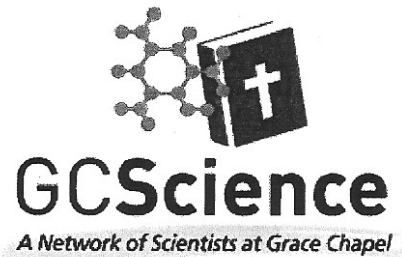


Following Christ in a Scientific World
Week 3, "Origin and Design of the Universe"
September 30, 2012
Table Discussion Questions



1. In your opinion, both before and after today's lecture, does the Bible provide a scientifically accurate description of the origin of the universe, or a close enough match to provide a rational basis for belief or is the Bible not intended to and therefore does not contain meaningful scientific content on this subject?
2. Do you believe that future research will successfully resolve the extreme fine-tuning problem associated with dark energy, articulated by Lawrence Krauss as "the greatest problem in the history of science", by new physics understanding that does not require God's action?
3. Most Christ-following scientists are keenly aware that many fundamental parameters appear to have been fine-tuned for the purpose of enabling human life on one rocky planet. Assuming this to be true, do you believe God fine-tuned all required parameters at the creation event so that minimal or no intervention would be necessary over the 13.7 billion years of the universe's existence or did He fine-tune only the fundamental laws/forces/constants at the creation event so that episodic intervention (miracles) would be required along the way?

If you lean more towards miraculous intervention(s), can you name a few examples and why?
4. Were you aware of the multiverse theory of origins before today and the probable reasons for its origin? How does the multiverse theory present a challenge to Christianity and why?