A scenic view of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore. In the foreground, several footprints are visible in the golden sand. A black rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing yellow text. In the background, the ocean extends to a distant landmass under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

Genesis 01 00
Creation
Introduction
Graeme Morrison



**WELCOME to our study on
the Book of Genesis**

I hope you will enjoy
this study of **God's word.**

We should enjoy **reading the Bible**
together **daily** because it contains
the greatest message of the ages.

God is excited about teaching us His Word!

EVERYONE has a lot to learn!

**We were built for this
to know Him and His will and His Word!**

We will be **surprised**, and
We will be **changed** for the better!

This is an adventure!

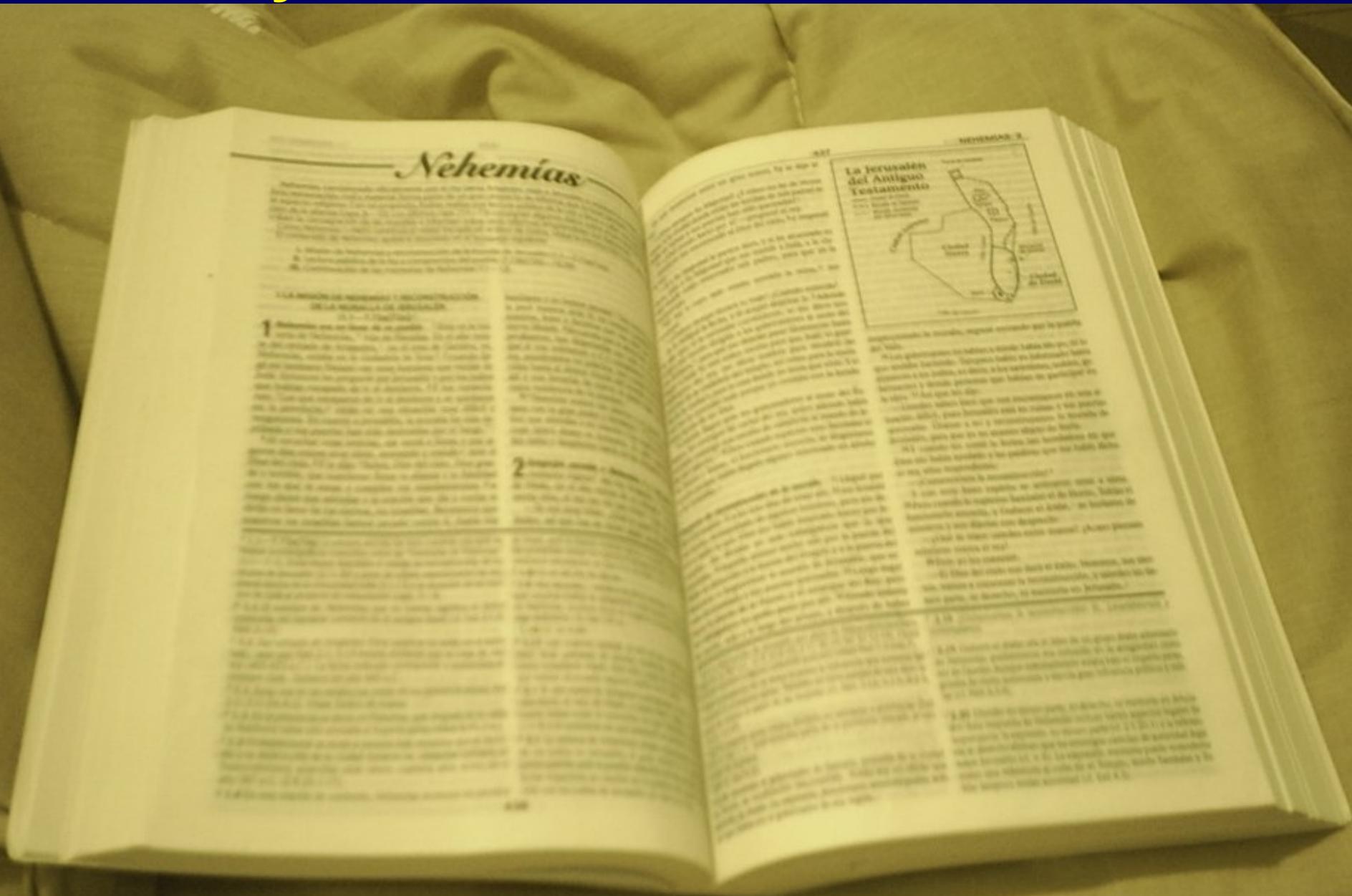
What do we need?

Choose a **Bible** that fits
what **you need** right now.

New King James Version
English Standard Version
New Living Bible...
Amplified Version...

...All of these – and other translations –
are published in a **“study” version**
that can add to your learning.

Why all the different translations?



Why all the different translations?

The **Old Testament** was written **partly in Hebrew**, then after the Babylonian conquest, **partly in Chaldean** (the language of Babylon).

The **New Testament** was written in **Greek** with some **Aramaic**.

All of these **languages are very different**. Each word can have many meanings. This can lead to **subtle differences** in translations.

“**Ancient**” languages like **Hebrew** tend to be **concrete**, while “**modern**” languages like **English** tend to be **abstract**.

LAW

Genesis
 Exodus
 Leviticus
 Numbers
 Deuteronomy

HISTORY

Joshua
 Judges
 Ruth
 1 Samuel
 2 Samuel
 1 Kings
 2 Kings
 1 Chronicles
 2 Chronicles
 EZRA
 NEHEMIAH
 ESTHER

OLD TESTAMENT

Poetry

Job
 Psalms
 Proverbs
 Ecclesiastes
 Songs of Solomon

Major Prophets

Isaiah
 Jeremiah
 Lamentations
 Ezekiel
 Daniel

Minor Prophets

HOSEA
 JOEL
 AMOS
 OBADIAH
 JONAH
 MICAH
 NAHUM
 HABAKKUK
 ZEPHANIAH
 HAGGAI
 ZECHARIAH
 MALACHI

Gospels

MATTHEW
 MARK
 LUKE
 JOHN

History

ACTS

Paul's Letters

ROMANS
 1 CORINTHIANS
 2 CORINTHIANS
 GALATIANS
 EPHESIANS
 PHILIPPIANS
 COLOSSIANS
 1 THESSALONIANS
 2 THESSALONIANS
 1 TIMOTHY
 2 TIMOTHY
 TITUS
 PHILEMON

A Letter To Jewish Christians.

Letters To The Entire church.

The Revelation To John

Hebrews

James
 1 Peter
 2 Peter
 1 John
 2 John
 3 John
 Jude

Revelation

NEW TESTAMENT

THIS CHART SHOWS that the Bible is actually a library of 66 books.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua

Judges

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2 Thessalonians

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Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

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1 John

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3 John

Revelation

Both testaments are very important to the Christian, but the New Testament books are the Christian's guide for today.

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Poetry

Major Prophets

Minor Prophets

For instance, when a person desires to become a Christian, they can read the New Testament Book of Acts which gives examples of conversions.

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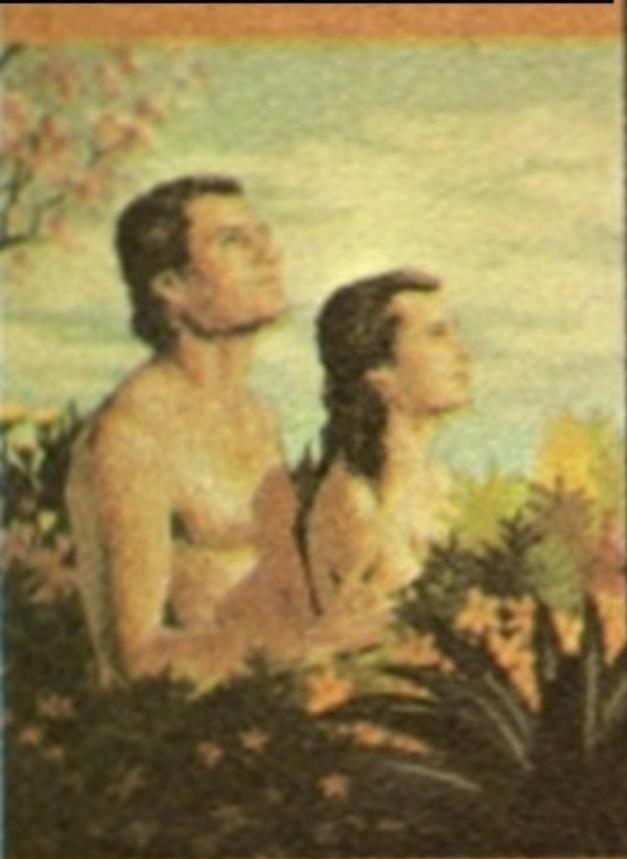
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Revelation

Patriarchal Age
ADAM



**God Spoke to the
Fathers Heb 1:1-3;**

Mosaic Age
MOSES



**Law Came by
Moses John 1:17;**

Christian Age
CHRIST



**Gospel came by
Christ Rom 1:16;**

Patriarchal Age
ADAM

Mosaic Age
MOSES

Christian Age
CHRIST

The book of Genesis describes the **Patriarchal age** from the **Creation to Moses**.

Notice at the bottom of the chart that God spoke in **the first period** of time to the fathers of the households such as **Adam**.

In the **second period** God gave His law through **Moses**. In the **third period** in which we now live the gospel came by **Jesus Christ**.

Once a person sees **the overall picture** of the Bible, they are able to **understand, appreciate** and **study it** more intelligently. John 1:17;

Patriarchal AGE

ADAM

Genesis 1:1 Genesis 1:26
GARDEN OF EDEN Gen. 3:14-15
CAIN & ABEL Gen. 4:1-8
WICKEDNESS PREVAILED
NOAH Gen. 6:14
120 Years Gen. 6:22

THE GREAT FLOOD

ABRAHAM Gen. 12:1
ISSAC Gen. 26:24
JACOB Gen. 28:14
JOSEPH Gen. 37-50
ISRAEL 400 years in Egypt
Gen. 50:24-27



GOD SPOKE TO THE FATHERS

HEBREWS 11:1

FAMILY RELIGION

ANIMAL SACRIFICE

FAMILY ALTAR

The Red Sea

THE PATRIARCHAL AGE



CREATION
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JOSEPH IN EGYPT
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MOSES FREES
ISRAEL



God Spoke To the Fathers

THE PATRIARCHAL AGE the first period of Bible History, **begins with the Creation.**

This period contains **events which are well known** to many people. **After creation these events follow in order:**
The Garden of Eden, Sacrifice for Sin,
How the World became Filled with Wickedness,
The Great Flood, Abraham and Isaac,
Jacob and Joseph, Joseph in Egypt,
The Birth of Moses and Moses Frees Israel.

Now we begin the account of God's creation

Genesis is a book of foundations.
Today's society like all of the world's cultures
and philosophies of mankind have been
continually attacking God's foundations.

Today the **warfare** has escalated
by the building of a worldwide
network **to destroy God's work.**

Jesus laid the new foundation for bringing us
back into a relationship with God
through **our acceptance** of His death burial
and resurrection on our behalf.

We are to accept **on His terms**
the **New Testament commands**
and **teachings of Jesus Christ.**

Genesis is like the foundation of a tall tower of wisdom on which to safely build our lives.

A mature disciple by definition is a person who has been able to step out of his culture and build his life on the Word of God.

He has been able to critique what he thinks, does and how he responds.

The crippled Christian, the backslider, is absorbed in the culture – the world.

His tendency is to follow his desires and see no distinction between the world and God.

As We **share together** the **book of Genesis**
we would hope to **learn the difference**
between **God's ways and man's ways.**

Be not scared of the world and its massive influence. Though God be subtle, it is His will
that His people be established
and all the nations bow before Him.

The more clearly we distinguish **God's ways**
from the world's ways, **the faster we will grow.**

If we cannot tell the difference between
the world's ways and God's ways, and build on
the **firm foundation** of **God's word** to build our lives,
We will constantly struggle
in our **relationship** with God

How does Genesis fit into the overall scheme of the Bible?

The **genius of Genesis** is seen
both in the way it introduces its material
in **strategic and clear segments**

As well as in **the way its numerous themes**
are **introduced** in Genesis
and **interweaved** throughout the Bible.

These **powerful themes** strongly **counter** those faulty suggestions that state Genesis is a compilation of different accounts or **a composite** of heavily edited portions.

Genesis is the most foundational book in the scriptures and rightly described as:-
'The Book of Beginnings.'

GENESIS

EXODUS

LEVITICUS

NUMBERS

DEUTERONOMY

THE LAW
(Torah)
(Pentateuch)

The Law legally sets up the terms on which man is to respond to the LORD.

Genesis is the first of **the Law** or the **Pentateuch**:
the **first five books of the Bible**
which **Moses** had written by **Inspiration**.

We see this stated at the end of his life
where it is written,

“And it came about, when Moses finished writing
the words of this law in a book
until they were complete, that
Moses commanded the Levites who carried
the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying:-”

S H S E Z E G

E X O D U S

L E V I T I C U S

N U M B E R S

D E U T E R O N O M I O S

THE LAW
(Torah)
(Pentateuch)

The Law legally sets up the terms on which man is to respond to the LORD.

“Take this **book of the law** and place it beside **the ark of the covenant** of the LORD your God, that it may remain there as a witness against you.”
(Deuteronomy 31:24-26;)

JESUS

The Law (Torah)

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

The Prophets (Nabbiim)

A. Former Prophets

1. Joshua
2. Judges
3. Samuel
4. Kings

B. Latter Prophets

1. Isaiah
2. Jeremiah
3. Ezekiel
4. The Twelve

The Writings

(Ketubim or Hagiographa)

A. Poetical Books

1. Psalms
2. Proverbs
3. Job

B. Five Rolls (Megillot)

1. Song of Songs
2. Ruth
3. Lamentations
4. Esther
5. Ecclesiastes

C. Historical Books

1. Daniel
2. Ezra-Nehemiah
3. Chronicles

Jesus said,
“..which were
written in the
Law of Moses, and
the Prophets, and
the Psalms
concerning Me.”
Luke 24:44

Remember **the Israelites** often referred to the **Hebrew scriptures** in three different sections:-
the Law, Prophets and Psalms or Writings.

(Luke 24:44;)

This three part categorization is seen in this chart

The greatest **purpose** of the **Old Testament scriptures** is to reveal the **Messiah, Jesus Christ**.
The **Messiah** is pointed toward and hinted at in many places throughout **Genesis**.

The **promised seed** born of a woman to defeat the serpent **speaks of Christ**, and so does **Joseph** on the way he saves God's people.

Noah's ark represents **salvation** from God's judgment in Christ while **Jesus** was the means **Abraham's promise was fulfilled**.

The whole **Old Testament** points to the great **Messiah**, now **fulfilled in Christ Jesus**.

Advantages of knowing the Bible story?

You can use **the OT** to explain **the NT**.

You **avoid** using **the Bible** out of **context**.

You can use **'unfamiliar'** Scriptures
Your **understanding** will be **better** because
you understand the **historical context**.

You can **know** when someone
is **teaching something untrue**.



Hubble-Galaxies and Stars

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF GENESIS

by Dr. Stanley L. Morris.

“The name **"Genesis"** comes from a Greek word meaning "beginning." This title was taken from **the Septuagint (LXX)**, the ancient **Greek translation** of the **Old Testament**.

The Hebrew title, **Bereshith** ("in [the] **beginning,**" literally, "head"), was derived from the **first word** of the **Hebrew text**.

The Book of **Genesis** is an appropriate
introduction to the entire Bible.

The **kernels of all truth** are found in **Genesis**.
Much of all human history
is covered in only **50 chapters!**

Genesis answers the gnawing questions
that we have about the **origins of the universe**,
concerning ourselves, about all **life forms**,
and of **sin and evil** in the world.



Hubble

Also, in a detailed manner, **Genesis** first unfolds the **early history of mankind** and then the family records of **God's chosen family** and related lines of descent, from the dawn of time to their settling in Egypt.

Although Genesis is, strictly speaking, **not a scientific document**, only **divine inspiration** can account for its **accuracy** in a pre-scientific age before modern times.

Genesis is very clear that **all things were created** by and had a definite beginning point in the true God. (Genesis 1:1;)

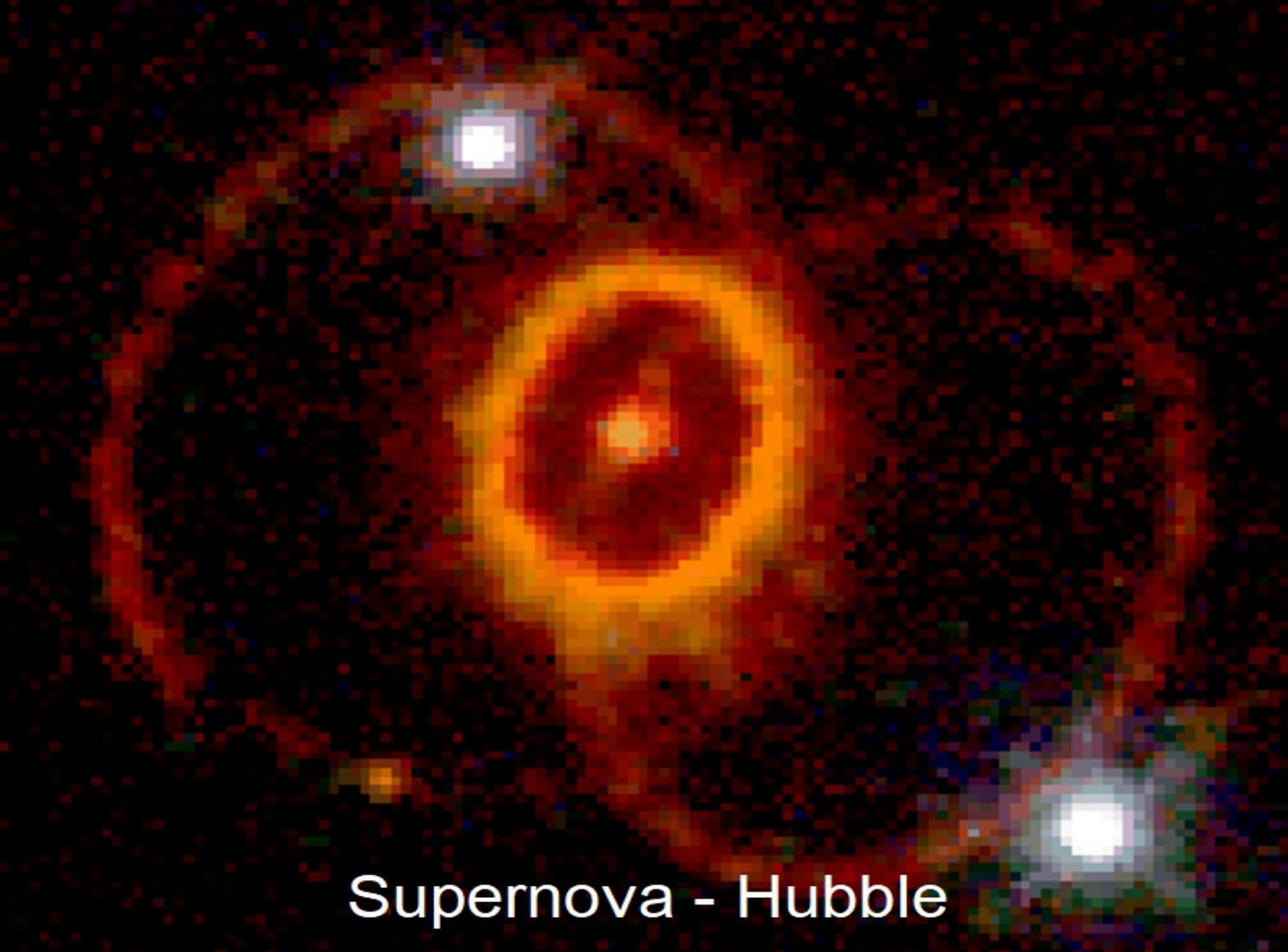


The Orion Nebula © Hubble

Everything was well **designed**
by the **Supreme Intellect** and continues
on the basis of His purpose, not random
chance. **God** controls the cosmos and **truly**
cares about the centrepiece of His creation:-
people.

Though the **human race departed**
from God's ordered plan for them
and must **pay the consequences.**

God has lovingly provided
the Way back home (John 14:6;)
to a **relationship** with Him.
(compare Luke 23:43;)



Supernova - Hubble

Only **Genesis** fully informs us about the **events which pre-dated Moses**.

Moses wrote it, using some ancient sources under God's direction and inspiration.

In Luke 16:31; Luke 24:44; and John 5:46-47; **Jesus referred to Moses as its writer.**

IN THE BEGINNING WHAT?





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 to 20 billion years ago**.

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

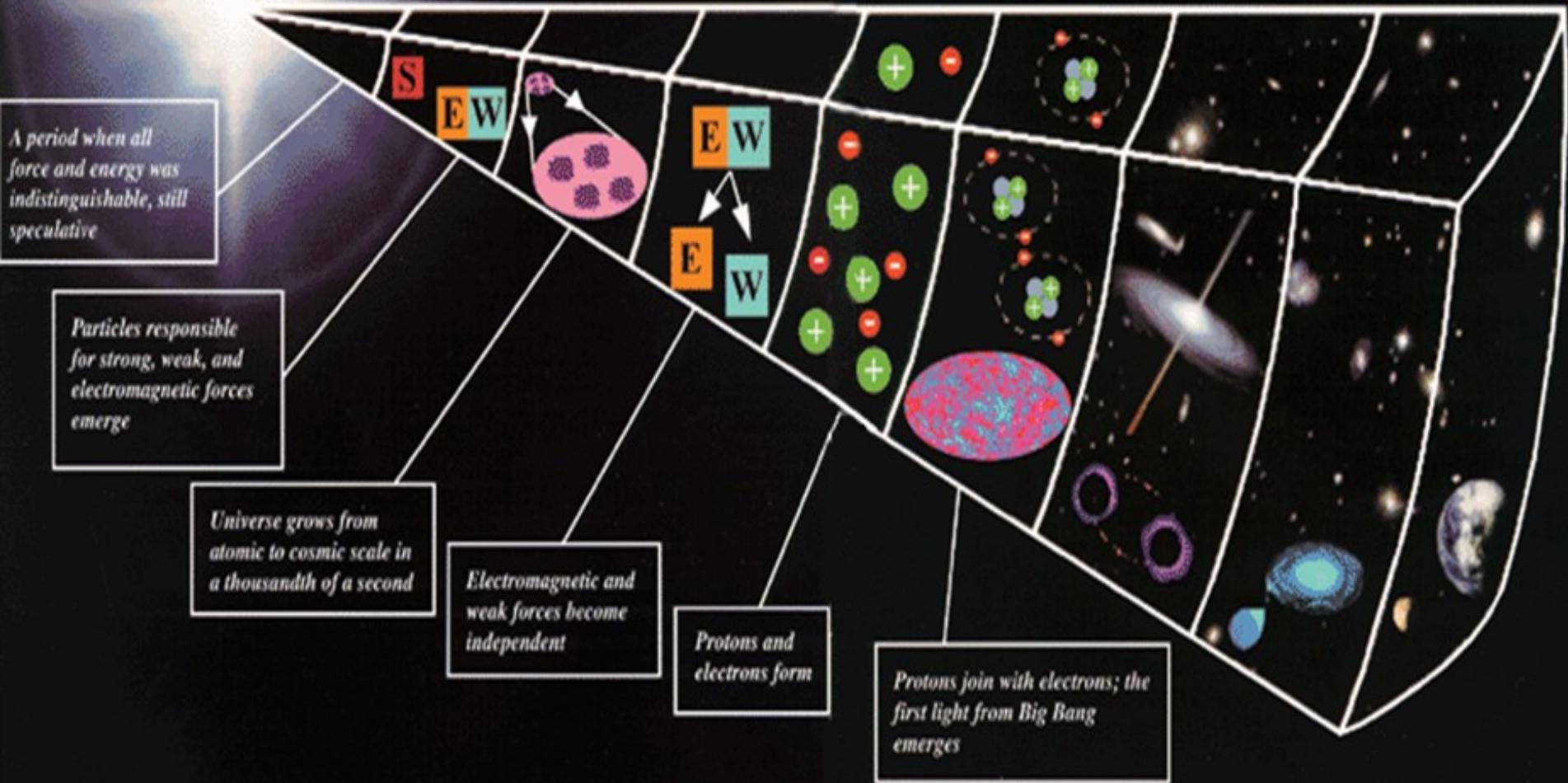
And from that **HYDROGEN**
(and a relatively small amount of **helium**)

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

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

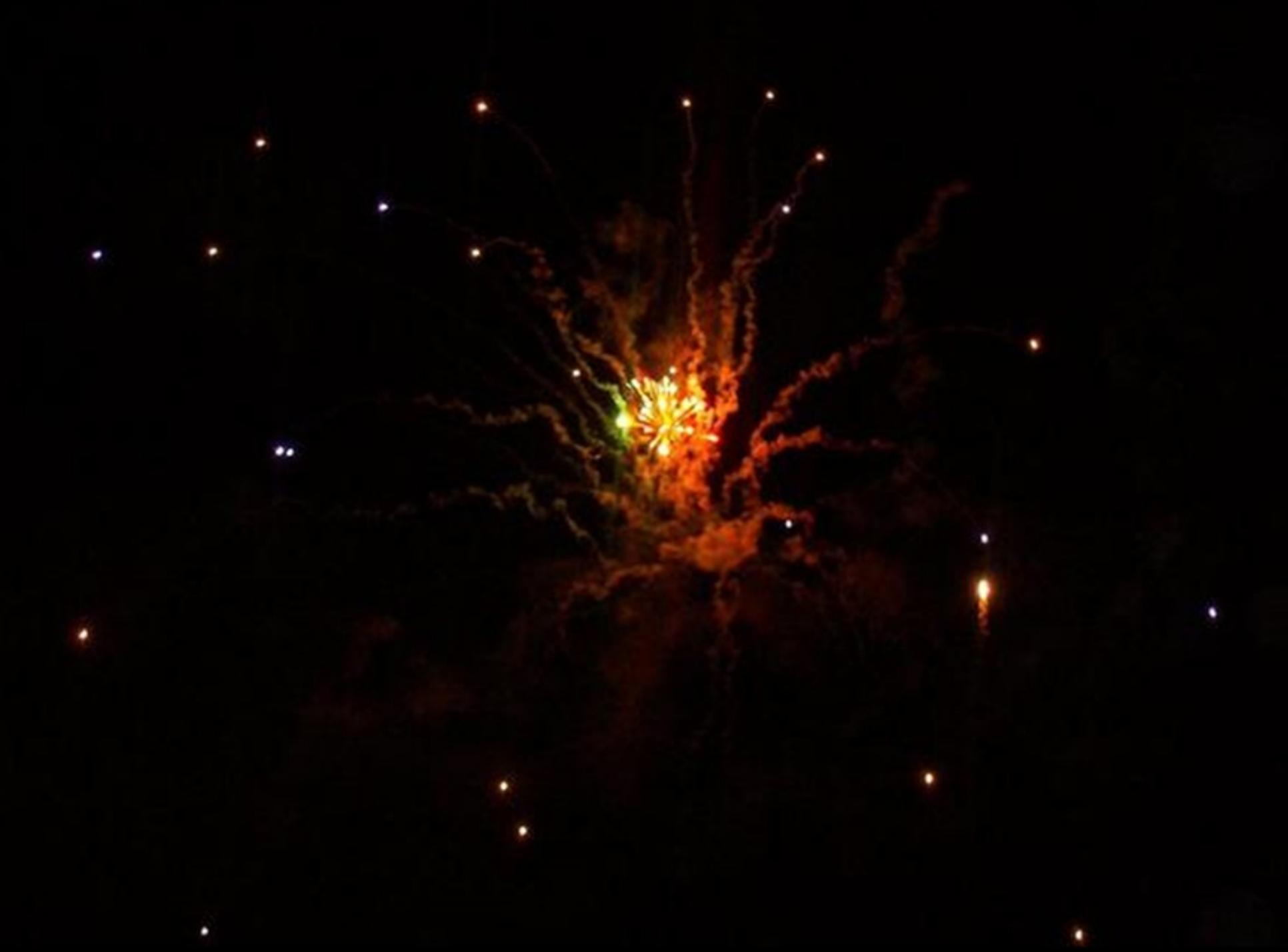
a religious faith, a many and varied system of belief about the origins of the universe.

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

The Faith of an Evolutionist

I would like to show you what a “**creed**” of **an evolutionist** would look like if they ever admitted to having one!

An Evolutionist is anyone who believes that the universe created itself by random naturalistic means without the input of an omnipotent intelligent designer.



“Do you believe that evolution was the process and mechanism responsible for bringing us to where we are today and that life’s genesis was the Big Bang?”

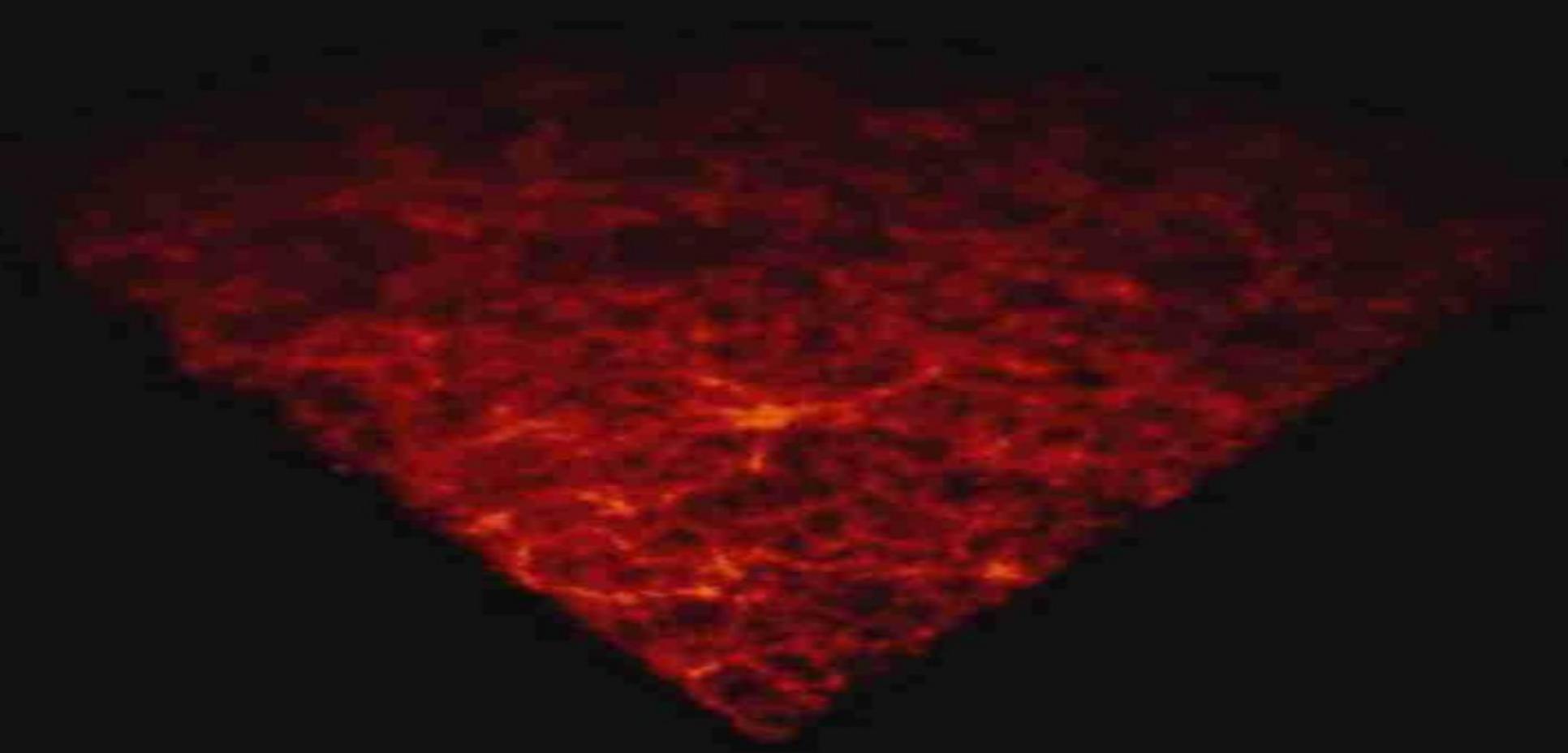
If you do subscribe to this belief, then here is approximately what you believe:-

I copy here a “creed**” of **the evolutionist**,
(It was written by a creationist,
as one can quickly tell.)**

“You believe that at time **zero all the potential for the 40 billion-plus known galaxies was **condensed** into a **microscopic ball roughly the size of a proton.**”**

“You believe that where, why, how and precisely what this undefined ball of quantum-mechanically defying anti-matter was, is irrelevant.”

“However, within this primordial incipient of the cosmos, you believe that there existed a false vacuum in which was neither hyper compressed matter, nor super dense energy, nor any recognizable substance.”



“You 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.



“You 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,

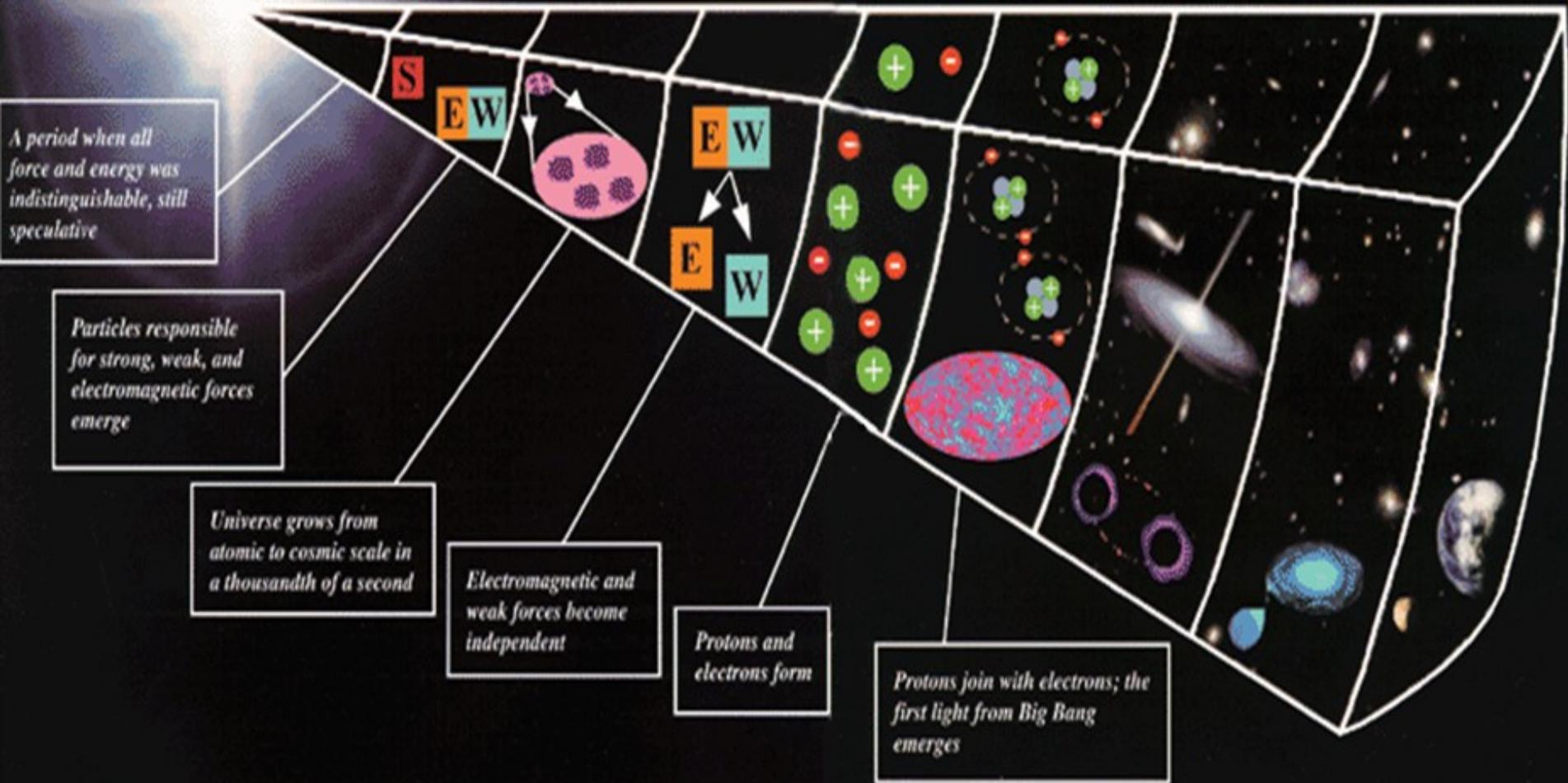
In LESS than A MILLISECOND expanded to 15 billion-plus light-years in at LEAST four-dimensional time-space coordinates.”

“You believe that through this stellar process space itself expanded outward in a bewilderment of pure physics and chemistry”.

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And that 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**, you believe, caused **virtual particles to materialize** from the previously undefined quantum netherworld in unfathomable quantities.

You believe that, as these subatomic virtual particles began to anneal from the inexplicable proto-reality,

THE BIG BANG THEORY

TIME BEGINS

ONE SECOND

PRESENT DAY

Time 10^{-43} sec.
Temperature

10^{-32} sec.
 10^{27} °C

10^{-6} sec.
 10^{13} °C

3 min.
 10^8 °C

300,000 yrs.
 $10,000$ °C

1 billion yrs.
 -200 °C

15 billion yrs.
 -270 °C

1 The cosmos goes through a superfast "inflation," expanding from the size of an atom to that of a grapefruit in a tiny fraction of a second

2 Post-inflation, the universe is a seething, hot soup of electrons, quarks and other particles

3 A rapidly cooling cosmos permits quarks to clump into protons and neutrons

4 Still too hot to form into atoms, charged electrons and protons prevent light from shining; the universe is a superhot fog

5 Electrons combine with protons and neutrons to form atoms, mostly hydrogen and helium. Light can finally shine

6 Gravity makes hydrogen and helium gas coalesce to form the giant clouds that will become galaxies; smaller clumps of gas collapse to form the first stars

7 As galaxies cluster together under gravity, the first stars die and spew heavy elements into space; these will eventually form into new stars and planets

NOTE: The numbers in cosmology are so great and the numbers in subatomic physics are so small that it is often necessary to express them in exponential form. Ten multiplied by itself, or 100, is written as 10^2 . One thousand is written as 10^3 . Similarly, one-tenth is 10^{-1} , and one-hundredth is 10^{-2} .

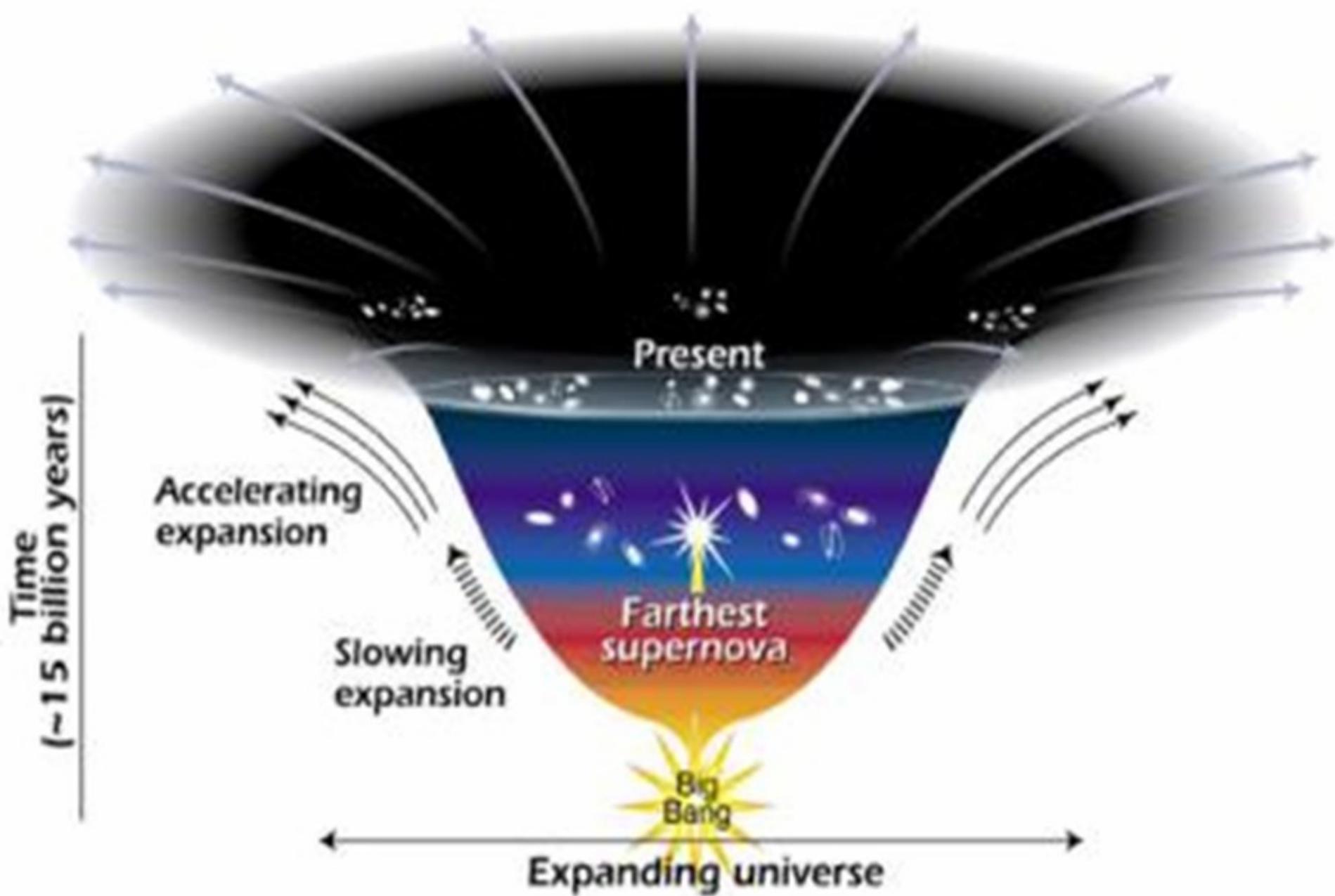
Source: *The Birth of the Universe*; *The Kingfisher Young People's Book of Space*

TIME Graphic by Ed Gabel

**both antimatter and matter emerged
into a relativistic time-space continuum
Simultaneously,**

**As existence and non-existence competed
for the same dimension of reality,
matter and antimatter began to collide
and annihilate themselves,**

**Vanishing into the surreal ethereal vortex
of the still expanding universe
as mysteriously as they came.**



“You believe that the only reason our universe is a reality today is because of the **infinitesimal asymmetry in the macroscopic expansion of the time-space continuum **giving matter the slight advantage – about 1 in a 100 million - over antimatter.****

Then, **before the time-space continuum **clock ticked its 2nd second,** amid thundering energies of paramount force,**

a finite residue of tangible matter **survived, and from it, you believe, **the billions of galaxies formed into the known cosmos.****

The person who wrote
“**The faith of an evolutionist**”

Is **Dr. Anstine** who once believed in **evolution**,
His **qualifications** are as follows:-

He received his **Bachelor's degrees**
in Chemistry and Biology from Point Loma
University in San Diego California
and his **Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry**
from the University of Nevada.

Following the completion of his doctorate,
he accepted a **post doctoral fellowship** invitation
to conduct **research in photochemistry**
at the University of California, Berkeley.

Upon completion of his fellowship, Dr. Anstine accepted a **research position** with Elan Pharmaceuticals, where **he rose to Director of Medicinal Chemistry.**

Dr. Anstine left the pharmaceutical world to become a **professor** at a liberal arts college in Nampa, Idaho.

Professor Anstine's current research interests are in the areas of **nano technology** and the **synthesis of nano - scale Photo controllable molecular switches.**

Elan Pharmaceuticals



IN THE BEGINNING WHAT?

EITHER

MATTER OR INTELLIGENCE

Science says by **ALL** the known laws **MATTER** has a **BEGINNING** and an **END** (Useful to useless)

First and second Law of Thermodynamics

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

IN THE BEGINNING WHAT?

EITHER

MATTER OR INTELLIGENCE

**IF IN THE BEGINNING - THERE WAS
INTELLIGENCE IT SEEMS REASONABLE**

THAT INTELLIGENCE CAN CREATE THINGS

**YOU CANNOT GET BLOOD
OUT OF A STONE.**

**NO MATTER HOW MANY MILLION
YEARS YOU LEAVE IT LYING AROUND!**

PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT FAITHS

a. THEIST- A person who believes in God and possibly the full inspiration of the Bible,

Such a person could accept the Genesis account as being both Literal and Historic.

b. ATHEIST - Name comes from the "**Greek**" meaning "**without God**" Eph 2:12; the atheist does not believe in the existence of God and would claim that the creation account is a Jewish myth.

Most atheist's would claim to accept some form of evolution.

c. AGNOSTIC :-Title comes from the "**Greek**" meaning "**without knowledge**" from **Latin** it would mean "**ignoramus**"

They would claim to be open minded on the issue of the beginning of the universe and the existence of God. **They would admit that there are things they do not know**

d. THEISTIC EVOLUTIONIST :-

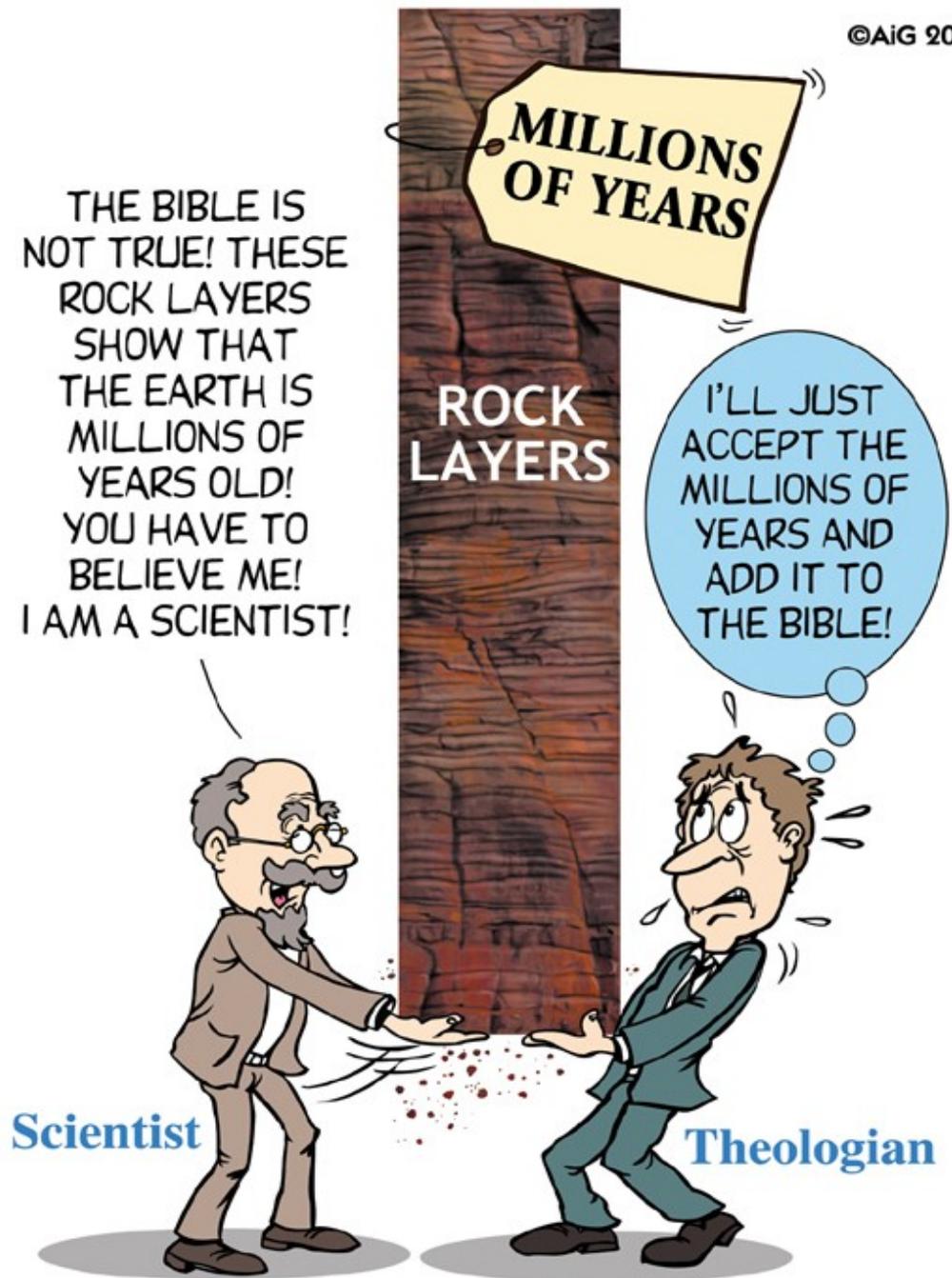
This is a person who believes that God created the universe by means of the evolutionary process and would claim that Genesis chapter 1 and also possibly 2-11; are **not** to be taken **literally**, but **figuratively**. **He generally attempts to reconcile the genesis account of creation to the theory of evolution.**

e. CHRISTIAN :-

This is a person who believes that God created the universe by means of His power would also claim that Genesis chapter 1 and 2:1-11; are to be taken literally not figuratively

There are those
who claim to be
**Theistic
evolutionists.**

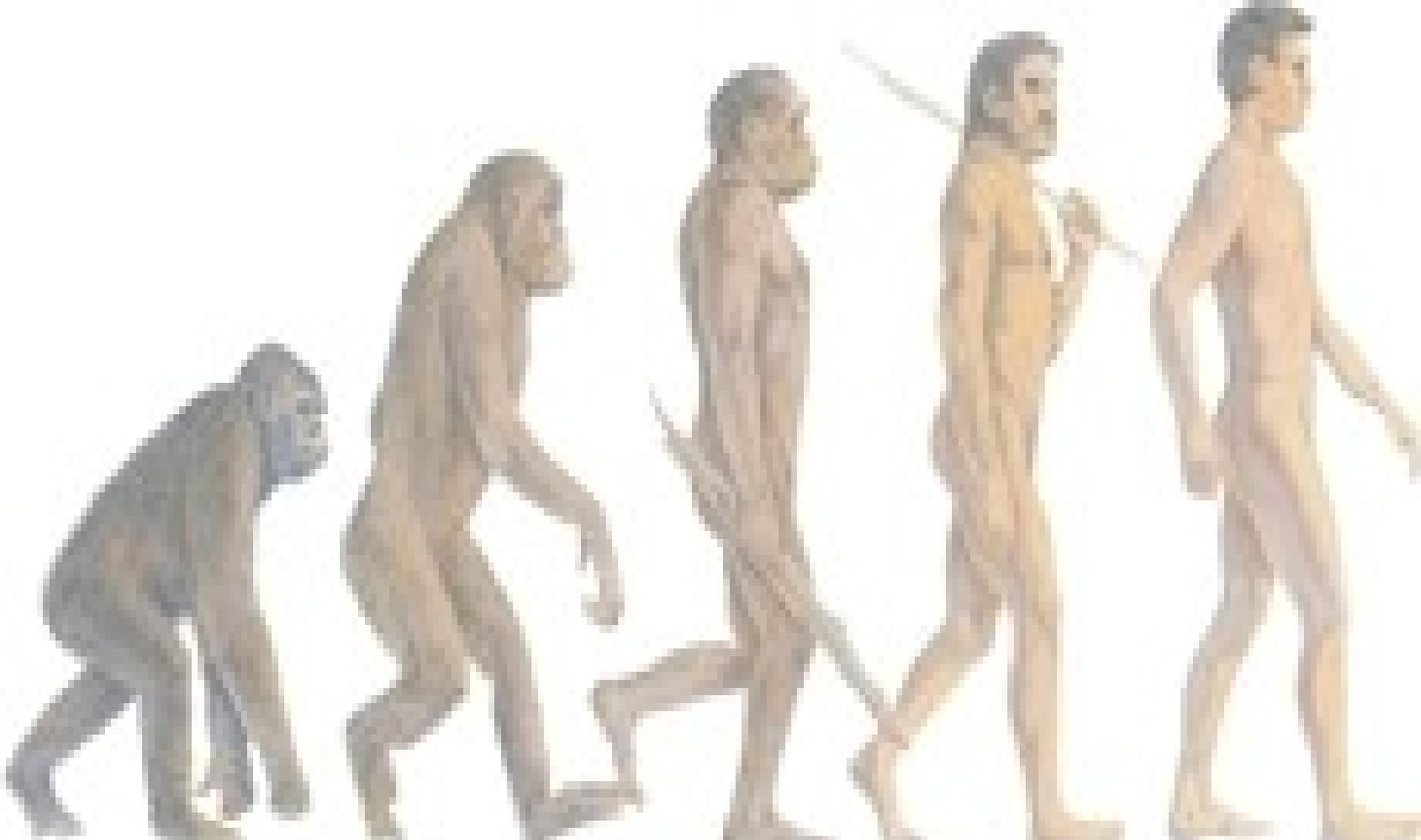
That is, they believe
that God used
**natural properties
of matter** and the
process of evolution
to develop
**the complexity
of the living forms**
we see
in our world today





**Dr. and Mrs. Duane Gish
of the Institute for Creation Research**

**I agree with Dr. Duane Gish
He said that theistic evolutionists
combine bad science with bad theology.**



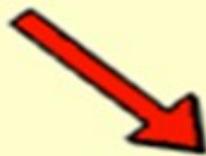
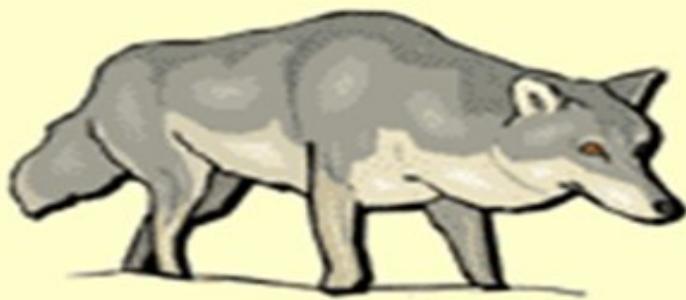
“the central tenet of modern biology that all species, including humans, evolved from one simple life form

Susan Watt, BBC *Newsnight*, 17/3/00

Everybody believes in some form
Of Evolution from Latin – “to unroll, unfold,
change” more common usage:
‘The Micro or Organic Theory of Evolution’
whether they are **Atheists** or **Christians**

Or Macroevolution
(the evolution of one species out of another
species, and thus from a **one-celled** plant
or animal to man **through billions**
of transitional intermediates).

**The logical consequence of believing
macroevolution is atheism.**



Macroevolution v. Microevolution

Christians Do NOT believe in the evolution of one species out of another species, like a lion turning into an elephant

Rather they believe that for example from a dog species you can breed a variation as far a part as a 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 species, and winged birds in their own species. God saw that it was good.”

The theory of organic evolution supposes that there is no God and that life came into being by chance.

Hence, one cannot believe in organic evolution

However, it is axiomatic that for every effect there must first be a cause.

The world itself is the effect. What is the cause?
Is it Matter-or is it Mind - God?

We know that inert matter can cause nothing unless it is acted upon by some other agency.

A ball upon a level surface will not roll unless something causes it to roll.

However, the nature of that which has been caused is such that we may be certain the first cause is Mind, Intellect, that we call God.



“For the invisible things of him
from the creation of the world
are clearly seen, being
understood by the things
that are made, even his
eternal power and Godhead;
so that they are without excuse”

–Romans 1:20

There are many creationist websites on the Internet.

I recommend “[Answers in Genesis](http://www.answersingenesis.org/)”

<http://www.answersingenesis.org/>

and ICR. <http://www.icr.org/>

Now back to the text in Genesis.

INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS.

This book is a book of **FIRST THINGS-BEGINNINGS** - Creation,
1st man, 1st murder, 1st temptation etc...

It also shows mans **GENERATION,**
DEGENERATION,
and **REGENERATION.**

God created, man sinned,
but **God provided a way back to Himself.**

In the Beginning GOD. Gen 1:1;

In Deut 6:4; **ONE GOD - SHEMA** –

(hear O Israel The Lord our God is One Lord.)

The Jews have a pencil like object on their front door posts called the **-MEZZUZAH-** and it contains the above words.

The Jews **assumed the existence of God** (took God for granted) and so we find Gen 1:1; John 1:1; and Heb 1:1; begin as they do.

Who is involved in Creation?

GOD Gen 1:1;

JESUS Jn 1:1-3; Col 1:15-18; Heb 1:1-3;

HOLY SPIRIT Gen 1:2;

God is the Designer, maker of all things,
everything runs like clockwork,
there is order in the universe revealing
the greatness and majesty of God

God created and the creation
reproduces after its kind.

GENESIS DENIES ATHEISM.

Genesis accepts as fact the existence of God.

Greeks believed in an original cause but misunderstood it.

A Spencer the father of Darwinism said-

"First cause? if we ask what is the nature of the first cause we are driven to conclude it is Infinite, independent, self existent, perfect, all powerful, free, and above all laws.

GENESIS DENIES:-

POLYTHEISM - The doctrine of a plurality of gods.

PANTHEISM - The doctrine that the universe is god.- identifying God with nature.

EVOLUTION - Chemicals to life see separate notes.

AGNOSTIC - Don't Know- Latin ignoramus

COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT.

**This is the fundamental law
of Cause and effect,
it was logically presented
by Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, etc.**

**Our Universe is here! Something caused it!
Matter or Intelligence has always existed
for you cannot get something from nothing.**

An unmoved prime mover- Unless there is infinite regress there must be a first mover, we human beings experience movement, therefore there must be some force which started all movement, therefore there must be an unmoved mover that started the universe, therefore it is argued that **the source behind the universe we call GOD.**

THE UNCAUSED FIRST CAUSE.

Everything is the effect of some cause, there is no effect which did not have some antecedent cause behind it, therefore:-

Christians call this Uncaused First Cause GOD.

A Necessary being- everything in existence today is also capable of not existing.

All natural things are contingent, that is **they are capable of not being**, in a period of time every contingent thing would cease to exist there.

There would be no world, but since there is a world there **must be a force** behind it, **which we call GOD.**

(see **Permanence of Matter**
and conservation of Energy.)

TELEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT.

This Argument progresses from cause and effect to Purpose, mind and design, although **Christian Wolf** in 1728 is credited with it, the idea is seen in **David's Psalm 19:1**;

"The heavens declare the glory of God."

A composer leaves his mark on his music, so God leaves His mark on His world, an ordered intelligent universe demands an intelligent maker-
either mind made matter or matter made mind.

William Paley authored the famous **watch illustration** in debate- he challenged his opponent to **explain an expensive watch, built accidentally without a watch maker.**

**The Theory of Evolution has an eye evolving
from a pimple on the forehead.**

Look at the **complexity of an eye**:- gathers light,
has a retina, rod cones to the brain,
muscles to focus, iris to control amount of light.

So many parts show **design and purpose**.
Where does evolution get **the other eye** from?
perhaps the first was lonely.

Psa 19:1; Job 26:14; Rom 1:20; **Man has No excuse**
Earth weight 6 Billion tons, traveling at 1000 Mph about the
sun 1,140; we are traveling three different direction
at three different speeds at the same time. **Just an accident?**

ONTOLOGICAL ARGUMENT.

Man has the capacity to conceive of God
therefore God exists-

DECARTES said I think therefore I am.

MORAL ARGUMENT

KANT said:- Man has a conscience, **he knows what he ought to be**, he feels guilty when he is not, man answers a claim for justice not only is man moral he is spiritual, all tribes found have knowledge of religion.

CICERO said:- **No tribe** yet, found so wild and untamed that did not have a knowledge of God.

Plato said Heavens above and **the Moral law within**.
We see a different reaction
when a **dog** sees a joint of meat:- **no moral thought!**

INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS.

NATURE OF GOD.

God is infinite unlimited, unrestricted, in John 4:24;

God is Spirit, not a body as we have or he would be limited in time and space:-

cannot be in here and London at same time.

We are embodied spirits,

body completely changes every seven years.

God is self existent In everything, original, absolute and independent, **God has inherent life**. John 5:26;

self-sufficient, He is who he is

and he is what He acts. Acts 17:24-25;

God is Immutable Cannot be added to or taken away from:-
whatever changes, ceases to be what it changed from.

Prov 19:21; Num 23:19; Isa 40:28; "I Yahweh change not!"

When applied to **time** = **God is eternal.**
When applied to **Space** = **God is Omnipresent.**
When applied to **Knowledge** = **God is Omniscient.**
When applied to **Power** = **God is Omnipotent.**

Omnipresent

God carries the prerogative to be anywhere and everywhere, I am a God at hand at not afar off, do I not fill heavens and earth Jer 22:23; Psa 139:7-8; This does not mean that God is vaguely everywhere in general and no place in particular.

Omniscient Infinite knowledge, all wisdom, God does not learn like us, He knows all, no past present and future, God lives in the Now, **Infallible**- God repents - Anthropomorphism, **Gods actions in human terms**, love, grief, joy, God does not change his mind.

Omnipotent.

All powerful Heb 6:18; God limits himself, there is no act that God cannot do for lack of power, but **there are things He cannot do because they are against his nature.**

Moral attributes.

Holy:- God is the source of Holiness
-part of his essential nature.

Ex 15:14; 1Pet1:16; 1 Sam 2:2; Rev 15:4; Isa 6:3;

Just Gen 18:25; Rom 12:19; 14:11; Heb 10:30;.

Mercy / Love Justice passes sentence = Love pays the Price.

Righteousness His righteousness guards His holiness, and through the Gospel makes us holy too.

THE INTERPRETATION OF GENESIS.

There are really **only two approaches** to interpreting **Genesis one**
These are: a. **Figuratively** or b. **Literally**.

a. Figuratively -This method says that the account is **neither literal nor historic**.
Instead it is to be seen as:-
a **POEM**, or a **MYTH**, or a **SAGA**.

Various attempts have been put forward to explain genesis one.

THE INTERPRETATION OF GENESIS.

- 1) It is merely a **POEM** to the Glory of God.
- 2) It is a **human attempt** to explain the beginning of things,
Not a revelation from God.
- 3) It was a **SAGA** borrowed from the writings and Legends of other Nations.
- 4) It was a **collection of ancient Hebrew myths** rolled into one account.
- 5) It was just another **early cosmology**.

THE INTERPRETATION OF GENESIS.

b. Literal - By this method the Genesis account is said to have **actually happened** and is therefore **a HISTORICAL record**.

This View holds that **the world was created by God in six literal 24 hour periods**.

SOME MAJOR REASONS WHY MANY REFUSE TO ACCEPT A LITERAL ACCOUNT:-

a. This is best shown by a quote from **Dr Paul Zimmerman** who stated:-

"in the light of modern science the early parts of genesis can simply be no longer regarded as literal history or literal science."
(can we accept theistic evolution)

Thus **"Modern science"** is generally held to have **disproved the accuracy** of Genesis one.

The **Modern science** being of course **"evolution"** and the **"Time scale."**

b. The second reason for the rejection of Genesis as Literal is that many do not believe in the inspiration of the scriptures.

REASONS WHY CHRISTIANS CAN ACCEPT GENESIS ONE AS LITERAL.

The style of the early chapters of Genesis do not suggest a Mythical nor Allegorical or Poetic approach.

The style is that of straight forward Narrative and therefore it should be interpreted like any other narrative - Literally.

E.J. Young says:-

**"That Genesis one is Historical
may be seen from these considerations.**

**1) it sustains an intimate relationship with
the remainder of the book.**

**The remainder of the book presupposes
a creation account, and the Creation account
prepares for what follows.**

**The two portions of Genesis are integral parts
of the book and compliment one another.**

2) **“The characteristics of Hebrew poetry are lacking, there are Poetical accounts of the Creation and these are in striking contrast to Genesis one.”**
Studies in Genesis one p105.

See Psa 104:5-9; Job 38 and 39; Prov 8:23-31;
for some **classic examples of Hebrew poetry.**

Exodus 20:1-11; **The Ten Commandments** are regarded by most religious people as being **given by God** and therefore true. **God says the reason for the Sabbath is because God created the world in 6 days.**

Jesus regarded Genesis as being Historical.
see Matt 19:4-5; **"He who made them"**
Mark 10:6; Luke 3:38;

New Testament writers build arguments on the truth of the early Genesis account.

1) 1Cor 11:8,12; woman is "of man" (gk-ek-out of)

2) 1Tim 2:13; The Fall of man is mentioned and the submissiveness of woman linked to it.

3) Rom 5:14; Paul thought that Adam was as historical as Moses.

NOTE that Paul views Adam as having given sin a foothold into the world.

If no Adam - what is the origin of SIN, DEATH the NEED of a REDEEMER.

If there was no Adam then there can be no contrast with the Christ.

4) 1Cor 15:45; Paul refers to Jesus
as the "**last Adam.**"

**If the first Adam was a Myth,
is the last Adam - Jesus Christ- also a myth.**

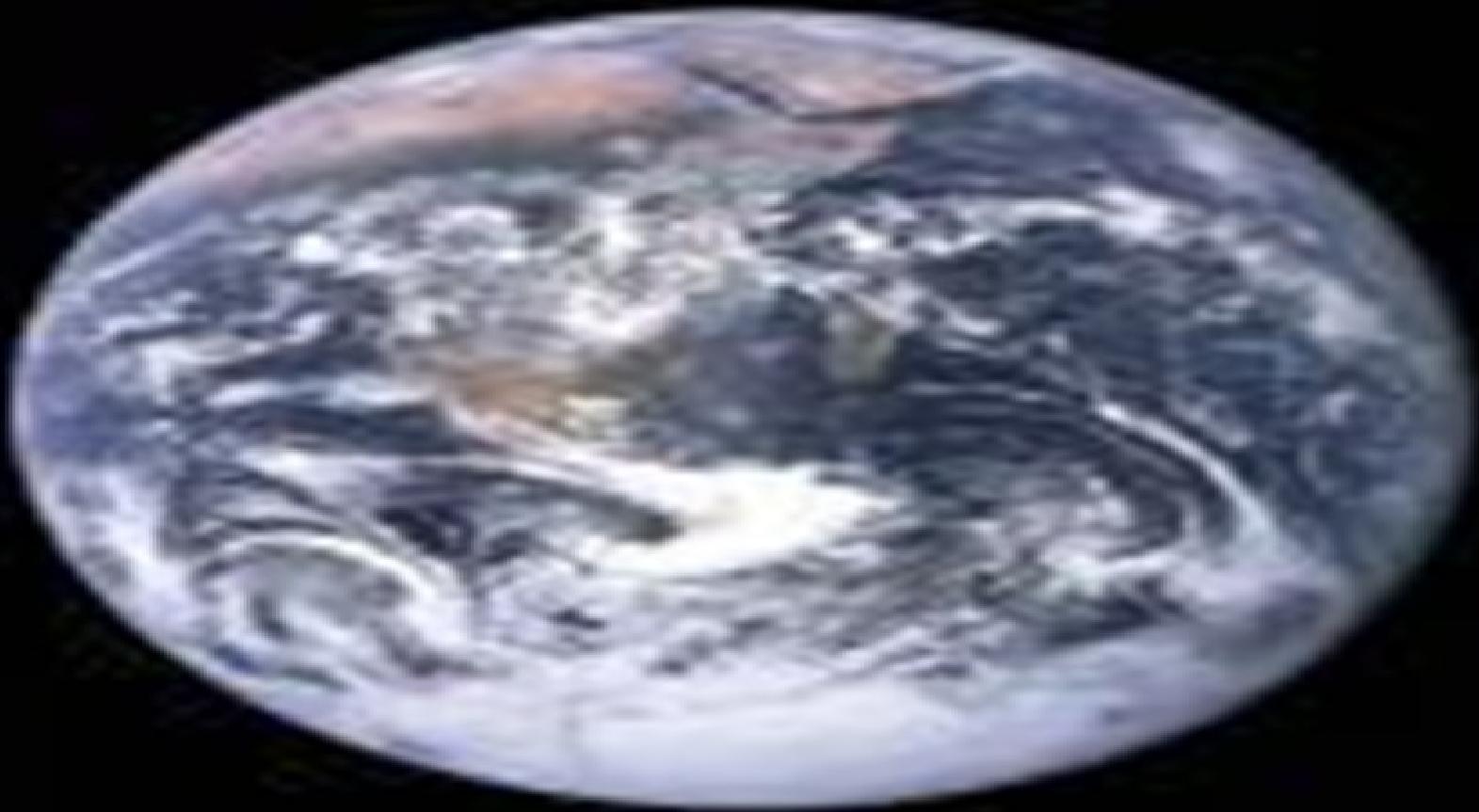
Rom 5:12-19; 1 Cor 11:3,8-9; 15:21-22, 45-47; 1Tim 2:13-14;

5) **2 Pet 3:5;** - The world was **Created**
by the word of God.

Heb 1:3; - The world is **sustained**
by the word of Christ.

2 Pet 3:7; - The world will be **destroyed**
by the word of God.

**IF the world was not created by the word of God,
we cannot assume that it is sustained
by the word. Nor will be Judged and destroyed?**



Once there was nothing but God.
At some point, God began His creation.

What follows is that story.

**“In the beginning, God created
the heavens & the earth.**

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