out into the universe and identify the many accidents of physics and astronomy that have worked together to our benefit, *it almost seems as if the universe must in some sense have known we were coming.*”

- F. J. Dyson



“DNA evidence “has shown, by the almost unbelievable complexity of the arrangements which are needed to produce (life), that intelligence must have been involved” in creation.

- Antony Flew (atheist turned theist)



“Human DNA is like a computer program but far, far more advanced than any software we’ve ever created.”

- Bill Gates, The Road Ahead

“At this moment it seems as though science will never be able to raise the curtain on the mystery of creation. For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”

- Robert Jastrow, NASA scientist in
God and the Astronomers

Moral Argument



1. If God does not exist, objective moral values and duties do not exist.
2. Objective moral values and duties do exist.
3. Therefore, God exists.



Moral Argument

Genesis 1:26-27 – 26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.



Genesis 1:26-27

Romans 2:14-16 – 14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them 16 on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.



Romans 2:14-16



“My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?” – C.S. Lewis

“After twenty-eight years as a believer, the Moral Law still stands out for me as the strongest signpost to God. More than that, it points to a God who cares about human beings, and a God who is infinitely good and holy.”



Francis Collins
in *Language of God*





During World War II, Nazi soldiers rounded up millions of Jews, sent them to concentration camps, and killed them. In 1945 and 1946, Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the U.S.A. presided over the trials of 22 major Nazi criminals. Their argument was since they were subject to German laws (which commanded them to exterminate Jews), it would have been wrong to disobey that law.



In his closing address, R.H. Jackson said that they were appealing to a law that “rises above the provincial and transient.”



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