

Colossians 1.15-17

He Will Hold Me Fast

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Colossians 1

(18) in everything he might have the
supremacy.

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(1) Jesus is supreme because He perfectly reveals God.

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Colossians 1

(15) He is the image of the invisible God....”

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Jesus Christ came to earth
in order to make
the invisible God visible.

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John 1

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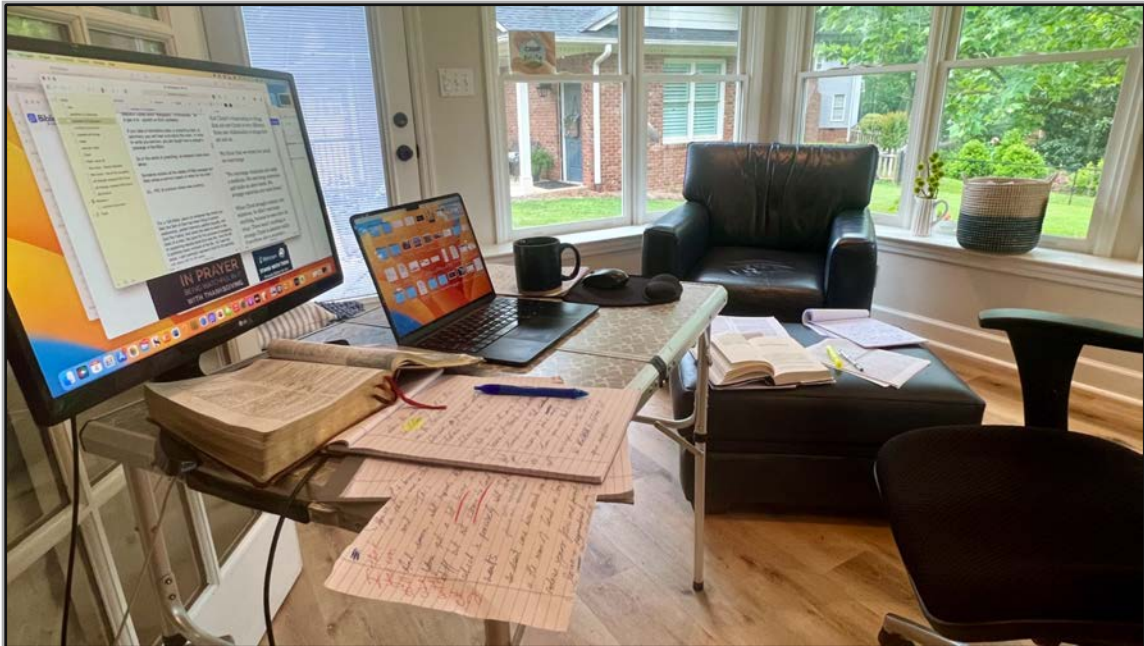
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(2) Jesus is supreme because God has honored Him as supreme

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over all creation

(16) **ALL** things have
been created
THROUGH him

(17) He is **BEFORE**
all things...

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(15) the firstborn over all creation

Son #1

Son #2

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Matthew 3

(17) And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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Matthew 17

(3) "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

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John 15

(23) Whoever hates me hates my Father as well.

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(3) Jesus is supreme because He created all things with stunning power and precision

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Colossians 1

(16) For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. (17) He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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Jesus created all things FOR the display of His greatness.

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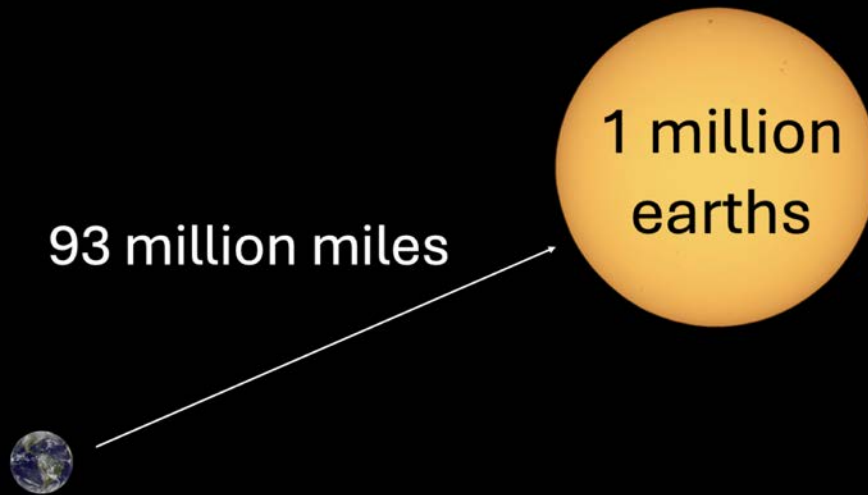
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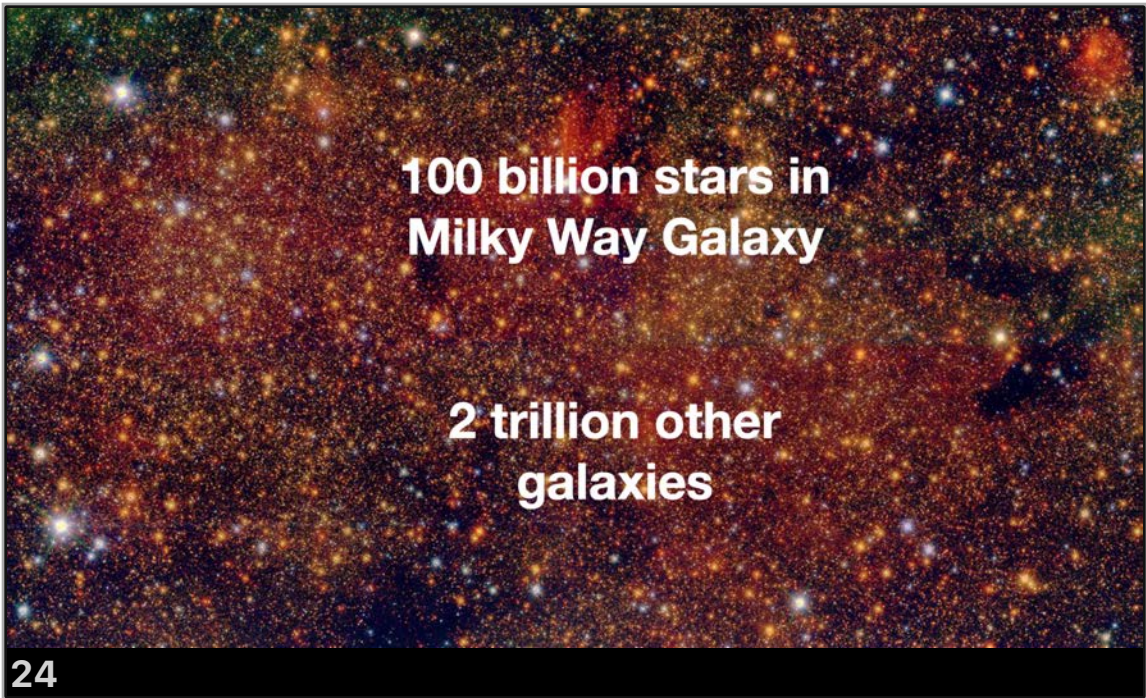
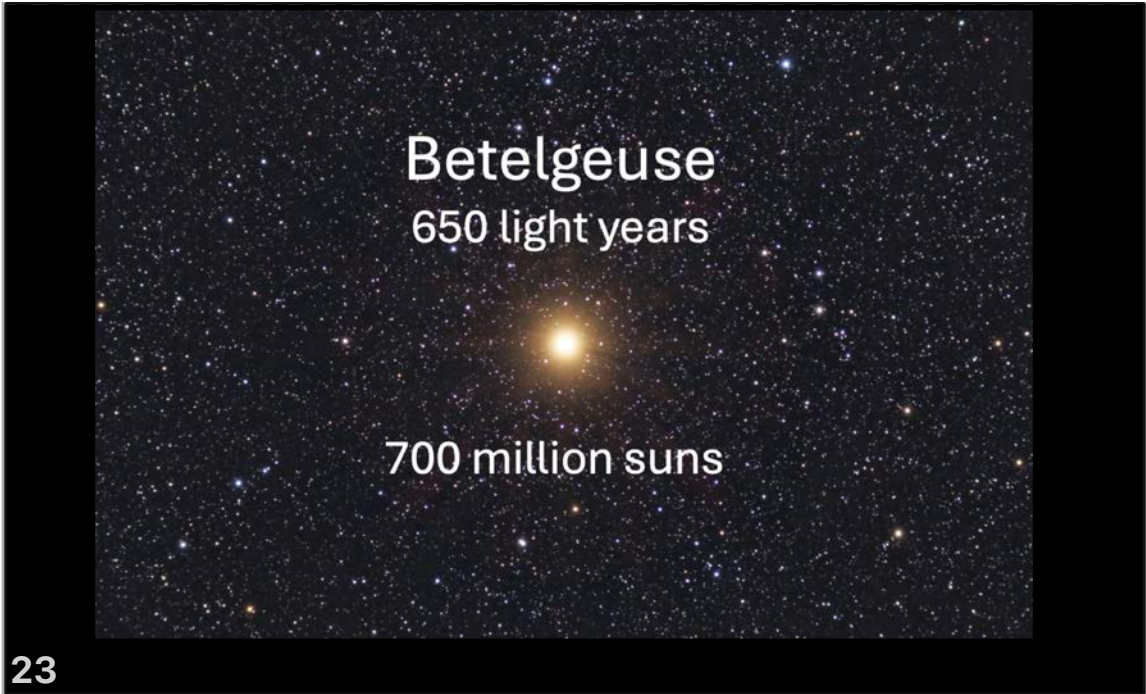
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1924 Hubble Telescope

Big Bang

Gamma rays

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How did life emerge from all this energy?

Carl Sagan

two conditions for life (wrong)

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Fine Tuned Argument

There are certain things about our universe - and about our planet - that seem to be so extremely perfectly calibrated that they can hardly be considered coincidental. If these things were even slightly different, life would not even be possible.

- Metaxes

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If the **rate of expansion** one second after the Big Bang had been smaller by even one part in a hundred thousand million million, the universe would have recollapsed before it reached its present size.

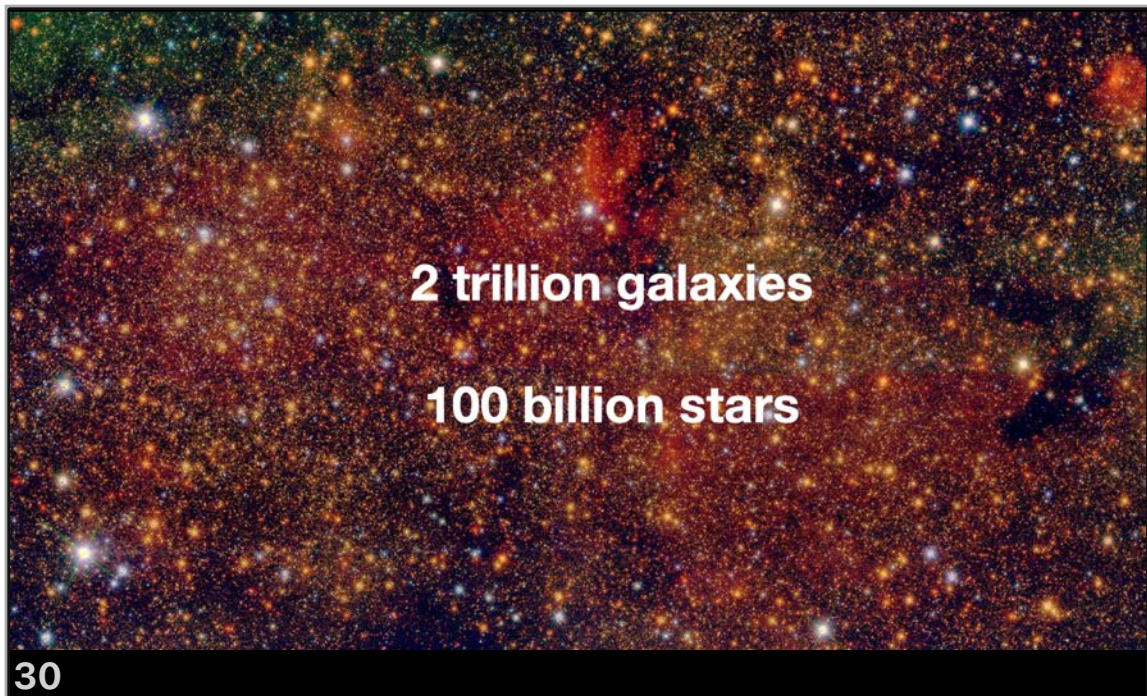
- Stephen Hawking, *A Brief History of Time*

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If the **overall density** of the universe were changed by even .0000000000001 percent, no stars or galaxies could be formed.

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At certain early epochs in cosmic history, [the universe's] mass density must have been as finely tuned as one part in 10 to the 60th power to allow for the possible existence of physical life at any time or place within the entirety of the universe.

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This degree of fine tuning is so great that it's as if right after the universe's beginning someone could have destroyed the possibility of life within it by subtracting a single dime's mass from the whole of the observable universe or adding a single dime's mass to it.

- Hugh Ross, Caltech Astrophysicist

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If there were a purely scientific question and not one that touched on the religious problem, I do not believe that any scientist who has examined the evidence would fail to draw the inference that the laws of nuclear physics have been deliberately designed with regard to the consequences they produce inside the stars.

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

- Fred Hoyle, British astronomer

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1. The location of the earth in the universe
2. The size of earth
3. Our distance from the sun
4. Our planetary neighbors of Jupiter and Saturn
5. Our perfect moon

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Holding All Things Together

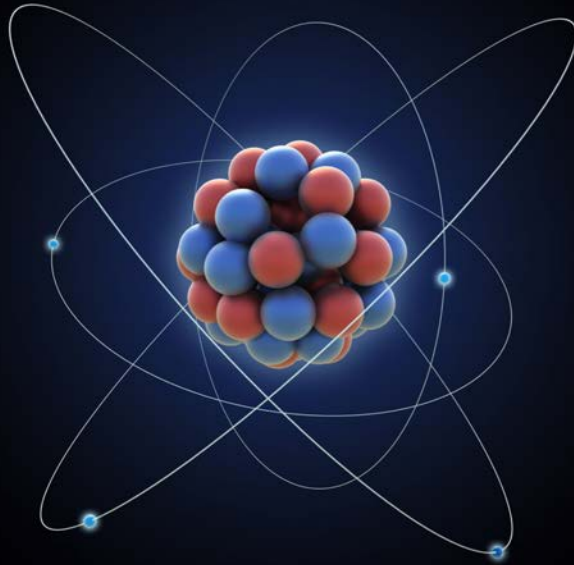
Gravity

The electromagnetic force

The weak nuclear force

The strong nuclear force

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(17) He is before all things, and in him all things hold together...(20) to reconcile to himself all things...by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast. When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last. Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

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For my life He bled and died, Christ will
hold me fast. Justice has been satisfied, He
will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold
me fast. Until our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last!

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He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

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