

Preparing for the Growing Season



Gen. 1.1

In the beginning, God created . . .

Thomas Nagel



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“I want atheism to be true and am made uneasy by the fact that some of the most intelligent and well-informed people I know are religious believers.

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It isn't that I don't believe in God and, naturally, I hope I'm right in my belief. It's that I hope there is no God! I don't want there to be a God; I don't want the universe to be like that."

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COSMOS**

WHY THE
MATERIALIST
NEO-DARWINIAN
CONCEPTION
OF NATURE
IS ALMOST
CERTAINLY
FALSE

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Thomas Nagel, *Mind and Cosmos*

“It is prima facie highly implausible that life as we know it is the result of a sequence of physical accidents together with the mechanism of natural selection. . . . What is lacking, to my knowledge, is a credible argument that the story has a nonnegligible probability of being true.” (6)

Thomas Nagel, *Mind and Cosmos*

“Consciousness is the most conspicuous obstacle to a comprehensive naturalism that relies only on the resources of physical science.

Thomas Nagel, *Mind and Cosmos*

The existence of consciousness seems to imply that the physical description of the universe . . . is only part of the truth. . . . If we take this problem seriously, and follow out its implications, it threatens to unravel the entire naturalistic world picture.” (35)

David Berlinski



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- Has anyone provided a proof of God's inexistence? Not even close.
- Has quantum cosmology explained the emergence of the universe or why it is here? Not even close.

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- Have the sciences explained why our universe seems to be fine-tuned to allow for the existence of life? Not even close.
- Are physicists and biologists willing to believe in anything so long as it is not religious thought? Close enough.

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- Has secularism in the terrible twentieth century been a force for good? Not even close to being close.
- Is there a narrow and oppressive orthodoxy of thought and opinion within the sciences? Close enough.

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- Does anything in the sciences or in their philosophy justify the claim that religious belief is irrational? Not even in the ballpark.
- Is scientific atheism a frivolous exercise in intellectual contempt? Dead on.

John Polkinghorne



John Lennox



