

Doctrine of God

The Existence of God

1. The Bible does not debate the existence of God, but declares that He is, that He always has been, and that He always shall be. The Bible declares that God created the universe and all that is in it.
 - *Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth.*
 - *Psalms 19:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*
2. There is no new information that God does not exist, or that the universe came into existence apart from His creative work.
3. The Big Bang Theory is without scientific foundation, or support. As a theory, this concept assumes eternity to the universe, which it does not have. The universe, as we know it, is a created entity.
4. It is illogical to assume that out of nothing has come everything. Out of nothing, nothing comes.
5. In order for the Big Bang Theory to have any validity, matter, the building “stuff” of the universe must be given anthropomorphic, or human characteristics. It must be given the power to design and direct.
6. The alternative is to believe in chance. However, to believe in random chance is to believe something that is illogical, because chance is nothing.

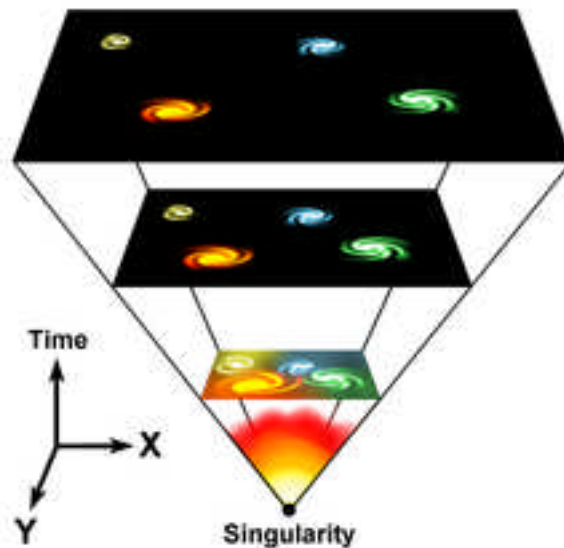
Special Note.

As a historical aside, the author of the Big Bang Theory reputeded his own theory. Georges Lemaître (b. July 17, 1894), was a Belgian priest-astronomer and is known as “the father of modern cosmology”. It was Monsignor Lemaître who first proposed the Big Bang theory. Following being a soldier in the Great War, Lemaitre was ordained in Belgium in 1923 – and a month later went to St Edmund’s, Cambridge, to study for a doctorate. After further study at Harvard and MIT, Lemaitre became professor of physics at Louvain University in Belgium, where he remained until his death at the age of 71 on June 20, 1966.

According to his biographer, William Crawley, Monsignor Lemaître was not happy with the belief of Pope Pius XII (b. Eugenio Maria Giuseppe Giovanni Pacelli, March 2, 1876 – October 9, 1958) that the book of Genesis had been vindicated by his cosmological discoveries, and that “Fiat Lux!” (“Let there be light!”) coincided with his Big Bang theory. This was not because he rejected Genesis, but because he felt the two disciplines, theology and science, should be studied separately without requiring mutual confirmation.

Lemaître eventually renounced the Big Bang Theory, which he called his “hypothesis of the primeval atom”, or the “Cosmic Egg.”

There is no reason to embrace the Big Bang Theory since it violates the first law of thermodynamics, which says you cannot create, or destroy matter or energy. The Big Bang Theory suggests the universe began out of nothing, which is an illogical proposition. Proponents of the Big Bang Theory say that such criticism is unwarranted for two reasons. The first is that the big bang does not address the creation of the universe, but rather the evolution of it. In other words, the Big Bang Theory does nothing to dismiss, or disprove the Biblical account of creation, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1).



According to the Big Bang theory, the universe emerged from an extremely dense and hot state (singularity). Space itself has been expanding ever since, carrying galaxies with it, like raisins in a rising loaf of bread. The graphic scheme above is an artist's conception illustrating the expansion of a portion of a flat universe. Einstein believed in a static universe, or the Steady State Theory which postulates that the universe always had, and will always have the same density. The theory reconciles the apparent evidence that the universe is expanding, by suggesting that the universe generates matter at a rate proportionate to the universe's rate of expansion.

7. To speak of a point in time in which the universe began is a rational thought. But what preceded that is where the problem is for the atheist.
8. It is argued that back of the Big Bang moment is matter. There is no evidence for that, only a declaration. But then, questions arise.

- “Where did matter come from?”
 - “What caused matter to concentrate energy in a point of singularity of dense mass in order to explode with a view to cosmic expansion which continues to this day?”
9. Science has no right to merely assert the eternity of matter, and the unnecessary of deity. That is not science. That is a philosophy of epistemology, or world view, but it is not science.
 10. For a scientist to make a transition from a Big Bang Theory to an eternity of matter, there ought to be some sort of rational basis for making that transition other than an assumption, or worse, a dogmatic assertion that matter is eternal.
 11. Now, it might be postulated that matter is eternal, but there is no scientific proof for it. At that point, the scientist has no right to condescend or look down on a theist who postulates the eternal God.
 12. What is true is that matter does exist now. What is disagreed on is how long matter has existed, and how matter got here.
 13. Unlike matter, the question of God’s existence continues now.
 14. For the sake of argument, let us assume that matter is eternal (even though science has not shown that matter is eternal).
 15. Now the burden of proof is on the Christian to prove the existence of God, even if matter is eternal.
 16. What can be proven is that God is the author of matter, if matter eternally exists. How can this be proven?
 17. To begin, in matter, there is intelligence, which means as we observe the universe, there seems to be intelligent design. A dandelion seed is carried to another place in order to accomplish its purpose. How does it know to do this? Did it think this technique up?
 18. Question. “Does matter have physical intelligence?” “Does intelligence come from matter itself?” Or, “Does intelligence, and intelligent design, come from some other source than matter?”
 19. This is the Teleological Argument for God, which states that an intelligent design necessitates a Designer, whom we call God.
 20. A question arises whether or not the “God” who is behind creation is an “Evil God”, i.e., the Devil, since there is so much in the world that is wrong.

21. The answer is that the Devil could not possibly be the creator of the world because he is pure evil, and the universe, when taken as a whole, is designed for the benefit of man, not for his harm. Such a universe necessitates a good God who is loving and benevolent.