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Teleological Argument – Study Guide

1. *Teleological* is built from two Greek words, *telos* and *logos*. *Telos* means end/purpose, while *logos* means logic/rationality. Therefore, the teleological arguments aims to explain a thing's purpose or design.
2. Three verses that speak of God's creative power are
 - a. Psalm 19:1
 - b. Genesis 1:1
 - c. Romans 1:18-20
3. The *Teleological Argument* does not focus on evolution or Darwin. Rather, it concentrates on the fine-tuning of the universe. By changing the focus, the Christian avoids the emotions that usually accompany a discussion about evolution. Another benefit is that the skeptic has the burden of proof to explain why the universe is able to support life in the first place.
4. Write out the *teleological argument*.
 - a. The fine-tuning of the universe is due to either physical necessity, chance, or design.
 - b. It is not due to physical necessity or chance.
 - c. Therefore, it is due to design.
5. Define *fine-tuning*.
 - a. Certain constants and quantities in the universe fall into an extraordinarily narrow range of values for the universe to be life-permitting.
6. What are the *two kinds* of fine-tuning? Briefly describe each one.
 - a. Constants
 - i. When certain laws of nature are expressed as mathematical equations, we see certain constants, or unchanging quantities, featured.
 - b. Arbitrary Quantities
 - i. When we look at the origin of the universe, we notice certain quantities that are initial conditions, which the laws of nature then operate on. The quantities are not determined by the laws of nature, and could have had different values.

