

Ask Anything

#1: How can I know you are real?

Evidence for the existence of God

1. The evidence of _____

- *How did we get here?
- *What caused the "Big-Bang"?
- *Where did everything come from in the first place?
- *How did the first living cell come together?

Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

2. The evidence of _____

Genesis 1:27 *So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

3. The evidence of _____

- *The fine tuning of gravity
- *The fine tuning of the cosmological constant
- *The fine tuning of atoms
- *The fine tuning of the mass of the universe
- *The chance that earth could support life

Isaiah 40: 22 *He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.*

Hebrews 11:3 *By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*

4. The evidence of changed lives

Colossians 3:10 *Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.*

As a chemist, the most fascinating issue for me revolves around the origin of life. Before life began, there was no biology, only chemistry – and chemistry is the same for all time. What works (or not) today, worked (or not) back in the beginning. So, our ideas about what happened on Earth prior to the emergence of life are eminently testable in the lab. And what we have seen thus far when the reactions are left unguided as they would be in the natural world is not much. Indeed, the decomposition reactions and competing reactions out distance the synthetic reactions by far. It is only when an intelligent agent (such as a scientist or graduate student) intervenes and “tweaks” the reactions conditions “just right” do we see any progress at all, and even then it is still quite limited and very far from where we need to get. Thus, it is the very chemistry that speaks of a need for something more than just time and chance. And whether that be simply a highly specified set of initial conditions (fine-tuning) or some form of continual guidance until life ultimately emerges is still unknown. But what we do know is the random chemical reactions are both woefully insufficient and are often working against the pathways needed to succeed. For these reasons I have serious doubts about whether the current Darwinian paradigm will ever make additional progress in this area. Edward Peltzer Ph.D. Oceanography, Univ. of CA, San Diego (Scripps Institute) Associate Editor, *Marine Chemistry*

Molecular Biophysicist Harold Morowitz calculated that if one were to take the simplest living cell and break every chemical bond within it, the odds that the cell would reassemble under ideal natural conditions would be 10 – 100,000,000,000.

Resources for further study

- *Youtube – Watch a series called “Journey toward creation”
- *Youtube – Watch a series called “The case for a creator”
- *Youtube – Watch a series called “Creation as science”
- *www.Lee strobel.com
- *www.Josh.org
- *ww.dissentfromdarwin.org
- *www.reasons.org – Very scientific site