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“Finely-Tuned”

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What	<p>The center of our universe should not hold. We alone are not big enough to sustain life, to carry the burden of keeping everything together. As we go about our lives, we should shred into nothing, as the act of holding together proves too difficult a task for mere mortals. But what if something was stronger than me? What if something was greater than me? What if something else held me together? Something is holding us together.</p> <p>A spoken word piece for 3 actors that explores and awes at the God of all creation.</p>
Who	<p>3 Actors; Can be adapted for 1 or for more than 3. Can be performed with instruments or without them.</p>
Why	<p>Colossians 1:17; Isaiah 40:26; Psalm 147:4; Job 26:14</p>
Time	<p>Approximately 8 minutes</p>

Lights up. ACTOR 1 sits at an old, beat-up piano. He begins to “play” one, simple song, note-by-note. It’s methodical and sparse, and slightly out-of-tune. Video content plays on the screen.

ACTOR 1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

(pause, playing)

Scientists believe that the creation of the universe emanated from one spot.

That a point the size of an atom, somewhere in the universe, burst forth, and life came from it.

ACTOR 2 enters, “playing another slightly out-of-tune instrument. She plays the same sparse arrangement of notes on her own.

ACTOR 2

All this created matter in space, everything we know about: you, me, light, energy, elephants, white dwarf stars, the planets comprises what scientists think is about four percent of the known Universe.

ACTOR 3 enters, in the same manner as the previous actors.

ACTOR 3

We only know four percent.

The other 96 percent is made up of dark matter and dark energy, names given to forces we’ve never seen, we’ve never detected, but must be there. Names given to describe the forces that are holding the universe together.

ACTOR 1

The center of our universe should not hold. It doesn’t have enough mass to keep everything in place. As it rotates, it should disintegrate, shedding stars and gas in every direction. Either our galaxy violates the laws of gravity or the light emanating from it is an inaccurate indication of the galaxy’s mass.

ACTOR 2

But what if some portion of a galaxy’s mass didn’t radiate light? If spiral galaxies contained enough of such mystery mass, then they might well be obeying the laws of gravity. Astronomers dubbed the invisible mass “dark matter.”

Something invisible, but strong.

Something...

Something is holding the universe together.

They tune their instruments and begin to slowly play. As they do so, the piece begins to come together, starting off simple and building.

ACTOR 3

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

ACTOR 1

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.

ACTOR 2

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

ACTOR 1

God spoke and at once the bottomless emptiness that defined this universe was transformed. From His mouth the universe expanded into light, into molecules, into stars, into water, into what would one day be you and me.

ACTOR 2

This is the story of how it all started, of Heaven and Earth when they were created.

ACTOR 3

When God created the universe, it was by the power of His word. He literally spoke and it happened.

ACTOR 1

But it wasn't a heap of unorganized atoms and quarks and sound waves and stardust.

ACTOR 2

His words are measured, they are exact. There were blueprints drawn up and cornerstones laid, because nothing is wasted with this God who speaks and a finely-tuned universe rises from a cosmic soup.

ACTOR 3

Not only did He speak and create, He is within this universe, holding it together, His tendons taut with keeping us all in our exact place, the place He prepared for us when He spoke at the very beginning.

ACTOR 1

We look at Him and know that every single thing, whether above or below, whether visible or invisible, everything came from that same origin point, began in Him, and finds its purpose in Him.

ACTOR 2

He is before all things and in Him all things hold together.

ACTOR 3

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.

ACTOR 1

He spoke and the oxygen needed to sustain the world at large was created, our living breath from His living word.

ACTOR 2

He spoke and the star that gives this rock light and warmth was placed into the atmosphere at the perfect position.

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