

points to a beginner, or the design implications of fine-tuning.

The recently discovered fine-tuning of the cosmos has compelled even the most ardent materialists to consider the possibility of intelligent design. What is the best explanation for the fine-tuning? When Hawking first realized that the universe couldn't be a mere coincidence, he related to a reporter, "The odds against a universe like ours emerging out of something like a big bang, are enormous. ... I think clearly there are religious implications whenever you start to discuss the origins of the universe."¹⁴

Davies concurs. "It seems as though somebody has fine-tuned nature's numbers to make the Universe. ... The impression of design is overwhelming."¹⁵

Some scientists, such as Hawking, are uncomfortable with the obvious religious implications. But cosmologist Edward Harrison speaks for others who respond to the evidence for the fine-tuning by clearly stating the obvious:

Here is the cosmological proof of the existence of God. ... The fine-tuning of the universe provides prima facie evidence of deistic design.

Take your choice: blind chance that requires multitudes of universes or design that requires only one. ...

Many scientists, when they admit their views, incline toward the ... design argument.¹⁶

Few scientists believe the precise fine-tuning is merely a coincidence. While some hold to the multi-universe theory, most scientists believe such a speculative theory is beyond the boundaries of science. Many credible scientists have been persuaded by the evidence that our universe is not here by accident but rather is the intentional plan of a superintelligent being.

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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.¹⁷

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