

CHRISTIANITY FOR SCEPTICS, ENQUIRERS & BELIEVERS

A very warm welcome

Matt Bridges will be speaking: How does science point to God?

Notices

- 1. New?** If you're here for the first time and would like more information about St Nick's Talks, including our weekly email, please fill in a contact card.
- 2. St Nick's Talks Partnership.** We're taking a break from Partnership groups over the summer. Join us again in September. Email sarah@snca.co.uk for more information.
- 3. Why bother with lunchtime talks?** Join us for interviews and a short thought from the Bible as we kick off the talks for the new academic year. **Thursday 3 September, 13:10-13:40** at St Nick's Church. Scan the QR code for a flyer.
- 4. Coming up.** *Aren't all religions the same?* Join us next week as we continue considering 'Big Questions'. Ed Steel will be speaking.



How does science point to God?

Two ways to look at the world:

'The universe we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, no good, nothing but blind, pitiless indifference.' Richard Dawkins, *River out of Eden*, 133

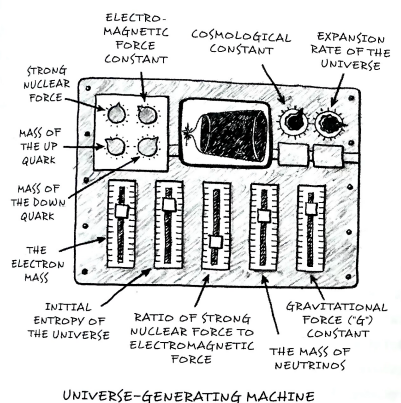
¹⁹ *For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.* ²⁰ *For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.'* Paul, Letter to the Roman church (1:19-20), 57AD

Three scientific discoveries of the 20th century

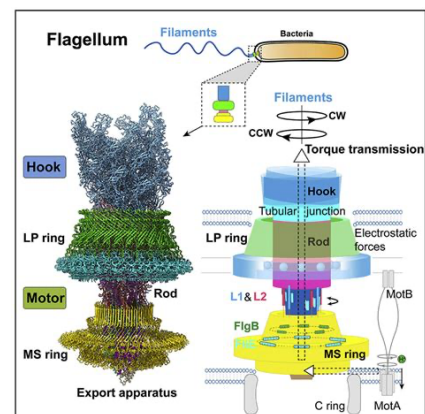
1) The Big Bang



2) Fine tuning



3) The complexity of a cell



One obvious conclusion

'This most beautiful system of sun planets and comets can only be the product of an intelligent and powerful being.' Isaac Newton, *The Principia*

Questions

Paul says we can clearly see the hand of God in creation. Do we agree?

How might we personally respond to what we've heard?