

Course evaluations: open from now until January 9

Office hours as usual next week

Final papers due to TFs Fri Dec 10, at noon  
please use course Dropbox

Review session: Fri Dec 10, 3-4:30pm  
--pls send questions ahead of time by email or using  
“course feedback” on the website

Final exam: Mon Dec 13, 2-5pm, Emerson 305  
--see exam prep handouts

Have you used clickers in class before?

1. YES

2. NO

Interested in some polling in our class?

1. YES

2. NO

Did you receive religious instruction?

1. AT HOME

2. IN SCHOOL

3. BOTH

4. NONE

Do you participate in religious observances?

1. REGULARLY

2. OCCASIONALLY

3. NEVER

Categories are typically inadequate to describe the complexity of lived experience, but many fields of social sciences use them nonetheless. Where do you see yourself fitting in this spectrum of positions?

1. MILITANT ATHEIST
2. AGNOSTIC/UNDECIDED
3. LIBERAL THEOLOGY /DEIST
4. NEO-ORTHODOX/ CATHOLIC ORTHODOX THEIST
5. EVANGELICAL
6. MILITANT EVANGELICAL/CREATIONIST
7. OTHER

Paul Davies, *The Goldilocks Enigma* (2006):  
why is the world is the way it is? i.e. “just right” for our kind of life

**which explanation do you prefer?**

- I. The universe just happens to be this way and we wouldn't be able to notice if it weren't (weak anthropic principle, Brandon Carter, 1970)
2. the universe can only be this way and must sustain life--we seek a grand unifying theory to explain that (strong anthropic principle--Barrow and Tipler, 1986)
3. Multiverse hypothesis: there are many other parallel universes
4. fake reality hypothesis--we're living in a simulation
5. fine-tuning of the laws and constants as act of design