

Who are you? Why are you here? What is the meaning of your life, or is there any meaning? Well, according to the popular scientific theory as taught in most universities, there is none. The most prominent scientific theories teach us that we just exploded into existence from nothing, appeared from non-life, evolved into humans, and will soon fade away into nothing. If this is true, then how can we conclude anything other than that life has no meaning. Of course, an equally popular theory which is not taught among those who claim to be the "scientific elite," defies the teaching of the big bang and evolution. The theory of God and creation offers much more hope and yet many cling to popular scientific theories. Why? Why are so many people chasing after these popular theories which are so irrational? And are they irrational? Well, let's look at the facts and you tell me honestly if these theories are irrational or if they are reasonable.

The big bang theory suggests that billions of years ago "nothing" exploded and the universe actually brought itself into existence from nothing. What caused this? How can "nothing" explode? Well, that one has most of us scratching our heads. Even if we were around to see it, no one could ever see nothing explode, whatever that might look like, so the very foundation of this theory must be taken on faith. In spite of the claim that the big bang theory is based on scientific fact, most honest scientists will admit that the foundations of both the big bang and evolutionary theories propose very real challenges which require great leaps of faith. On page 55 of his book, *Dark Side of the Universe*, James Trefil admits, "The problem of explaining the existence of the galaxies has proven to be one of the thorniest in cosmology. By all rights, they just shouldn't be there, yet there they sit. It's hard to convey the depths of frustration that this simple fact induces among scientists."

In addition, the theory of evolution builds off the big bang theory, suggesting that life came from non-life when perhaps lightning struck a mud puddle from which simple cells evolved into plants and animals, which later evolved into humans. While Darwin thought that the fossil evidence would eventually bear out his theory, "Scientists concede that their most cherished theories are based on embarrassingly few fossil fragments and that huge gaps exist in the fossil record" (*Time Magazine*,

Nov. 7, 1977). In fact, "The more scientists have searched for the transitional forms that lie between species, the more they have been frustrated" (*Newsweek*, Nov. 3, 1980). The embarrassment of science is that the fossil evidence does not support the theory of evolution. The lack of fossil evidence simply requires too big a leap of faith for many to concede, while the Cambrian explosion actually reveals evidence for a worldwide flood.

So this idea that the big bang and evolution are based on fact while creation is based on faith alone is just not true. The popular scientific theories of the day are based on faith as much as any religious theory. Both require miracles to be valid. The big bang requires the miracle of "nothing" (or at best some random dot of matter that appeared from nothing) to explode into everything, while evolution requires the miracle of bringing life from non-life, then transitioning from one species to a different species, which we just don't have any concrete evidence for. Both of these theories require inconceivable miracles. As a result, millions across the globe have concluded that it takes less faith to believe in creation than in evolution.

While the proponents of big bang and evolution accuse creationists of basing their theory on blind faith, the creationist has the same evidence as the evolutionist. Both theories are based on the same light particles in space, as discovered in 1965 by Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson, along with the expanding universe, as seen through the Hubble telescope. The proponents of creation simply believe the light particles appeared in the beginning when God spoke the words, "Let there be light," and the expanding universe resulted when He "stretched out the heavens" (Gen. 1:3; Jer. 10:12). Ironically, it took science centuries to figure these things out and yet the Bible stated them long ago.

While some accuse Christians of believing a fairy tale because they claim that God created the universe, these same people claim that the universe created itself. Really? So which takes more faith? The belief that God created the world or that "nothing" created the world. While both theories have a blind spot at the beginning, it really doesn't take a rocket scientist to see which theory is more reasonable. If you were walking in the woods and you saw a house framed, you would not assume that nature somehow formed the wood into long straight

boards which were then blown by the wind to land perfectly into the shape of a house. No, common sense tells us that houses don't build themselves. Rather, the Bible says, "every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God" (Heb. 3:4). And yet the big bang claims that the world, which is infinitely more complex than a house, exploded into existence by itself from "nothing." Poof! Like magic. It claims that natural laws just came into existence and yet these laws are so perfectly unchanging that we can predict the second a penny will fall from five miles up and the hour the sun will rise in one thousand years.

You see, if someone picked the winning lottery number once, you would say it was luck. If they picked it three times, you might say it was amazing luck. However, if they picked it one hundred times in a row, you would know that the odds were too high and that the lottery was fixed. And yet the odds of this world happening by chance are infinitely greater than a person picking the winning lottery number one hundred times in a row. Because they know the odds are too great, many scientists continue to add time and space to their flawed theories to even out the odds, claiming that "given enough time and space, anything is possible." Some have even invented a parallel universe theory to help the odds of our world's existence, and yet all these theories simply prove that even popular science admits that the world is too unique to have just happened by chance.

Logic and common sense tell us that this world is not an accident. While countless highly intelligent Christian all across the world reject these popular theories, many young people blindly follow the voice of their professors on faith because "they sound like they know what they are talking about," and yet I would suggest that the real reason so many people continue chasing after these popular theories is because they appeal to the carnal heart.

While many evolutionists claim that religion was invented because it was so appealing, the truth is, Christianity has never been appealing to the carnal heart. If it is so appealing then why has it had to scratch and claw its way to the present day, struggling to survive among endless resistance and persecution? If it's so appealing, why aren't all the young people flocking towards it instead of running from it. Those who are honest with themselves will

admit that the Christian religion is not naturally appealing to the human heart. The fact is, many accept the popular scientific theories over creation because Christianity calls us to a standard of accountability that most simply don't want to accept, so when we hear scientists present their theories in eloquent terms, many young people are more than ready to throw away their faith to chase after them. Most would rather believe in evolution because it allows them to cling to their sins. Jesus affirmed this when He said, "men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19).

Everyone know that the natural heart would rather choose the pleasures of sin if given the choice. It goes against our nature to resist sin, so we cling to popular scientific theories, even though they are irrational. Those who are honest with themselves will admit that they do not prefer these scientific theories because they are more logical, but simply provide an escape from God. While God is calling us to turn from sin, these theories allow people freedom to live however they want, yet in spite of their intrigue, they offer no real hope. While these theories offer pleasure without accountability, God is offering peace. God promises "to give you a future and a hope" (Jer. 29:11). Perhaps you have been the prodigal son, running from God in order to chase after the pleasures of this world and yet void of peace. Isn't it time you be honest with your soul and admit to God that you were wrong? Please, won't you give God another chance? Isn't it time to come home?

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