Cosmic Beginnings and the Problem of Time

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Who Discovered the Big Bang?

- A. Penzias & R. Wilson
- George Gamow
- Albert Einstein
- Al Gore

Big Bang Foundations

- 1. singularity beginning
- 2. expanding universe
- 3. cooling cosmos

Cosmic Singularity Beginning

- Genesis 1:1
- Genesis 2:4
- Isaiah 40:26
- Isaiah 45:18
- Colossians 1:15-17

- Genesis 2:3
- Psalm 148:5
- Isaiah 42:5
- John 1:3
- Hebrews 11:3

Stretching the Heavens

- Job 9:8
- Isaiah 40:22
- Isaiah 44:24
- Isaiah 48:13
- Jeremiah 10:12
- Zechariah 12:1

- Psalm 104:2
- Isaiah 42:5
- Isaiah 45:12
- Isaiah 51:13
- Jeremiah 51:15

Cooling Cosmos

- fixed physical laws → constant thermodynamics (energy conserved, ongoing decay)
- continual cosmic expansion → continual cosmic cooling

Fixed Physical Laws

- Jeremiah 33:25
- Romans 8:18-23
- Genesis 1 & 3
- Genesis 2:5-6
- Ecclesiastes 1:3-15
- Revelation 21:1 22:5

Temporal Universe

- Job 14:12, Psalm 102:25-26
- Ecclesiastes 12:2
- Isaiah 34:4, 51:6, 65:17, 66:22
- Jeremiah 33:25
- Matthew 24:35
- Hebrews 1:10-12
- 2 Peter 3:7, 10-13

Biblical Cosmic Verbs:

perish, discarded, vanish, wear out, be no more, grow dark, dissolved, rolled up, fall like withered leaves, will not be remembered, pass away, disappear, destroyed, depart

The Anthropic Principle Inequality ...

■ 15 billion year minimum to prepare home for humanity

But, longevity of human civilization <41,000 years</p>

The building blocks problem ...

- •getting the right molecules
- •getting the right atoms
- •getting the right nucleons
- •getting the right electrons

The heavenly body problem...

- getting the right galaxy
- •getting the right star
- •getting the right Jupiter
- •getting the right Earth
- •getting the right Moon

The Cosmos is Designed for Life

- 1. gravitational force constant
- 2. strong nuclear force constant
- 3. weak nuclear force constant
- 4. electromagnetic force constant
- 5. electromagnetic to gravitational force ratio
- 6. number ratio of protons to electrons

- 7. ratio of electron to proton mass
- 8. expansion rate of the universe
- 9. entropy level of the universe
- 10. mass density of the universe
- 11. baryon density of the universe
- 12. space energy density of cosmos

- 13. age of the universe
- 14. velocity of light
- 15. initial uniformity of radiation
- 16. homogeneity of the universe
- 17. mean distance between galaxies
- 18. mean distance between stars

- 19. average size of galaxy clusters
- 20. spatial locations of galaxy clusters
- 21. fine structure constant
- 22. 12C to 16O energy level ratio
- 23. decay rate of ⁸Be
- 24. ground state energy level for ⁴He

- 25. decay rate of the proton
- 26. neutron to proton mass ratio
- 27. nucleon to anti-nucleon # ratios
- 28. polarity of the water molecule
- 29. epoch for hypernova eruptions
- 30. number & types of hypernovae

- 31. epoch for supernova eruptions
- 32. number & types of supernovae
- 33. epoch for white dwarf binaries
- 34. white dwarf binary distance & frequency
- 35. ratio of exotic to ordinary matter
- 36. number of dimensions in early cosmos

- 37. number of dimensions in cosmos now
- 38. mass of the neutrino
- 39. exotic mass particles decay rates
- 40. size of big bang ripples
- 41. size of relativistic dilation factor
- 42. uncertainty magnitude in quantum mechanics

Mine extinction factors

- small population level
- long generation time
- few progeny per adult
- high bio-complexity
- large organism size
- specialized food supply
- small habitat size
- low ecological diversity
- cultural advancement

The best possible time and place ...

- maximum cosmic window
- best possible observatory
- best possible home
- best possible physics
- most to be conscious of

Non-Theist Rebuttals

- The Christian God would not make so many useless stars and galaxies.
- We would not be here unless the universe had the attributes we observe.
- For an infinite number of universes an infinite variety of sets of attributes are possible.

The Fate of the Universe

- Isaiah 34:4
- Isaiah 65:17
- Isaiah 66:2
- Romans 8:21
- 2 Peter 3:7-13
- Revelation 6:14
- Revelation 21:1-5

pistis

... conviction of the truth of anything; obedience to established truth; acting upon what has been established to be true.

Purpose of Physical Laws

help turn us from sin:

■ more sin → more pain

■ more sin → more work