

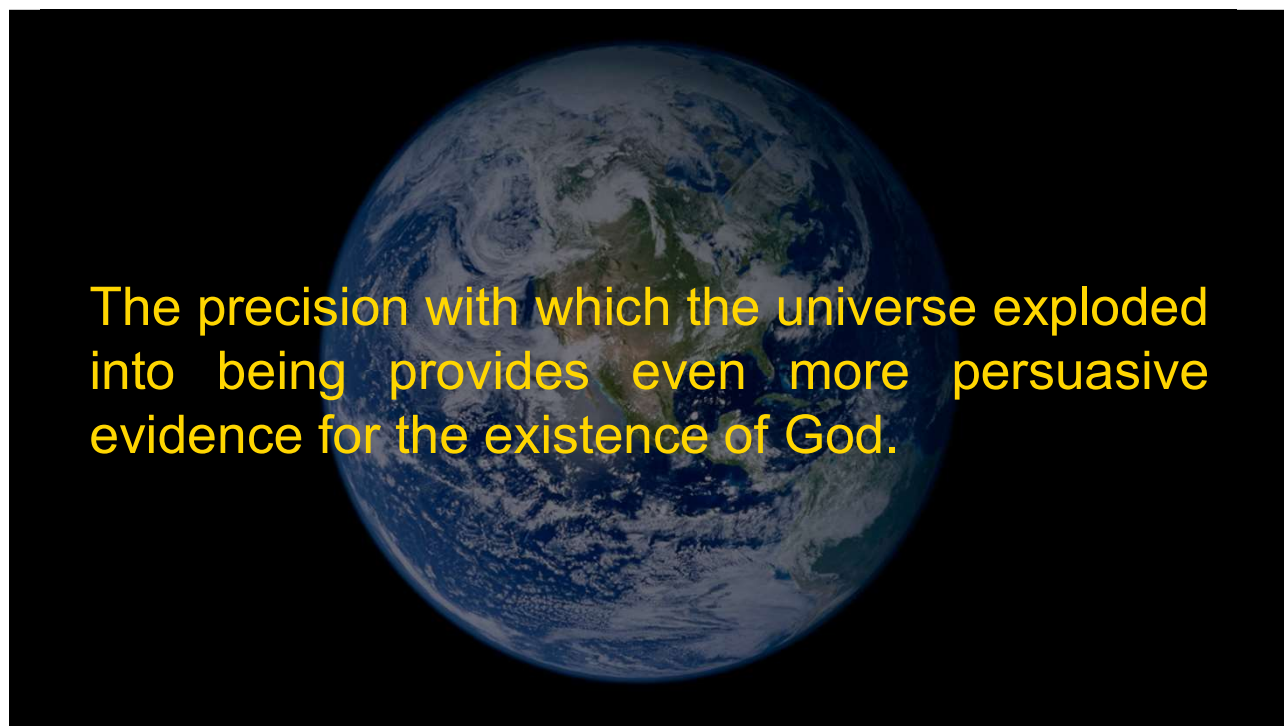
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Part 5: This privileged planet

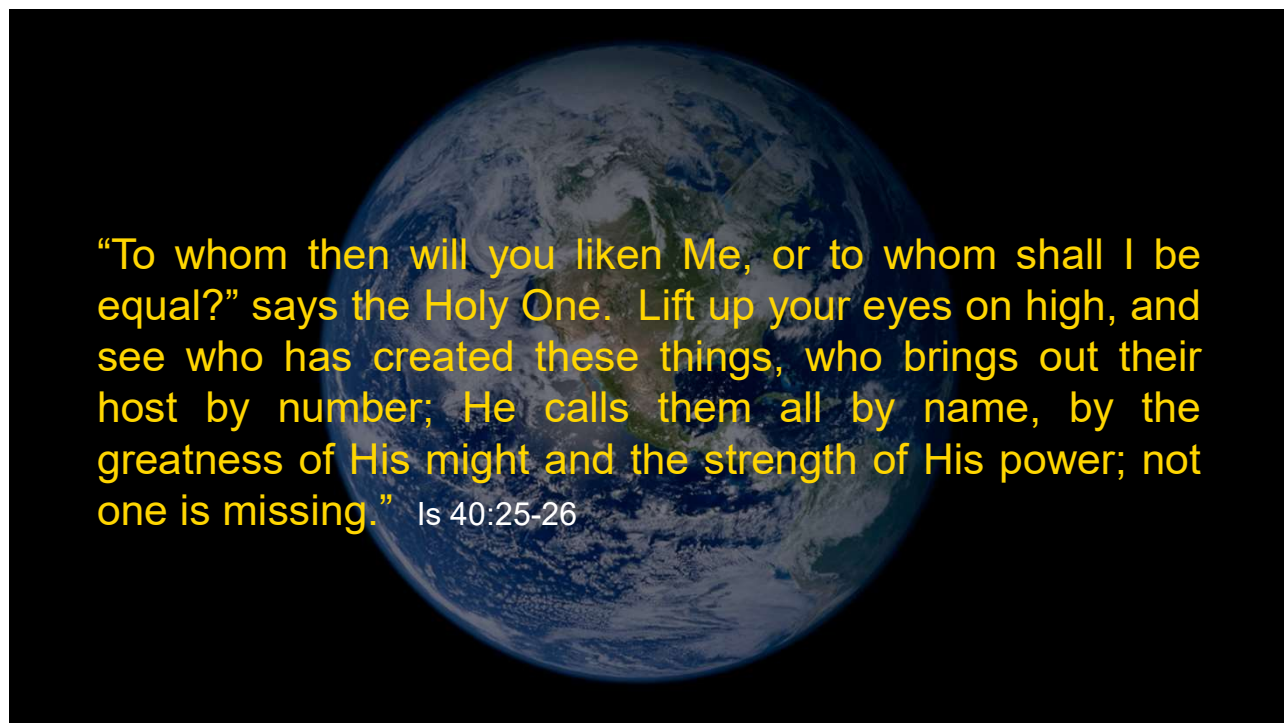
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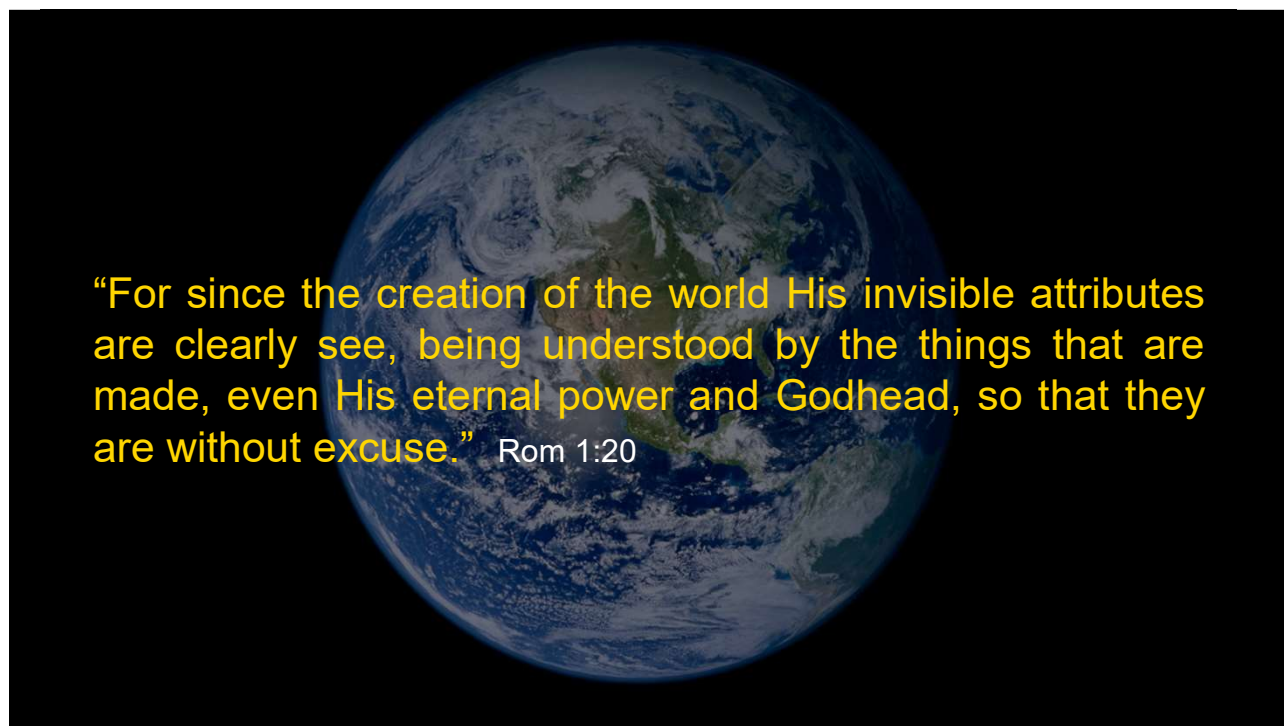
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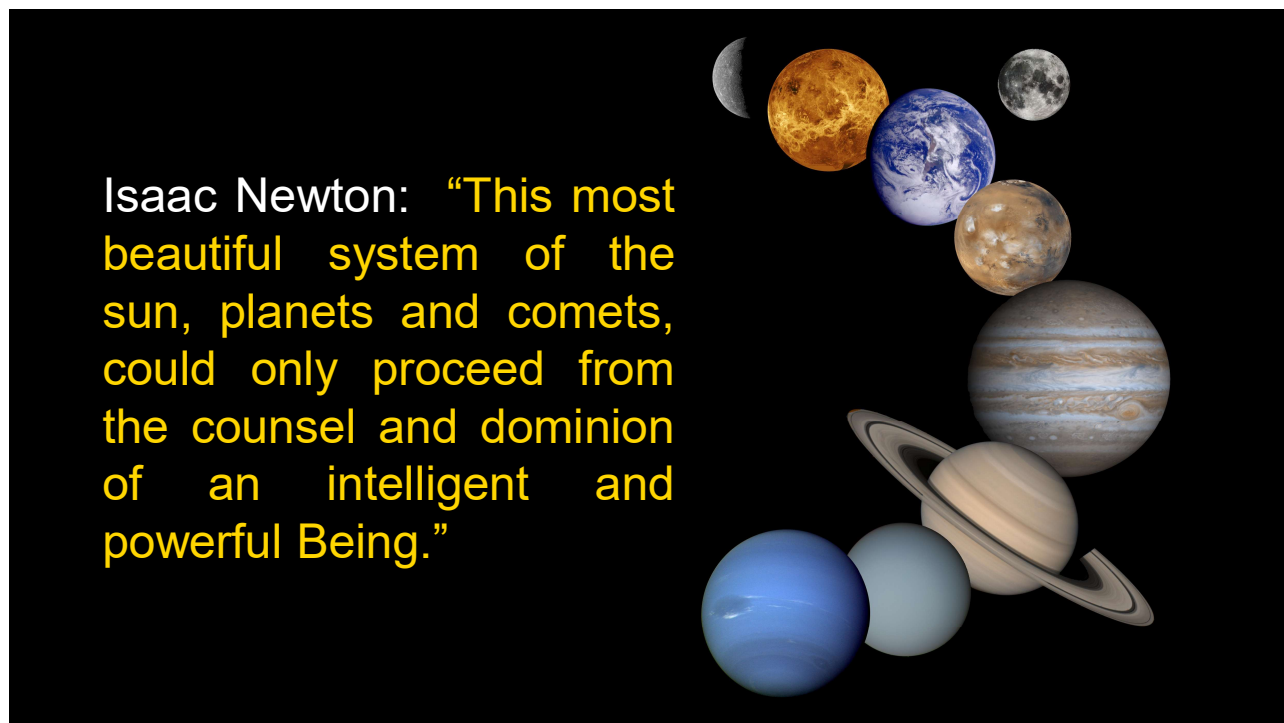
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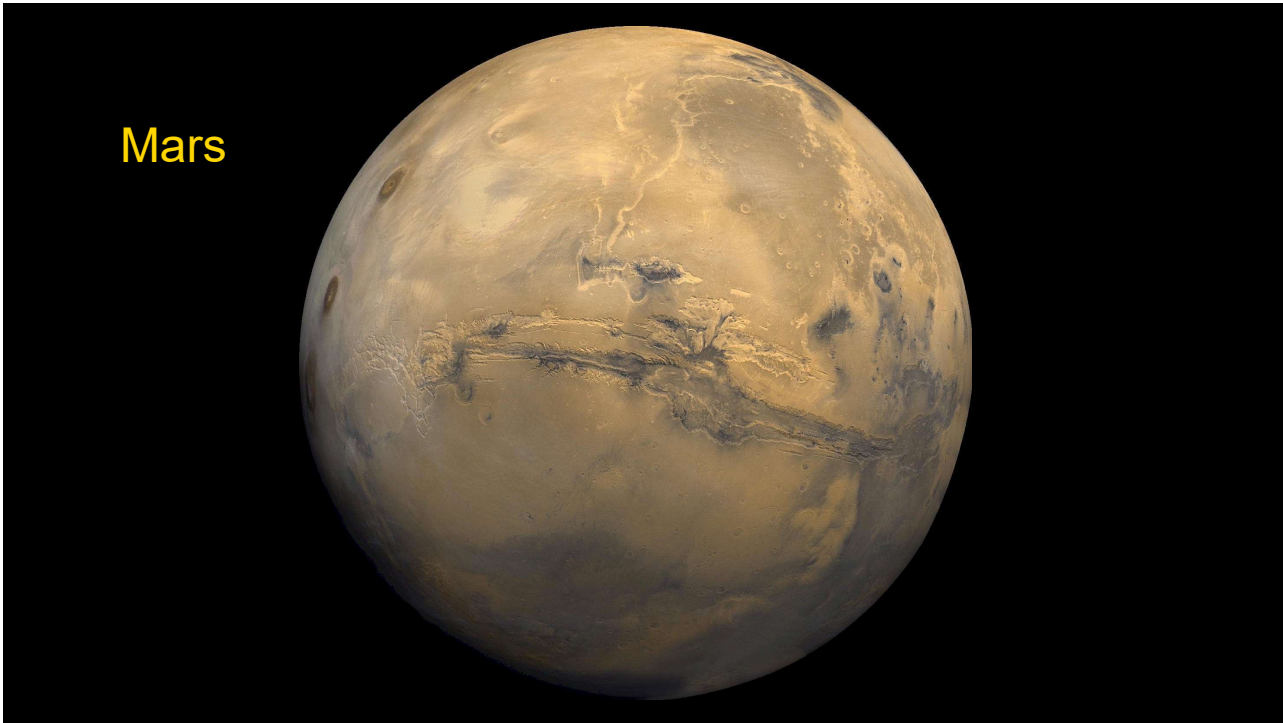
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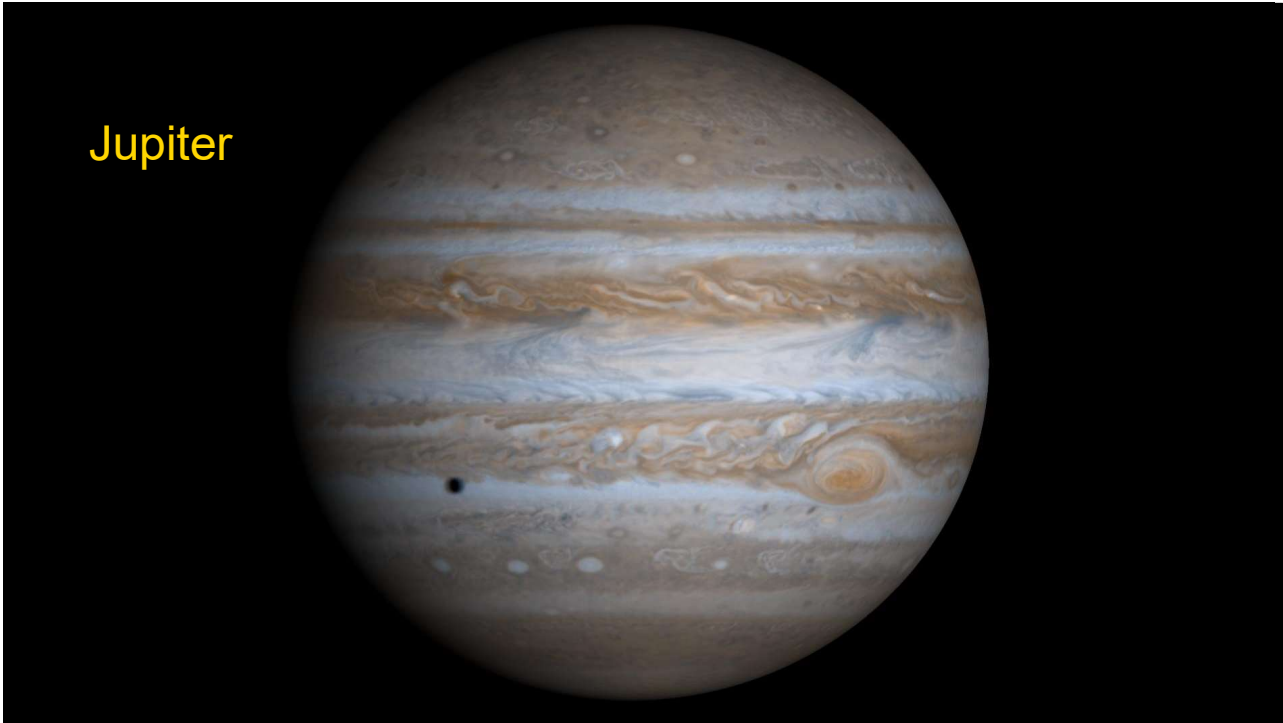
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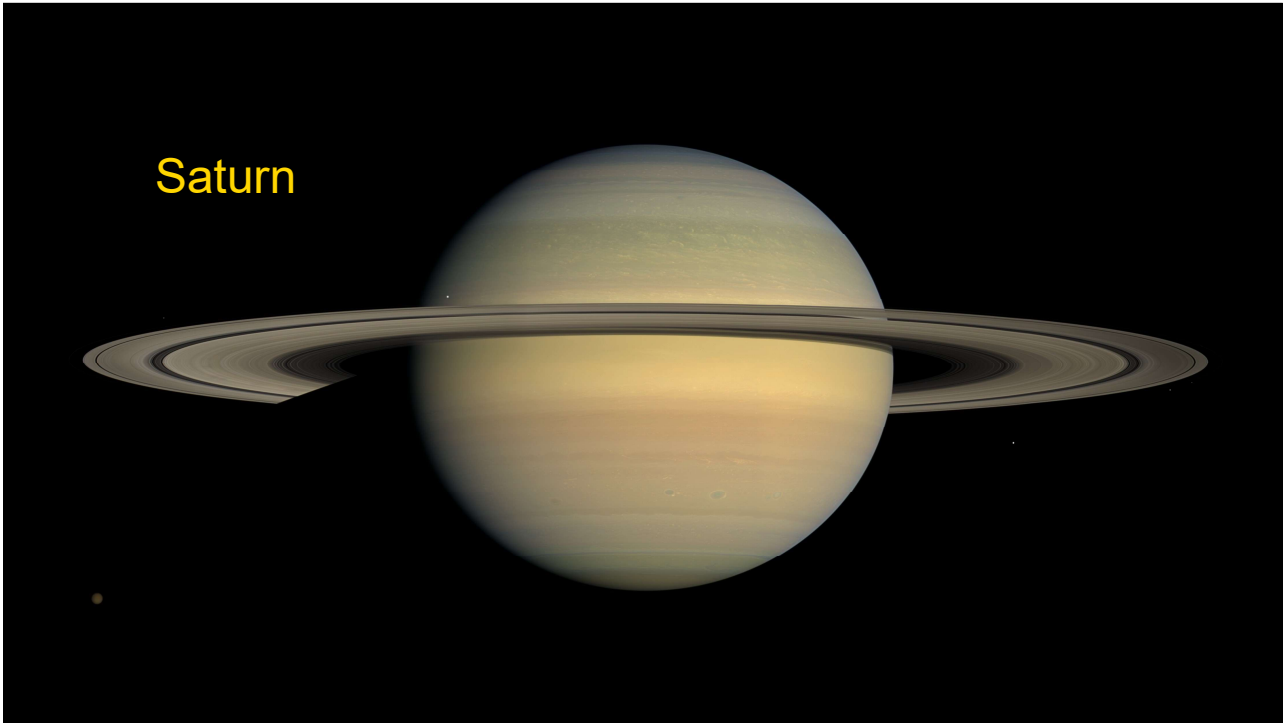
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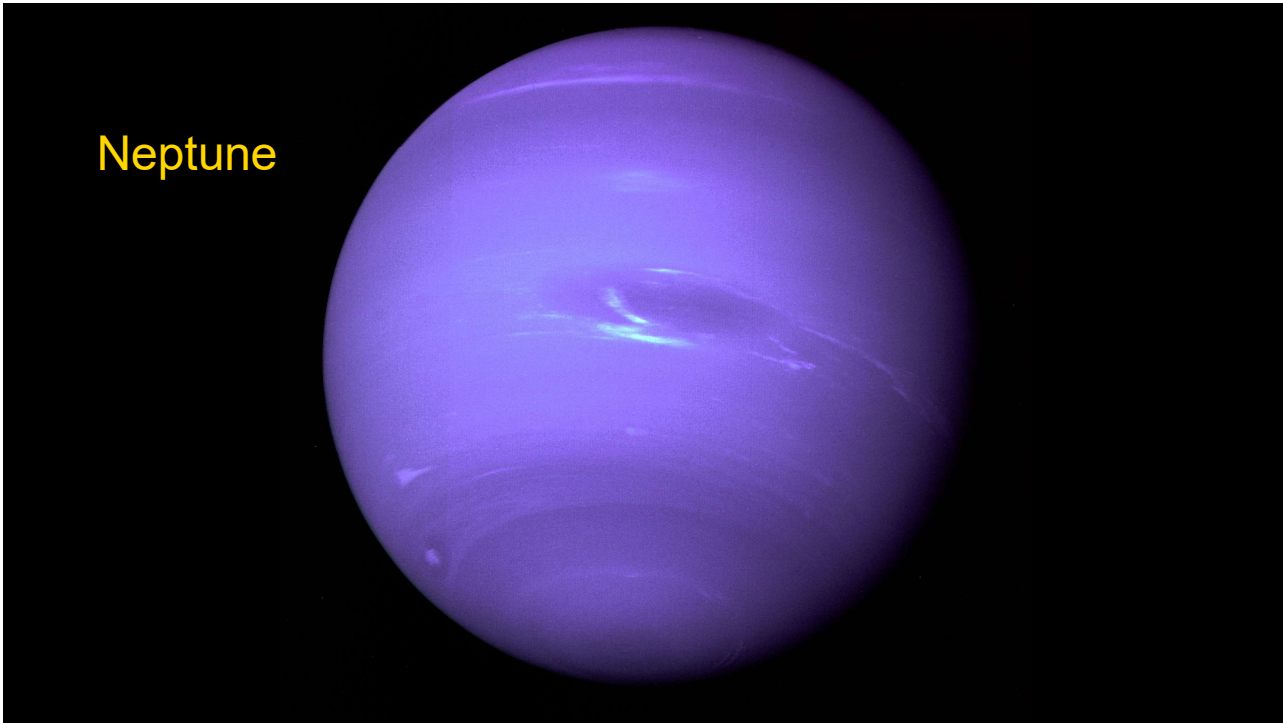
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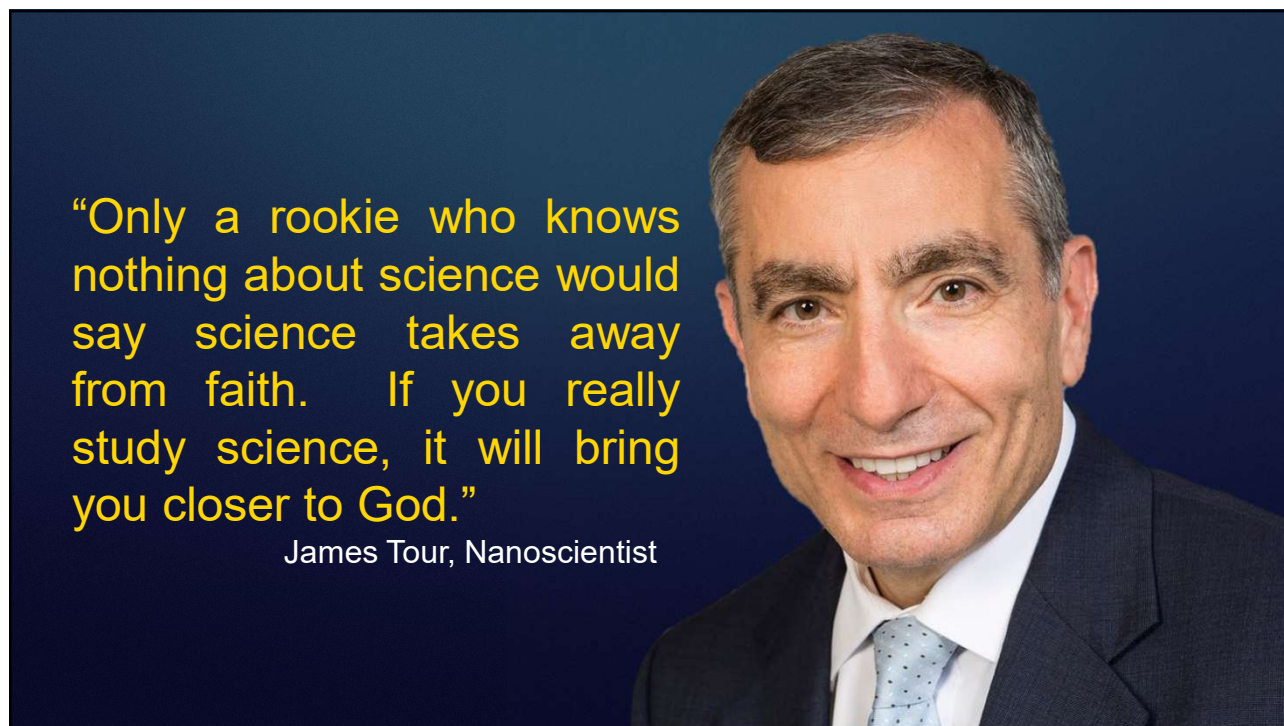
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“Believing without observation is exactly what atheists accuse “religious” people of doing. But, ironically, it’s the atheists who are pushing a religion of blind faith. Christians have good reasons based on observation for believing what they believe. Atheists don’t. That’s why we don’t have enough faith to be atheists.” Norm Geisler & Frank Turek

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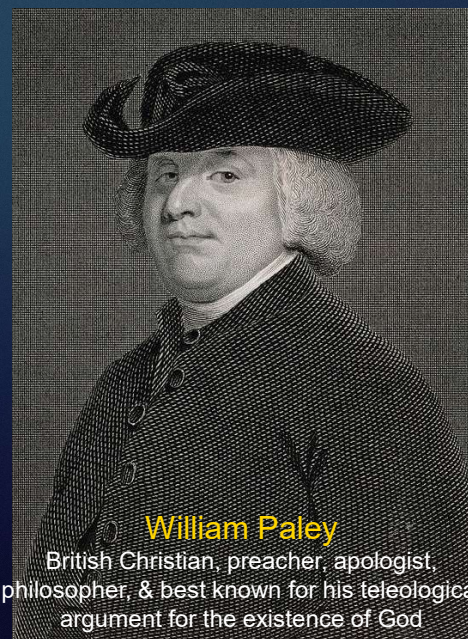
The Teleological Argument points to a designer who designed the universe.

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Teleological = comes from the Greek word *telos* which means “design.”

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“Every watch requires a watchmaker.”



William Paley
British Christian, preacher, apologist,
philosopher, & best known for his teleological
argument for the existence of God

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The Teleological Argument goes like this:

1. Every design had a designer
2. The universe has highly complex design
3. Therefore, the universe had a Designer

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Another principle that gives ample evidence of the design of the universe is the Anthropic Principle.

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Anthropic comes from a Greek word that means “human” or “man.”

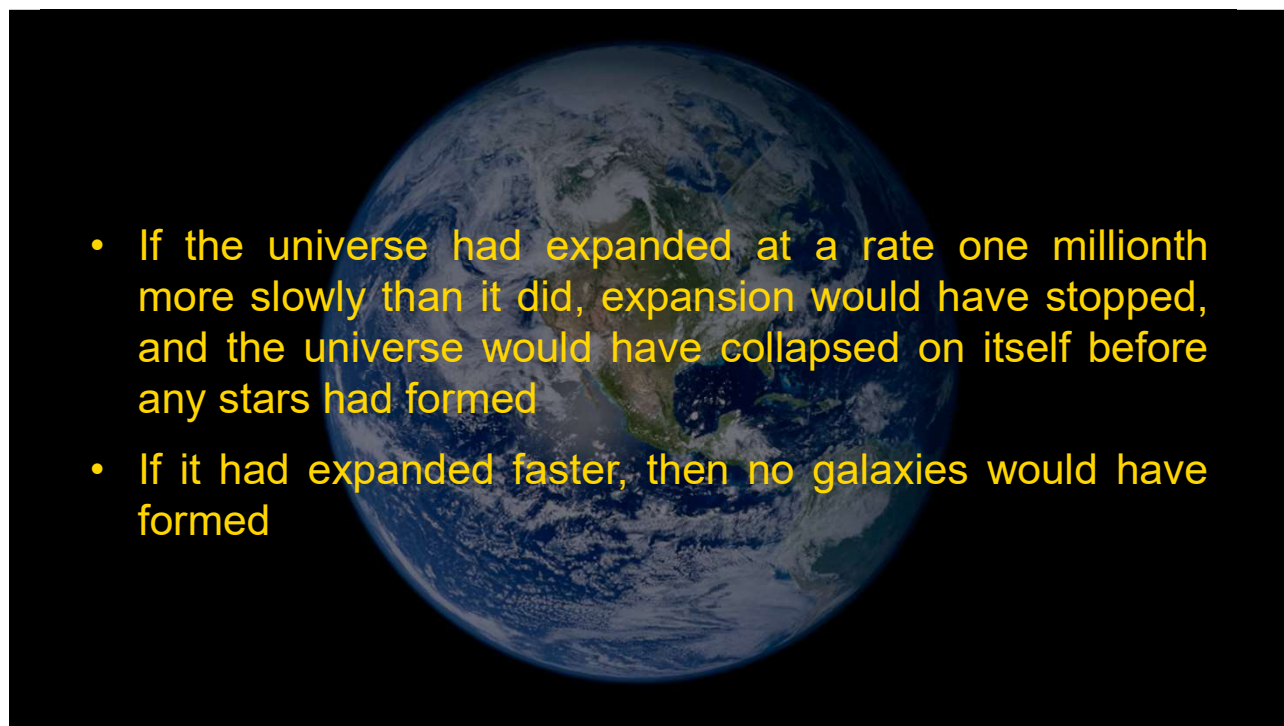
There are 112 very narrowly defined Astronomical Constants that strongly point to an intelligent Designer. Here are 10 of them:

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1. Expansion rate of the universe

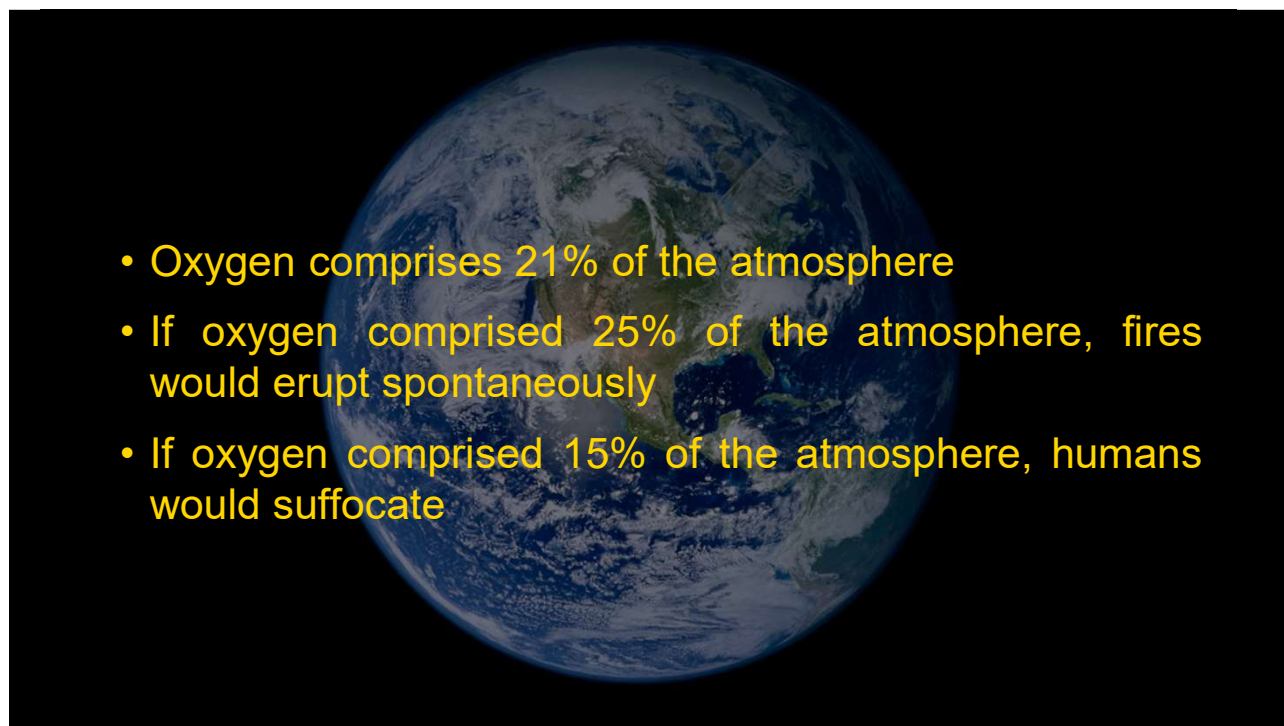
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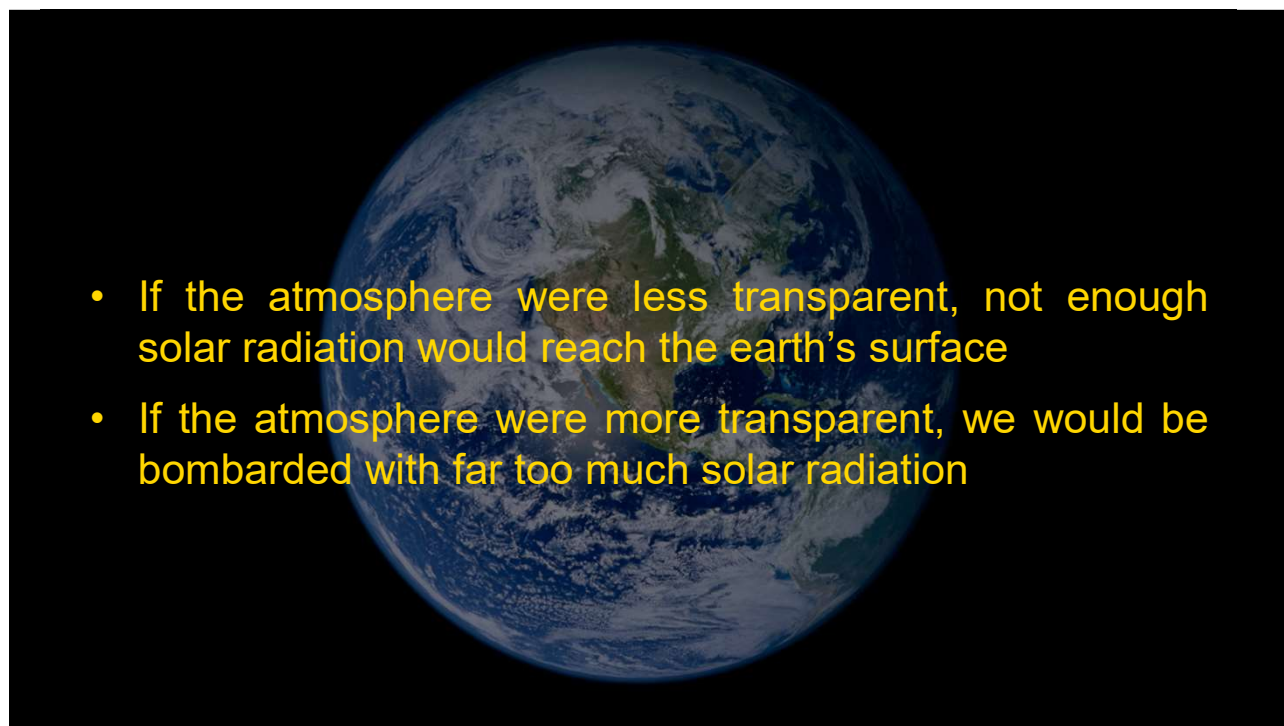
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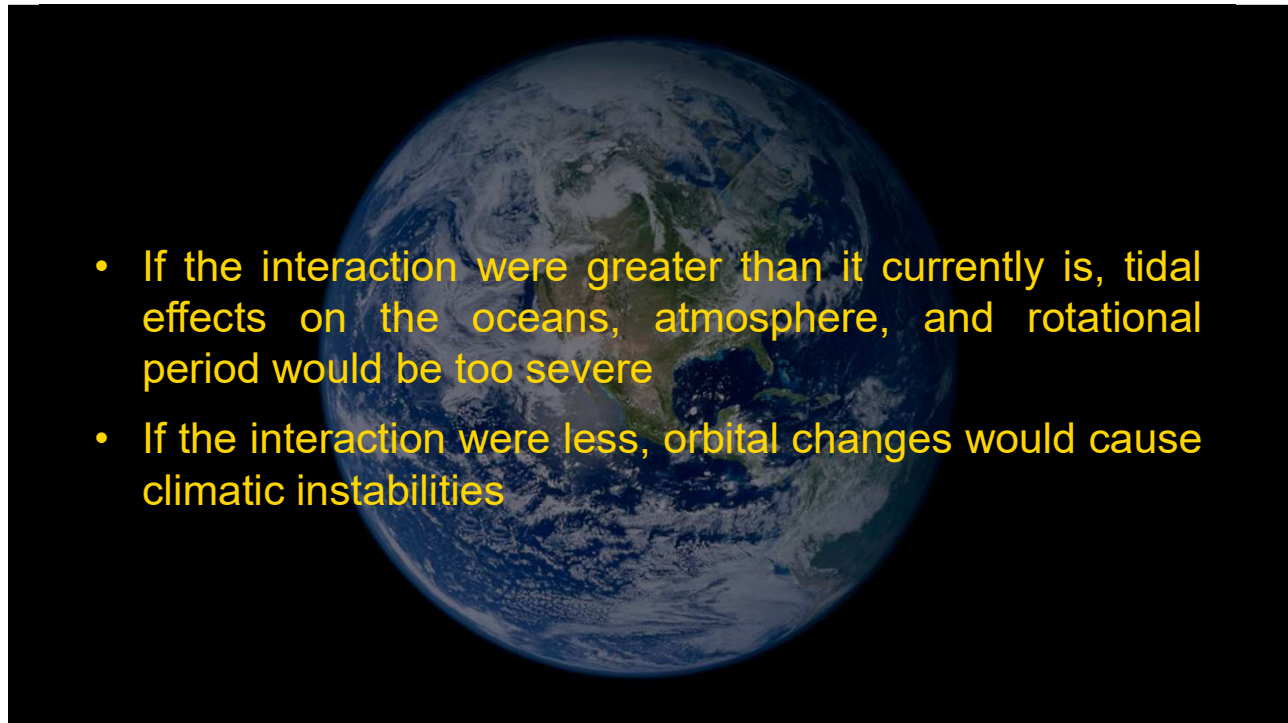
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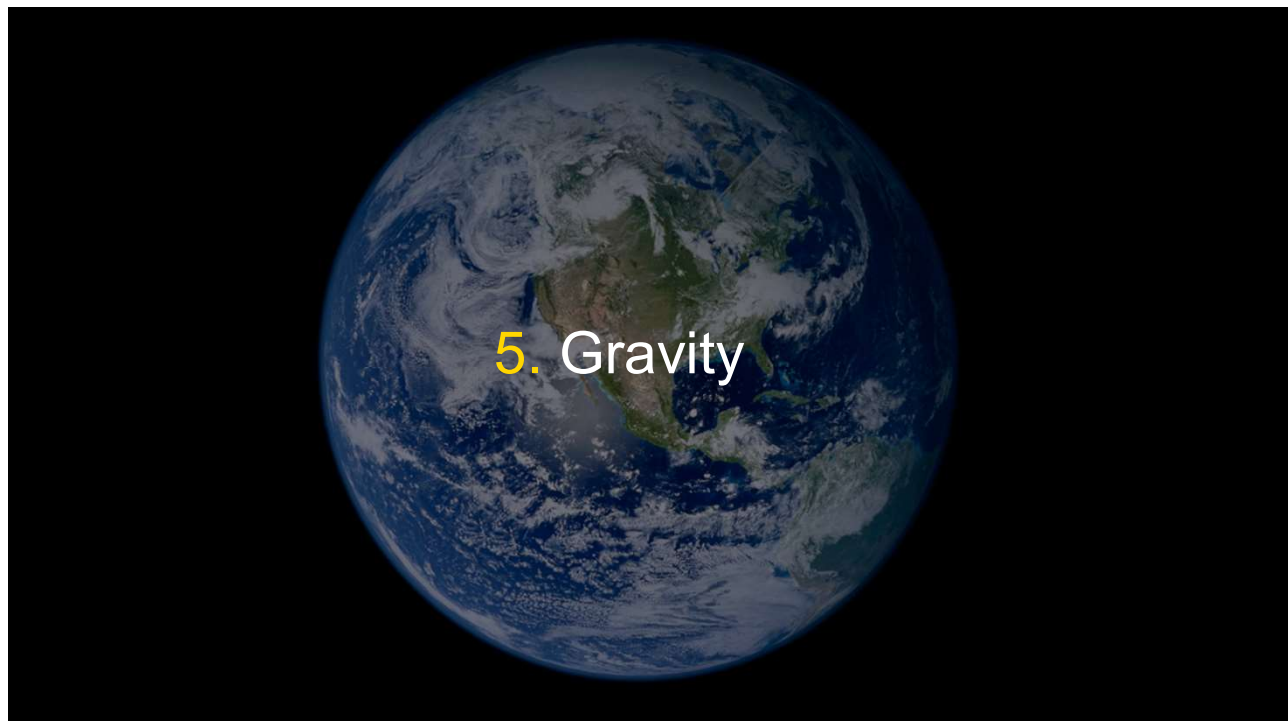
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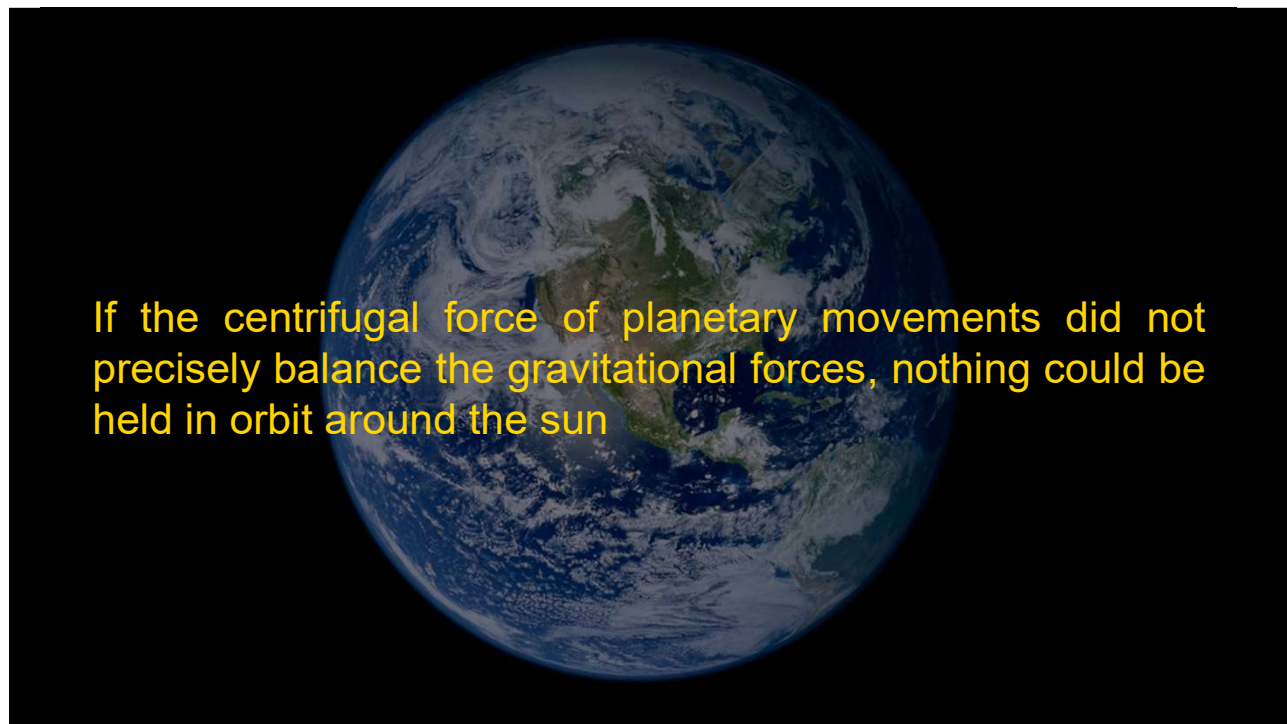


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our sun would not exist

6. Centrifugal force

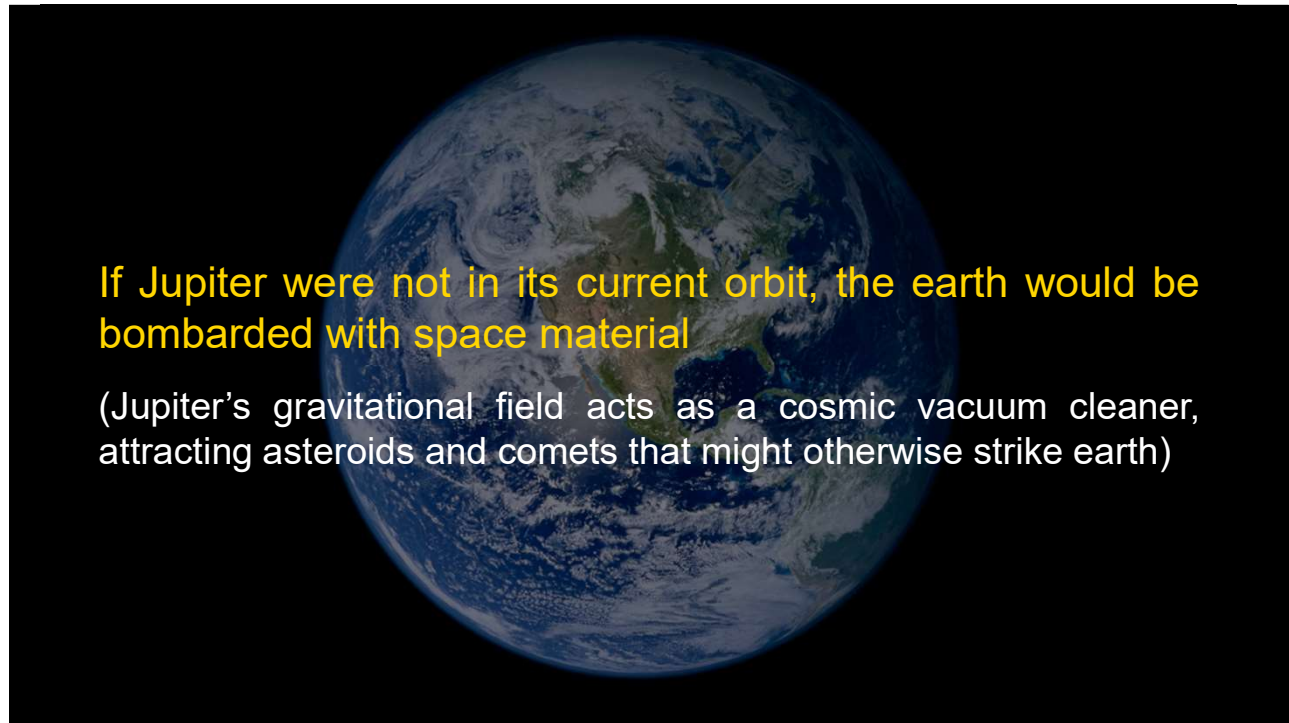
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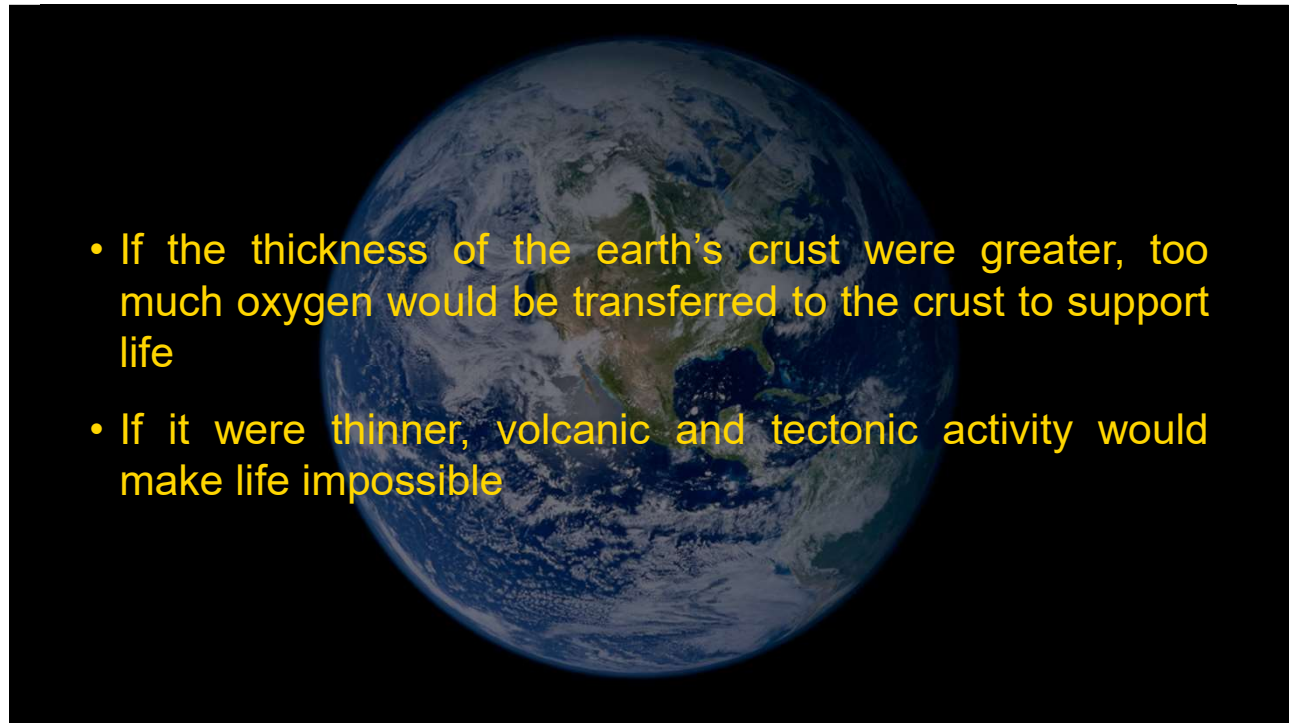
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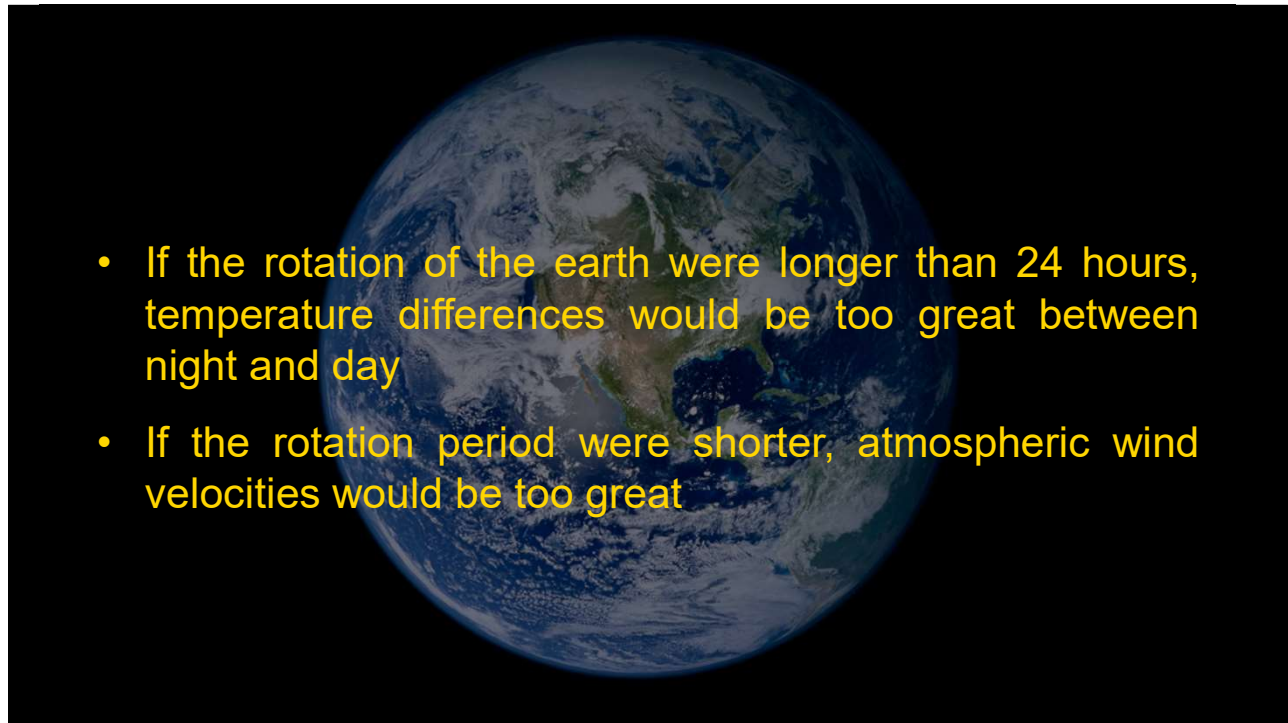
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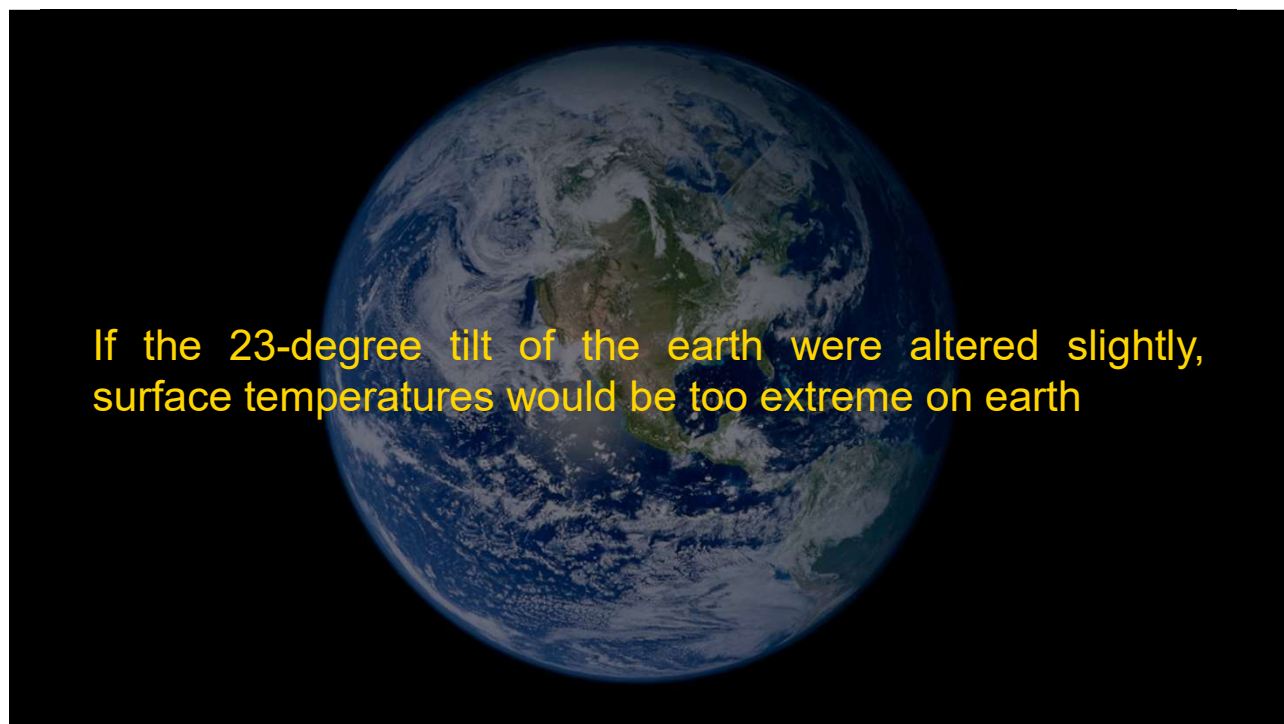
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Astrophysicist Hugh Ross has calculated the probability that the 112 Anthropic Constants would exist for any planet in the universe by chance:

1 in 10 to the 138th power
(There are 10 to the 70th power atoms in the universe)

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10 to the 138th power =

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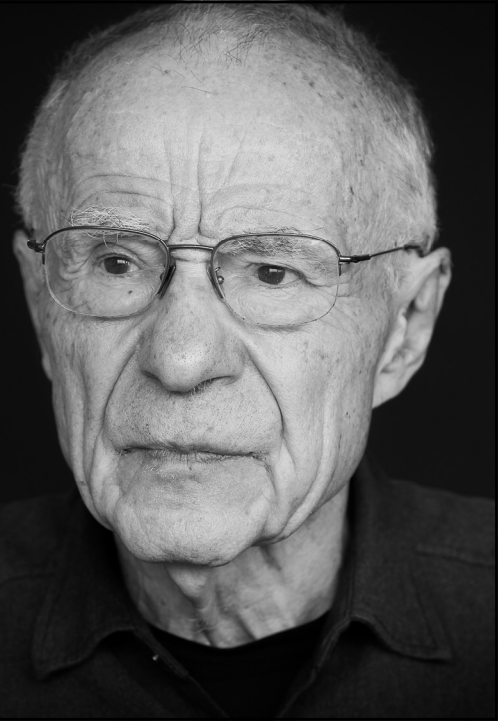
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One critic of the Anthropic Principle admitted to the *New York Times* that his real objection was “totally emotional” because “it smells of religion and intelligent design.”

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Nobel Laureate Arno Penzias:

“Astronomy leads us to a unique event, a universe which was created out of nothing and delicately balanced to provide exactly the conditions required to support life. In the absence of an absurdly-improbable accident, the observations of modern science seem to suggest an underlying, one might say, supernatural plan.”



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Ed Harrison, British astronomer and cosmologist:

“Here is the cosmological proof of the existence of God ... The fine-tuning of the universe provides *prima facie* evidence of deistic design.”

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Fred Hoyle, British astronomer:

“A commonsense interpretation of the facts suggests that a super intellect has monkeyed with physics, as well as chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature.”

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C.S. Lewis, *Screwtape Letters*:

Senior demon, Screwtape, writes to his junior demon, Wormwood, on how to keep people from coming to Christ. “Keep pressing home on him the ordinariness of things. Above all, do not attempt to use science (I mean, the real sciences) as a defense against Christianity. They will positively encourage him to think about realities he can’t touch and see. There have been sad cases among modern physicists.”

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