

## Quotations from Famous Scientists

*Fred Hoyle (British astrophysicist):* "A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a superintellect has monkeyed with physics, as well as with chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature. The numbers one calculates from the facts seem to me so overwhelming as to put this conclusion almost beyond question."

*Paul Davies (British astrophysicist):* "There is for me powerful evidence that there is something going on behind it all....It seems as though somebody has fine-tuned nature's numbers to make the Universe....The impression of design is overwhelming".

*Alan Sandage (winner of the Crawford prize in astronomy):* "I find it quite improbable that such order came out of chaos. There has to be some organizing principle. God to me is a mystery but is the explanation for the miracle of existence, why there is something instead of nothing."

*John O'Keefe (astronomer at NASA):* "We are, by astronomical standards, a pampered, cosseted, cherished group of creatures.. .. If the Universe had not been made with the most exacting precision we could never have come into existence. It is my view that these circumstances indicate the universe was created for man to live in."

*George Greenstein (astronomer):* "As we survey all the evidence, the thought insistently arises that some supernatural agency - or, rather, Agency - must be involved. Is it possible that suddenly, without intending to, we have stumbled upon scientific proof of the existence of a Supreme Being? Was it God who stepped in and so providentially crafted the cosmos for our benefit?"

*Arthur Eddington (astrophysicist):* "The idea of a universal mind or Logos would be, I think, a fairly plausible inference from the present state of scientific theory."

*Tony Rothman (physicist):* "When confronted with the order and beauty of the universe and the strange coincidences of nature, it's very tempting to take the leap of faith from science into religion. I am sure many physicists want to. I only wish they would admit it."

*Vera Kistiakowsky (MIT physicist):* "The exquisite order displayed by our scientific understanding of the physical world calls for the divine." ([13](#))

*Robert Jastrow (self-proclaimed agnostic):* "For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries."