**So What?** *(Graphic)*

**Week 1:**

“So what about other religions?”

**Start with Christianity:**

1. It’s testable.
2. Salvation is free.
3. Worldview fit.
4. Jesus is a central figure.

What you **believe** will determine where you **go** in life.

**“So what about creation?**

What we believe about **creation** determines how we view **ourselves** and **life**.

(Psalm 19:1-2)

“The **heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands**. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.”

*“Nature offers no compelling evidence for an intelligent designer and countless examples of unintelligent design.” -* Sam Harris, Letters to a Christian Nation

(Romans 1:20)

“For since the **creation of the world** God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been **clearly seen**, being understood **by what has been made**.”

**3 Examples of Intelligent Design:**

1. Fine Tuning.

*“As we look out into the universe and identify the many accidents of physics and astronomy that have worked to our benefit, it almost seems as if the universe in some sense had known that we were coming.”* -Freeman Dyson, Physicist

Examples of “fine tuning.”

* Earth’s relationship to the **sun** makes life possible.
* Earth’s relationship to the **moon** makes life possible.
* Earth’s **atmospheric** **conditions** make life possible.

**Anthropic Principle**

Implies that when we first look at the world around us, it would seem, that the universe was somehow **designed** to support and nourish **human life**.

The **fine tuning** on our universe points back to **intelligent design**.

1. DNA

*“DNA is like a computer program but far, far more advanced than any software we have ever created.” -Bill Gates, Chairman Microsoft Corporation*

With every cell of DNA it’s as though **God** has placed his **signature** on what he has made.

(Ephesians 2:10)

“For **we are God’s handiwork**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

1. Trinity of Trinities

**Triune Universe:**

**Space** **Time** **Matter**

Length Past Gas

Width Present Liquid

Depth Future Solid

**God:** Father, Son, Holy Spirit

You cannot have space, time or matter independently. **They have to come into existence simultaneously**.

(Genesis 1:1)

“In the **beginning [time]** God created the **heavens [space]** and the **earth [matter]**.

So what about creation? **You must really matter to God.**