

Apologetics: Week Two  
Does God Exist? - Part I

Design Demands a Designer (aka The Teleological Argument)

- Intro:
1. Charles Darwin, and others like him, have tried to undermine the very basis of the entire Bible: that God exists.
  2. Because we can not have a true faith in Christ without hearing the evidences (Romans 10:17), it follows that if we want a true faith in God, we must hear the evidences of His existence.
  3. It is no longer a given that people believe in God; for that reason as well, we must know the evidences that prove the existence of God.

I. Design does not happen by accident.

- A. Thomas Edison did not knock over a pile of metal and glass and discover it became a light bulb.
  1. He worked for years on the design for the incandescent bulb.
  2. He failed multiple times with other insufficient designs, but finally found a design that worked.<sup>10</sup>
  3. Was this design by accident?
- B. The Wright brothers did not create their airplane by accident.
  1. They were meticulous in figuring out weight, wingspan, horsepower, balance, etc...
  2. They put massive thought into their design.
- C. Nothing that is designed came about by a mere accident.
  1. Design always involves intent.
  2. Intent implies someone involved in the designing.

II. Design does not happen on its own.

- A. A watch did not simply come into existence on its own, let alone the millions of other watches that exist in this world.
  1. The fact that it exists shows that it was made by someone.<sup>11</sup>
  2. The fact that there is design to it (mechanical, electrical, aesthetic) shows that someone (or more than one person) designed it.
- B. There is design to the earth.<sup>12</sup>
  1. If the earth was not tilted on the 23 degree axis, there would either be no change in seasons, or such extreme changes that no plant life could survive.<sup>13</sup>
  2. If the earth was closer to the sun, mankind could not survive the temperature and exposure to the sun; if the earth was further away, we would all freeze to death.
  3. The earth has a perfect spin, not too fast, and not too slow.
  4. It is 100% perfect for life to be sustained on it.

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<sup>10</sup> Roderick, Bill: "Design Demands a Designer" - Sermon given at the Gravel Hill church of Christ 07/06/2008.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

<sup>12</sup> Jackson, Wayne. Fortify Your Faith. (Apologetics Press, 1974).

<sup>13</sup> Gish, Duane, Ph. D. "Have You Been Brainwashed?" - (tract, Creation-Life Publishers, 1974).

- C. There is design to things on the earth.
  - 1. The human body is more complex than any machine ever created (Psalm 139:14).
  - 2. The nervous system is still not fully understood.<sup>14</sup>
  - 3. DNA is called the human's blueprint (design).<sup>15</sup>
- D. That there is design to the earth and to things on the earth proves that there is a designer.
  - 1. The Darwinist and atheist expect us to believe that the perfect design of the universe, the earth, the human body, and everything else in the world came about by complete accident.<sup>16</sup>
  - 2. But they readily concede that the existence of design in a watch proves that someone designed it.

III. Design proves that God exists.

- A. Psalm 19:1 - The heavens declare the glory of God.
  - 1. The fact that the sun and stars exist screams out the existence of God.
  - 2. God created them to be used for "signs and seasons" (Genesis 1:14).
  - 3. The stars were set in the sky to be used as "signposts" for travel. Naval ships still use them to this day along with their GPS equipment.<sup>17</sup>
- B. Romans 1:20 - The invisible things are understood by the visible things.
  - 1. We see order (design) in the natural world; therefore, we know there was something behind it.
  - 2. We see the complexity, yet perfect design, of man; therefore, we know someone created it.
- C. Mankind did not create the universe, the earth, nor man himself.
  - 1. Man is by far the most intelligent creature on this planet.
  - 2. It is admitted by all that man could not ever create the universe, the earth, or even plants or animals.
  - 3. Therefore, someone more intelligent than anyone on earth had to have created everything.
  - 4. Who could that be?

- Concl: 1. Design does not happen by accident, and never has.  
2. Anything designed must, by definition, have someone that designed it.  
3. The universe, the earth, and everything on earth show design.  
4. Therefore, they all must have been designed by someone.  
5. That someone is God.

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<sup>14</sup> Harrub, Brad. "The Human Nervous System: Evidence of Intelligent Design [part II]." *Reason and Revelation*, September 2005.

<sup>15</sup> *Evolution/Creation*. Unsigned article

<sup>16</sup> Harrub, "Nervous System."

<sup>17</sup> Roderick. "Design"