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CREATION VS EVOLUTION

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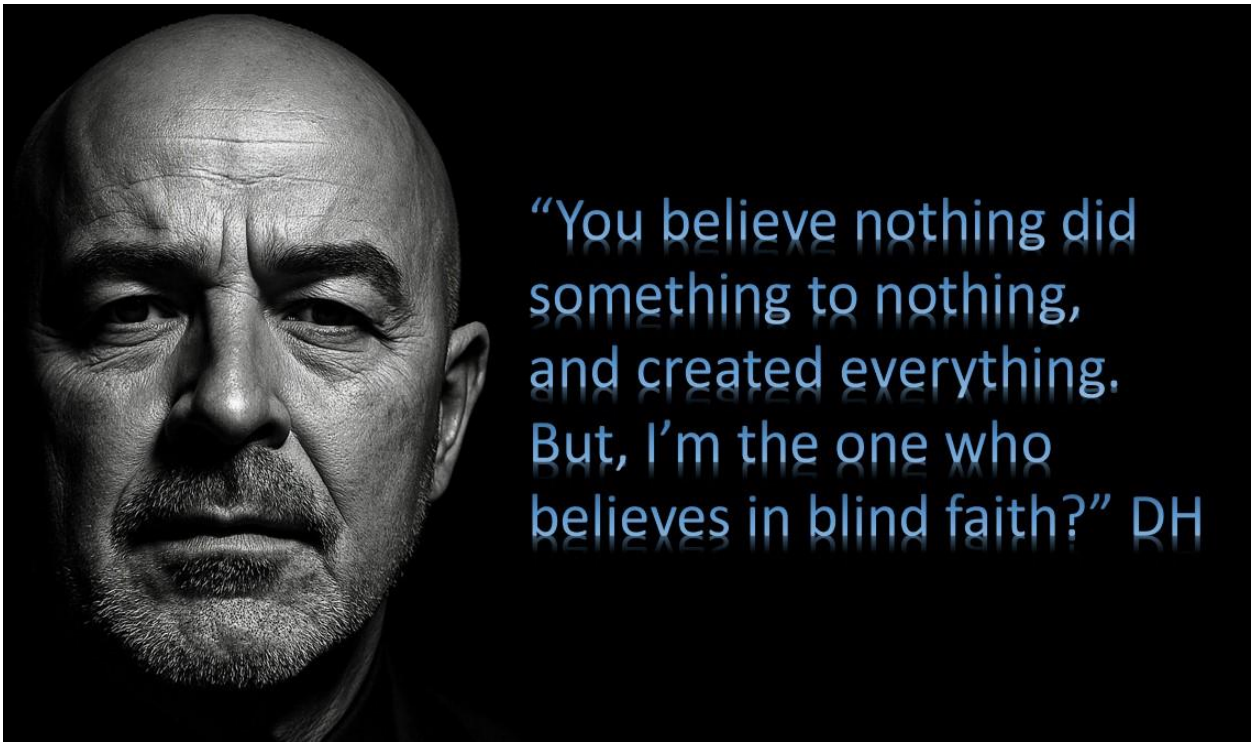


"The Problem with the world is that intelligent people are full of doubt, while stupid people are full of confidence." **Anon.** *"They are typically louder as well."* **DH**

"Yesterday I was clever so I wanted to change the World, today I am wise, so I am changing myself." **Anon.** *"Better yet, I'm asking God to change me."* **DH**

"Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its entire life believing that it is stupid." **Anon.** *"Only if the fish listens."* **DH**

"The measure of intelligence is the ability to change." **Einstein.** *"For the better."* **DH**

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." **Aristotle.** *"Depends on the idea."* **DH**

"God does not play dice." **Einstein.** *"How do you know?"* **DH**

The Four Postulates of Evolution:

1. **LIFE COMES FROM NON-LIFE.**
   There is not one single example in existence that life comes from non-life.

2. **ALL LIFE FORMS THAT WE HAVE TODAY CAME FROM SINGLE CELL LIFE FORMS.**
   We have many single cell life forms, and many complex life forms. However, we have not one single example of a two cell life form, not one single example of a three cell life form, not one single example of a three cell life form, not one single example of a five cell life form. Zero.

3. **TIME AND CHANCE WORKS TO MOVE EVOLUTION FORWARD.**
   Time works against the theory of evolution according to the second law of thermodynamics.

4. **MINOR GENETIC VARIATION IS EVIDENCE OF MACRO EVOLUTION.**
   Gregor Johann Mendel proved in his research on the genetic mechanism of trait inheritance that it is impossible to arrive at new species. You can get bigger chickens, and different colored cats, yes. But you cannot get fish from cows, or blood from a rock.

The Four Postulates of Creationism:

1. **WHEREVER WE SEE DESIGN, WE FIND A DESIGNER.**
   The Genetic code that developed life is the product of a designer.

2. **THAT THE STARS, GALAXIES AND LIFE ARE YOUNG, AS THE BIBLE CLEARLY DESCRIBES.**
   a. **The oldest living things on Earth are trees. The oldest trees are 4500 years old. The global flood of Noah was 4500 years ago.**
   b. **When a supernova explodes it leaves in its wake a gas cloud scientists call a Nebula. This occurs once every 26 years or very close to that number. With the Hubble and James Webb Telescopes we can see them easily and count them. There are some 10,000 years' worth of Nebula in our Universe.**

3. **THE LIFE WE SEE TODAY HAS REMAINED TRUE TO THAT WHICH EXISTED AT THE POINT Of CREATION.**
   We can breed cats and dogs, but not cats with dogs. Genetic viability does not cross genetic boundaries.

4. **THE GLOBAL FLOOD.**
   We know this for several reasons, but foremost among them is the existence of sea life on every major mountain top on the planet. This is clear evidence for a global flood as described in scripture.

The Defense of, and Common Beliefs regarding Creation

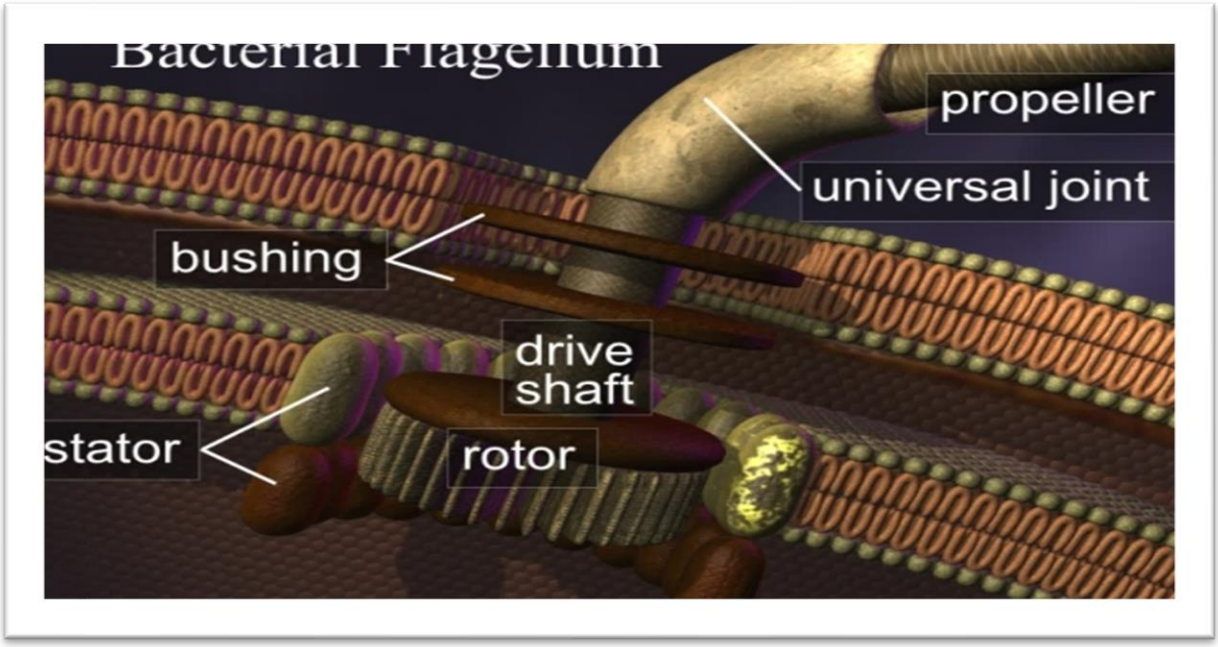
There are floating around in the public discourse several view points on the topic of Creation. The main dialogues are "gap theory creationism", "young earth creationism," "flat earth creationism", "Darwinian evolution" and several others. They all have flaws and incomplete thesis behind them. Flat Earth and evolution in my opinion are the worst. In fact flat Earth is absurd to my thinking. The reason I feel this way is that so many people, many of them Christians, were involved in the Apollo missions that showed a globe shaped Earth without anyone stating it was staged or false. Evolution must be rejected by evangelicals as it dismisses the Biblical narrative on Creation. Here are the best defenses against Darwinian Evolution.

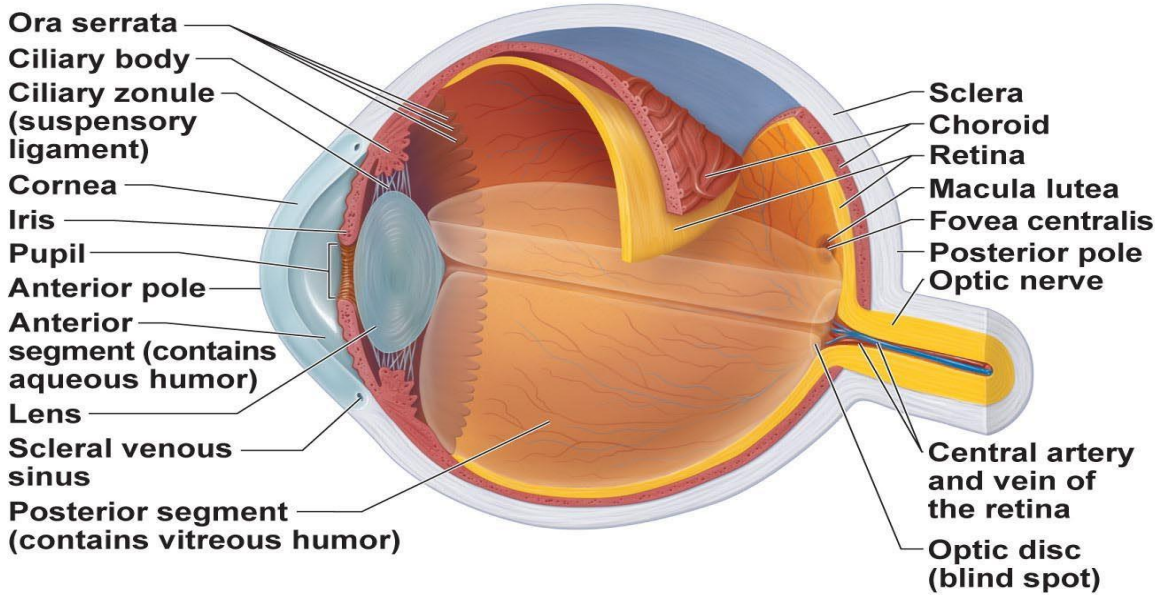
#1. Lack of precursor to the Cambrian explosion. Also called "Darwin's Doubt."

If the Cambrian era contain the earliest fossil records on earth according to Darwin, how are the fossils so advanced? How are there no precursors? They all appear at the same moment. Darwin said if no precursor is found within a reasonable time frame, evolution should be scrapped or reworked. That was over 160 years ago with no precursors found.

#2. Irreducible Complexity. (Benjamin Behe)

If two or more distinct components of any functional object are assembled together they must have been constructed separately and assembled. The bacterial flagellum is the usual example of this in nature with seven separate and distinct parts, and twenty distinct proteins. It spins at 100,000 RPM and can change direction in ¼ turn. It is the most efficient machine on Earth. We still cannot make a machine to match its capabilities.





(a) Diagrammatic view. The vitreous humor is illustrated only in the bottom part of the eyeball.

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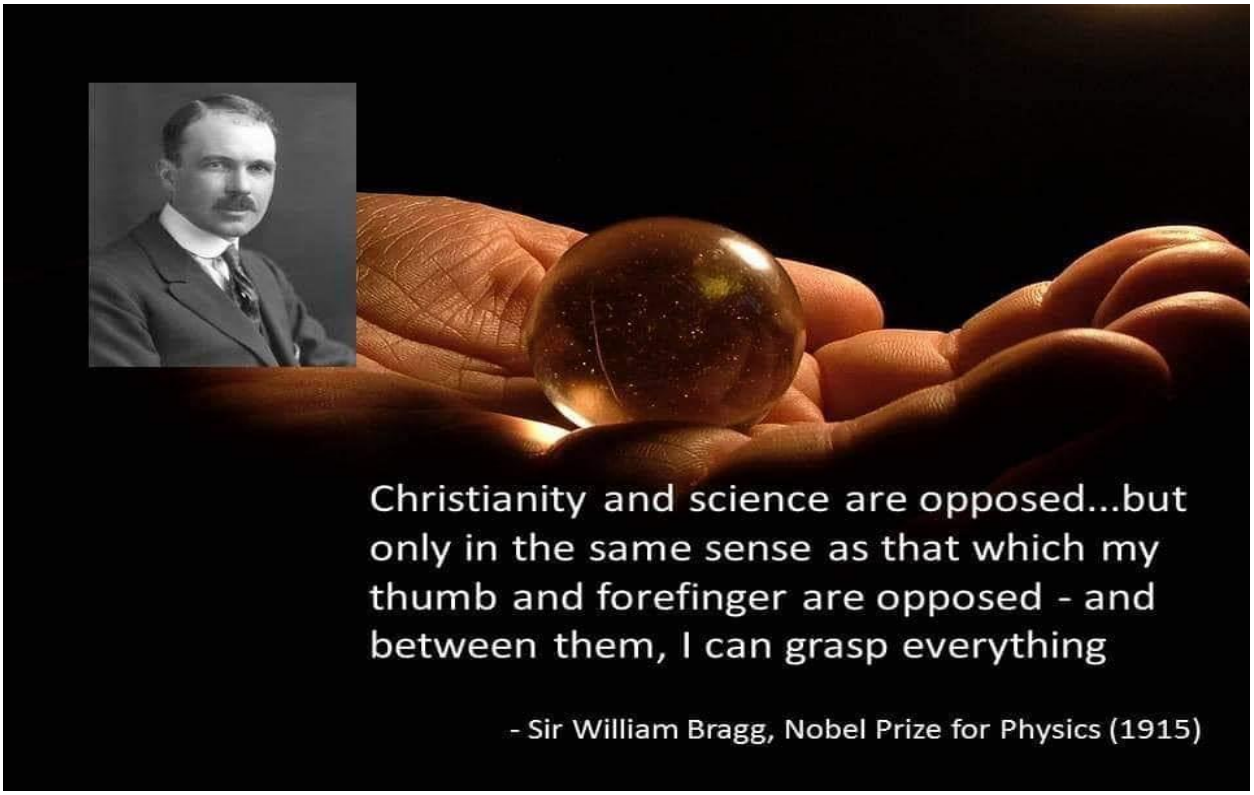
#3. Lack of empirical, observable proof.

This is why when evolution is taught in school, it is called a theory not a law. If you take a group of 100 pairs of fruit flies and map the genome of the entire group. Isolate them and allow them to flourish. Supply all they require to thrive with no new interaction with other beings. Then wait for 20 years. Then map the flies again, you have zero traces of new information in the genome. With a 3 day life span, that is the equivalent to 100,000 years of human existence. All with zero new information in the genome.



#4. The obvious intelligence in design.

We live here in Phoenix in a valley. Surrounded by mountains, glorious monuments to our creator. But if you go to Mount Rushmore, we see a distinct difference. No scientist would suppose from appearance alone that the faces on display happened naturally. It was designed and carved out. Yet we are supposed to believe that we as human beings just happened? And we are alive, self-aware, and self-replicating. Ridiculous.

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***The evolutionist believes that before any matter or life existed, nothing did something to nothing, to make everything. This proposition is absurd.* DH**

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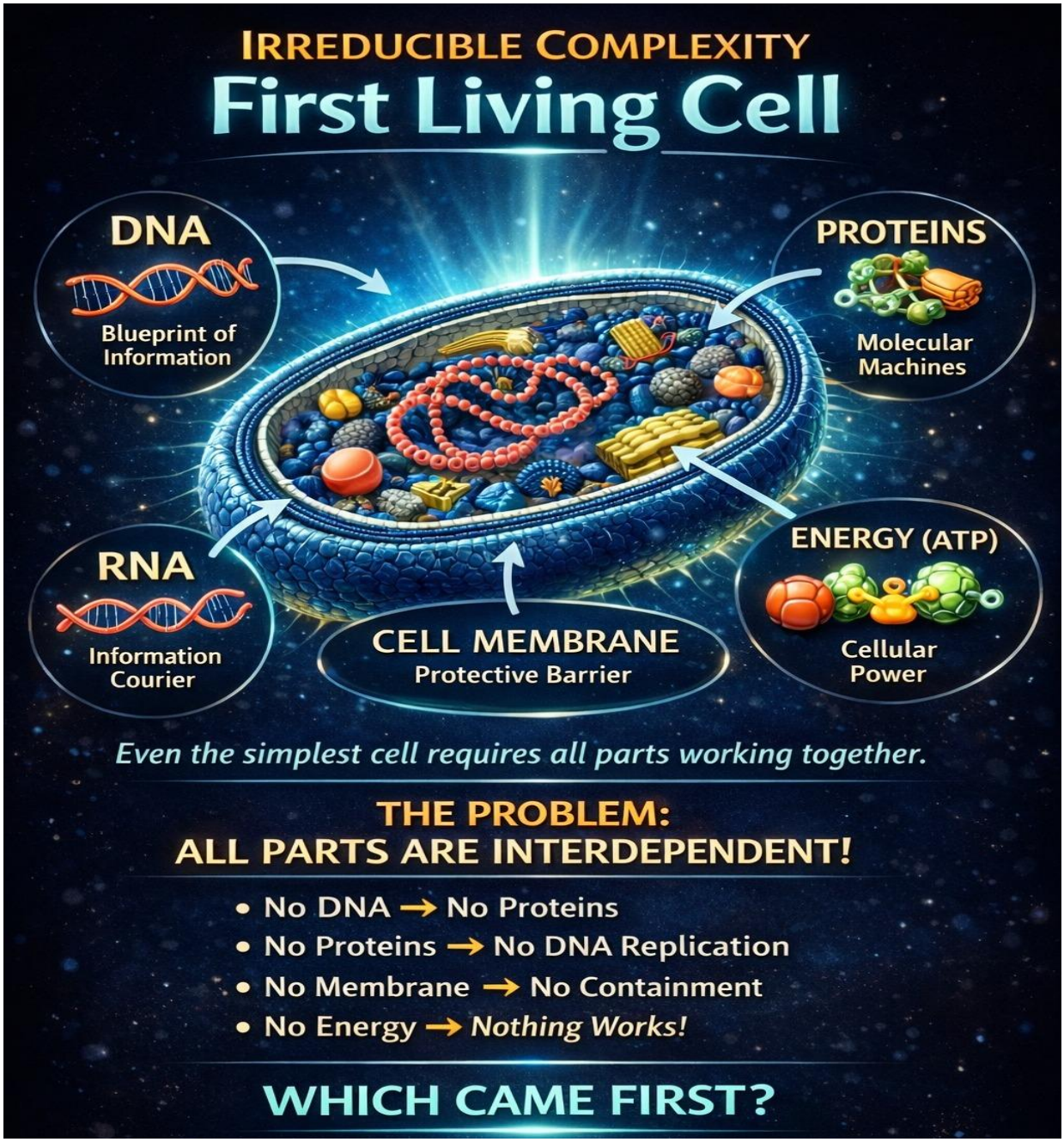

ORIGINS OF LIFE
THE FIRST CELL:
TOO COMPLEX TO BE RANDOM?
Key problems with the idea that life began by chance.
1. INFORMATION PROBLEM
Life requires complex genetic information that random processes cannot produce.
2. CHEMICAL COMPLEXITY
Proteins and enzymes need specific building blocks and conditions—too many to form by chance.
3. STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS
A self-replicating cell needs many interdependent parts working together at the same time.
4. FUNCTIONAL INTEGRATION
Every component must work in harmony. Missing even one, and the cell cannot survive.
5. PROBABILITY REALITY
The odds of all parts coming together by chance are beyond the limits of time and space.
LIFE BEGINS NOT BY ACCIDENT,
BUT BY INTELLIGENT DESIGN.

Next we have the "Young Earth" and "Gap Theory" positions on the creation account in Genesis.

I am thoroughly convinced that this is NOT a matter of Salvation. You can believe anything you want to on the subject, or not care for any of the positions on this subject at all. I do not get contentious on this subject and I don't begrudge anyone their opinion on the subject.

I do however debate for literal 24 hour days, I debate against evolution, and I debate for gap theory. But this is not, in my opinion, an eternal matter. We won't beat these two points to death in this bible study, but I do want to cover them so students may search out the truth if they like, or ignore the subject altogether.

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Young earth theory believes that the earth is somewhere around 6,000 years old. And that the 1st day mentioned in verse 5 starts in verse 1, with literal 24 hour days. They believe that the dinosaurs were co-existing with mankind, along with all the rest of the fossil record, and were taken on the Ark by Noah, or became extinct after the fact.

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Gap theory believes the 1st day of creation starts in verse 3 also with literal 24 hour days. Gap theory believes that there could have been billions of years between verses 1 and 2. And this current population of flora and fauna is not the 1st to populate this planet. The support for this position comes from the word "replenish" in verse 28. Not plenish, but replenish. God uses the same word, replenish, after the flood. He tells Noah to replenish the world after the world perished. Not "fill" but "re-fill." This view point for many seems to answer modern scientific and archeological discoveries. It is held by proponents of this view that the world was filled with plants and biological life including dinosaurs and possibly spun on an axis straight up and down instead of its current tilt. This view also explains palm tree fossils etc. at the poles, as a straight up/down axis would find the world much more temperate and evenly warmed.

Believe what you like, but keep in mind the beginning of the definition of love in 1 Corinthians 13 is that "Love is patient and kind."

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***"When you debate each other on any subject, always agree to love each other more than you disagree."* DH**

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Scientific Evidence that the Universe had a Beginning.

The Kalam Cosmological Argument. This is the law of Causality.

"Whatever begins to exist has a cause. The universe began to exist. Therefore, the universe has a cause."

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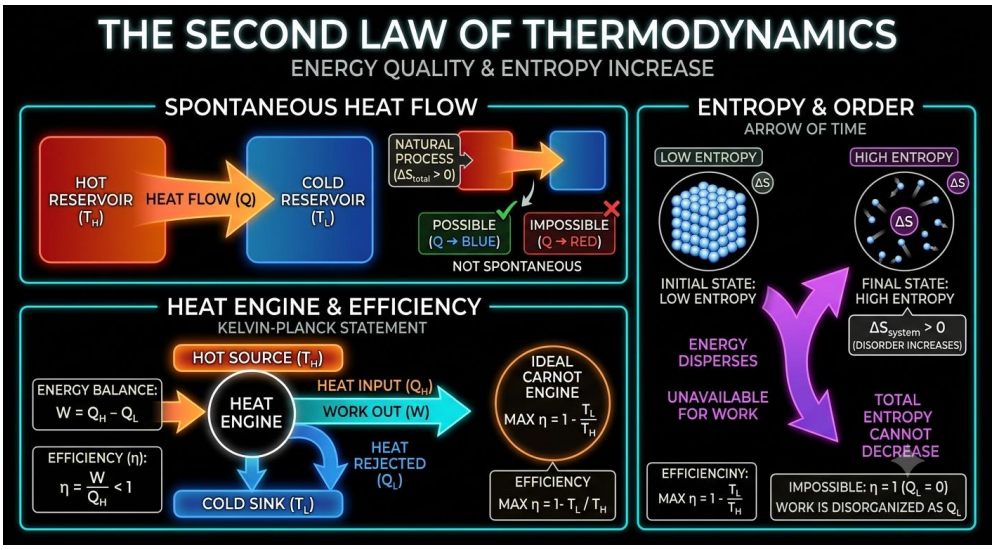
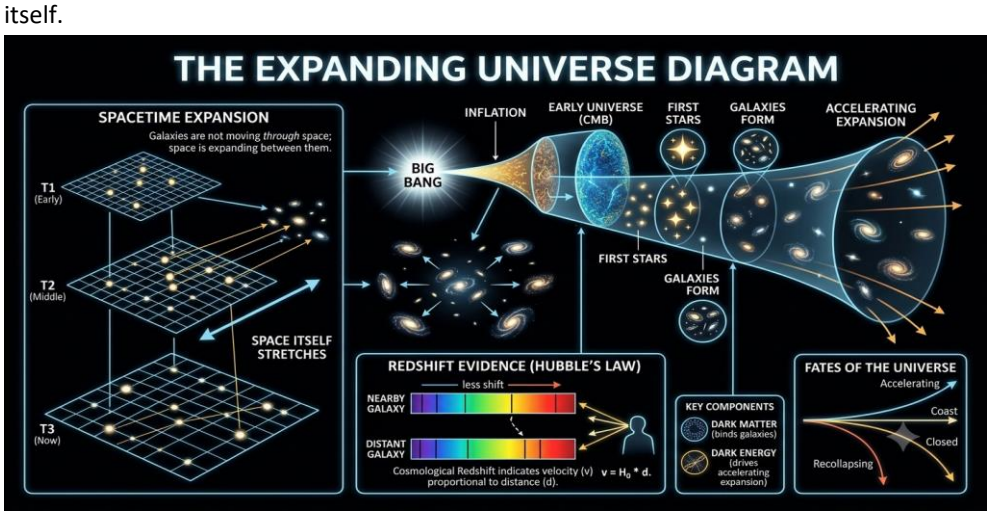
Second Law of Thermodynamics:

Because all energy is dissipating, as the 2nd law of thermodynamics proves, the universe must have had a beginning. We know this to be true because the universe still has a great deal of energy left. If the universe was eternal, the universe would have run out of energy a long time ago.



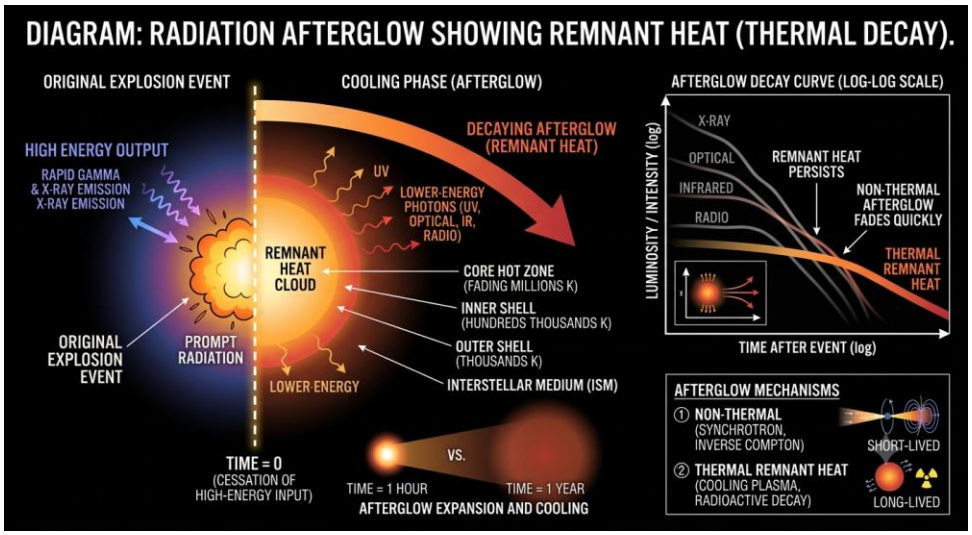
Universe is Expanding:

Hubble proved the universe is expanding in 1929 by showing a "red shift" in light from the farthest galaxies. This red shift shows that the farthest galaxies are moving further away from us. This displays that if so, in reverse the universe was smaller, ultimately starting in a singularity. Not only is it expanding, but atheist astrophysicist Steven Hawking said that the rate of expansion is so fine-tuned that if that rate were altered more than 1 part in $10^{40,}$ stars would not exist and neither would we. The universe would collapse on itself.



Radiation Afterglow:

Scientists asked the question, *"if the universe did explode into existence, there must be remnant heat from that explosion still in existence."* Two scientists named Pensius and Wilson working at Bell Labs in New Jersey discovered this remnant heat by accident in 1965, and received the Nobel Prize in 1978 for their trouble. The following measurements taken in later experiments were so moving to the scientists involved they stated that "if you're religious it was like looking at God." Famous atheist scientist Steven Hawking said it was "perhaps the greatest scientific discovery of all time."

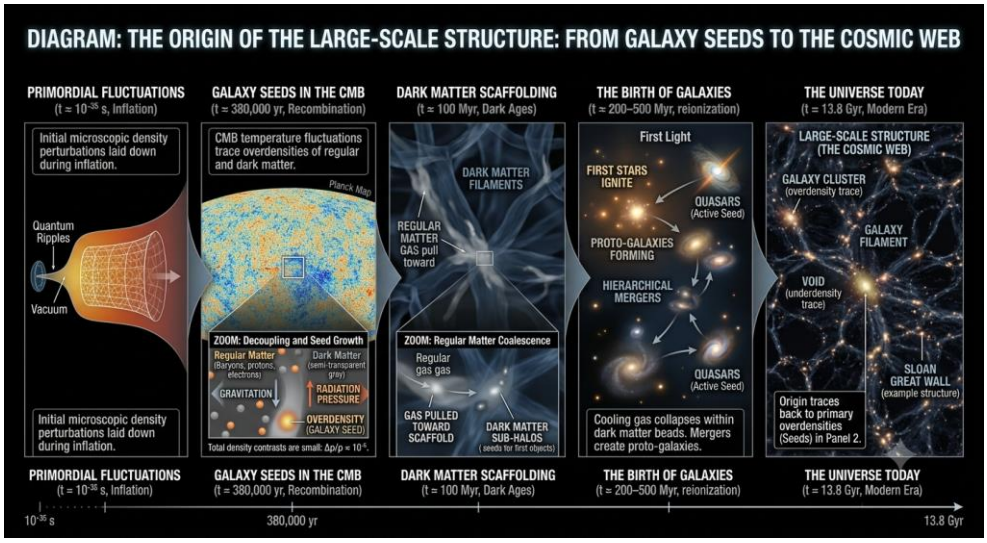


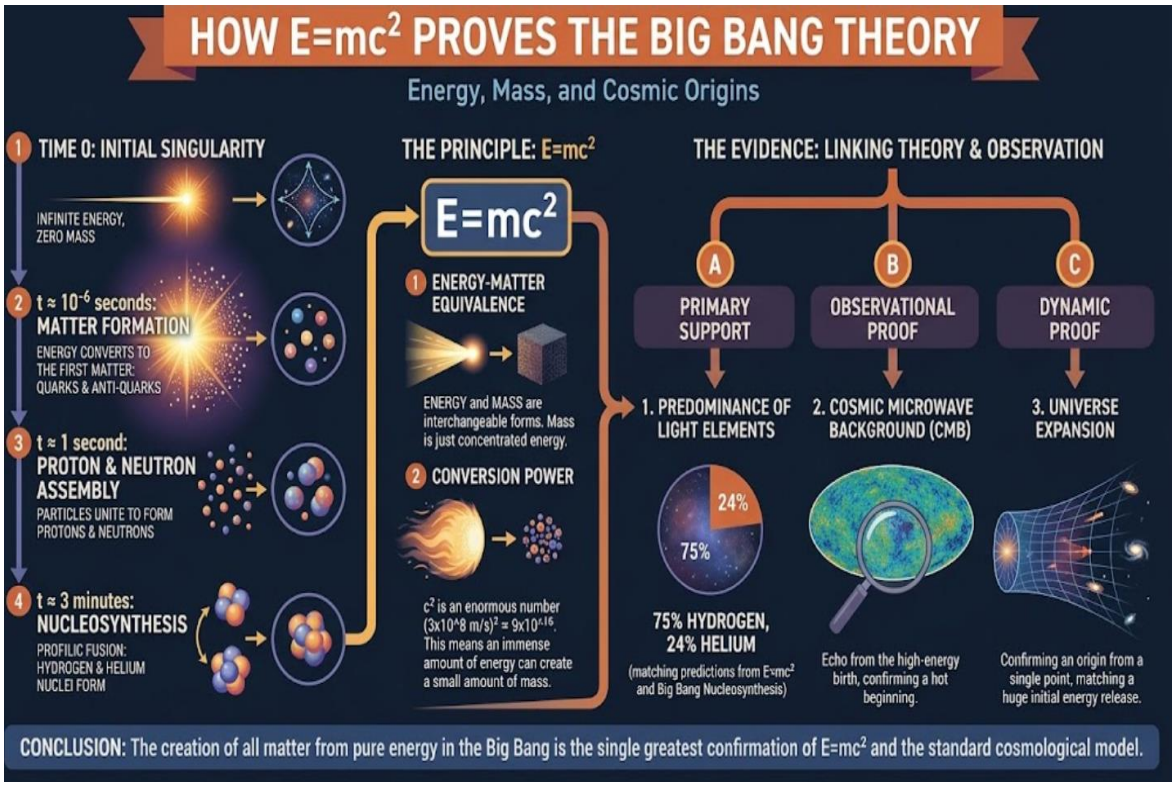
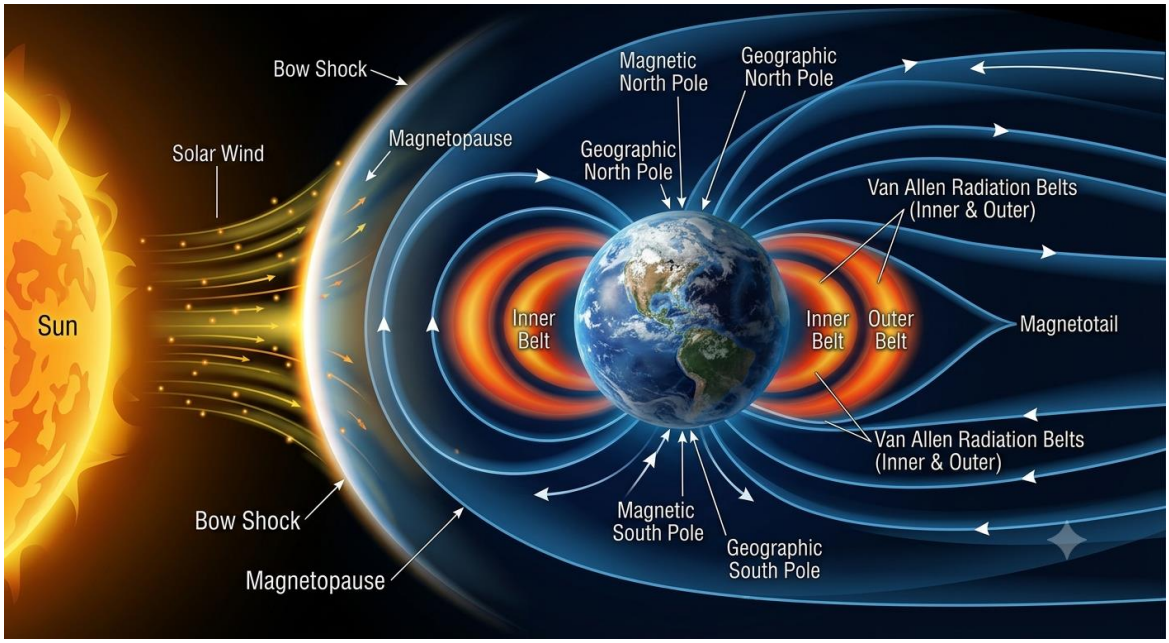
Great Galaxy Seeds:

Space observations are actually observations of the past because of the long time it takes light from distant objects to reach us. COBE's pictures are actually pictures of the past. The infrared pictures taken by COBE **point to the existence of matter from the very early universe that would ultimately form into galaxies and clusters of galaxies**.

Smoot called this matter **"seeds" of the galaxies**.

These "seeds" are the largest structures ever detected, with the biggest extending across one-third of the known universe. That is 10,000,000,000 light years or 60 billion trillion miles (60 followed by 21 zeros) If there are no seeds, then no stars, and no us.



Einstein's Theory of General Relativity:

Time, space and matter had to have come into being at the same time. You can't have one without the others. Therefore they could not have evolved. Before time, space and matter existed there was nothing. Therefore the conclusion must be, whatever or whoever caused the big bang exists outside of, and is unaffected by, time, space or matter. In a word, **God**.