

Why is the Universe Imperfect?

Actually the Universe is perfect. After God created the Universe, He saw all that He had made, and indeed, it was very good ([Genesis 1:31](#)). All conditions were perfect. Now it's true that when humankind fell away from God, sin entered the world, and conditions became imperfect, at least within the human frame of reference ([Genesis 3](#)). But the Universe is still perfect in God's frame of reference.

Even while the imperfections of humankind pollute the Earth, God's laws of nature remain perfect ([Ecclesiastes 1:4](#)), God's laws of morality are perfect ([Psalm 119](#)), God's love is perfect ([John 17:22-23](#)), and God instituted a perfect plan of salvation to redeem us ([John 3:16](#)).

One way to perceive the perfection of the Universe is to consider the perfection of our soul ([What is the Human Soul?](#)). The portion of our soul that submits to God (i.e. our "spirit") exists now in perfect harmony with God ([Hebrews 12:23](#)). On the last day, our spirit will be united with a perfect glorified body, at which point we will enjoy a physically full, timeless and perfect relationship with God.

Another way to perceive perfection is to consider the higher dimensionality of God. God exists outside of time in four or more spatial dimensions. In that realm, the perfection of God is manifest. In our world of three spatial dimension, things don't always appear perfect. But God promises that we will experience an eternity of perfection with Him in heaven ([Revelation 21:1-5](#)). From God's perfect perspective and frame of reference, this has already been done ([Revelation 21:6-7](#)).

God gives us a taste of this higher dimensional perfection in the geometry and dynamics of the Universe. Our Universe is constructed as an expanding [three-dimensional sphere in four-dimensional space](#). The surface of this sphere is expanding at a perfectly uniform rate. And all dynamical activities that take place on this surface (i.e. in the Universe) occur with perfect rates of change that preserve the invariance of the spacetime interval ($x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - (ct)^2$). This perfect invariance of the spacetime interval is what leads some scientists to mistakenly think of time as a fourth dimension (which often leads to the imagined fantasy of time travel). But instead, the spacetime invariance is actually another example of God's fine-tuning, in this case turning the imperfection of three dimensions into the perfection of four dimensions.