God Logic: Reflections of the Universe

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Introduction

Everyone seeks to answer three main questions to have a framework of reference to understand their origin, purpose, and destiny. 1) Who am I? 2) Where did I come from? And 3) Where am I going? How you answer these deep questions, reflects your beliefs regarding you and our universe. It establishes how you perceive yourself, your purpose, and your destiny. They establish your cognitive framework, your mental map of making sense of things, your worldview, if you will. If you are intellectually honest, you will enjoy this journey. If you are truly seeking the truth, this will assist you. If you sincerely search for answers, this is for you.

It is challenging contemplating pieces of a complex puzzle and to really visualize the composite image without an end-product puzzle picture at the start. It is even more difficult when one has been dogmatically, repeatedly informed that these pieces form polar opposite models or portraits. Religious portraits painted, reflected, and revived during the Renaissance by amalgamated religious and government institutions demonstrated two diametrically opposed perspectives. One, an angelic portrait of monotheism characterized by beauty, love, and eternal bliss, versus another of demonic dogma, inquisitions, torture, and even death. The majority of people historically believed in a good God throughout history.

America was founded on a strong belief in God, as reflected in the Declaration of Independence, founding father statements, letters, and other documents, federal motto, coinage, presidential and congressional proclamations, holidays, etc. Most institutions of higher learning were founded by Christians, seminaries (with focus on ethics, morals, and good citizenship, e.g., Harvard, Princeton, Yale, etc.). Americans and various states have legislatively required teaching of God and Divine Creation, as revealed in the Bible in public schools (even outlawing the teaching of the 19th century Darwinian Theory of Evolution; cf. 1925 Scopes "Monkey" Trial), until legal repeals during the late 1960's, 1970's, and 1980s. These repeals and subsequent rulings have all but outlawed the teaching of Creation and legislatively now require teaching naturalistic theories of Evolution in our public schools.

The series of 10 contrasts in the table below, show the higher-order capability observed in the universe similar to an undeveloped photograph introducing a partial portrait. Then, sixteen more developed snapshoots take form revealing the portrait in the pages to follow.

#	Contrast 1 (C1)	C1	Contrast 2 (C2)	C2
1	Dead (inorganic matter)		Living (growing, reproducing, functioning, being)	٧
2	Static (no motion)		Dynamic (moving)	٧
3	Unconsciousness (impersonal)		Consciousness (personal)	٧

4	Unintelligence (no thought or mind)	Intelligence (thinking or mind)	٧
5	Unemotional (without feeling/passion)	Emotional (with feelings/passion)	٧
6	Involutional (no choice, decisions, will)	Volitional (choice, decisions, will)	٧
7	Limited Sizes	Unlimited Sizes (micro, mid, macro)	٧
8	Puny (weak, impotent, powerless)	Powerful (mighty, potent, powerful)	٧
9	Chaos (accident, arbitrary, chance, random, haphazard)	Order (deliberate, intention, design, purpose, systematic)	٧
10	Amoral (no right or wrong, no law)	Morality (right and wrong, laws)	٧

People think mankind has arrived as a bastion of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. However, simple common-sense truths seem alien in much of society. Man has walked on our moon. Yet, man has not even touched a toe on any other planet, not even to our two closest planets, Venus and Mars. America is spending billions now to attempt to go to Mars soon. Man in all his knowledge accumulation still has not traveled outside our own galaxy even once, much less to any of the billions of other galaxies in the known universe. There is so much we do not know of the universe. All living things and people still die. Yes, the human genome has been mapped, but greater than 20 million people still die from simple heart and lung diseases each year. People still oppress others by wars, torture, rape, chains, restrictions, lies, deceit, and death. All still get sick and ultimately die. No one can take away what you think and believe. No one can steal the truth, unless you let them. COVID-19 reminds us all how fragile human life is, we never know how much time we have left.

How about letting logic, reason, and rational thought guide your heart and your choice about these critical answers? Will you be honest with yourself, your choices, and others about what you know to be true? Even deep within yourself, you see the truth. Even high above the sky, you see the truth. So many signposts, and all point upward to one-Person, one-conclusion, one-God. I pray you have the courage to embrace the truth. For if you do not, you will never be happy or blessed. You will not live in the truth. You will be deceived. You will have your understanding darkened. You will embrace a lie. You will live a lie. You will die without the truth. You will fall for anything, to your own eternal demise. Journey with me on this important journey.

A defense of reason, of God, though He does not need it. There have always been rejectors or those who speak evil of God. The apostle Paul says in *Romans 1*, that they knew the truth and suppressed it, their foolish heart was darkened, and they were given over to dirty things, dirty thinking, and dirty lifestyles. The very definition of a fool, is that they reject God (*Psalms 14:1*; *53:1*); and in so doing, reject truth, morals, and are given over to unnatural, or things against nature and nature's God.

Our United States Declaration of Independence declares, "we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." And it exclaims the basis for these truths and rights are from their Creator God, "to which the Laws of

Nature and Nature's God entitle them." We will glance at the nature of the universe, and which laws point to its Creator, and why all mankind therefore has been granted by God: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in God's free creation, given universe, nature, and purpose.

Historically, "in the beginning" (Genesis 1:1), men knew of God's existence, and walked with Him, until they rejected Him, by the deception and temptation by another to gain their own enlightenment of good and evil; wanting to be responsible to no one, other than themselves—to be gods, their own god (known as humanism).

Warning (Rejecting or Receiving)

Everyone has only two choices. 1) To receive truth honestly and sincerely, or 2) To reject truth by intellectual dishonesty and hypocrisy. Both choices lead to polar opposite positions and consequences. Both have eternity at stake. Receiving truth and embracing the light that one is given, leads to knowledge, understanding, wisdom, life, blessing, and additional light. Rejecting truth and the light one is given, leads to a darkened understanding, depravity, cursing, and less light and even lessons the ability to see light previously given. Truth received leads to greater understanding. Truth rejected leads to greater deception. Every time truth is given, it provides another opportunity to grow closer or farther from the truth and light. Please do not harden your heart, blind your mind, or sear your conscience. Embrace the truth; love it; live it; and reap the rewards of receiving truth. You become a witness, a sign, a light, or darkness of the Truth.

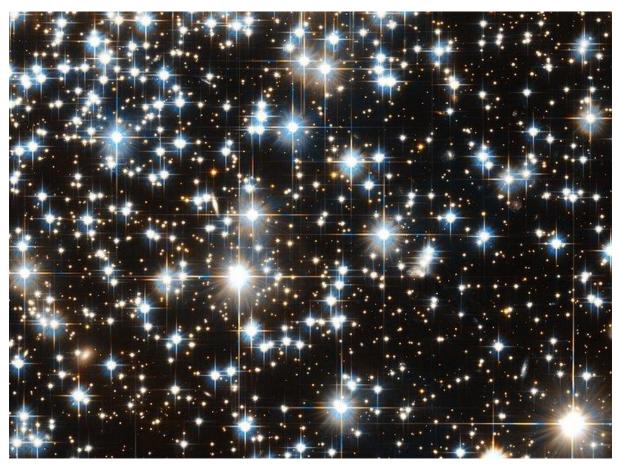
Fools reject Him. Fools despise Him. Fools must attack Him, and attack anyone who believes in Him. Because those believing in Him are living testimonies of His existence. Ever wonder why atheists spend so much energy and many times their entire life attacking Someone, Whom they claim does not even exist? And they attack those who hold Him dear, because deep down, they know He exists. They must darken any light that reveals their foolishness, for their conscience bears witness of His existence. Their mind continues to be darkened and deeply blinded of His existence the more they turn away from the Light. They must attack every truth and discredit every thought that points them in the direction that they have so thoroughly rejected.

Rejecters create organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF), Military Freedom from Religion Foundation, etc., whose sole purpose is to attack, even remove, revise history to match what they want to believe, so they can stop their ears, and stamp out any voice of truth that makes them hear again. This too, is yet another witness of the existence of God, and their responsibility to Him, as they know their rejection of Him will one day end in terrible destruction and death.

Agnostics on the other hand, are not near as vitriolic as atheists. They less actively, more passively reject the truth. They merely deny that they can know for sure whether God exists, any absolute truth exists, or know for sure anything. Their position is not as angrily bitter although it is also easily proven untenable. You simply ask the agnostic, "are you absolutely sure there are no absolutes?" Most will not, and cannot answer, without proving that which they also do not really believe, but cling nonetheless, wrongly. They, of course, live their life, as if God absolutely, does not exist. However, they do live their life like many less evident things do exist and work, regardless of their ability to grasp or fully understand these other truths.

Please do not read any farther if you will not have an open mind, if you are passionately rejecting evidence, truth, true science, and signs clearly pointing to the existence of God. It will only result in greater judgment one day from further rejection of even more truth. I would encourage you to be honest enough with yourself, to ask yourself why you are so unwilling to see the clear reflection of the universe; and after seeing, continue to reject this image of God clearly seen. Will you be open to hear the truth? I hope you will read farther.

For those of you who are willing to be objective, rational, and logical in your thinking, please logically explore one of the most important questions ever asked or known. "Where did I, and everything else come from?" This quickly provides insight and answers to "who am I," "what is my purpose," and "where am I going?"



NASA's Hubble Space Telescope Image of Globular Cluster NGC 6397

Milky Way (9,000 Light Years Away) Constellation Ara

Syllogisms and Deductive Reasoning

So, let us begin with some syllogisms and deductive reasoning.

Syllogisms, Deductive Reasoning: If major premise 1, and minor premise 2 are true, the resulting Conclusion 3 is (logically and rationally) true. When premises 1 and 2 are assumed to be true, this logically makes conclusion 3 true.

For ease of following each big signpost, logic, and reasoning, the following format is utilized.

Name of Syllogism / Deductive Reason

1. Major Premise 1. [Optional Clarification].

2. Minor Premise 2. [Optional Clarification].

3. Resulting Logical Conclusion. [Optional Clarification; Quick Takeaway].

Deduction: Rationale. [Takeaway].

Scripture: *Scripture "quotes"* (*references*), all from the King James Version of the Bible that also support the logical deduction observed from the universe. May also include some commentary.

Implication: Statement(s) or question(s).

So, let us start with all we see and ever have seen in our observable universe. What or Whose reflection does it rationally and reasonably portray and point us to?

Cause and Effect [William Lane Craig's formulation of the Kalam Cosmological argument]

- 1. Everything that begins has a <u>cause</u>.
- 2. The <u>universe</u> began to exist.
- 3. Therefore, the universe has a cause.
- 4. The universe has a cause. [He builds on 1-3, this is the only argument with 6, not 3].
- 5. If the universe has a cause, then an uncaused, personal Creator of the universe exists who sans (without) the universe is beginningless, changeless, immaterial, timeless, spaceless and enormously powerful. [Premise 5 is further substantiated in subsequent pages].
- 6. Therefore, an uncaused, personal Creator of the universe exists, who sans the universe is beginningless, changeless, immaterial, timeless, spaceless and enormously powerful. [Conclusion 6 is further substantiated in subsequent pages].

Cause and Effect

- 1. Every effect must have a sufficient cause. [Who/what is that cause]?
- 2. The universe is the most supreme effect. [The greatest effect even partially observed].
- 3. Therefore, a supreme something/someone caused the universe. [A supreme being or entity exists, we called this supreme being God; God exists].

Deduction: Cause ultimately implies a 1st Cause, supreme implies 1, as is the biggest or best.

[Therefore: Only 1-God exists].

Scripture: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). Seven times the Bible says, there is "one God" (Malachi 2:10; Mark 12:32; Romans 3:30; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 2:19). "And the scribe said unto Him, 'Well, Master, Thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but He" (Mark 12:32). "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:6).

Implication: This leads away from polytheism (many gods) and to monotheism (only 1-God). So, Who is this 1-God? What does the universe tell us about this Supreme Being?

Immense Power comes from Immense Power

- 1. The universe has <u>innumerable and immeasurable</u>, <u>practically almighty power</u>. [An estimated 100 billion galaxies, each with 100-200 billion stars, or "1" with 24 zeros after it stars; American=1 septillion, European=1 quadrillion; our average size sun alone is about 10 thousand degrees and 2.7 million miles in circumference. Putting that in perspective, the earth is less than 25 thousand miles in circumference].
- 2. All power in the observed universe must come from a practically almighty/omnipotent cause.
- 3. Therefore, God is immeasurable powerful. [An Omnipotent God exists].

Deduction: This one God is powerful, more powerful than anyone else, since He created or caused this immeasurably power/energy-filled universe and all that exists within it. [Building the portrait based on the prior deductions, **1**, **Omnipotent God exists**].

Scripture: The famous George Frideric Handel's Messiah reverberates truths from the Book of *Revelation* about the "Lord God almighty...Thy great power" (Revelation 11:17) and "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Revelation 19:6). Interestingly the tradition (still observed today) of all standing at the commencement of this song that worships God for His power and acknowledges His resulting right to rule over all, began at Handel Messiah's 1743 London premier when King George II even stood to honor this reigning almighty God.

Implication: All are weak, I am weak, compared to this powerful God. Does He expect me to stand for Him? This instills some fear of crossing such a powerful being. Should I, do I fear God?

Infinite from the Infinite

- 1. The universe is too big to be observed. The circumference of the observable universe is estimated at 292 billion light years [1 light year = 5.9 trillion miles; light speed = about 671 million miles per hour. The universe's size is too vast to observe, even understand].
- 2. An immeasurably sized universe requires a practically infinite or omnipresent cause.
- 3. Therefore, God is infinite/omnipresent. [An Infinite/Omnipresent God exists].

Deduction: Therefore, if God created so vast, so infinite of a universe, He must be infinite and able to be everywhere His universe is, be everywhere at once. Omnipresence means present everywhere. Infinite means limitless or endless in space, extent or size, impossible to measure or calculate. [Building the portrait of the prior deductions, 1, Infinite/Omnipresent, and Omnipotent God exists].

Scripture: "Do not I fill heaven and earth, says the LORD?" (Jeremiah 23:24). "Where shall I go from Thy presence?" (Psalms 139:7-15).

Implication: The most advanced and intelligent known creatures in the universe still do not know how to even travel to the next galaxy, much less to the ends of this vast universe and billions of galaxies. God is incredibly infinite, and from our small abilities, He is able to be everywhere, present everywhere as He made all things everywhere...He must be near me when I need Him and near even when I may not want Him to be or for Him to see things I do...

Laws require a Lawgiver

- 1. Our universe is governed by universal absolute laws. [Universal absolute laws are laws that have never been observed to ever be broken].
- 2. Absolute universal laws require a sufficient absolute lawgiver.
- 3. Therefore, God is the only sufficient absolute Lawgiver. [An Absolute Lawgiver Exists].

An Ultimate Lawgiver is the Absolute Authority to Judge [a related syllogism]

- 1. The absolute lawgiver, is the absolute authority. [If you create and put in place universal laws, you have universal authority].
- 2. The absolute authority, is the absolute judge. [The ultimate authority is ultimate judge].
- 3. Therefore, the absolute lawgiver is the absolute judge. [An Absolute Lawgiving Judge exists, God is that Absolute Lawgiving Judge].

Deduction: Some refer to a Law-Creator, the creator of the Legal-standard (recognized laws, morals, rules, and penalties), morals (good vs evil character, right vs wrong behavior), all constants (over 26 fundamental ones currently known to exist in our universe), math (infinite, absolute, yet precise laws of numbers, quantities, and space), logic (valid reasoning), reason (cause, explanation, or justification for a belief, action, or event to think, understand, or logically judge), fine-tuning (adjusted precisely for the highest performance and effectiveness) of all—Truth, Morals, Law, Constants, Reason, Logic, Math, Fine-Tuning...all necessitate a source Who is the standard. Since all originates from God, God is the absolute lawgiver and standard. [Building the portrait of the prior universe deductions, 1, Absolute, Lawgiving, Judge, Infinite / Omnipresent, and Omnipotent God exists]

Scripture: "The Law of the LORD is perfect" (Psalms 19:7). "God is Judge Himself" (Psalms 50:6). "God, the Judge of all" (Hebrews 12:23).

Implication: We better know what laws and consequences this absolute Law-giver expects. This makes me accountable to someone other than myself or other delegated local authorities. God commands and expects us not to murder, because He is living/life and the author of life. God commands us to be truthful and not to lie, as He is truth and truthful. God commands not to steal, and to give, as He is a loving, gracious, giver, etc.

Who is this 1-God? What does the universe tell us about this God? Whose portrait does the universe reflect? Several of the many universal physical laws that exist in our universe (always observed to be true) are used in the syllogisms below, and tell us attributes of the true God.

<u>Biogenesis: Life can only come from life</u> <u>Abiogenesis: Life cannot come from non-life</u>

- 1. Life must come from something/someone living.
- 2. The universe has living beings.
- 3. Therefore, God must be life/living. [A Living God exists]. Many make the same regressive argument that demonstrates the 1st Life, must be the author of life, when coupled with another syllogism below shows that God is eternally living.

Deduction: God, Who is the author of life, is living. [Building the portrait of the prior universe deductions, **1**, **Living**, **Lawgiving**, **Judge**, **Infinite/Omnipresent**, **and Omnipotent God exists**].

Scripture: "And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth..." (Gen. 1:21). God formed man and breathed into man "the breath of life" (Genesis 2:7). "The true God, He is the Living God" (Jeremiah 10:10).

Implication: All life came from God. True life comes from God and is found abundantly in God's design and ways. Look to God for abundant life. Support and stand up for life, do not murder.

<u>The Law of Conservation</u> [Matter Cannot Be Naturally Created or Destroyed. This is a universal physical law in our closed universe that is never naturally broken].

- 1. Matter cannot be naturally created or destroyed in our universe. [The Law of Conservation].
- 2. The universe's beginning required the supernatural creation of matter. [1st cause of matter].
- 3. Therefore, God must exist outside (transcendent) our universe or be above nature, natural, or physical laws (He is supernatural) in order to have superseded this universal law. [A Transcendent / Supernatural God exists].

Deduction: God was outside what He created. He is transcendent or above physical or natural laws or events, so is supernatural and as such, did and can do supernatural or spiritual things. [Building the portrait of the prior universe deductions, **1**, **Living**, **Transcendent/Supernatural**, **Lawgiving**, **Judge**, **Infinite/Omnipresent**, **and Omnipotent God exists**].

Scripture: "God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all" (Psalms 108:5). "For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: Thou art exalted far above all gods" (Psalms 97:9). "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come" (Ephesians 1:21). "He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things" (Ephesians 4:10).

Implication: God did and can-do supernatural things as He is far above and not limited to natural laws like all others are as they / we are confined within the universe and He is not. God is able to do natural and supernatural things. For further study and logic, the transcendence of God demonstrates that God is not pantheistic (God is not all, the universe is not God, God is transcendent and greater than all His creation). The logical arguments to follow elaborate.

Immutable [Uncaused/Causer; Unmoved/Mover]

- 1. Something eternal cannot change or it would be temporary, not eternal.
- 2. The universe changes.
- 3. Therefore, the universe is not immutable nor eternal. The universe could not have iteratively caused itself without at some time/place had a 1st cause/creator; God must be immutable (unchangeable). [Therefore, **An Immutable and Eternal God exists**].

The Universe is Not God, is Not Eternal [a related syllogism]

- 1. The universe began time, with all galaxies, solar systems, planets... [Time is defined as the measurable period during which an action, process, or condition exists or continues. For man on earth, our solar day is the time it takes the earth to make 1 rotation of its axis in relationship to the sun, or 24 hours. Jupiter's day is <10 hours].
- 2. Everything that has a beginning (measurable within time), is not eternal.
- 3. Therefore, the universe is not eternal. [The universe is not eternal].

The Universe had a Beginning, was Created by Eternal God [a related syllogism]

- 1. Something with a beginning (or end), is not eternal.
- 2. The universe had a beginning (and will have an end).
- 3. Therefore, the universe is not eternal, but was ultimately caused / created by something / someone eternal. [An Eternal God must exist].

Deduction: The universe had a beginning, is not eternal, it changes, so is not immutable or eternal God. [Building the portrait of the prior universe deductions, 1, Living, Immutable, Transcendent/Supernatural, Lawgiving, Judge, Infinite/Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Eternal God exists].

Scripture: "The Eternal God" (Deuteronomy 33:27). "The blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords; Who only has immortality" (1 Timothy 6:15-16). "I am the LORD, I change not" (Malachi 3:6). "God made...the stars also" (Genesis 1:16). "When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained" (Psalms 8:3). "10-But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 12-Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" (2 Peter 2:10, 12).

Implication: The Steady State Theory has been discredited since about 1964 by NASA with the discovery of cosmic microwave background radiation that was inconsistent with the Steady State Theory projections and the logically required electromagnetic radiation distributions. There are still a small percentage of scientists attempting to create a new or Quasi-Steady State model, but to-date, most believe none have been found to match scientifically observed data. Some are questioning the reliability of the data, but data continues to demonstrate similar findings. Steady State Theory is now rejected by the vast majority of cosmologists, astrophysicists, astronomers, etc. through science and logic. This leads to either Creation by God or an unknown cause to a Big Bang Theory (logically requiring a "Big-Banger" or a Supreme Being consistent with Creation). So, either option requires us to logically look to the 1st Cause, the 1st Mover, a Supreme Being, the Unchangeable, Eternal One as God.

Disjunctive Syllogisms and Deductive Reasoning

So next, lets continue the logic with a disjunctive syllogism and deductive reasoning.

A Disjunctive Syllogism, Deductive Reasoning: Premise 1 contains multiple options. Premise 2 eliminates all but one of them. Therefore, the only remaining option is Conclusion 3, which is (logically and rationally) true. Premises 1 and 2 are assumed to be true, which logically makes Conclusion 3 true.

Fine-Tuning [Correlated with Biogenesis and Intelligent Design]

- 1. Fine-Tuning of the universe is <u>either due to</u> chance, necessity, or design. [Fine-Tuning demonstrates so much precision of each and every particle, parameter, and their governance, such that life and effectiveness and efficiency of living things could not be possible even when only microscopically adjusting merely one parameter. No life anywhere in the universe would exist without this precise fine-tuning].
- 2. The fine-tuning is <u>not due to</u> chance or necessity. [It is way too precise and complex alone including its required interrelationships to be by chance. It is not even remotely statistically probable. For example, if the cosmological constant was not precisely as it is, life would be impossible anywhere in the universe. For it to be precisely as it is, scientists calculate the probability of it being just right, just as it is, at 1 in a trillion, trillion, trillion. Another example if the element Carbon did not exist precisely as it does in the universe, there would be no life in the universe. So, fine-tuning by chance is statistically impossible. Scientists that do not want to believe an intelligent God designed (fine-tuned) and created all things this way postulate if there were just an infinite number of universes that it might make it statistically possible for the fine-tuning observed (thus the modern theory of multiverse or multiple universes). Obviously, a random naturalistic universe that is eternal or comes from nothing nowhere, does not need anything. So, there's no need, necessity, or requirement for things to be right or best, living as opposed to dead, or to work effectively and efficiently].
- 3. Therefore, the fine-tuning of the universe is due to design. [It is intelligent to believe that **Intelligent design comes from an Intelligent Designer**].

Deduction: Such complex precise fine-tuning had to initially be brought to bear and continue for life to exist. Scientists have discovered that indeed the universe is fine-tuned for life (and life does exist). Therefore, this fine-tuning design and implementation of life in the universe demonstrates intelligent design originated from an Intelligent Designer. Just looking at DNA alone. There are about 3 billion DNA base pairs that exist in each and every one of the trillions of cells that make up each and every person. This DNA provides the detailed genetic instructions believed to exist in and for every species and organism. [Building the portrait of the prior

universe deductions, <u>1</u>, <u>Intelligent, Living, Immutable, Transcendent / Supernatural, Lawgiving, <u>Judge</u>, <u>Infinite/Omnipresent</u>, <u>Omnipotent</u>, and <u>Eternal God exists</u>].</u>

Scripture: "The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath He established the heavens" (Proverbs 3:19). "The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand" (Isaiah 14:24). "He hath made the earth by His power, He hath established the world by His wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by His discretion" (Jeremiah 10:12). "To Him that by wisdom made the heavens: for His mercy endureth forever" (Psalms 136:5).

Implication: Every area of existing study and ongoing discovery of the elements, workings, and interrelationships of the known universe continue to demonstrate incredible and often still unsearchable Intelligent Design (ID). This level of ID demonstrates unmatched intelligence, knowledge, understanding, and the wisdom of this God. {For future study, can show a crucial core truth from each domain space, college major degree, or knowledge space, including examples of how each provides multiple key sign posts all pointing to God. There were 295 college degrees available to be obtained in 18 domains in 10/21/2019. The 18 domains that group the college degrees are listed to follow from https://blog.prepscholar.com/college-majors-list. 1) Agriculture & Natural Resources Conservation, 2) Architecture, 3) Area, Ethnic, and Multidisciplinary Studies, 4) Arts: Visual & Performing, 5) Business, 6) Communications, 7) Community, Family, and Personal Services, 8) Computer Science and Mathematics, 9) Education, 10) Engineering, 11) Engineering Technology and Drafting, 12) English and Foreign Languages, 13) Health Administration and Assisting, 14) Health Sciences and Technologies, 15) Philosophy, Religion, and Theology, 16) Repair, Production and Construction, 17) Sciences: Biological and Physical, and 18) Social Sciences and Law.}

Design Requires a Designer [Teleological Argument]

- 1. Our universe has immeasurable intelligent design. [Just consider every snowflake that is a different unique magnificent crystalline structure. Examine the atoms, elements, leaves, fingerprints, eyes, DNA sequences that are all unique and fabulously designed with such creativity, colors, textures, functions, movements, purposes, etc. See the fine-tuning argument above for additional examples and rationale].
- 2. Intelligent design requires an intelligent designer.
- 3. Therefore, **God is the Immeasurable Intelligent Designer** / Creator of the universe.

Deduction: Design implies purpose. God has a purpose for all His different designs in all His creation. God is purposeful. Three quick illustrations demonstrate this design came from a designer principle (Pocket Watch, Alphabet Soup, and Cake/Baker). 1) If one came across a very simple working pocket watch in the midst of a desert with only two materials (metal and glass) and opened it to see only ten parts working together (a case, face, winder, 2-connectors, 2hands, and 3-gears), the first rational thought would not be that there was an explosion in a metal factory that somehow (against all odds) accidently made this working watch. Any thinking person would logically believe it a million times more probable that an intelligent watch designer designed and produced this watch. This is even more rational when considering something complex, living, that has trillions of parts and detailed parameters in order for it to exist and function effectively. 2) If you walked in and found Alphabet Soup or Cereal all over the table that clearly and merely spelled out "Hi Dad," every thinking person would look around to see who could read and write, and had purposely communicated, and would probably as a father, look at your children first. How much more reasonable, if you saw so much written that covered much of the neighborhood spelling out the 14,369 words of Shakespeare's shortest play, "The Comedy of Errors?" No reasonable person would theorize that someone must have accidently spilled 553 bowls (an average bowl contains 26 letters) and they all perfectly spelled out Shakespeare's shortest play accidently. Even if someone(s) had spilled soup every day your entire life, no rational individual would assume (when reading even one sentence) that it was not purposely intelligently placed there due to such purposeful, intelligent design, or order. 3) If a farmer walked out and found a delicious simple cake on his table outside, he would always rationally think there was a baker who created this cake, not that somehow accidently 7-8 basic ingredients (flour, fat, sugar, eggs, liquid, salt, and leavening) got somehow blown and mixed together in the precise amounts needed from his farm and also somehow were formed and baked into a delicious cake. This simple level of design is only rational to believe it was designed by someone intelligent. When observing more complex intelligent designs that man observes in the universe, it is also most logical to conclude the universe had an intelligent designer. [Building the portrait of the prior universe deductions, 1, Living, Intelligent, Immutable, Transcendent/ Supernatural, Omniscient, Purposeful, Lawgiving, Judge, Infinite/Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Eternal God exists].

Scripture: "Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself" (Ephesians 1:9). "For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God Himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:18). "The Eternal purpose, which He purposed" (Ephesians 3:11).

Implication: God has so much knowledge, understanding, wisdom, and unfathomable purposes demonstrated in just the universe's fine-tuning, detail, complexity, and immeasurability of intelligent design that many often refer to God as knowing everything. He is omniscient. We must look to Him in faith for His plan and purposes that are too high for us...

Universal Belief in God [Intuitive by General Revelation]

- 1. Something universally and intuitively believed (across history and cultures) must have its basis in rational truth.
- 2. God is universally believed across history and cultures.
- 3. Therefore, God exists. [God exists].

Deduction: If people of all ages, in every culture, believe God exists, it is rational to believe that God exists. [Building the portrait of the prior universe deductions, <u>1</u>, <u>Living</u>, <u>Intelligent</u>, <u>Immutable</u>, <u>Transcendent/Supernatural</u>, <u>Omniscient</u>, <u>Purposeful</u>, <u>Lawgiving</u>, <u>Judge</u>, <u>Infinite</u> / <u>Omnipresent</u>, <u>Omnipotent</u>, and <u>Eternal God exists</u>].

Scripture: "For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:20).

Implication: When most people in the world claim to believe in God, it is worth examining your own beliefs, and truly being honest with yourself about what you clearly see from the universe's reflection. It is time not to make excuses of why you do not have time to search for something as important as your entire worldview, wisdom, purpose, and eternal life. There are many sincere people who are at various stages of their belief in God. Where are you?

Man's Nature is Moral Reflecting His Creator [Moral Argument;

Man's conscience intuitively reveals right and wrong (until seared or hardened); Ethics are desired best behavior; All cultures have a moral code for a reason]

- 1. Man reflects a moral image by intuitively knowing a right and wrong standard. [Everyone (without being told or taught) knows that sneaking up behind someone and stabbing them to death in the back in wrong.]
- 2. This moral image/nature, like every reflection has its basis in the real image.
- 3. The only sufficient real moral image/standard source is man's creator, God. [God is Moral, and created man in His image].

Man's Image Reflects His Creator's Image [a related syllogism]

- 1. Man universally intuitively/internally knows what is right and wrong, by his conscience (before searing it, without external laws that also demonstrate these morals are pragmatically most effective).
- 2. The source of man and his moral nature/image was given him by his Creator.
- 3. Therefore, man's morality shows God exists by His moral image. [God is Moral, and created man in His image].

Objective Morality Emanates from an Absolute Moral God [a related syllogism]

- 1. If morality is objective and absolute, God must exist.
- 2. Morality is objective and absolute.
- 3. Therefore, God must exist. [God is an Absolute Moral God, and created man in His image].

Deduction: Every individual person in every culture intuitively has an imprint in them of right and wrong. Man-made law in almost all cultures reflects murder and other immoral acts are wrong. This moral imprint, compass, or "code" is directly received from the image of their absolutely moral Creator. [Building the portrait of the prior universe deductions, 1, Living, Intelligent, Immutable, Transcendent/Supernatural, Omniscient, Purposeful, Moral, Lawgiving, Judge, Infinite / Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Eternal God exists].

Scripture: "26-And God said, 'Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.' 27-So God created man in His Own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created

He them" (Genesis 1:26-27). "This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made He him" (Genesis 5:1). "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man" (Genesis 9:6).

Implication: Since God is the absolute standard of morality (what is right and wrong, what is best and most blest, what works and does not work), it would be wise of us to desire to do what is right and reward others for doing so. We know deep down what is right. We sear our consciences and harden our heart blinding us of this standard when we choose to repeatedly do wrong, hoping that we will not be judged. We should seek to consistently live right, so we can be true, sincere, people of integrity, and not be deceived and become sociopathic in our thoughts and behaviors. Not following this moral internal compass takes us further away from God, His truth, and His blessings. Immoral actions receive natural consequences set up by God in the rules of His universe and often from His delegated authorities. Be moral (contained in the "Golden Rule" of love, which treats others the way you would like to be treated) as God's moral image and compass in you was designed to grant you and your interrelationships more freedom, success, and satisfaction when you do what is loving, right, and best.

<u>Intelligence Requires/Emanates from Intellect</u> [Personal Conscious Intelligence]

- 1. Intelligence/thinking/mind/consciousness is found in the universe. [Personal conscious intelligence exists].
- 2. Intelligence can only come from intellect (an intelligent being). [Personal conscious intellect comes from personal conscious intellect. This also is a cause/effect argument].
- 3. Therefore, man's intelligence originates from an intelligent God. [God is Personally Conscious and Intelligent].

Deduction: Man's intelligence comes from a personal conscious intelligent God. Personality implies consciousness. God is immeasurably intelligent, so intelligent He is Omniscient. [Building the portrait of the prior universe deductions, 1, Living, Personal, Immutable, Transcendent / Supernatural, Omniscient, Purposeful, Moral, Lawgiving, Judge, Infinite/Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Eternal God exists].

Scripture: God "knows all things" (1 John 3:20) and "His understanding is infinite" (Psalms 147:5). "For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been His counselor?" (Romans 11:34). "The Lord thinketh upon me" (Psalms 40:17).

Implication: It is nice to know the most intelligent person is personally conscious and thinks on me, my thoughts, and my actions. That is also a little scary when I act foolishly.

Emotion Requires/Emanates from Emotions [Personal Relational Emotions]

- 1. Emotion/Soul/Passion/Feeling is found in the universe. [Personality, emotions exist].
- 2. Emotion can only come from an emotional being (not impersonal gases or matter). [Personal emotions come from personal emotion. This also is a cause/effect argument].
- 3. Therefore, man's emotions come from an emotional God. [Therefore, <u>God is Personal and</u> exhibits personal emotion].

Deduction: Man's emotions, feelings, and passions, are not from gases or matter, they came from a similar personal emotional God who feels. [Building the portrait of the prior universe deductions, 1, Living, Personal, Passionate, Immutable, Transcendent / Supernatural, Omniscient, Purposeful, Moral, Lawgiving, Judge, Infinite / Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Eternal God exists].

Scripture: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God" (1 John 4:7). "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:11). "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23). "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator" (1 Peter 4:19). "Receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).

Implication: God has personal passions, feelings, and emotions like us. Or better yet, our personal feelings come from God, and are known by Him. He is personally passionate about you and made you like Him for a purpose. For you to have a relationship with Him. Let your emotions motivate you for good and not evil. God passionately loves you and wants you to have a relationship with Him to be saved, experience all the good He created you to experience, so you can live purposely, abundantly, for you to love, and to experience true love from others.

Will Requires/Originates/Emanates from Will [Personal Volitional Choice]

- 1. Will/Choice/Freedom/Determination/Volition is found in the universe. [Personal will exists].
- 2. Will can only come from a volitional being. [Personal will comes from personal will. This also is a cause/effect argument].
- 3. Therefore, man's will comes from a personal volitional God [Personality; God is Volitional].

Deduction: A volitional nature comes from being created in the personal volitional image of God. [Building the portrait of the prior universe deductions, 1, Living, Personal, Passionate, Volitional, Immutable, Transcendent/Supernatural, Omniscient, Purposeful, Determining, Moral, Lawgiving, Judge, Infinite/Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Eternal God exists].

Scripture: "God has from the beginning chosen you" (2 Thessalonians 2:13). "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

Implication: God personally chooses and so can you. Choose wisely. God chose to create you. God does not will that you perish from bad chooses. What will you choose regarding God?

<u>Personality Comes from Personality</u> [Personal 1st Cause; correlated closely with the prior 3; Personality=Intellect, Emotions, and Will; not unconscious impersonal matter, forces, or gases]

- 1. Personality is found in the universe. [Personality exists].
- 2. Personality can only come from a personal being (not impersonal objects). [Personality comes from personality. This also is a cause/effect argument].
- 3. Therefore, man's personality comes from a personal God. [Personality; God is Personal; God is a Person].

Deduction: Man gets his personality, personhood, or personal nature (consisting of the combination and interaction of intellect, emotions, and will) from God's personhood. [Building the portrait from the prior universe deductions, 1, Living, Personal, Passionate, Volitional, Immutable, Transcendent/Supernatural, Omniscient, Purposeful, Determining, Moral, Lawgiving, Judge, Infinite/Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Eternal God exists].

Scripture: "7-Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8-He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9-In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10-Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11-Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:7-11).

Implication: Personhood has some logical implications observed in the syllogism below.

Personal Beings Communicate Consistent with their Character [Their nature, who they are]

- 1. Personal beings communicate (thoughts, feelings, and decisions). [Emanates from their intellect, emotions, and will as personal beings].
- 2. God is a personal being. [Who has thoughts, feelings, and will/decisions. This also is a cause/effect argument].
- 3. Therefore, God communicated. [Divine Communication Exists].

Further Deduction: What is the most logical <u>divine general communication</u>? [The Universe / Creation. The Universe Reflects God's Portrait, the Universe's Creator].

Further Deduction: What is the most logical <u>divine special communication</u>? [An eternal personal Word, written, a Holy (set apart from all others) Book, One that claims to be from God, One that somehow condescends to man, the most ancient, most comprehensive, most accurate, most reliable, most timeless, most published, most translated, most read, most

studied, most taught, most popular, most prophetic, One that reveals the past, present, and future, One about God Himself, the universe's origins, man's nature, history, the struggle with evil, sin, suffering, death, purpose, family relationships, how to have a relationship with this personal God...].

Further Deduction: What Book is the only Book in the world even close to that? [The Holy Bible].

The Holy Bible demonstrates divine fingerprints and describes and confirms what the universe reflects and says of God (see the many individual assertions on each logical argument above). The Bible says that God is:

1, Living, Personal, Passionate, Volitional, Immutable, Transcendent/Supernatural,
 Omniscient, Purposeful, Determining, Moral, Lawgiving, Judge, Infinite/Omnipresent,
 Omnipotent, and Eternal God. This is exactly the portrait the universe reflects rationally of God.
 The Bible and the universe are consistent reflections of God and His portrait.

Further Implication: Study the Holy Bible, God's Scripture, to determine for yourself whether there are divine fingerprints in what God calls His Word, that He inspired men by His Holy Spirit to write and miraculously reliably transmit over millennia to man. God promises to speak directly to you if you seek after Him and He will not allow His Word to return void. Please diligently seek Him while He may be found, before your heart gets hardened by sin, unbelief, or outright rejection. May God bless you in your spiritual journey upwards to save and bless you eternally.

Summary of Inductive and Deductive Rational Logic (Reflecting a Perfect Portrait of God):

- 1. The universe is an amazing effect, effect implies cause, 1st-effect implies 1st-cause, 1st-cause implies 1-creator, 1-supreme being, so its 1st cause, is 1-God < Cause and Effect >.
- 2. The universe is immeasurably powerful and includes all the power man can observe, so its cause, God is Almighty/Omnipotent < Power from Power>.
- 3. The universe is immeasurably big/vast, practically infinite, so its cause, God is Infinite/Omnipresent < Infinite from Infinity>.
- 4. The universe is governed by universal laws, so its cause, God is the Universal Lawgiver (the Ultimate Lawgiver is the ultimate authority to judge, so its cause, God is the Ultimate/Absolute Judge <Laws from Lawgiver, Judgment from Judge>.
- 5. The universe contains life, so its cause, God is Living/the originator of life. The universe's unbroken law that life only comes from life (Biogenesis), that life cannot come from non-life (Abiogenesis), and that it is wisely Fine-Tuned to support life, shows its cause, God is Living/the originator and sustainer of life <Life from a Living Being>.
- The universe has no natural creation of matter, so God is Supernatural/Transcendent (outside and above nature, natural, or physical laws) <Nature made by an External Supernatural Transcendent Being; nature is less than its 1-Creator>.
- 7. The universe changes, so is temporary not eternal, its 1st-cause, God must be immutable and eternal (Uncaused/Causer; Unmoved/Mover) < Change from the 1-Unchangeable, Temporal from the 1-Eternal; nature is less than its 1-Creator>.
- 8. The universe's design, requires a designer, so God is the Designer (Teleological).

 Designing all implies purpose, so God is Purposeful (has a purpose for all His creation)

 Perign from Designer; Purpose from Purposeful.
- 9. The universal belief/intuition/awareness of God across all history and cultures, implies God's existence, God existence is true <Belief/Intuition based from True Existence>.
- 10. Man's intuitive moral nature, image, and understanding of objective morals and laws that also work, reflect God's moral nature/image, so God exists and is Moral < Morals from a Moral Being>.
- 11. The universe contains personal intelligent consciousness, which can only come from a personal intelligent being, God is Intelligent. Immeasurable intelligent design exists, so God is Omnisciently Intelligent < Intelligence from Intelligence >.
- 12. The universe contains personal emotions (soul, feelings, passion, love...), which can only come from a personal relational emotional being, God is Emotional < Emotions from Emotions>.
- 13. The universe contains personal will or determination, which only can come from a personal volitional choosing being, God is Volitional/Determining < Will from Volition>.
- 14. The universe contains personality, which can only come from personality (intellect, emotions, and will; not unconscious impersonal matter, forces, or gases), God is Personal. He is a Personal Omniscient Passionate Determining God (Personal 1st Cause) < Personality from Personhood>.
- 15. Persons communicate, so God communicated; generally, through His creation, which reveals God as: One, Living, Personal, Immutable, Transcendent/Supernatural, Omniscient, Purposeful, Moral, Determining, Lawgiving, Infinite/Omnipresent,

- Omnipotent, and Eternal **<General Communication from General Communicator**; the universe calls out in every area>.
- 16. Persons communicate, so God communicated; specially through written divine Revelation. The Bible is the only Book ever to come close to a divine communication and it also reveals God as: One, Living, Personal, Immutable, Transcendent/Supernatural, Omniscient, Purposeful, Moral, Determining, Lawgiving, Infinite/Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Eternal Being—exactly confirming the portrait of what general revelation reveals, reflects, and communicates of this true God <Special Communication from Special Communicator; only one Holy Bible that is sufficient and consistent in every area>.

There are many other logical sign posts that could have been provided, but this is a good start. Please feel free to contact the author at https://ronnyberg.org/ for questions, additions, edits, or comments. He would love to hear your sincere thoughts and decisions and pray with you if desired.