WHY DOES THE UNIVERSE APPEAR TO BE DESIGNED?

An article in the current SKEPTIC Magazine (Vol 13, No 2, 2007) seemed to me to be pertinent to the topic of this thread. Dr. Robert Kuhn, creator and host of the PBS TV program Closer To Truth, asks the old cosmological question: *Why This Universe?* In the article he summarizes the results of an exhaustive review of the scientific, philosophical, and religious answers to that question.

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Kuhn's list of 27 possible answers to the Why question boil down to two options. "The deep incoherence here is confirmed by the fact that only two kinds of possible answers are permissible---an infinite regress of causation or something that is inherently self-existing". For simplicity, this distillation of centuries of debate reduces to only two choices:

There are two logical answers to the existence question---an infinite Multiverse or an inherently self-existing Deity.