

Wednesday Night Live Class Proposal

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After speaking to numerous people throughout the past two years, I have discovered that a great number of people in the church get very interested and excited when I start talking about astrophysics and cosmology, and especially how these two disciplines relate to and compliment theology. Therefore, after seeking direction from God through prayer and reading His Word, I have decided to explore offering the knowledge that I have been given to a wider group. I firmly believe that God is the great Creator and Author of the vast universe we live in, and I am certain that astrophysics, cosmology, and theology deeply complement each other and ultimately point to our Maker. Because I know that God can do anything with anyone who wholly submits to His Will, I am excited to pursue what He has in store, and this is the first step in that direction.

Subjects covered include:

- Our place in the universe
- Evidence for intelligent design
- Theology from a cosmological standpoint

The main purpose of this presentation is to provide a much bigger and more awe-inspiring view of God that strengthens and encourages the faith of believers who might otherwise be unfamiliar with advanced scientific concepts.

Main Outline:

1) Introduction

- a. Interesting, lesser known facts about space, time, and the universe.
- b. Secular worldviews of a Supreme Being vs the Christian worldview.

2) Our Place in the Universe

- a. Brief example of the size-variations found in the universe.
- b. Slides showing our location in our solar system, galaxy, local cluster, and beyond.

3) Is God Even Real? Evidence for Intelligent Design

- a. Question: What evidence is there for God outside of Scripture?
- b. A few examples of complex order in seemingly simple places.

- c. Fragile universal constants and probability of life being able to occur in our universe.
 - d. The connection between cosmology and forensics.
- 4) Theology from a Cosmological Standpoint; What Are the Implications?
- a. God outside time and space; implications?
 - b. The Creator of our timeline; “Where can I run from your Presence?”
 - c. Heavenly space and time?
 - d. Jesus’ appearances in the Old and New Testament.
- 5) Questions / Discussion
- 6) Conclusion

I am also planning on preparing a few questions for each section. Because I will be off at college during the coming school year, the class would most likely take place during a Thanksgiving or Christmas break, pending your recommendation and approval. The duration of the presentation would probably be one class, possibly split into two if things got too crammed.

Thank you for your time. I am excited to see what God does, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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