



Rock Point Church

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"When I began my career as a cosmologist some twenty years ago, I was a convinced atheist. I never in my wildest dreams imagined that one day I would be writing a book to show that the central claims of Judeo-Christian theology are in fact true, straightforward deductions of the laws of physics as we now understand them. I have been forced into these conclusions by the inexorable logic of my own special branch of physics." - Frank Tipler

"A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a super-intellect has monkeyed with physics, as well as with chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature. The numbers one calculates from the facts seem to me so overwhelming as to put this conclusion almost beyond question." - Sir Fred Hoyle

"To get our universe, with all of its potential for complexities or any kind of potential for any kind of life-form, everything has to

be precisely defined on this knife edge of improbability. You have to see the hands of a creator who set the parameters to be just so because the creator was interested in something a little more complicated than random particles.” - Francis Collins

“The odds against a universe like ours emerging out of something like the big bang are enormous... I think clearly there are religious implications whenever you start to discuss the origins of the universe.” - Stephen Hawking

You were made on purpose, by purpose, for a purpose.

Psalm 8:3-4 (NLT)

³ When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most in this week's message, and why?
2. How does the scientific evidence for a finely tuned universe strengthen your faith?

3. What does the extreme mathematical improbability of our existence, as discussed in the sermon, reveal about the intentionality of God's creation?
4. Stephen Hawking, an atheist, admitted that discussing the origins of the universe has "religious implications." Why do you think a discussion about the universe's beginnings often leads to conversations about God?
5. Read Romans 1:20. How do the things that have been made, such as the universe itself, reveal God's eternal power and divine nature, leaving people without excuse?
6. Chris Hilken stated, "You were made on purpose, by purpose, for a purpose." How does believing that you were intentionally created by God for a specific purpose impact your daily life and decisions?
7. Using what was discussed in today's message, how can you use this information to encourage others in your life who might struggle with believing in God?