



## Endnotes for “Jesus the Creator”

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#### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Factors other than distance to a nearby star may also prove to be important in the development of habitable zones. These other factors include radioactive decay and tidal forces. See, for example, Jack J. Lissauer, “Habitable Zone,” *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, last updated January 29, 2025, <https://www.britannica.com/science/habitable-zone>.

<sup>2</sup> “The Habitable Zone,” National Aeronautics and Space Administration, last updated February 3, 2025, <https://science.nasa.gov/exoplanets/habitable-zone/>.

<sup>3</sup> NASA Science Editorial Team, “Earth’s Magnetosphere: Protecting Our Planet from Harmful Space Energy,” National Aeronautics and Space Administration, August 3, 2021, last updated October 23, 2024, <https://science.nasa.gov/science-research/earth-science/earths-magnetosphere-protecting-our-planet-from-harmful-space-energy/>.

<sup>4</sup> “Ultraviolet Radiation,” Radiation and Your Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, February 15, 2024, <https://www.cdc.gov/radiation-health/features/uv-radiation.html>.

<sup>5</sup> “Ozone Facts,” NASA Ozone Watch, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, last updated September 23, 2024, <https://ozonewatch.gsfc.nasa.gov/facts/SH.html>.

<sup>6</sup> “The Moon,” National Aeronautics and Space Administration, last updated February 7, 2025, <https://science.nasa.gov/moon/>.

<sup>7</sup> See, for example, Peter D. Ward and Donald Brownlee, *Rare Earth: Why Complex Life Is Uncommon in the Universe* (New York: Copernicus Books, 2000).

<sup>8</sup> For just a few examples of factors enabling the universe to harbor life, see Ethan Siegel, “5 Coincidences That Make Our Existence Possible,” Big Think, Starts with a Bang, November 18, 2024, <https://bigthink.com/starts-with-a-bang/5-coincidences-make-existence-possible/>.

<sup>9</sup> This is similar to the well-known Drake equation.

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