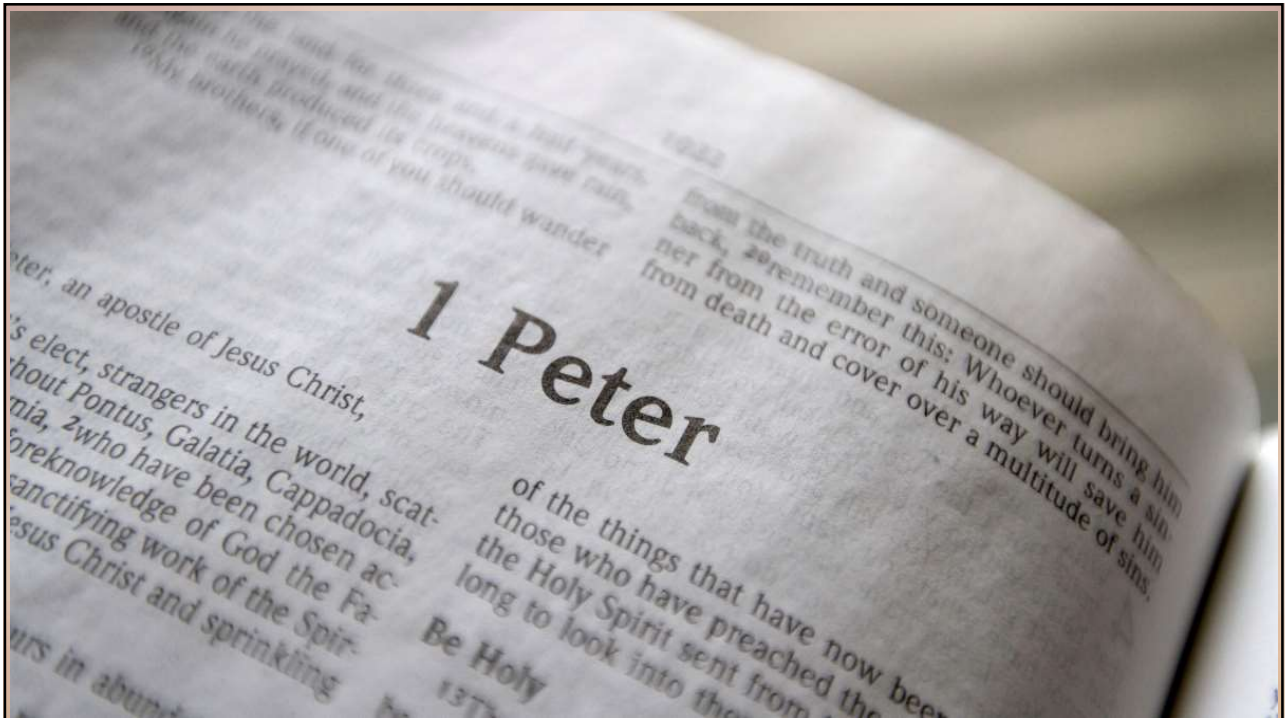




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1 Peter 3:14-16

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear them or be intimidated, ¹⁵ but **in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy**, ready at any time to ***give a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.*** ¹⁶ Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame.

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Almost everyone now believes that the universe, and time itself, had a beginning at the Big Bang.

- Stephen Hawking, Cosmologist



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 - Second Law of Thermodynamics (Entropy)
 - Universe is expanding
 - Radiation afterglow from Big Bang explosion
 - Great Galaxy Seeds
 - Einstein's Theory of General Relativity



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- Extremely powerful – because it created out of nothing
- Intelligent – because the creation event & universe are extremely precise
- Personal – because it made a choice to make something out of nothing



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- **Spaceless** – 1 Kings 8:27
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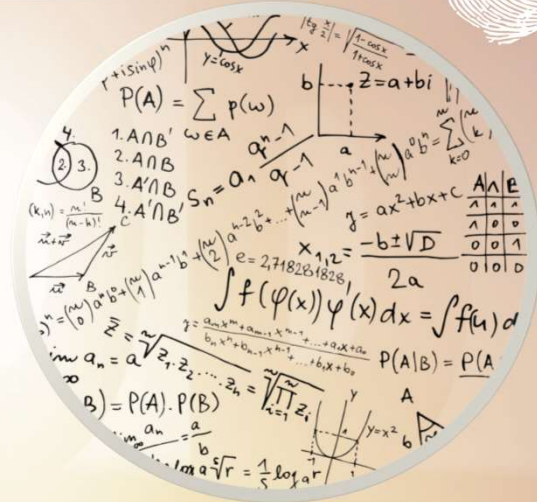
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- 1) Gravitational force (1 in 10^{60})
- 2) Electromagnetic force
- 3) Strong nuclear force
- 4) Weak nuclear force
- 5) Cosmological force (1 in 10^{53})
- 6) Proton:Electron mass ratio
- 7) Velocity of light
- 8) Steady plate tectonics
- 9) Water riation in planet crust
- 10) Moon size & distance
- 11) Planetary mass
- 12) Circumstellar habitable zone
- 13) Sulphur concentration

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Moral Argument

When you say there's too much **evil** in this world you assume there's **good**.

When you assume there's **good**, you assume there's such a thing as a **moral law** on the basis of which to **differentiate** between good and evil.

But if you assume a moral law, you must assume a **moral Law Giver**, but that's Who you're trying to disprove and not prove.

Because if there's **no moral Law Giver**, there's **no moral law**. If there's no moral law, there's **no good**. If there's no good, there's **no evil**.

What is your question?"



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“...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.”

- C.S. Lewis



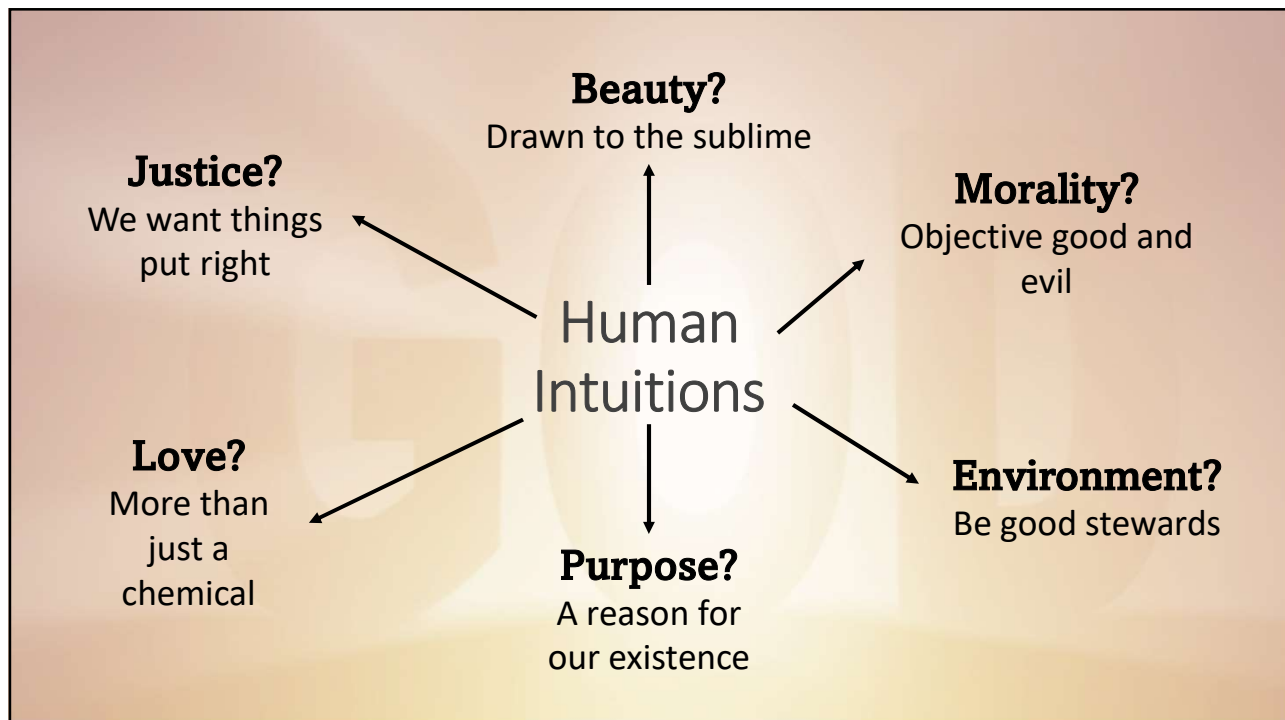
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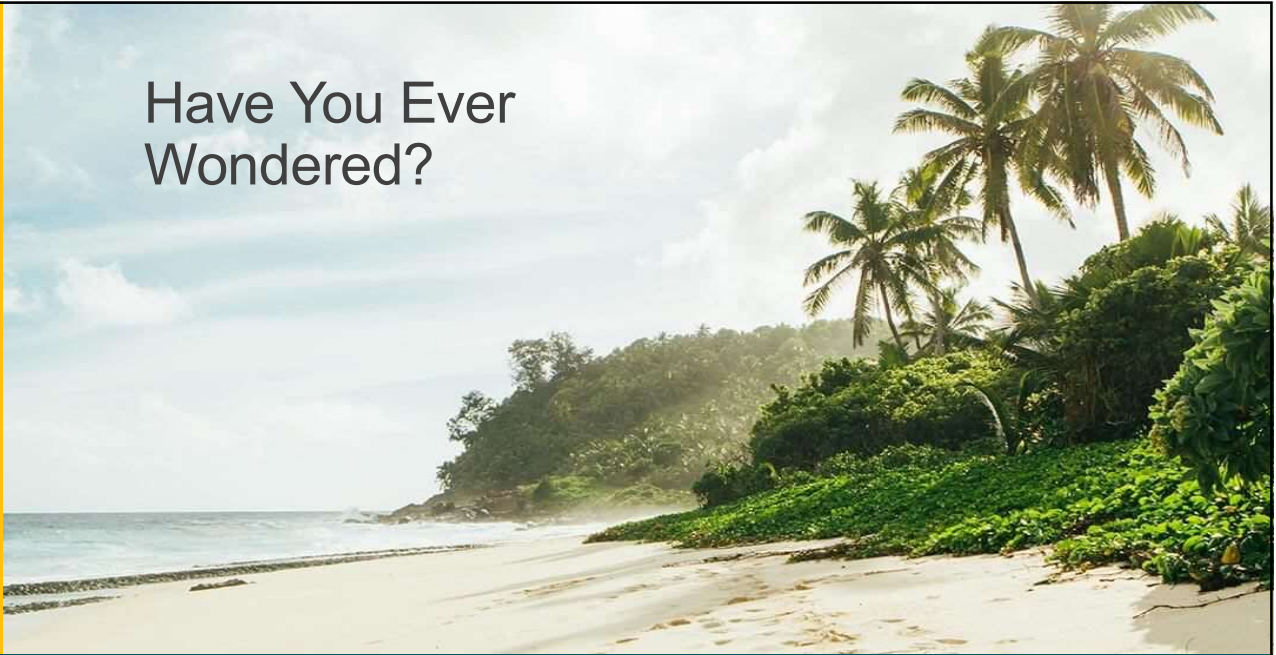


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Have You Ever
Wondered?



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“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.”

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“For since the creation of the world **His invisible attributes** are clearly seen, being understood **by the things that have been made**, even His eternal power ...”

The Bible, Romans 1

“**His purpose** was for the nations to **seek after God** and perhaps feel their way toward Him and **find Him** – though he is not far from any one of us.”

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Blindfolds & Crutches

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