

BEFORE CREATION

We know what God is not, but we cannot know what He is.
-St. Augustine

From a scientific point of view, Genesis 1:1-2 tells of a preexistent universe prior to creation.

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. (Gen 1:1-2)

INTRODUCTION

Insistence that God created the universe out of nothing is based on Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth". It takes a lot of faith to place such a heavy burden on one sentence. To do that, this simple introductory sentence has to be accepted as a statement of profound fact and Genesis 1:2 has to be ignored-not to mention the entire body of scientifically accumulated knowledge.

Genesis 1:2 is packed with information. The description of a state of chaos before creation implies a previous universe. There is darkness, which requires space and an absence of light. In Hebrew "Spirit" means "air". "Deep" is a quality of space, and water is an element. To contain space, air and water, there would have to have been a preexistence universe.

One of those long running defenses is that science cannot disprove the existence of God. Not so! What science shows is that almost everything the Bible tells us about the natural universe is wrong. Science tells us that the accounts of the biblical god run parallel to the pagan mythologies of the time it was written. Science tells us that the sum of errors and pagan parallels mean that the Bible was written by superstitious men who believed what was in their minds came from God. And finally, science tells us that the Bible is founded in a belief in astrology. Just the first two verses in Genesis alone undercut the entire Bible and the idea of a God created universe.

Why is it so important to the religious establishment for there to be a creator god? It is like that "which came first, the chick or the egg" quandary. If authority came first, then social order owes its cohesion to the authority of the Church. If social order evolved from chaos, it is self governing. This belief in the existence of God is not for lack of credible scientific proof, it's a psychological issue.

SCIENTIFIC VIEW

From the perspective of current knowledge, the first two verses tell us nothing about the cosmology of the universe except the beliefs of a culture that existed over 2,000 years ago. Theological explanations are worthless because questions about the origins of existence are unanswerable.

Gen. 1:1--the beginning began when God created the heavens and the earth.

[1-5] In the beginning [6] God created the heavens and the earth. (Gen 1:1)

1. For there to be a beginning, there has to be an end of something else. "Beginning" is a relative term; it is meaningless by itself. Dark is dark, relative to light. Yes is yes, relative to no. "On" has no meaning without "off". You can begin with nothing, but you need a time and a place to begin; that time and place is the end of something else. You can rationalize God always existed, but that explanation is inferior to saying the universe always existed. The idea that a being existed before existence, leads to the conclusion that such a being didn't exist. Mathematically: $1 \times 0 = 0$. Existence cannot exist in nonexistence. Theologians have no respect for language.

2. What about supernatural existence? "Supernatural" does not mean superior to natural; it means not natural. By definition, whatever is not natural does not exist; only nothing can exist in nothing. A supernatural being can only exist mentally; you see it in your mind's eye, but it is not really there. Words can be strung together to say anything, but if they don't have a physical reference, they have no connection to reality. They mean only what the believer wants them to mean. This is what especially defines faith.

3. The universe can be equated to a system with no comprehensible boundaries and filled with an infinite supply of energy. Without energy, there can be no universe, and thus, no existence. By arguing that god created the universe before physical existence, we are back to the same false conclusion that energy can come from nothing.
4. Space is another form of existence. If there was ever a time of preexistence, then this being did not occupy space. If it did not occupy space, it did not exist. Even time cannot exist in nonexistence. As of yet, there is no rational explanation for existence. At best, the Bible tells us what is not known.
5. The Bible has plenty of word confusions. In the passage below, if God dwells in heaven, then where did he dwell before he created heaven? The passage implies he needs a physical dwelling place.

³⁰And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant and of thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive. (1 Kings 8:30)

6. The word "God" is not singular in the original Hebrew version. It translates to Elohim, a plural term which reveals the polytheistic beliefs of the Hebrews. Elohim dominates the Old Testament; it is used 2346 times for God with a capital "G". By comparison, the single form for God is Yahweh; it is used 305 times. Verse 1 should read, "the gods created the heavens and the earth".

²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Your fathers lived of old beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. (Joshua 24:2)

Gen. 1:2- before the beginning there was just a watery chaos and God's spirit.

[1] The earth was without form and void, and [2] darkness was upon the [3] face of the deep; and the [4] Spirit of God was moving over the face of the [5] waters. (Gen 1:2)

1. An "earth without form and void" is bible speak for saying earth did not exist in the beginning. "Without form" in Hebrew is *tohu*, meaning, empty, worthless, nothing, confusion. "Void" comes from *bohu*, meaning empty or void. So far, it is in agreement with science.
 2. "Darkness" needs open space to exist.
 3. "Face of the deep", could be chunks of frozen ice. In the cold of outer space, water can be found as frozen ice particles. Comets are a good example.
 4. "Spirit" translates from Hebrew, to *rauch*, which also means wind or breath. The "Spirit of God" is nothing but wind or air moving across the face of the waters. The gases that comprise air come to us from the process of atomic fusion-stars.
 5. "Waters", suggest a long time of existence. Water comes from the gases Hydrogen and Oxygen. To get water, it has to go through a process of atomic fusion and subsequent cooling. This can only happen after stars form and cool off. To have water, you need the right amount of heat to keep it between freezing and boiling. Heat comes from stars. If there are stars, then the universe exists at the time of creation. This is obviously nonsensical.
 6. Though the presence of water implies a currently existing universe, some theologians took it to mean a previously existing universe. This causes a theological problem, because it would mean that there was death in a prior universe before the Original Sin of Adam and Eve-it's formally called the Gap Theory or the ruin-reconstruction version of the Gap Theory.
- Looking for a semantic loophole, the solution was to rationalize verse 2 as part of the first day of creation. Rather than admit a conflict, they adjusted their interpretation to fit their preconception.
7. The Big-Bang theory does not reconcile the doctrine of a creation from nothing. It starts with all the energy of the universe compressed into one mass.

Second, the Big-Bang theory suggests there may have been a previous universe. This runs into conflict with the doctrine of Original Sin as discussed in paragraph six above.

Third, the Big-Bang theory is only a theory loaded with lots of assumptions and no proofs. It attracts the creationist movement because they think they can palm off the idea of a beginning as supported by scientific credibility.

8. Contradiction: Despite the materials mentioned in verse two, two passages in the New Testament say there were no materials.

¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. (Rom. 4:17)

³By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear. (Heb. 11:3)

12. The Darwinian theory of the evolution draws negative attention because it discredits creation as a possible cause of existence. If there was no creation, there is no creator.

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