

THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF ALL THINGS

Does it seem incredible that there could be a God able to create such a vast and complex universe as we see in nature and in living creatures? It is just as incredible that there is such a universe -- but here it is! Facts are stubborn things! How can we account for them?

-- Does the "Big Bang" theory -- or similar theories -- explain the origin of the universe? No, it merely puts the question farther back in time. There still remains the problem of where the mass/energy involved in the "big bang" came from in the first place.

-- Does the introduction of vast periods of time solve the problem? No, for no matter how many millions (or billions) of years are in view the problem remains: "What existed before the time (however long) began?"

Time is not a creator. As a matter of fact time, in itself, is a destroyer. We do not value our car because time has made it more beautiful or efficient. Things do not wear up as time goes by -- they wear out. Clocks do not run up -- they run down.. It is only when intelligence is applied and energy expended that time becomes a framework for improvement. So also only when intelligence was applied and energy expended could there have been a beginning.

-- Do these things exist only in our mind (as some philosophers suggest)? Then we have an even greater problem. Where did such a mind come from, a mind capable of creating such fantastic and realistic illusions?

-- Something had to have existed without a beginning (even though our minds are quite incapable of conceiving of this). Otherwise the beginning would, of necessity, be a matter of nothing creating something (eventually everything).

-- Was matter/energy the eternal entity? If so, inanimate matter/energy created animate and intelligent beings -- life sprang from non-life, intelligence was created by non-intelligence. If this principle is valid, man should have been created by the computer!

-- Only if intelligence is the eternal entity do we have the adequate, and only valid, explanation for the existence of design and purpose in the universe.

-- If intelligence is the ultimate source of the universe, and all it contains, then personality was created by this intelligence also. Unless the intelligence has personality, it has created that which surpasses itself. Since, then, the intelligence must, itself, have personality the ultimate source of all things is an intelligent person. That person, by definition, is God, whether we are willing to call Him that or not.

**** Therefore God is the ultimate source of the universe and He, alone, is eternal in the absolute sense.**