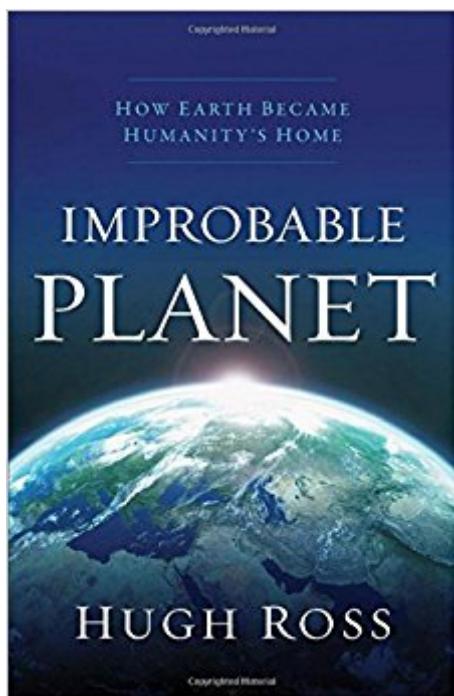


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# Improbable Planet: How Earth Became Humanity's Home



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The Latest Scientific Discoveries Point to an Intentional Creator Most of us remember the basics from science classes about how Earth came to be the only known planet that sustains complex life. But what most people don't know is that the more thoroughly researchers investigate the history of our planet, the more astonishing the story of our existence becomes. The number and complexity of the astronomical, geological, chemical, and biological features recognized as essential to human existence have expanded explosively within the past decade. An understanding of what is required to make possible a large human population and advanced civilizations has raised profound questions about life, our purpose, and our destiny. Are we really just the result of innumerable coincidences? Or is there a more reasonable explanation? This fascinating book helps nonscientists understand the countless miracles that undergird the exquisitely fine-tuned planet we call home--as if Someone had us in mind all along.

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The Bible opens with these verses, âœ(1) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (2) The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (3) And God said, âœLet there be light,â • and there was light. (4) And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. (5) God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first dayâ • (Genesis 1:1-5, ESV). But what was going on before the beginning, before 24-hour days were established? According to Hugh Ross, quite a bit for quite

a long time. **TIME IS A RELATIVELY NEW CONCEPT** John 1:1-3 declares boldly and clearly that, “(1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.” (ESV). Without a doubt, God, through Christ, created everything. Including time. Whether or not you believe that the earth and all it contains was created during six literal 24-hour days followed by a one day break, or that the “days” are figurative periods of varying time, time did not exist previously. Time is a God-given construct for the benefit of His creation. God always was, always is, and always will be -- a sort of eternal now -- all above or outside of time, however you wish to think about it. When someone refers to billions or millions of years, in a sense they are trying to quantify timelessness and interpret it in a manner we finite humans can comprehend. **WE ARE NOT AN ACCIDENT** Which brings us back to Dr.

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