

Where Do We Start?

When discussing any topic, especially world view topics, we must first of all look at the presuppositions that we are using (even if they are subconscious), to see what, if any, are true. All too frequently, we tend to just start in the middle and do not check to see if the various things that we believe are actually compatible with one another. Let's look at some of these and see which assumptions and beliefs we can eliminate, as that will really enable us to focus on issues rationally and logically.

1. Can the existence of a God or creator, that is not a part of our physical world, be eliminated as a possibility in a scientific way? The answer is no, because there is no scientific test that can be performed to establish this, so the possibility of a God or creator must remain a possibility.
2. Can the universe have come into being from nothing by purely naturalistic means? The answer to this is also no. The law of the conservation of energy and matter states that matter and energy cannot be created or destroyed. This means that the universe could not have come from nothing. This also applies to the concept of a multiverse, for which no scientific evidence is available nor can it be by definition, so this is just a rescue device to try and get out of the requirement for a creator. In fact, the multiverse concept makes matters even worse because it needs to create an infinite number of universes out of nothing.
3. Can the universe have existed for eternity? The answer to this is also no. The second law of Thermodynamics would require the universe to have run out of usable energy by now.
4. Can life come from non-life? The answer to this is also no. While scientists have tried to do this in a lab (intelligent design and intervention), they have not been able to succeed. The best that they have come up with is creating some amino acids. The problem with that was that they were an approximate equal amount of left and right-handed ones. All life is left-handed and it is only at death that you get an approximately equal amount of left-handed and right-handed ones. Additionally, the atmosphere required for this to have occurred is extremely unlikely on the early earth.
5. Can information come from non-information? Again, the answer is no. The law of information states that "information can only come from information". Werner Gitt has written a book on this, it is called "In the beginning was Information". Science has never observed information coming from non-information. For living things to live, they need information.
6. Can more than one account of the beginning of the universe and all life be true? Again, the answer is no. Two mutually exclusive statements cannot be true. For example, the universe cannot have formed by itself and at the same time have been created by a creator.
7. Can different world views be true at the same time? Again, the answer is no. For example, atheism cannot be true at the same time as polytheism, monotheism or any other world view that incorporates some type of god. Polytheism cannot be true at the same time as Monotheism. Re-incarnation cannot be true if Christianity is true, since it would contradict the statement that it is appointed for men to die once and then face judgement. Reincarnation can also not be true at the same time as atheism, since atheism or naturalism does not allow for a spiritual aspect of a person. As much as it seems like a nice, inclusive idea to just say that they can all be true, this is just not logically or scientifically possible.
8. The only reason that we can even engage in science is because there are laws that govern this physical realm. If everything was just random and by chance, there would be no consistency and therefore no scientific laws.

9. Morality requires a creator that has established right and wrong. Random chance is just that, there is no right or wrong, everything just is the result of chemical reactions.

We can see from this list then that the following items would be true.

1. There has to be a creator of the universe
2. There has to be a creator of life and information
3. Only one world view can be true
4. While it is possible that Deism or Agnosticism could be true, it is highly unlikely, since the creator of the universe would be highly unlikely to just walk away from it or not be known, be knowable or not communicate with His creation. In fact, you could not assert that Deism or Agnosticism to be true, since you would have to be God in order to know.
5. Arguments based on a false world view cannot be used in discussion regarding the correct world view. i.e. evolutionary ideas and assumptions cannot be used when creation is the correct world view. For example, we have shown that a creator must exist on the basis of logic and science. A creator that has the power and ability to create this universe and all life, also has the power to do things that are outside of the laws that He has established. We normally call these miracles. Science can never prove that miracles do not exist, nor can we perform miracles since that is outside of our power. So often when discussing this topic, people do not want to allow “miracles”, but only “natural” processes. This does not make sense since we have already established that a creator is required for this universe and life to exist. There is no way to prove that miracles have not, or will not occur. You would need to be God in order to know that miracles have never happened.
6. The best thing that we can do is to look at all the available evidence and determine what the most logical worldview is based on this. I would propose that the worldview that best fits the evidence is that which is presented in the Bible.