# "Where Were You?" Job 38-41

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## God's first speech:

38:1-37 - God made and controls space, earth, sea

38:38-39:30 - God extols 12 animals He created

40:1-5 - Job responds in humility

## God's second speech:

40:6-14 - God's majesty and righteous dealing with people

40:15-24 - God extols Behemoth whom He created

41:1-34 - God extols Leviathan whom He created

42:1-6 - Job responds in repentance

#### **Links and References**

George F. Howe, "Job and the Ostrich: A Case Study in Biblical Accuracy"
Allan Steel, "Could Behemoth have been a dinosaur?"
Simon Turpin, "Scholars and the mystery of Behemoth
Answers in Genesis, "Dragons: fact or fable"

### Fine-tuned universe notes.

Fred Hoyle argued for a fine-tuned universe in his 1983 book *The Intelligent Universe*. Hoyle wrote: "The list of anthropic properties, apparent accidents of a non-biological nature without which carbon-based and hence human life could not exist, is large and impressive". (Wikipedia)

Stephen Hawking observed: "The laws of science, as we know them at present, contain many fundamental numbers, like the size of the electric charge of the electron and the ratio of the masses of the proton and the electron. ... The remarkable fact is that the values of these numbers seem to have been very finely adjusted to make possible the development of life". (Wikipedia)

Hugh Ross from <u>Reasons to Believe</u> writes in a short article called Vital Poisons.

For many years, we have recognized the devastating effects of iron deficiency or iron overabundance in the diet of humans and advanced animals. Year by year, however, the list of lethal yet essential substances grows. Currently that list includes arsenic, boron, chlorine, cobalt, copper, fluorine, iodine, manganese, nickel, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur, tin, and zinc, in addition to the four mentioned above.

At the same time, our astronomy research reveals that the earth's crust differs significantly from the crusts of other solar system bodies. One difference lies in the relative abundance of various life-essential elements. Earth's crust contains "just right" quantities of all the elements necessary for the existence and sustenance of advanced land life. This finding can be viewed as a remarkable (more accurately, an impossible) coincidence or as a wondrous indicator of design. To reach for a sound bite, I would say that the gastronomical and astronomical evidences favor purposeful planning and preparation. (www.reasons.org, https://reasons.org/explore/publications/articles/vital-poisons)