

A reasonable faith Evolution or Creation?



A reasonable faith Evolution or Creation The QUESTION of CAUSE AND EFFECT.

**It is evident that MAN and
THE WORLD about him EXISTS.
Even an ATHEIST cannot deny reality.
But HOW did things come to Exist?**

**Whatever WE BELIEVE about ANYTHING
there are
ALWAYS UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS
involved in what we believe
FOR EXAMPLE:-**

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Someone says to you “I see you are going to Liverpool by TRAIN, what time are you leaving?”

“You reply 10 am” :-

In your answer **YOU ASSUME** that the **TRAIN** will arrive on time, that there will not be a strike, that there will be **no floods** or **accidents** to block the track or road

You would be quite right to even say “I not only **BELIEVE** that will be the time **I KNOW** I will be leaving at **10am**”
And you make all your plans accordingly.

Now the **TRAIN** example may seem silly
yet the **PRINCIPLE** applies in almost everything
we are involved in

so when we ask the **BIG QUESTION**
WHERE DID WE OR THE WORLD
come from?, we make our **CONCLUSION**
BASED ON CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS.

Human reason will allow only
TWO possible explanations.
Either, **SOMETHING** has **ALWAYS EXISTED**,
or There was a time when
absolutely **NOTHING** existed.

Is the applicant at least 18 years of age?

Yes

No

The applicant meets the minimum age requirement.

The applicant does not meet the minimum age requirement.

Boolean logic example

Boolean Logic Example

If the Answer is **“YES”**

Then you can **continue** with the Application

If the answer is **“NO”** then **the application can go no further** because the applicant **has not met** the basic requirement.

Since we cannot conceive of
SOMETHING coming out of **NOTHING**,
our minds refuse to accept the **SECOND** possibility

What we **BELIEVE** about **HOW** things **BEGAN**
effects **EVERY aspect** of our lives and being,

WHERE DID WE COME FROM?
HOW SHOULD WE BEHAVE?
WHERE ARE WE GOING WHEN WE DIE?

SO THE BIG QUESTION IS?

IN THE BEGINNING WHAT?

EITHER

MATTER OR INTELLIGENCE

**First Problem You cannot get
something from Nothing !**

“Why do we have
something rather than
nothing at all?”

Martin Heidegger

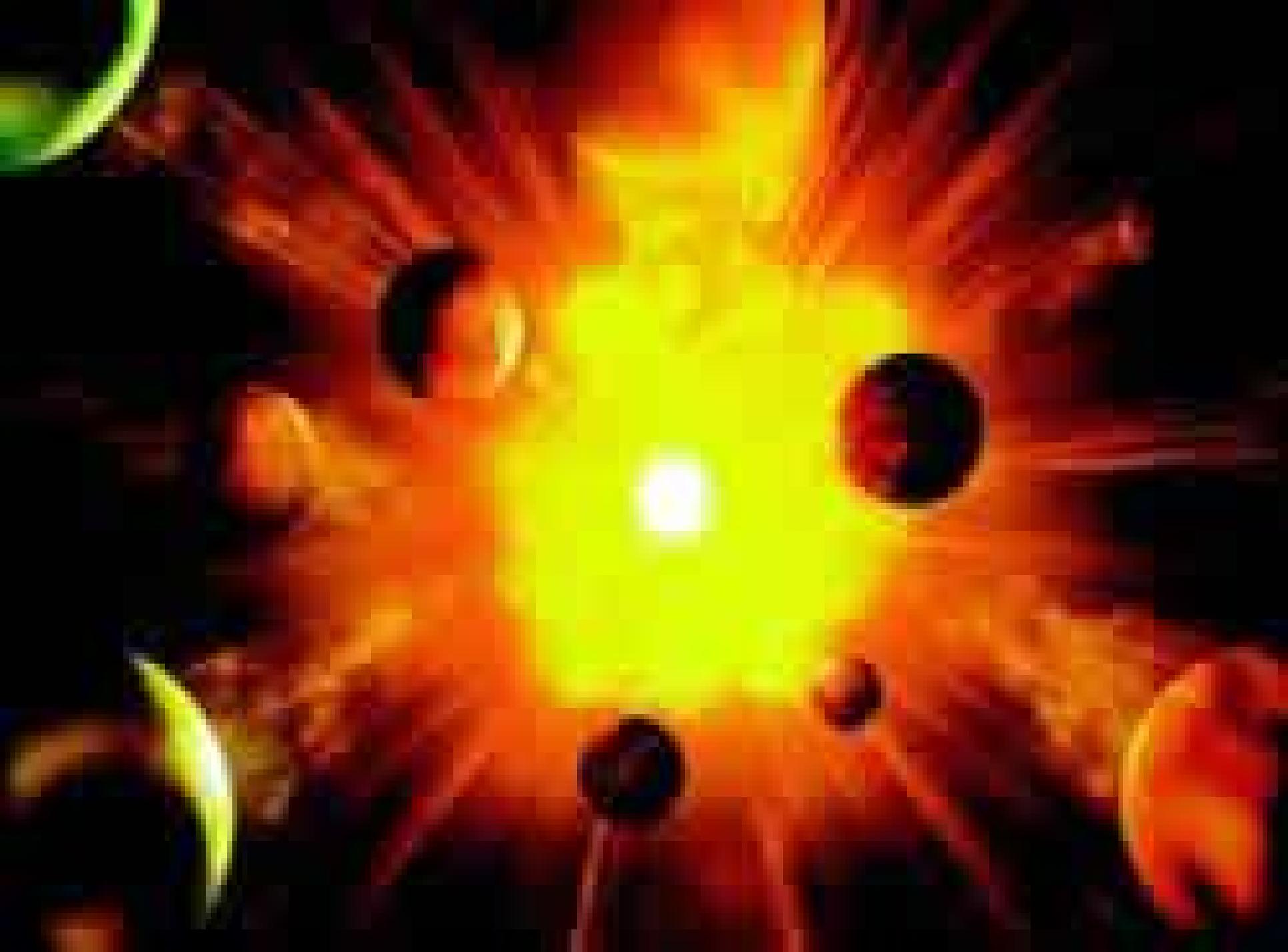
“The Fundamental Question
of Metaphysics”



To suppose that in the complete absence
of Cause and Will
NOTHING became SOMETHING
seems too PREPOSTEROUS to be argued.
And even an Atheist will agree to that
We ASSUME SOMETHING ALWAYS existed

The QUESTION is has MATTER
ALWAYS EXISTED? and has it been
transformed into its present state by
the PROCESS of organic evolution?

Or is that WHICH IS ETERNAL
a MIND, an INTELLIGENCE which
we call GOD, who brought ALL THINGS
into being by His creative POWER?.



In the so-called “**BIG BANG**” or “**EXPLODING UNIVERSE THEORY**”, unbelieving scientists have come as close as they are likely to get, to the concept **that the UNIVERSE of SPACE-TIME -MATTER-ENERGY-MOTION** was created out of nothing.



They **BELIEVE** “that out of a **COSMIC EGG** even **SMALLER** than the **FULL STOP** at the end of this sentence.”

The **whole universe**
came in to being at **some point in time**,
measured backward by the speed of starlight to
about **13.8 billion years ago**.

The **primal matter** is **supposed** to have been
something that became **hydrogen**, possibly with
some **helium** from the beginning.

And from that **HYDROGEN**
(and a relatively small amount of **helium**)
ALL the GALAXIES with their **STARS, PLANETS,**
COMETS AND ASTEROIDS
were **CREATED**.

Big Bang

Time →

10 ⁻⁴³ s	10 ⁻³⁶ s	10 ⁻³² s	10 ⁻¹² s	300 s	300,000 years	1 billion years	15 billion years
Superstring (?) Era	GUT Era	Inflation Era	Electro-Weak Era	Particle Era	Recombination Era	Galaxy and Star Formation	Present Era

A period when all force and energy was indistinguishable, still speculative

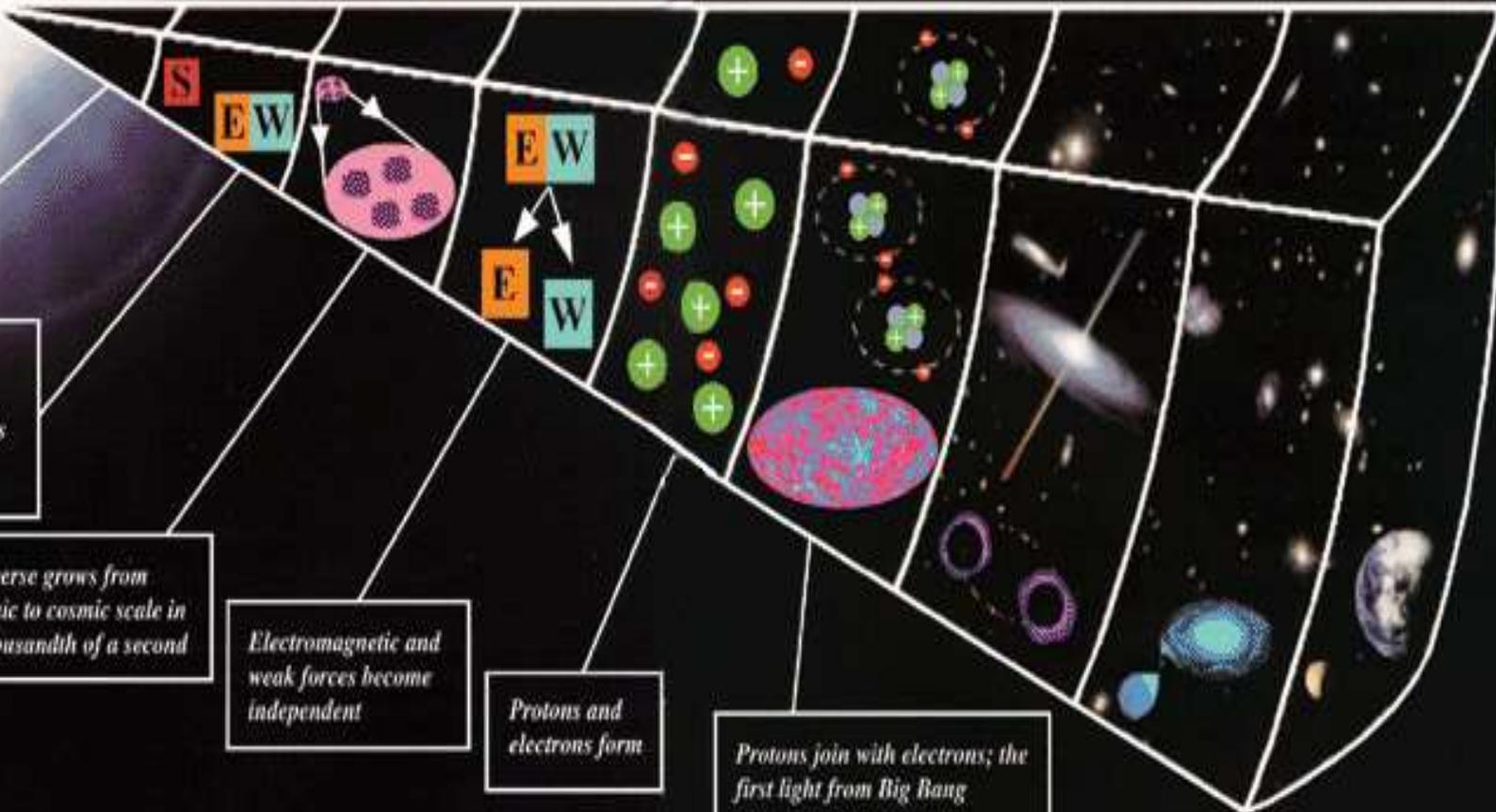
Particles responsible for strong, weak, and electromagnetic forces emerge

Universe grows from atomic to cosmic scale in a thousandth of a second

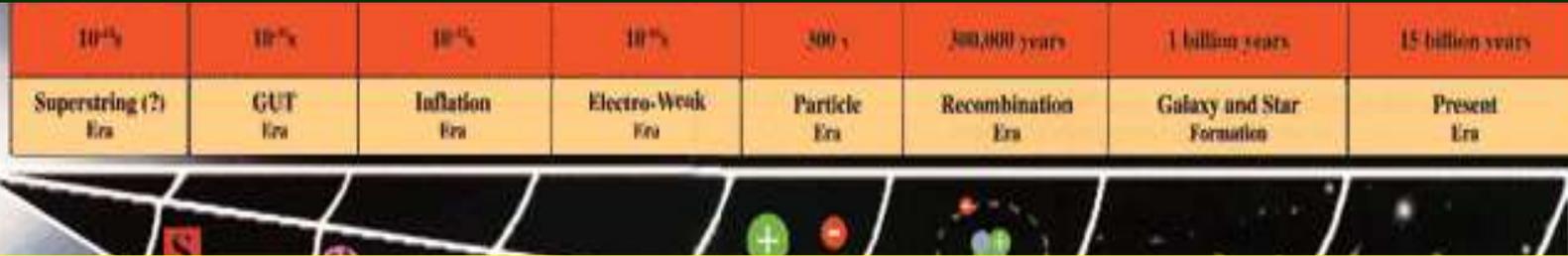
Electromagnetic and weak forces become independent

Protons and electrons form

Protons join with electrons; the first light from Big Bang emerges



They believe that through this stellar process space itself expanded outward in a bewildering of pure physics and chemistry



10%	10%	10%	10%	300 s	300,000 years	1 billion years	15 billion years
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In this surreal light show were **UNLEASHED** such powerful distortions that, for a sub-fraction of time, the primordial anti-universe was curved to the nth degree.

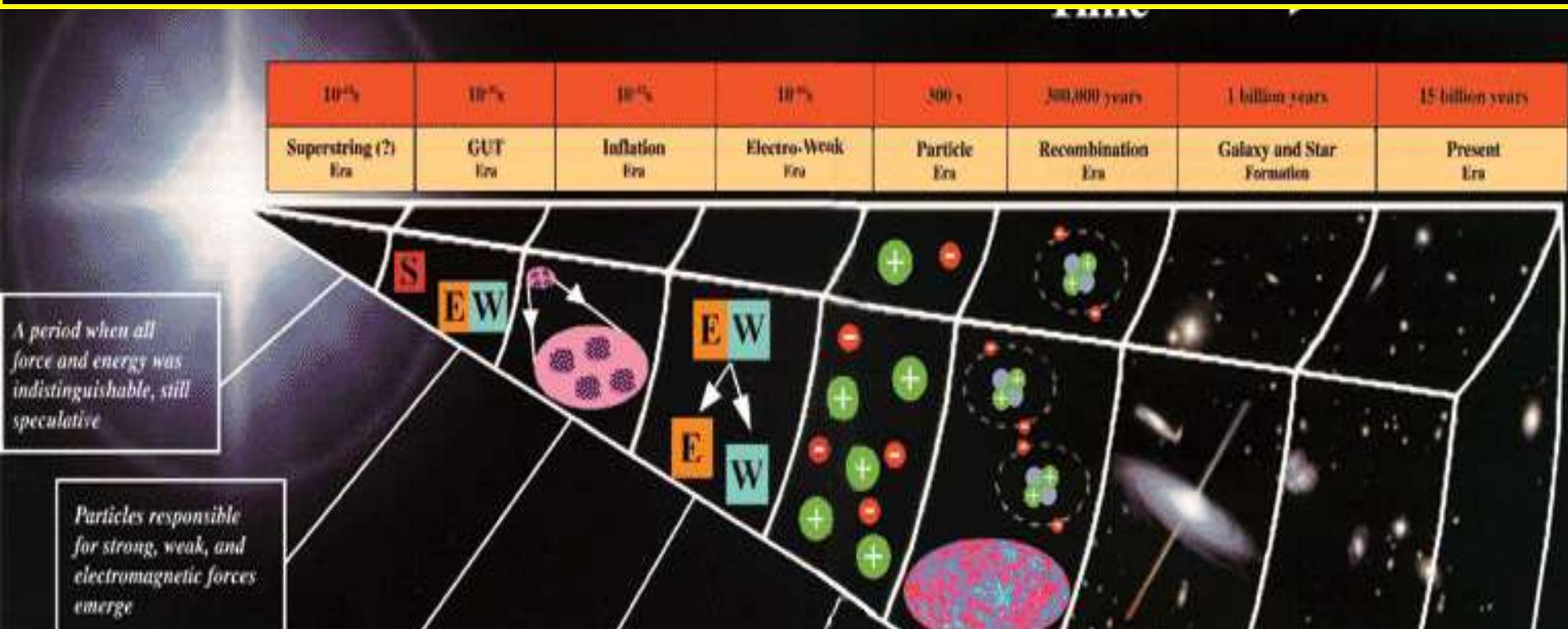
This extreme curvature, **they believe**, caused **virtual particles** to **materialize** from the previously **undefined** quantum netherworld in **unfathomable** quantities.

“They **BELIEVE** that through this super-condensed **BALL OF NOTHINGNESS**,
coursed a **weightless, UNDEFINED**,
quantum-mechanical probability framework
through which a scalar field
would eventually come.



“They **BELIEVE** that at the sound of the Big Bang, **at the first tick, of the time- space continuum,**

this pinpoint of NOTHINGNESS with infinite potential



In **LESS** than **A MILLISECOND** began to expand to 15 billion-plus light-years in at **LEAST FOUR DIMENSIONAL** time-space coordinates.”

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“The Cosmos is all that is or ever was or ever will be”
(Carl Sagan 1980, Cosmos, p. 4).



Carl Sagan
1934-1996

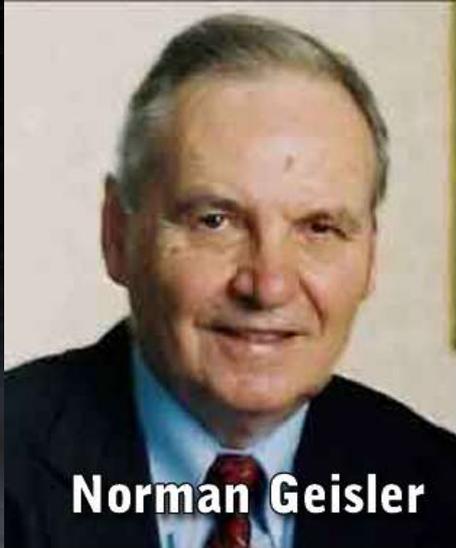
Did the universe always exist?
If the universe had a beginning,
then it needs a **FIRST CAUSE**.

Did the universe
self-cause itself?

In order to **self-cause** itself
it would have to
not exist (to cause existence)
and **exist (in order to be
caused)** at the same time.

This option is ruled out
because it **VIOLATES**
the “**Law of non-contradiction.**”

THE MOST THE

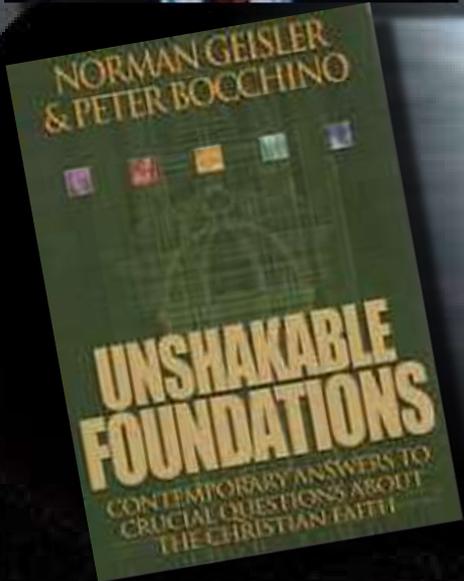


Norman Geisler

“The Second Law of thermodynamics is probably the most powerful piece of legislation in the physical world. It ultimately describes every process we have ever discovered:-

It is the final Court of Appeal in any dispute relating to action and procedures, whether they are naturally generated or man inspired.

It draws the conclusion that in our universe there is an overall **reduction in order**, a **loss of available energy** that is measured as an **increase in entropy.**”



THE HOME DEPOT

ILLINOIS HOME IMPROVEMENT WAREHOUSE







Evolution as taught :-
“SOMETHING FROM NOTHING”
and “SIMPLE TO THE COMPLEX” goes
against every known accepted scientific law

The Faith of an Evolutionist

What many fail to understand about the **theory of evolution**, spoken and written about in such an authoritative manner by so many.

Is that it is **NOT scientific FACT**
BUT A RELIGIOUS FAITH,
a many and varied system of **BELIEF**
about **THE ORIGINS** of the **UNIVERSE**.

This FAITH CHANGES from year to year
on a regular basis,
as new ideas are proposed
and old ideas are rejected.

**First Problem:- You cannot
get something from Nothing**

IN THE BEGINNING WHAT?

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**Science says by all the known laws MATTER
has a BEGINNING and an END (Useful to useless)
FIRST & SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS.**

**THEREFORE MATTER CANNOT BE
THAT WHICH HAS ALWAYS EXISTED!**

DAWN
OF
TIME

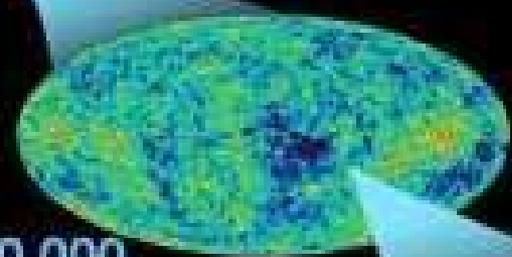


tiny fraction
of a second



inflation

380,000
years



13.7
billion
years



THE BIG BANG THEORY??

**Christians believe that there is
Intelligence behind the Universe!
There is too much evidence of design
to be caused by chance.**

Genesis 1:1-3; “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.”

Psalms 19:1; “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.”

Psalms 8:3; “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained.”

Balloon example:- If you blow up two balloons then let them go what is the difference in what you see happens?

There is no difference! (see video.)



**The QUESTION is NOT ABOUT
what EXISTS? (The FACTS.)
BUT the INTERPRETATION
of HOW it came to EXIST?**

Second problem You cannot get
blood out of a stone!



EITHER

life came from non-life

or Intelligence created Life?

“Four and a half billion years ago
the young planet Earth... was almost completely
engulfed by the shallow primordial seas.

Powerful winds gathered

RANDOM MOLECULES from **THE ATMOSPHERE.**

Some were deposited in the seas.

Tides and currents

swept **the molecules** together.

And **SOMEWHERE** in this ancient ocean

THE MIRACLE OF LIFE began

The **first organized form** of primitive life
was a **tiny protozoan** [a **ONE-CELLED** animal].
Millions of protozoa populated the ancient seas.

These **early organisms** were **COMPLETELY**
SELF-SUFFICIENT in their sea-water world.

THE MOST REASONABLE CAUSE OF LIFE & ITS COMPLEXITIES?

They moved about their aquatic environment
feeding on bacteria and other organisms...

**FROM THESE ONE-CELLED ORGANISMS
EVOLVED ALL LIFE ON EARTH”**

(from the Emmy award winning PBS NOVA film The Miracle of
Life; quoted in Hanegraaff, 1998, p. 70, emphasis mine).

QUESTION?

If **THEY** were the **FIRST** where did
the **bacteria** and **other organisms...**
They were **FEEDING ON** come from?

THE ORIGIN OF LIFE?



Paul Davies
(Life force' - New
Scientist. 163(2204): p.
28. 1999)

“Making the building blocks of life is easy--**amino acids** have been found in meteorites and even in outer space.

But just as bricks alone don't make a house, so it takes more than a random collection of amino acids to make life.

Like house bricks, the **building blocks of life** have to be **assembled** in a **very specific and exceedingly elaborate way** before they have the desired function.”

"We are **skeptical** of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life.

Careful EXAMINATION OF THE EVIDENCE
for Darwinian theory **should be encouraged.**"

SCIENTIFIC DISSENT FROM DARWINISM

**(Signed by over 700 scientists
all with doctorates in natural sciences).**



Carl Sagan
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“The number of possible ways of putting nucleotides together in a chromosome is enormous. Thus a human being is an extraordinarily improbable object.

Most of the $10^{(2.4 \times 10^9)}$ possible sequences of nucleotides would lead to **complete biological malfunction**”

(“Life,” *Encyclopedia Britannica* (New York: *Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.*), 22:967).

How Did Life Begin?



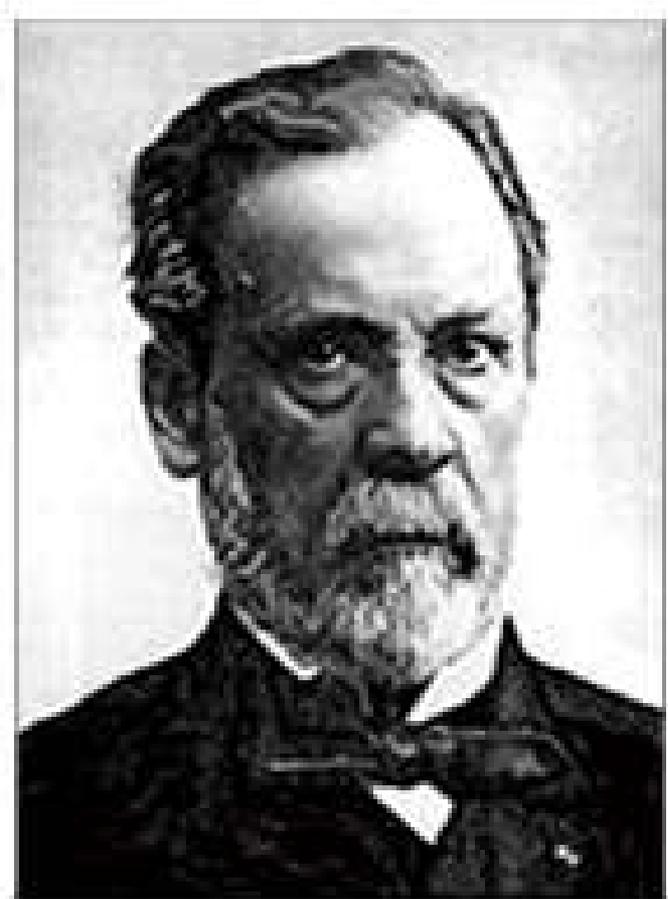
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“Spontaneous Generation ABIOTENESIS –
The supposed spontaneous origination of living
organisms directly from lifeless matter;
The ancient theory holding that certain lower
forms of life, especially the insects,
reproduce by physicochemical agencies
from inorganic substances.

It has been Scientifically proven
that this cannot happen” Louis Pasteur

THE MOST REASONABLE CAUSE OF LIFE & ITS COMPLEXITIES?



Louis Pasteur
(1822 - 1895)

Louis Pasteur sealed the fate of spontaneous generation in a series of careful experiments, in 1861.

He demonstrated clearly that microorganisms are carried in the air, and that they grow in previously sterilized broths ONLY when the broths are contaminated by air or similar sources.

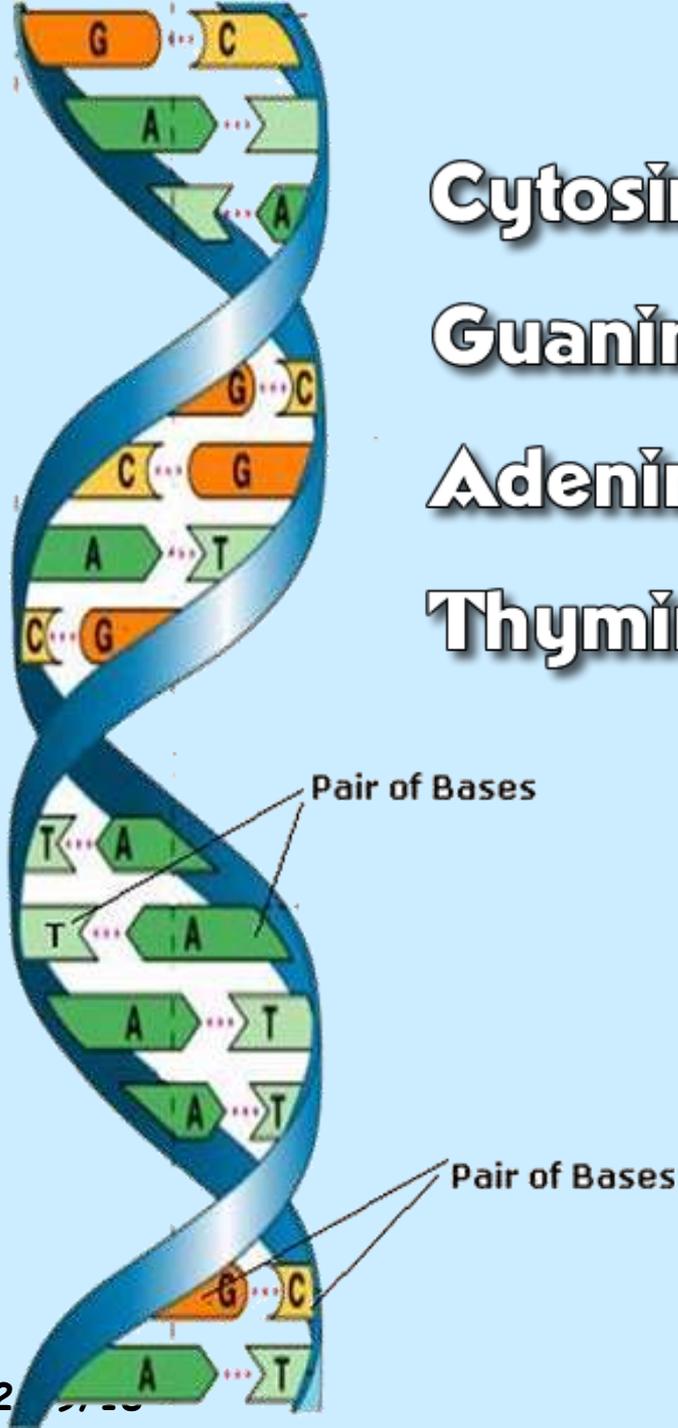
DNA: Instruction Manual for All Life

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Guanine 

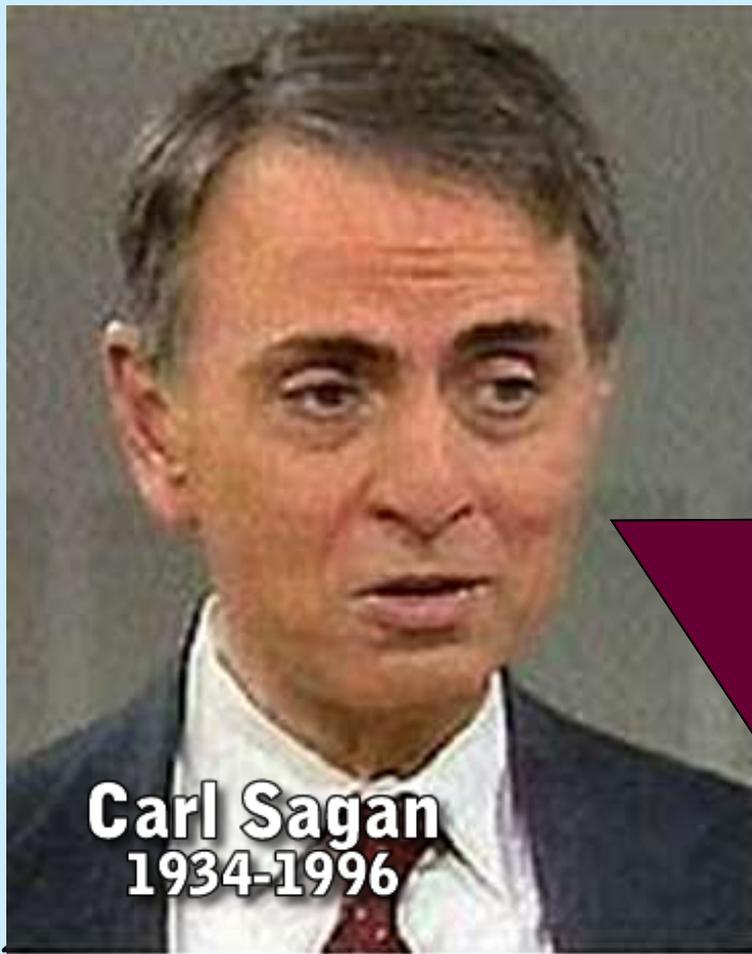
Adenine 

Thymine 



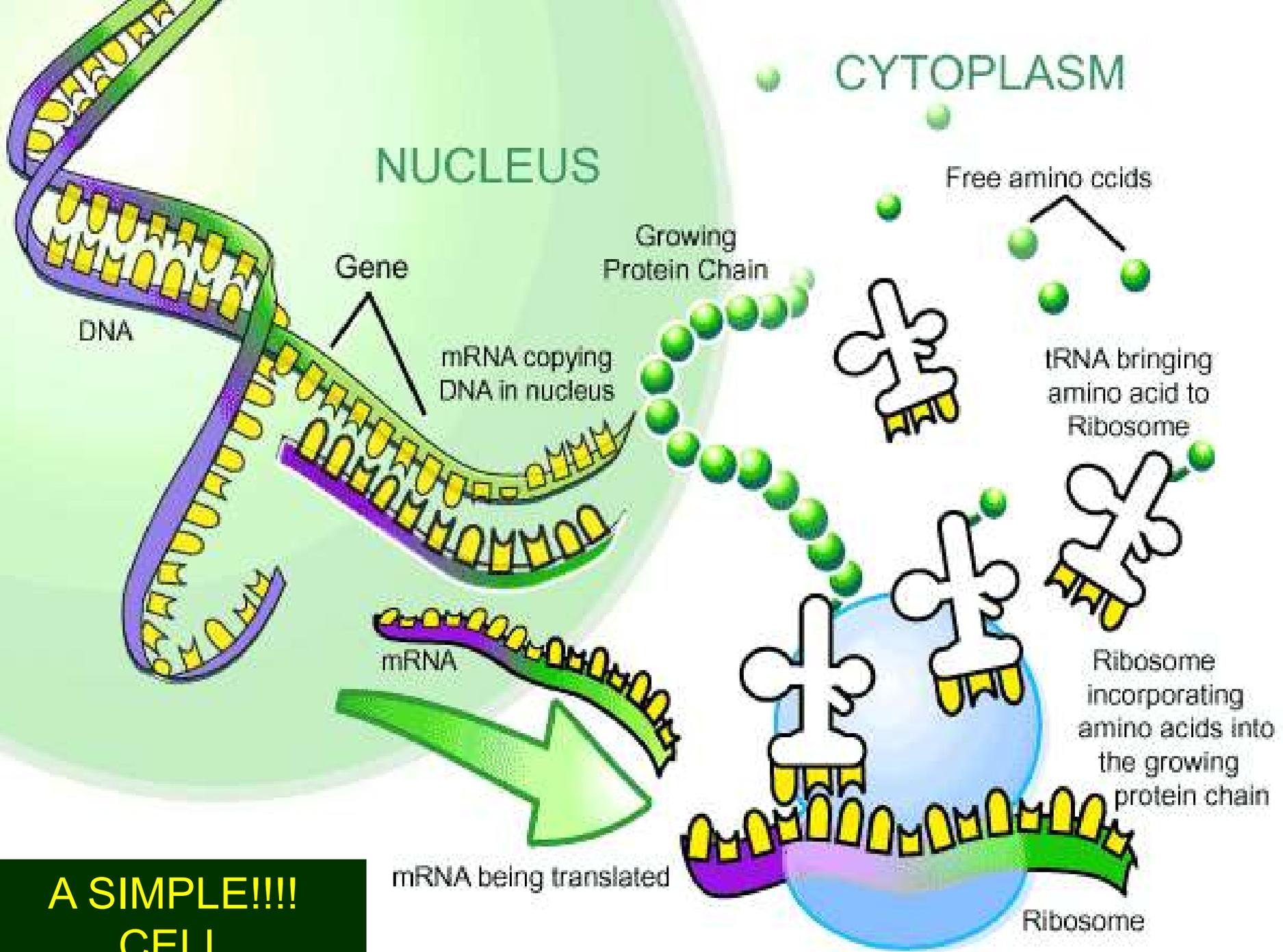
Your DNA has over 3 billion base pairs of 4 separate chemicals. Can you imagine what odds must be involved in sequencing them into perfect order through chance and adaptation alone!

THE MOST REASONABLE CAUSE OF LIFE & ITS COMPLEXITIES? IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY . . .



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“The information content of a simple cell has been established as around 10^{12} bits, comparable to about a hundred million pages of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*” (22:966). (1997), “Life,” *Encyclopedia Britannica* (New York: *Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.*), 22:964-981.



**A SIMPLE!!!!
CELL**

Importance of the argument from design

Professor Antony Flew

Biologists' investigation of DNA "has shown, by the almost unbelievable complexity of the arrangements which are needed to produce (life), that **INTELLIGENCE** must have been involved," Flew says in the new video, "Has Science Discovered God?"

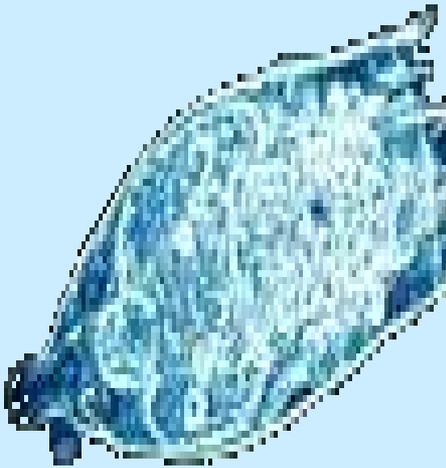
Associated Press, New York, December 9, 2004

Flew told The Associated Press his current ideas "have some similarity with American '**intelligent design**' theorists, who see evidence for a guiding force in the construction of the universe.

He accepts Darwinian evolution but doubts it can explain the ultimate origins of life."

Associated Press, New York, December 9, 2004

Every living cell contains **DNA**, the program which describes every aspect of the organism's physical design and life functions, including:-



Ingestion & digestion
conversion to energy
excretion of waste
respiration
reproduction
circulation
Growth
Sight – (the eye)
locomotion
regulation
response to stimuli

A cell would not really be **"alive"** or survive unless all life functions became operable at once, so how did even a **"simple"** single-celled organism **"evolve"**?

The Faith of an Evolutionist

“There are **only two possibilities** as to how life arose; **one is spontaneous generation arising to evolution, the other is a supernatural creative act of God, there is no third possibility. Spontaneous generation that life arose from non-living matter was scientifically disproved** Many years ago by Louis Pasteur and others.

That leaves us with only one possible conclusion, that life arose as a creative act of God. **I will not accept that philosophically because I do not want to believe in God, therefore I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible”**



– Dr. George Wald
Professor Emeritus of Biology,
Harvard Nobel Prize winner in Biology

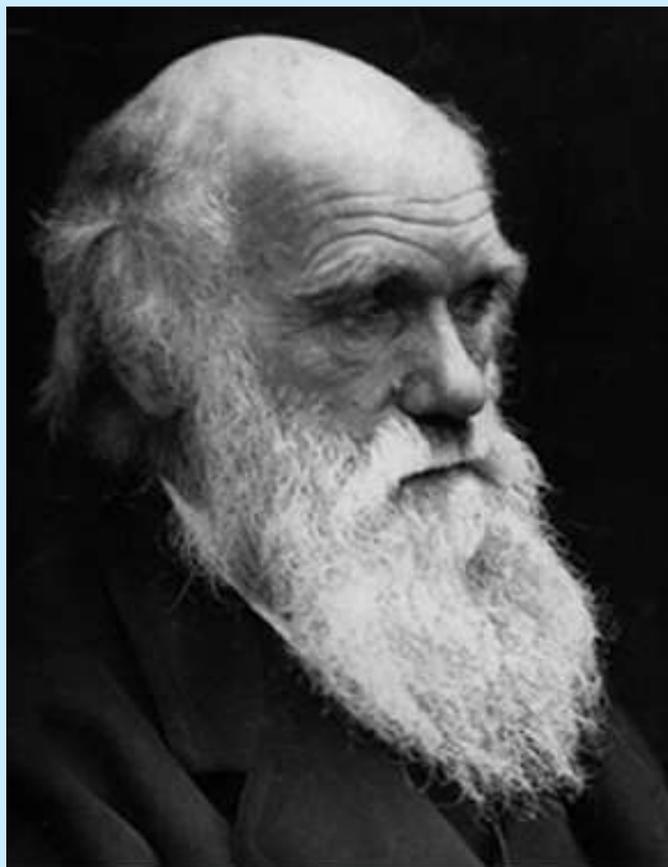
**Living things always
come from living things;**

**Living things produce ONLY
more living things like themselves.
(same kind - Great Dane /Jack Russel)**

**In nature, we never have seen
a single exception
to this basic law of science.**

**Living things on the Earth were created
by a living God Who is supernatural,
which means that He is outside of nature.**

THE MOST REASONABLE CAUSE OF LIFE & ITS COMPLEXITIES? IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY...



“If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down.”

(Charles Darwin, *Origin of Species*, 6th ed., 1998: New York Univ. Pres - p154

THE MOST REASONABLE CAUSE OF

Psalm 139:13-16 (NKJV)

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. [14] I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. [15] My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. [16] Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. . . .

**AN INTELLIGENT BEING CAPABLE OF
CREATING A UNIVERSES WOULD HAVE
NO PROBLEM IN CREATING LIFE!**

Third Problem

EITHER

**everything came from
a common ancestor**

**or different Kinds of life were
created**

Natural Selection

When Darwin came to the Galapagos Islands he saw many different types of finch

This led him to develop his Evolution theory that over time **different species can change from one to another!**

Please note he did not find any elephants on the island that had developed from the finches!

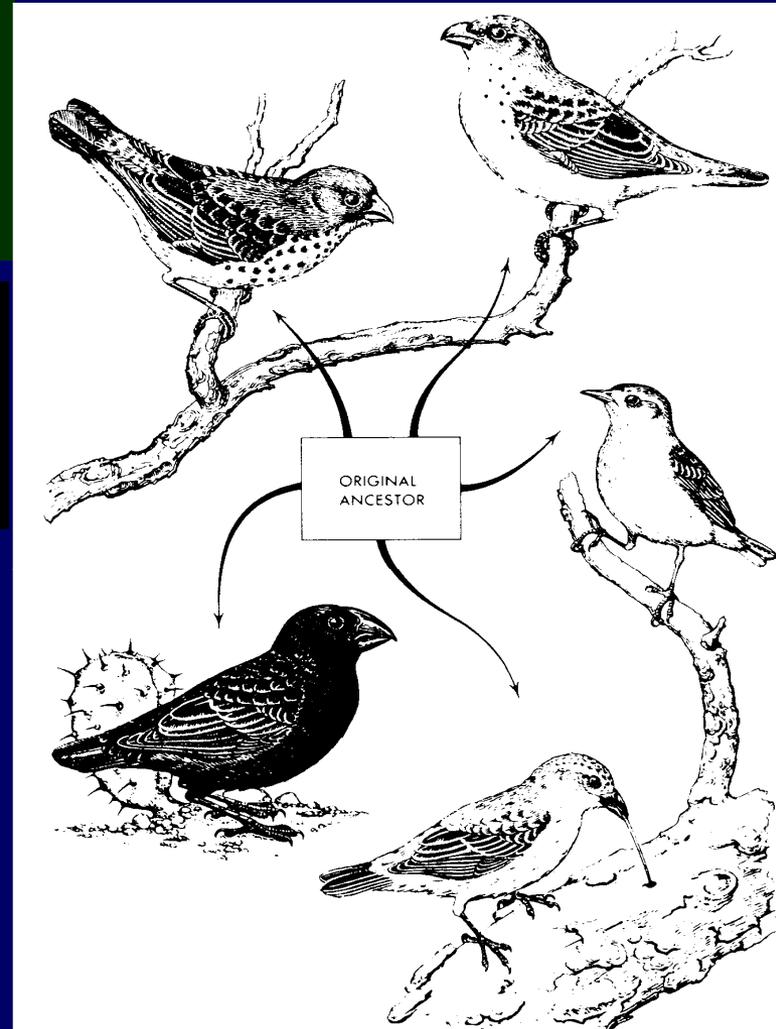


Figure 1.1: The Galapagos Finches. *Some of the different species of finches on the Galapagos Islands, all of which originated from a common ancestor.* (from Lack)¹⁹

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Evolution says

Fish over time can develop into Birds and elephants

The Bible says

everything after its kind.

Fish can develop into different **varieties of Fish.**

Birds can develop into different **varieties of Birds.**

Elephants can develop into different **varieties of Elephants.**

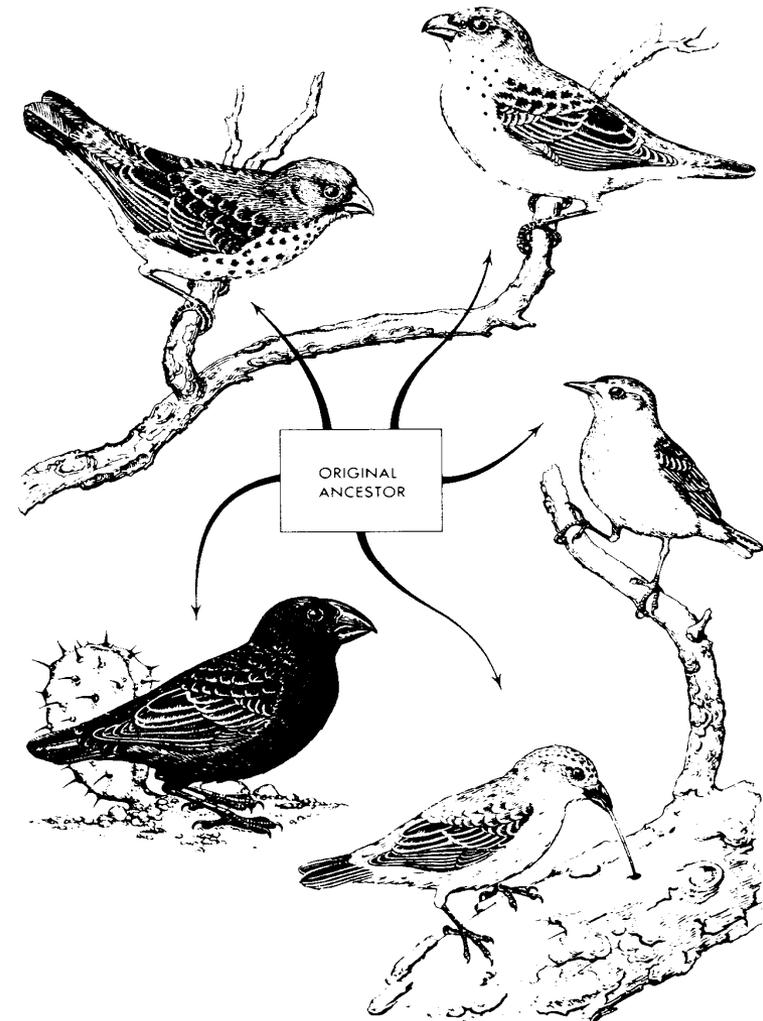


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**Do Changes
Within Species
Prove Evolution?**

**What about
Genetic
Mutations?**



**Male and Female
Mules
cannot breed**

A mule is a hybrid, and can be produced
only when a horse and a donkey breed together.

*Display in Museum of Natural History, London
Photo taken September 2002 by Patrick Boyns*

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Many experiments have been done with **fruit flies** because of their fast reproduction and life cycle

“What happened? Two things.

One, the mutant flies either died over a period of generations, or, they came back to their original, normal conditions.

They could not be changed! Drosophila melanogaster, frozen, steamed, blinded by light and darkness, and fried with X-rays,

They remained drosophila melanogaster.”

Marshall and Sandra Hall, *The Truth: God or Evolution?* p. 142 quoted by Jared Jackson in *Evolution in Plain English*, Christian Courier Penpoints, January 24, 2005.

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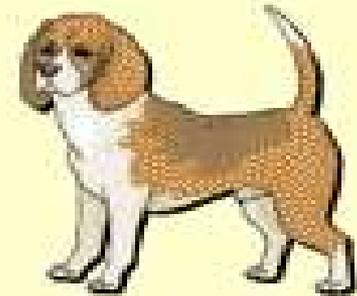
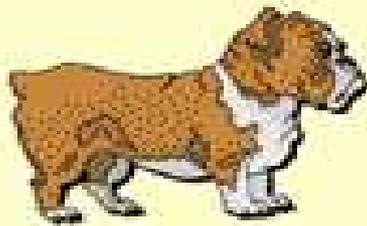
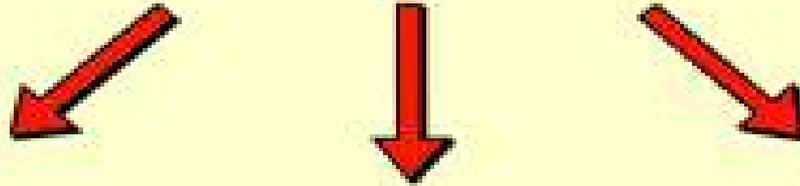
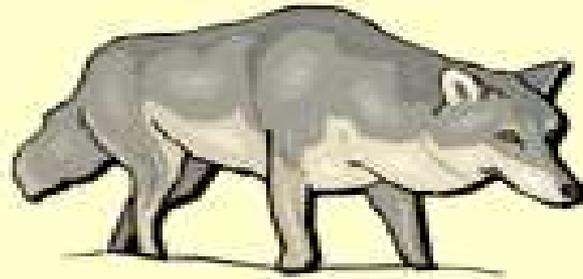


**“...the potential for change is limited.
Mutations are rare, usually random, and usually harmful.
Premature death and sterility are the typical results.”**

**Trevor J. Major. “Variations within Limits”
in Reason & Revelation, Vol 13, No 4, p.28**

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Micro-evolution (variation)

Christians Do not believe in the evolution of one kind into another kind, like a lion turning into an elephant

Rather they believe that for example from a dog kind you can breed **a variation** as far a part as a **Wolf, Jack Russell and a great Dane**

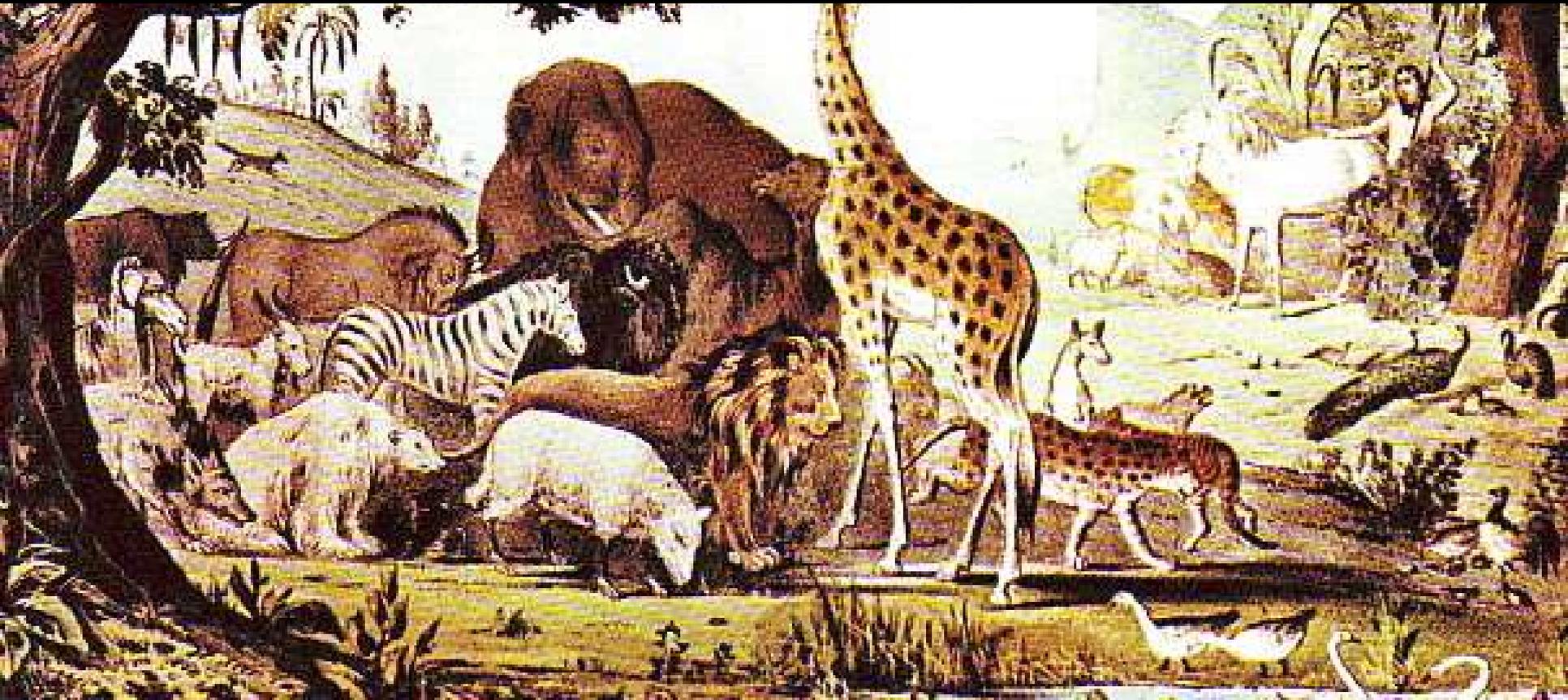
Microevolution is a proven fact of science.

We see it every day in the varieties of dogs and the different kinds of bills on finches, etc.

Genesis 1:21 “God created great sea-monsters and all the creatures that glide and teem in the waters in their own kind, and winged birds in their own kind. God saw that it was good.”

Bible says Kind produces after its kind

**AN INTELLIGENT BEING CAPABLE
OF CREATING MULTIPLE UNIVERSES
WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM
IN CREATING DIFFERENT SPECIES**



The Big Questions that need to be Answered

1) What came FIRST matter or Intelligence?

Whatever you answer to this automatically eliminates the other.

because **you cannot get Something from Nothing**

2) How did Life come into Existence?

Evolution says Chemicals gave rise to **simple cell Amoeba**

Problem –There is no such thing as a **simple cell** – even the simplest cell **is a complex chemical factory** which requires an intelligent designer.

Everybody knows
you cannot get blood out of a stone!

The Big Questions that need to be Answered

3) Where did all of life's diversity come from?

No matter how many different types of dog we can breed they still **remain in the canine family**.
You will never see in nature a dog turn into an elephant either in the past or the present

Creationists

often appeal to the **facts of science** to support their view,

Evolutionists

often appeal to **philosophical assumptions** from **outside science** to support their view,

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While **creationists** are often criticized for starting with a bias, **evolutionists** also start with a bias, as many of them admit.

“It is not a matter of whether one is **biased** or not. It is really a question of which bias is the best bias with which to be biased.”

Ken Ham (1987). *The Lie: Evolution*, p.9

“The debate between **creation** and **evolution** is primarily a dispute between **two world views**, with mutually **incompatible underlying assumptions.**”

Jonathan Sarfati, PhD (1999). *Refuting Evolution*, p.15.

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I THINK IT TAKES

MORE FAITH

TO BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION



**THEREFORE I THINK FAITH IN
AN INTELLIGENT CREATOR IS
MORE REASONABLE**

A reasonable faith

I Believe in an Intelligent Creator

who made the world

Who Made Man in the world

and when Man went badly wrong

and messed things up

**I believe in a Creator that stepped into
the world to pay the price for my sin
and brings me the hope and opportunity
of life beyond this life.**

To have that hope of eternal life:

We need to BELIEVE In Jesus

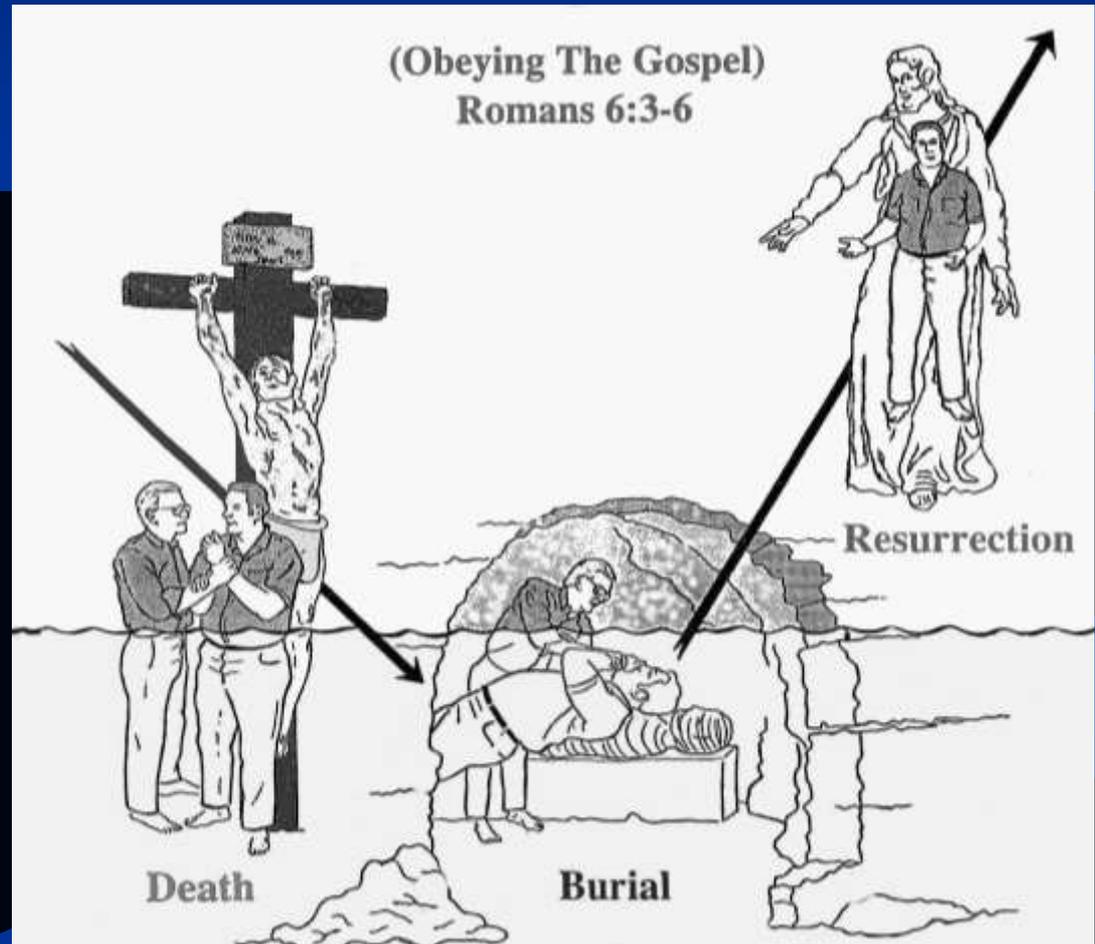
We need to DIE with Jesus

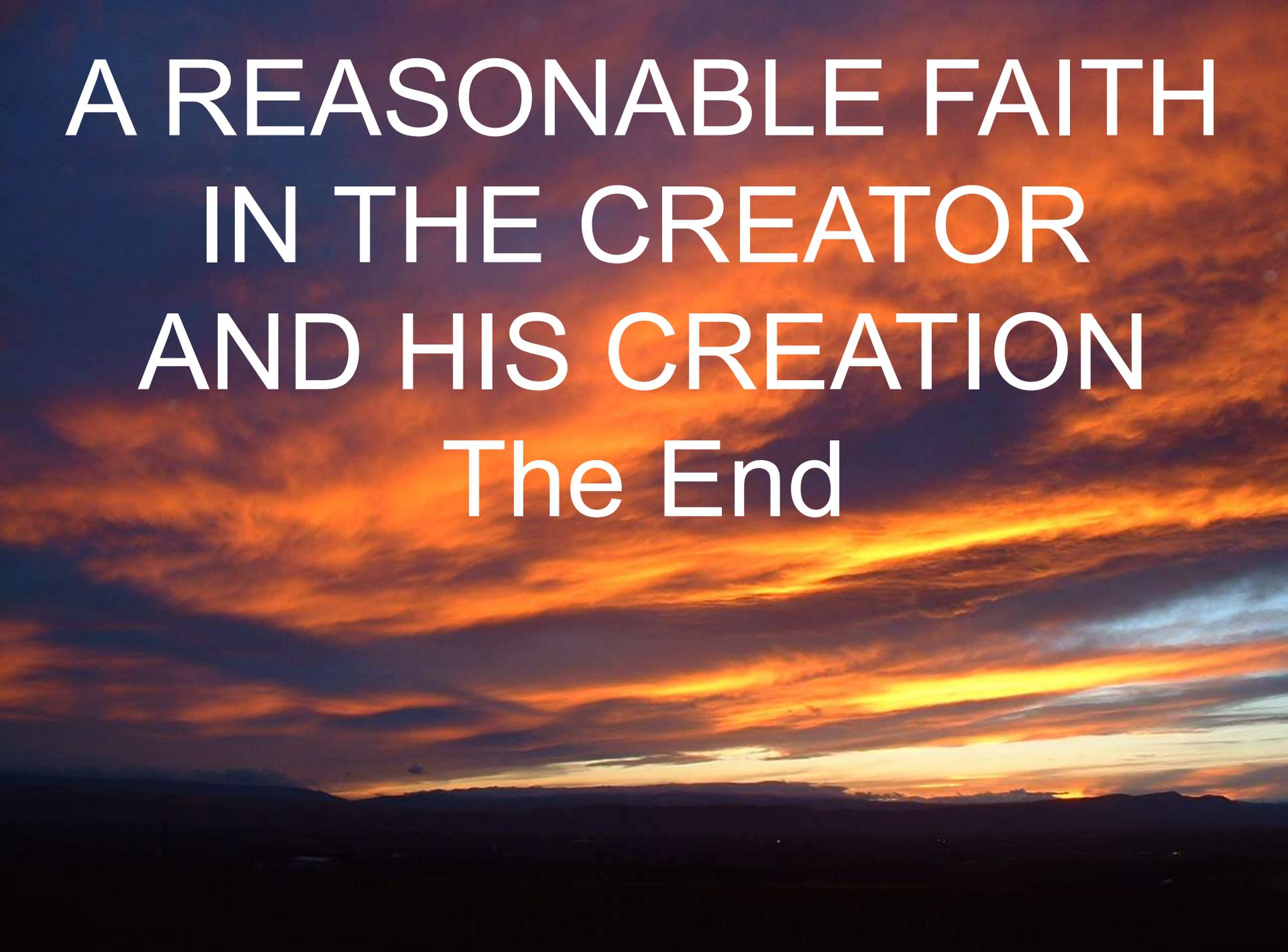
Be BURIED with
Him in Baptism

If We are
UNITED with Him

We will be
RAISED like Him

Rom 6:3-4;





A REASONABLE FAITH
IN THE CREATOR
AND HIS CREATION
The End

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