

# The Bible and Science vs. the Big Bang

*“Big Bang cosmology...rests on many untested, and in some cases, untestable, assumptions. Indeed, Big Bang cosmology has become a bandwagon of thought that reflects faith as much as objective truth.” - Astronomer Geoffrey Burbridge, Scientific American, Feb. 1992.*

According to the *National Geographic* website, the so-called big bang theory is the most popular explanation of the universe’s origin.

“Big bang proponents suggest that some 10 billion to 20 billion years ago, a massive blast allowed all the universe’s known matter and energy—even space and time themselves—to spring from some ancient and unknown type of energy.

The theory maintains that, in the instant—a trillion-trillionth of a second—after the big bang, the universe expanded with incomprehensible speed from its pebble-size origin to astronomical scope. Expansion has apparently continued, but much more slowly, over the ensuing billions of years.

The big bang theory leaves several major questions unanswered. One is the original cause of the big bang itself. Several answers have been proposed to address this fundamental question, but none has been proven—and even adequately testing them has proven to be a formidable challenge.”

It is certainly true that major questions about this unsubstantiated and un-provable theory are unanswered, including, “What is the origin of the matter that was involved in this supposed massive blast?” Another question is, “Using what we know about the laws of science, how is possible that something the size of a pebble could expand to the size of our universe?” Promulgating such a theory as the big bang on the inferred stipulation that matter is extant, without any explanation whatsoever as to the matter’s origin or any other characteristics, is highly misleading by its proponents and does great disservice to the word “science.”

Contrarily, the Bible not only explains the origin of matter used to construct the universe, it provides a highly logical explanation for its creation that is consistent with what is seen in nature today.

Following is a simple, easily understood, and rational argument for the origin of the universe:

1. Something does not come from nothing
2. The universe (i.e., something) exists

3. The universe is either
  - comprised of eternal matter or
  - the product of an eternal creator (i.e., one who is unconstrained by the laws of nature)

4. The universe cannot be comprised of eternal matter, because the laws of nature (i.e., the Second Law of Thermodynamics) demonstrate that matter is constantly wearing out

- The Bible is in full accord with this law as stated in Hebrews 1:10-11, “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment.”

5. *Therefore, the universe is the product of an eternal creator*

- The Bible stipulates that the Creator, God, is eternal, omnipotent, and omniscient, among numerous other characteristics. “Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable,” Isaiah

40:28. “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth,” Psalm 33:6.

Another related scientific law is that of cause and effect, which recognizes that for every *material* effect there must be an adequate cause that preceded it. In this context, someone may ask, “What is the origin of God?” It is important to realize that an eternal God cannot logically have an origin. Further, God is a spirit (John 4:24) and as such, the law of cause and effect which applies only to matter does not apply to Him. God controls the laws of nature; He is not controlled by them. (Source: “Convicted: A Scientist Examines the Evidence for Christianity,” Brad Harrub, Ph.D)

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