

Why are people leaving the churches
and rejecting Christianity in the West?

500 UK Churches closed, while 423 Mosques were built during the last 20 years.



Statistics from the *NatCen Social Research Institute* showed that between 2012 and 2014, the number of Britons identifying as Anglicans fell from 21 to 17 percent of the population, representing a decrease of 1.7 million people. Data from British Social Attitudes surveys also showed that those without a religion in England and Wales now outnumber Christians.

The Christian Post, April, 2017

Church apologises to Charles Darwin over theory of evolution. AAP

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THE Church of England will make an official apology to naturalist Charles Darwin for criticising his famous theory of evolution.

Coming 126 years after his death, the church's apology will focus on how wrong it was for senior bishops in the past to misunderstand and attack Darwin's theory about man being descended from apes.

Surveys showing the percentage of **youth** leaving the church

- 88% The southern Baptist Convention Family Life, Council study in 2002
- 61% Barna Research study, 2006
- 70% Lifeway Research Study in 2007 (Lifeway also found 35% eventually return)
- 90% Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, 2011 survey.

Pew Research: Why Young People Are Leaving Christianity

Here are some of the specific responses from young people who participated in the study in regards to why they have changed their beliefs in the Bible and church:

- “Learning about evolution when I went away to college.”
- “Rational thought makes religion go out the window.”
- “Lack of any sort of scientific or specific evidence of a creator.”
- “I just realized somewhere along the line that I didn’t really believe it.”
- “I’m doing a lot more learning, studying, and kind of making decisions myself rather than listening to someone else.”

Pew Research studied **why** people are leaving the church (2016)

Their results show lack of belief is the leading reason why people stop attending church. The other excuses (they disagree with church doctrine, hypocrisy) are still there, but lack of belief was number one.

The primary reason why people are losing their belief is science.

- The universe was created with a Big Bang
- The Earth is billions of years old (not 6,000).
- Humans evolved from pre-human ancestors (theory of evolution).

Research from the Barna Group last year revealed that “a vast majority of theologically conservative pastors believe the Bible speaks to societal issues, but fewer than 10 percent of these pastors are teaching people what the Bible says on these topics.” Young people are not getting solid, Bible-based answers to the skeptical questions of this day; and many are leaving the church and turning to atheism or some vague idea of “spirituality” as a result.

The book makes the following statements:

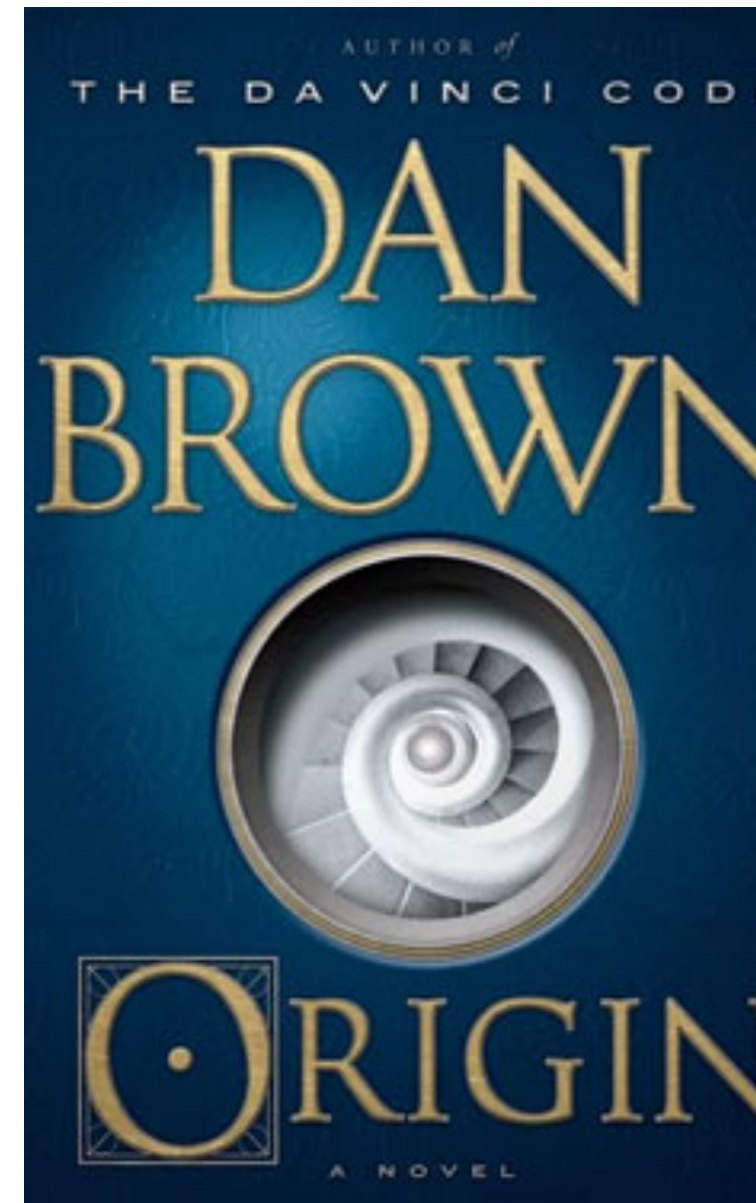
Life arose spontaneously from the laws of physics” (p. 402).

[evolution is proven by] “a clear timeline based on the fossil record” (p. 385).

The dawn of Homo sapiens ... occurs at 100,000 BC” (p. 406).

[Darwin] proved that life continuously evolved (p. 386)

We [humans] are not special. We exist with or without God (p. 400).



Why Evolution is Impossible; Part 1

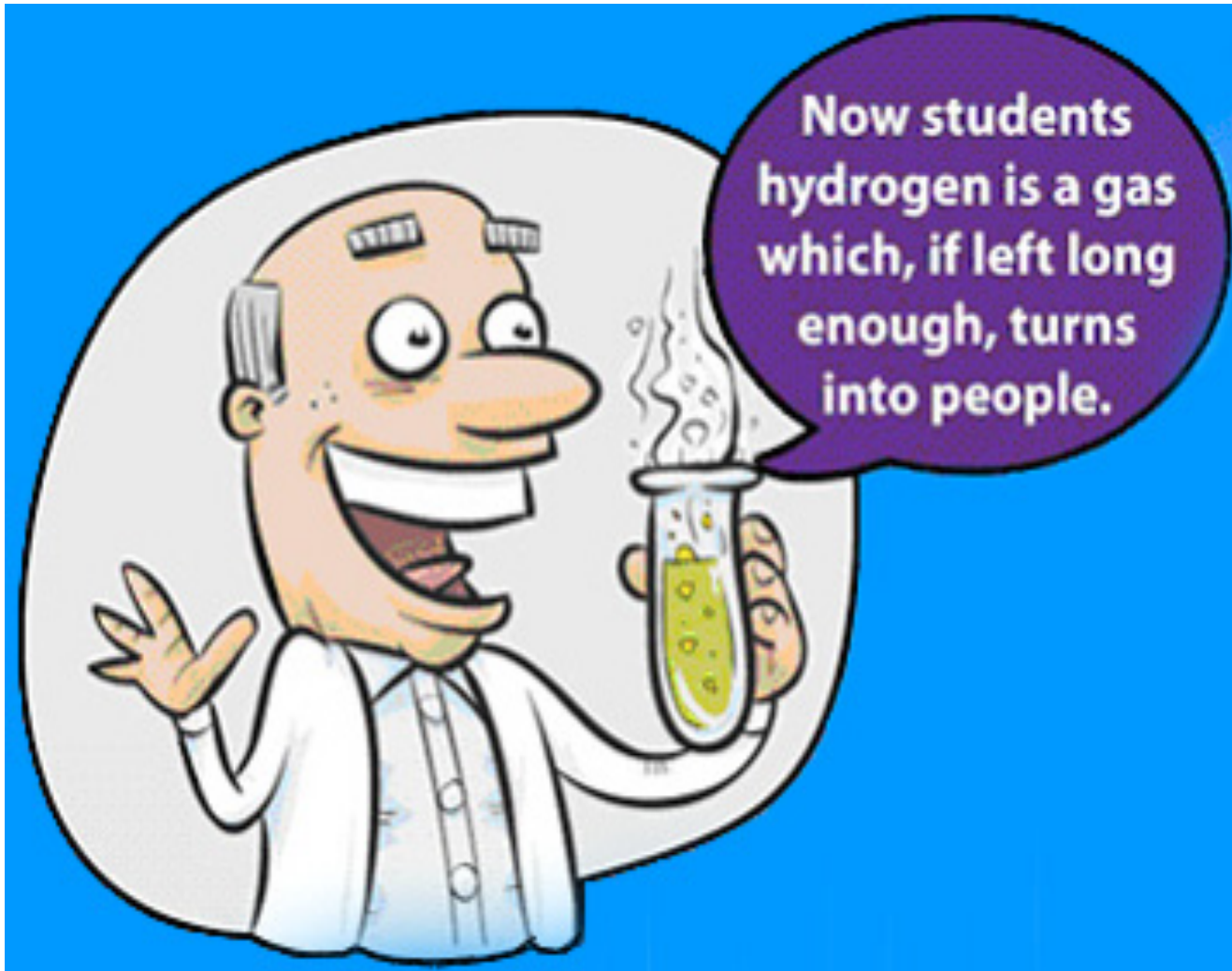
The creation of the cosmos and the creation of life

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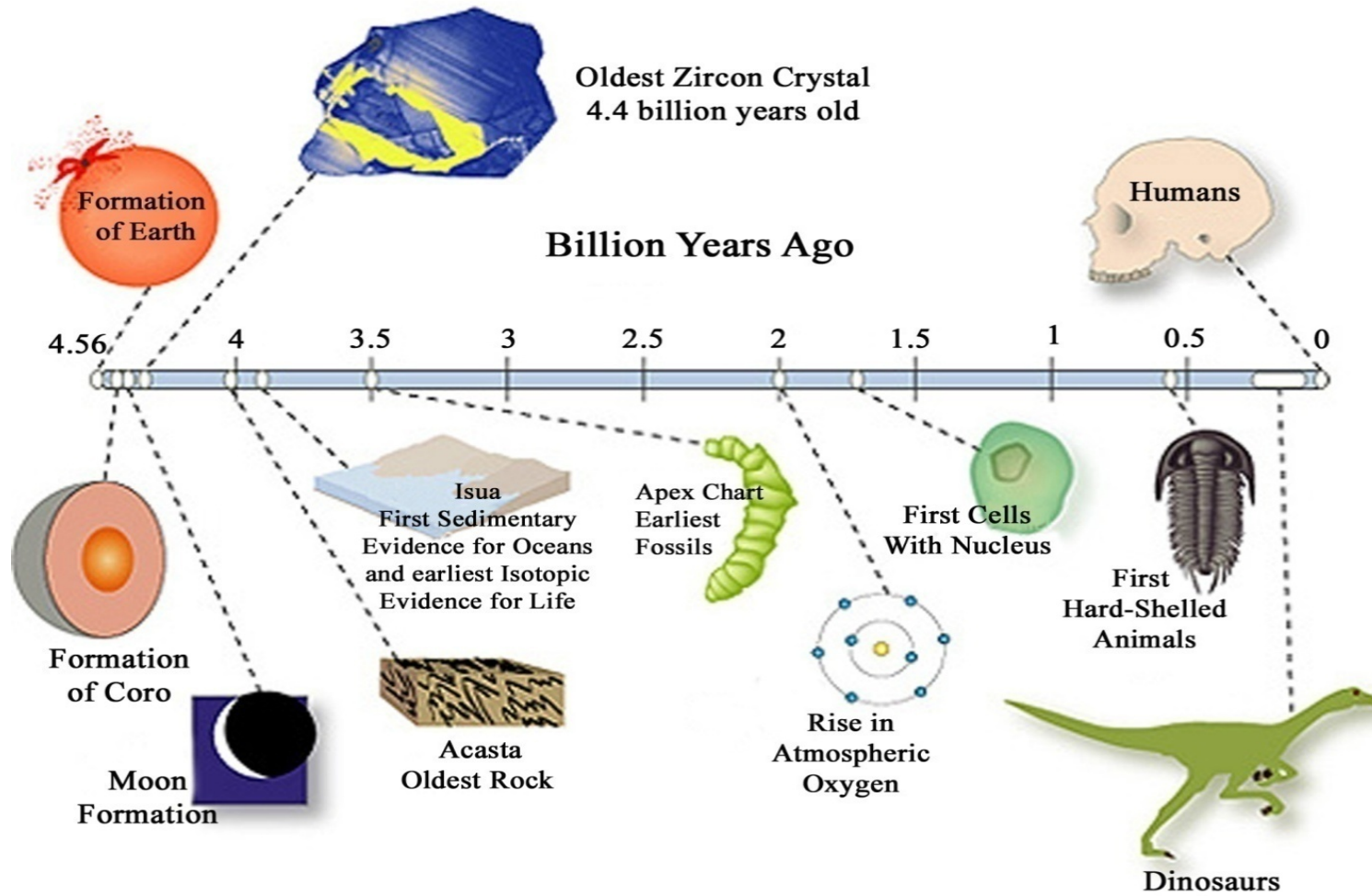
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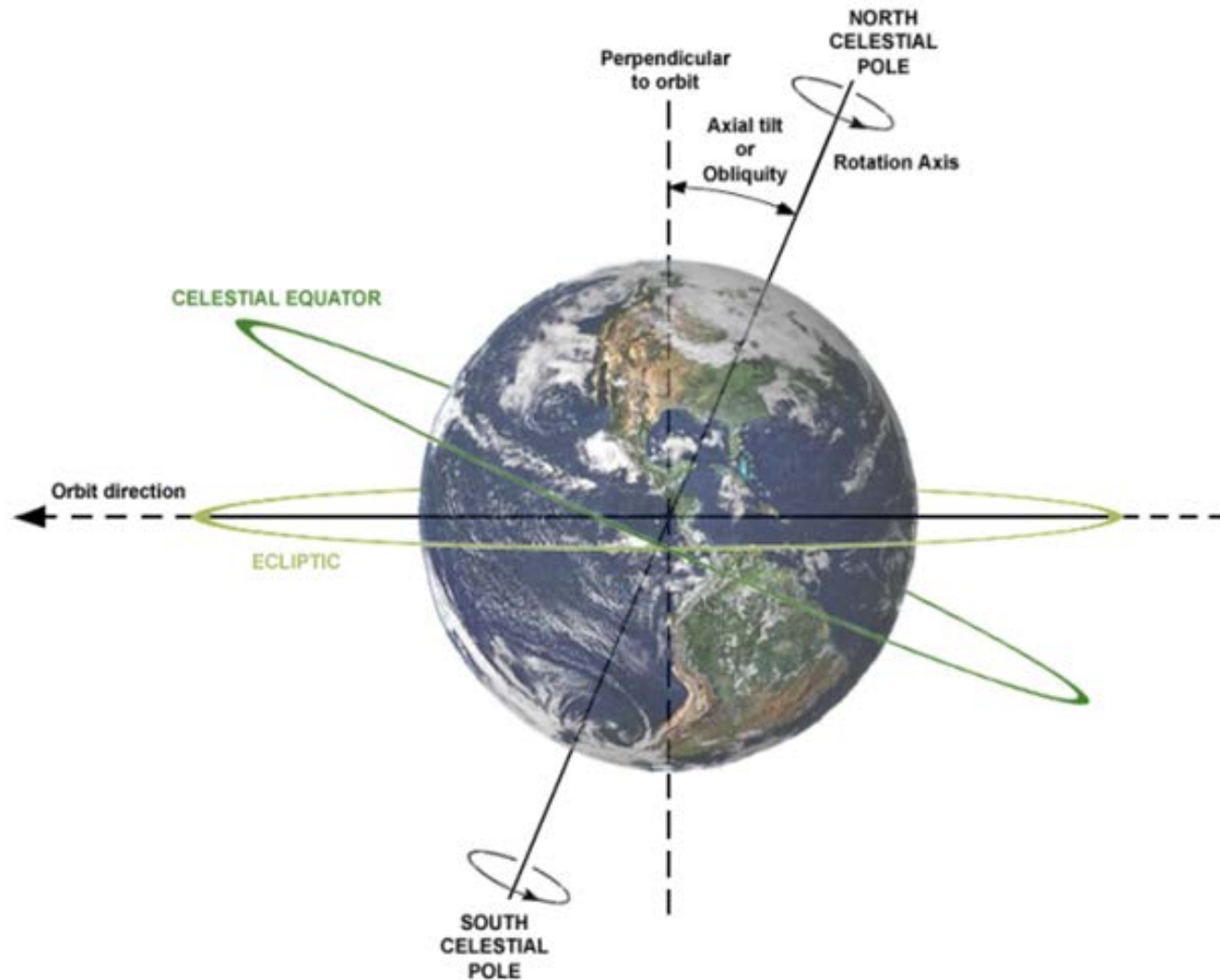
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Evolution Timeline



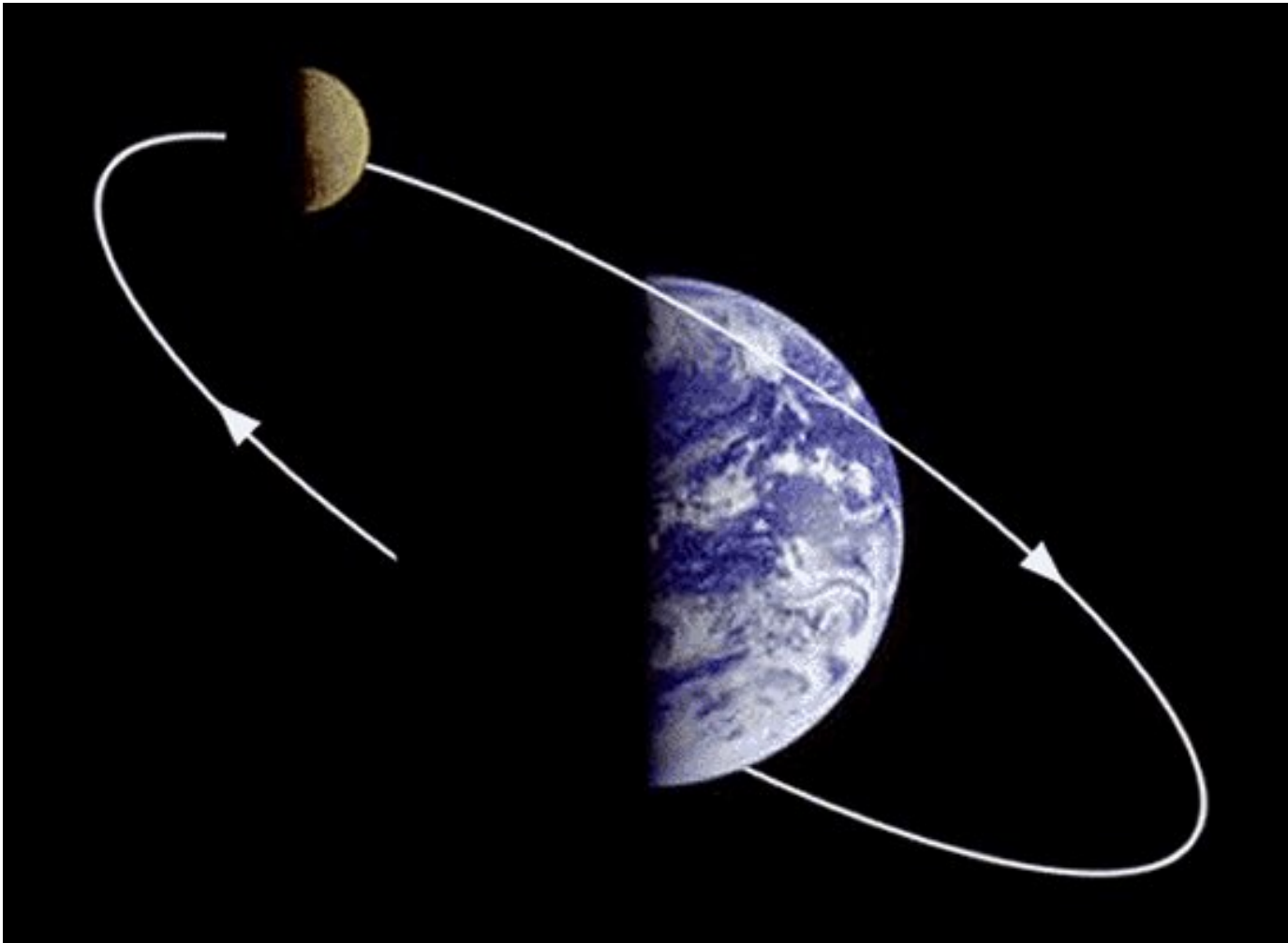
Let's take a closer look at the cosmos

What we can see and measure in the universe

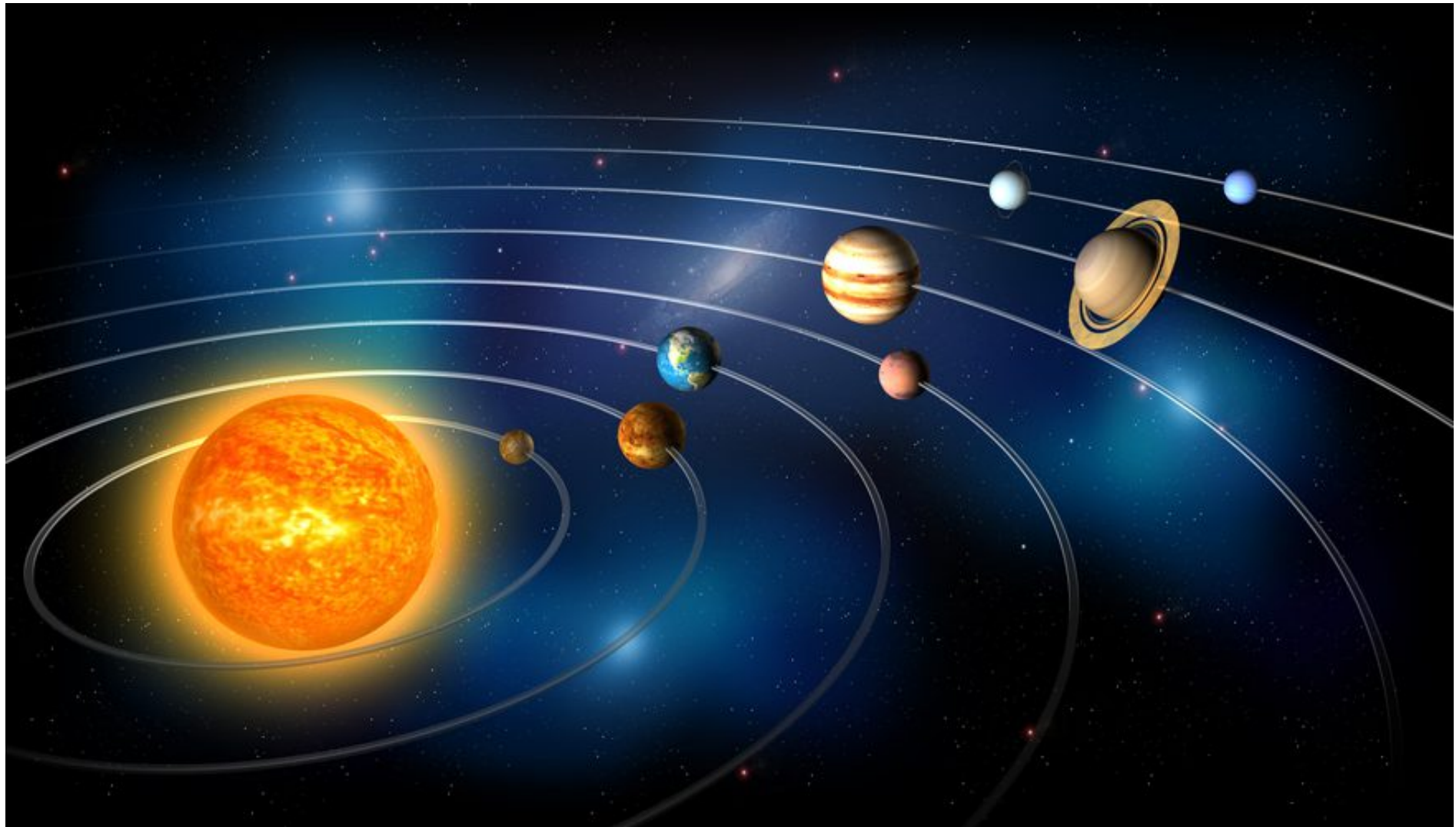


Moon rotating around the earth

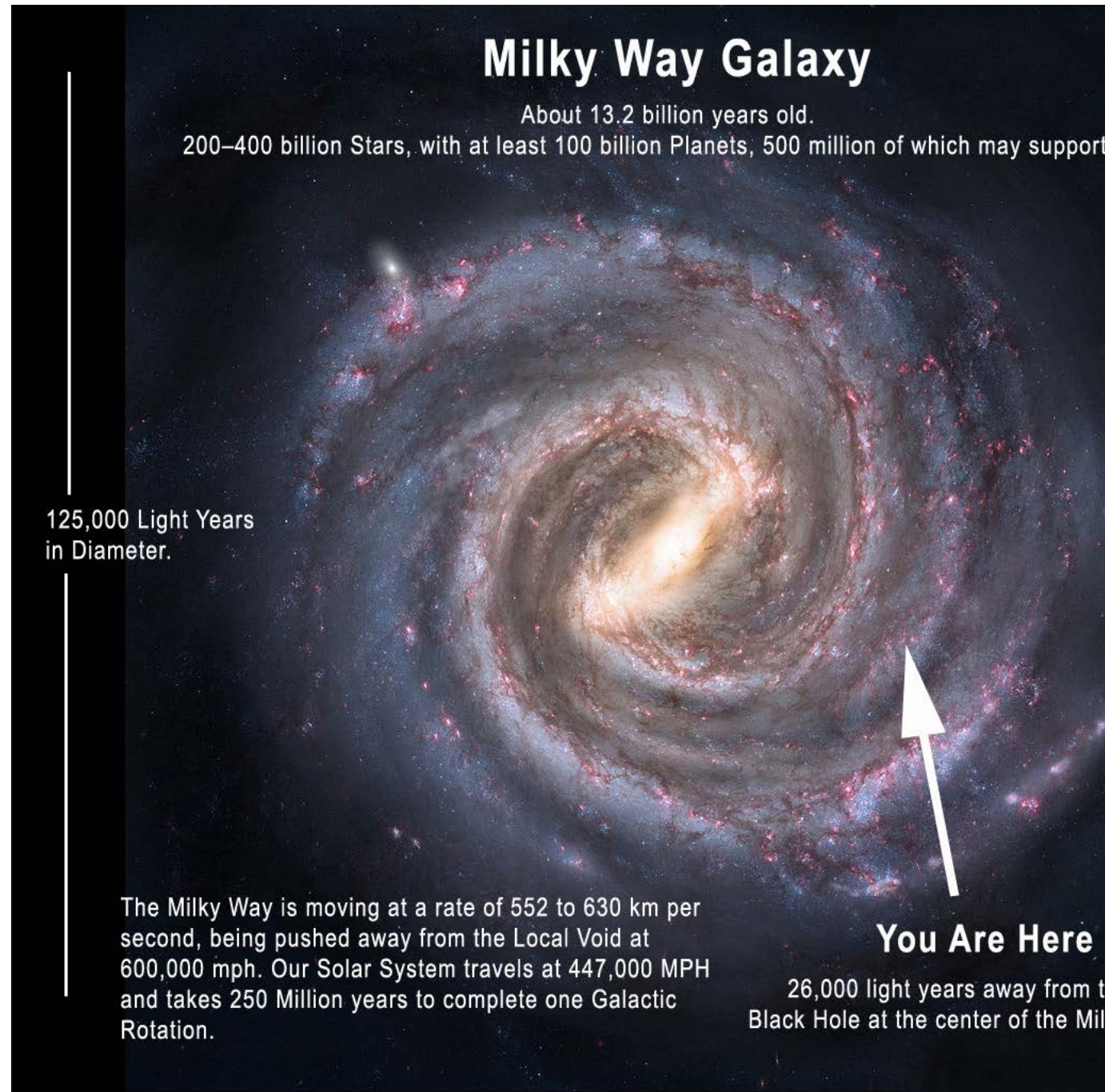
The moon rotates around the earth every 27.3 days



The earth rotates around the sun every 365.26 days



Our solar system is part of the Milky Way galaxy which itself is rotating as well as moving



Milky Way Galaxy

About 13.2 billion years old.

200-400 billion Stars, with at least 100 billion Planets, 500 million of which may support

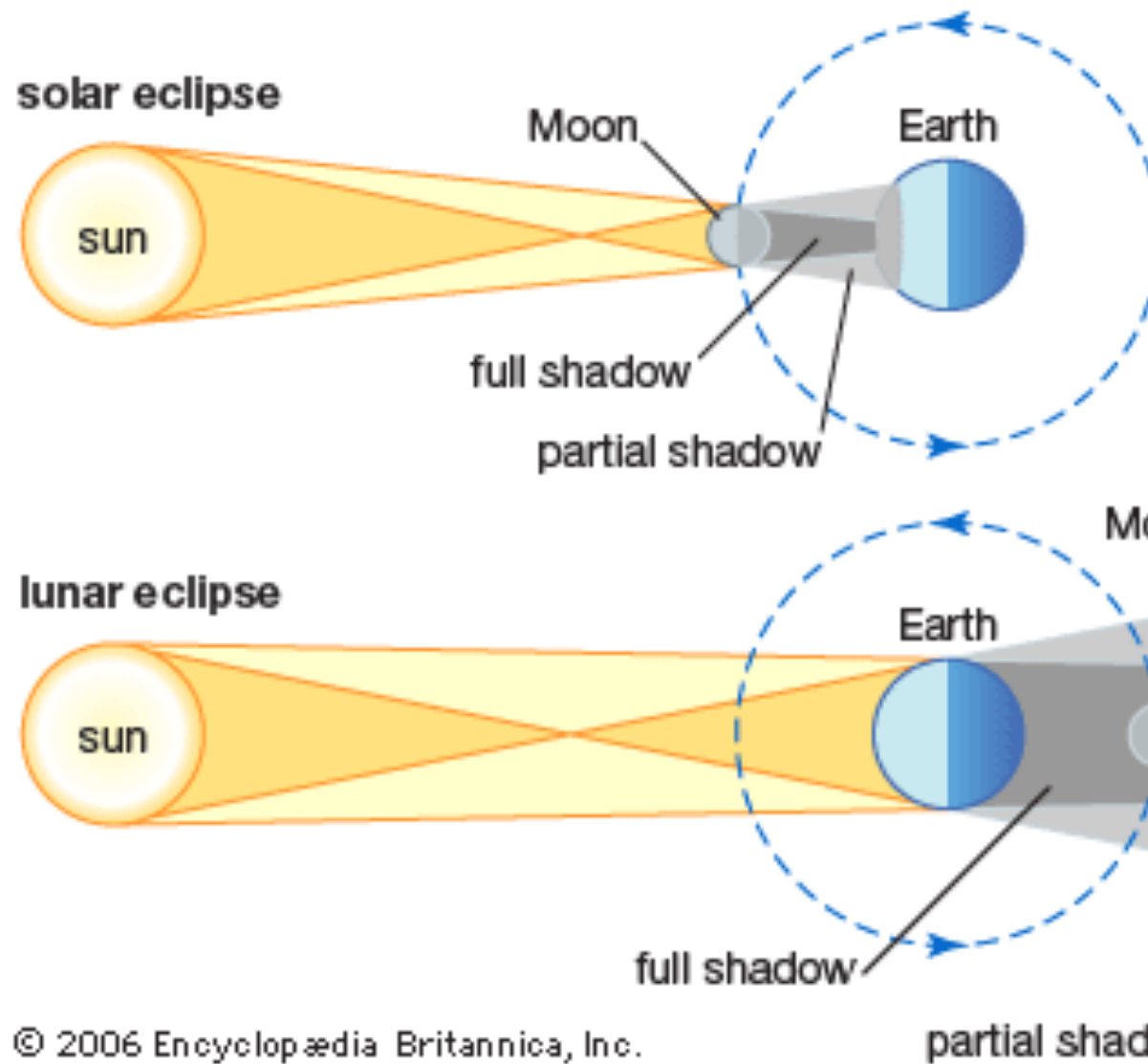
125,000 Light Years
in Diameter.

The Milky Way is moving at a rate of 552 to 630 km per second, being pushed away from the Local Void at 600,000 mph. Our Solar System travels at 447,000 MPH and takes 250 Million years to complete one Galactic Rotation.

You Are Here

26,000 light years away from the
Black Hole at the center of the Milky Way

The whole universe rotates in perfect **symmetry, order, harmony** and **precision**. Celestial events such as an eclipse can be predicted precisely thousands of years in advance.



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We know that the universe started wound up and it is now unwinding.

This is confirmed by the Second Law of Thermodynamics which in one of its many forms states that for closed systems like the universe everything goes to greater disorder (winding down).

There are no exceptions to the Second Law; every thing obeys it.

Take the example of a container of water at say 10°C and hot metal balls at 90°C are placed into the water. What will happen as far as heat flow is concerned?

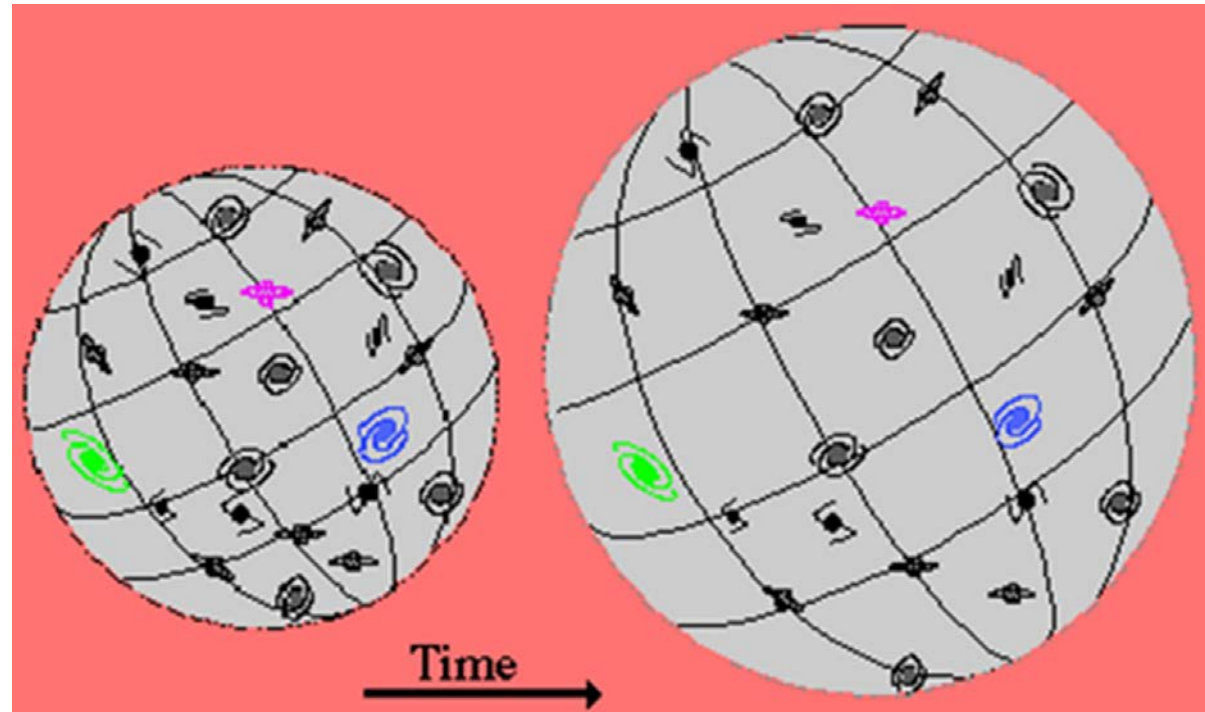
The universe had a beginning

If the universe is running down, it had to have started, and started wound up. All cosmologists agree that it is running down so it had to have had a beginning.

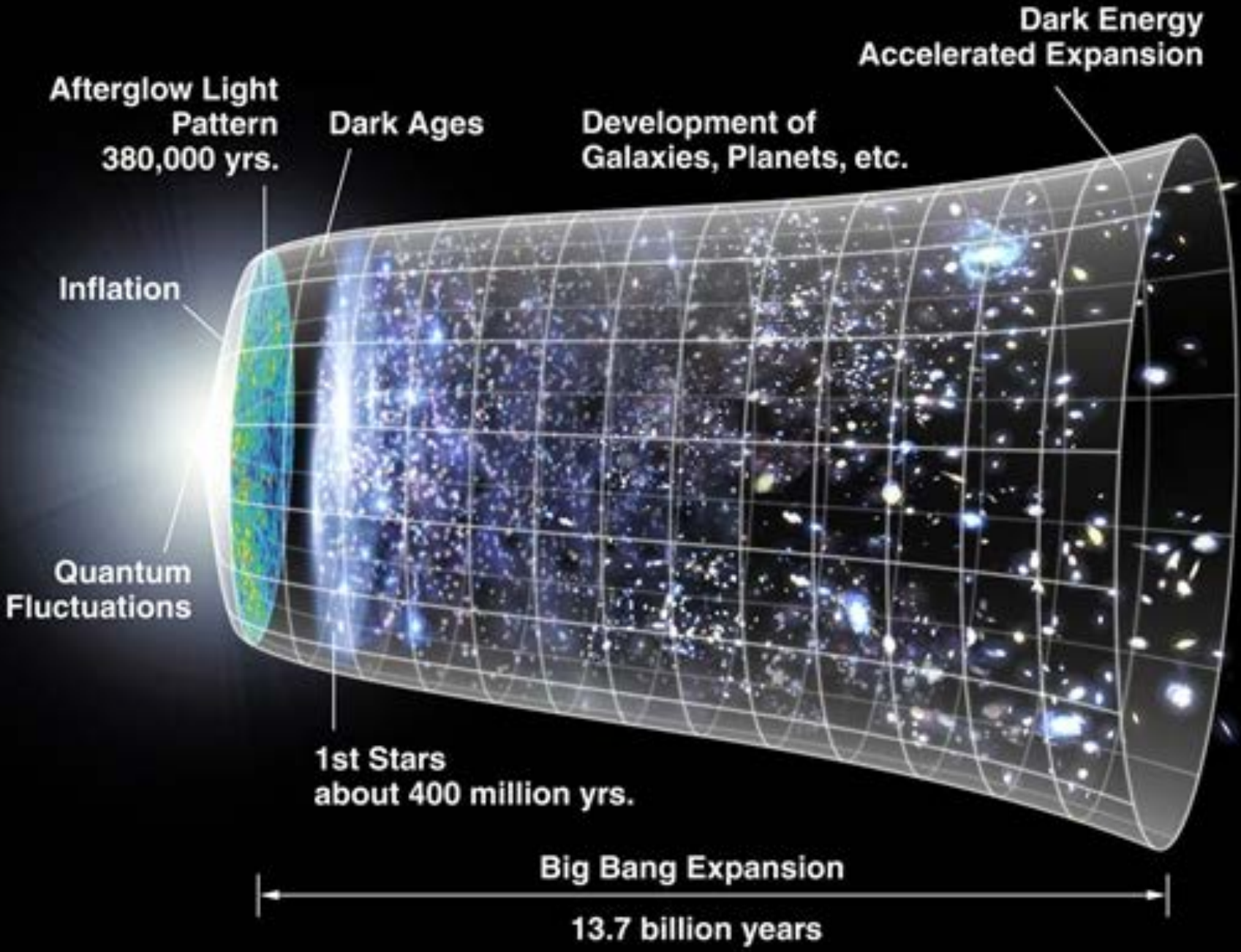


What do evolutionists say about the formation of the universe?

They say that something called “singularity” appeared from empty space. It had extreme properties of **infinite** heat and **infinite** density and expanded rapidly in a fourth dimension called “hyperspace.” the best way to explain it is to consider a balloon with all matter on the surface and as it expands the matter becomes further apart as shown



The theory postulates that over time as the initial heat started to subside, atoms started to form, the elements of hydrogen and helium. Nuclear fusion of two atoms of hydrogen formed one atom of helium giving off an enormous amount of heat and the matter conglomerated to form suns (stars) initially followed carbon, nitrogen and oxygen; the elements necessary for life. With further cooling, gas clouds formed and then condensed into planets. And when the condition were right, life began to form and evolve.



Advantages of the Big-bang Theory

1. It explains the formation of the universe without invoking a Supernatural Being.
2. It explains how all galaxies are moving away from an observer on earth.
3. There is no favoured position for the earth as it is just in a position similar to all other heavenly bodies.
4. The universe has no centre and no edge.

Disadvantages of the Big-bang Theory

1. It requires the universe to be essentially two dimensional; confined to the surface of an expanding balloon.
2. It requires hypothetical entities that have never been proven or observed such as ; inflation theory, dark matter and dark energy to the extent that the last two comprise 96% of all energy and matter.
3. It requires everything; energy, mass (stars planets, even life itself) to come from **nothing**.

Theoretical physicist Lawrence Krauss of Arizona State University presented in a recent book, his claim that the laws of physics could have created the universe from nothing.

Cosmologist and Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Alan Guth had this to say:

The universe burst into something from absolutely nothing—zero, nada. As it got bigger, it became filled with even more stuff that came from absolutely nothing.

- Krauss, L. *A Universe from Nothing*. New York: Free Press, 2012.
- *Discover*, April 2002.

As well, popular theoretical physicist, Stephen Hawking made the following statement:

...because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing.

Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow, *The Grand Design*, A television series (of indoctrination)



Professor John Lennox responded with:

Unfortunately, while Hawking's argument is being hailed as controversial and ground-breaking, it is hardly new. For years, other scientists have made similar claims, maintaining that the awesome, sophisticated creativity of the world around us can be interpreted solely by reference to physical laws such as gravity. It is a simplistic approach, yet in our secular age it is one that seems to have resonance with a sceptical public.

Professor Lennox has impeccable qualifications to discuss the subject. He holds multiple higher degrees, including an MA, PhD and DSc; he is a Reader in Mathematics at the University of Oxford, and a fellow in Mathematics and the Philosophy of Science at Green College.

Lennox continues

But, as both a scientist and a Christian, I would say that Hawking's claim is misguided. He asks us to choose between God and the laws of physics, as if they were necessarily in mutual conflict. But contrary to what Hawking claims, physical laws can never provide a complete explanation of the universe. Laws themselves do not create anything; they are merely a description of what happens under certain conditions.

What Hawking appears to have done is to confuse law with agency. His call on us to choose between God and physics is a bit like someone demanding that we choose between aeronautical engineer Sir Frank Whittle and the laws of physics to explain the jet engine. That is a confusion of category. The laws of physics can explain how the jet engine works, but someone had to build the thing, put in the fuel and start it up. The jet could not have been created without the laws of physics on their own - but the task of development and creation needed the genius of Whittle as its agent.

Similarly, the laws of physics could never have actually built the universe. Some agency must have been involved.

- <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-1308599/Stephen-Hawking-wrong-You-explain-universe-God.html>.

It also violates the two most basic laws governing matter and energy of which there are no exceptions:

The First Law of thermodynamics states that matter/energy cannot be created or destroyed. The Big Bang Theory requires matter and energy to come from nothing.

The Second Law of Thermodynamics states that when left alone, systems go from **order to disorder**. The BBT requires **disorder going to order**.

Even the weekly journal, *New Scientist*, has discarded it. One cosmologist, Eric Lerner, who is president of Lawrenceville Plasma Physics in West Orange, New Jersey, is reported as saying:

This is not science. Big Bang predictions are constantly wrong and are being fixed after the event.

Another, Joao Magueijo, of Imperial College, London, says:

The standard model is ugly and embarrassing; I hope it will soon come to breakdown point.

The situation is so serious that 50 astronomers and physicists met in Port Angeles, Washington, USA, on September 7–11, 2008, to discuss an alternative to the theory. All agreed that it needed to be replaced, but nobody could devise a satisfactory alternative.

- *New Scientist*, July 2, 2005.
- Source: John Hartnett, creation.com, retrieved November 8, 2008.

All this heart-wrenching and agony in trying to believe the impossible which is bordering on stupidity, is because the only alternative for the creation of the universe with all its order, symmetry, harmony and life in all its variety, is by creation by a Super Natural Being.

A Supernatural Being has contacted us and told us that it was He who created (Genesis 1:1). He told us how; He spoke it all into existence (Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11,14, 20, 24, 26 and 29) and why; because it pleased Him (Colossians 1:16; Revelation 4:11) and in what order He created, which we can read in Genesis chapter one.

Chemical Evolution

Chemical evolution is the idea that all of the chemicals necessary for life, formed themselves from their constituent elements and/or molecules and then arranged themselves into pre-cellular entities, which, over time, became fully functioning cells capable of reproducing themselves. Hence life came about from chemicals over a long time. This may seem fanciful, but it is what evolutionists are forced to believe if they reject God.

There are insurmountable problems with this thesis. We will focus predominantly on some of the problems related to the formation of proteins.

In the 1960s biologist Dr Dean Kenyon of San Francisco State University set himself the task of piecing together all of the processes that would have been involved in the evolution of a single cell. He realised that in any theory postulating the chemical formation of cells, it would be necessary to establish how proteins, which are long chains of amino acids, could have formed chemically, since they are integral to cell structure and function.

He was optimistic that this would be a straightforward process and, in 1969, he and Dr Gary Steinman published a book titled *Biochemical Predestination*. In the book, they proposed that the very structures of amino acids predestined them to form the proteins of life.

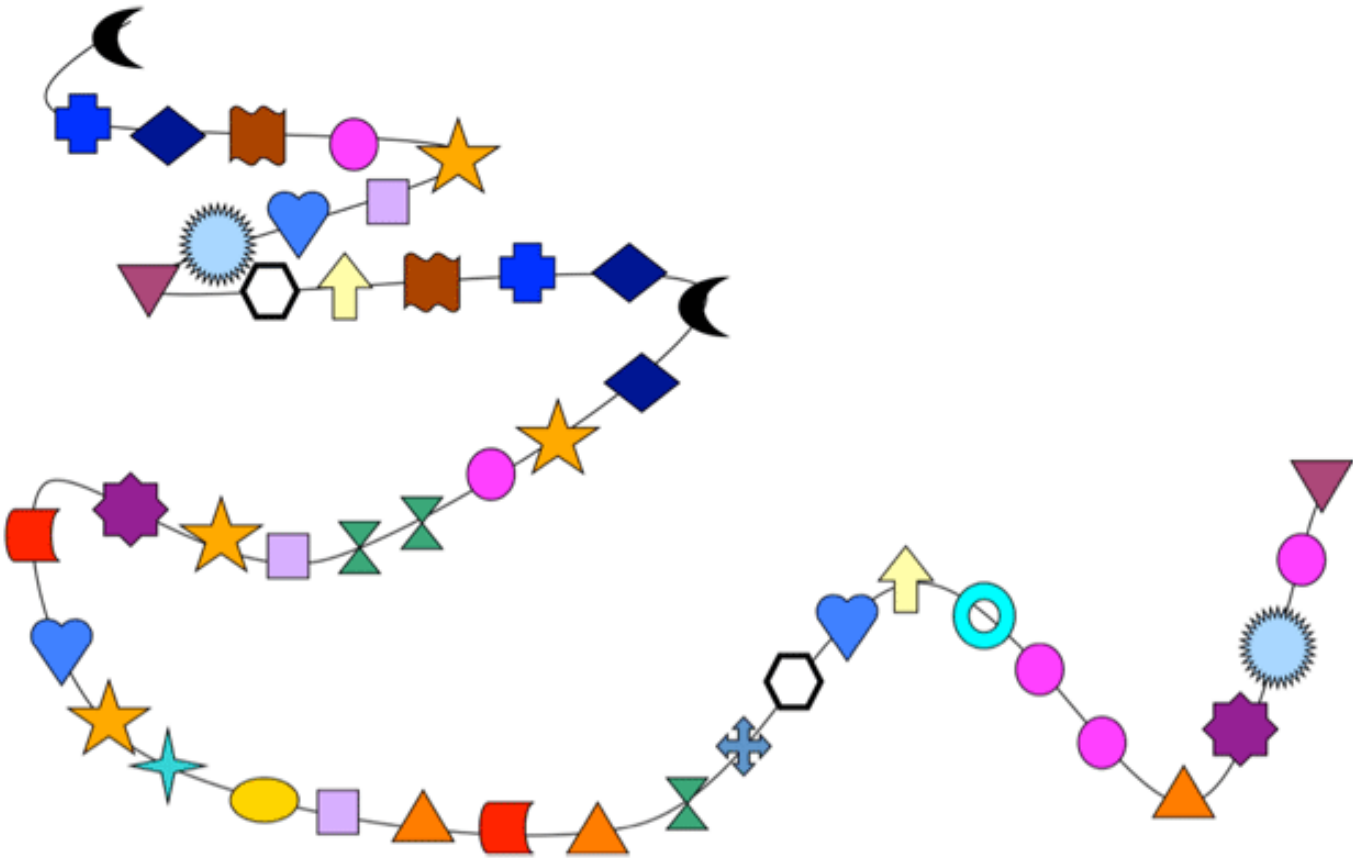
Dr Kenyon was the leading figure in chemical evolution during the 1960s, 70s and into the 80s. However, about five years after the publication of his book; Kenyon began to reflect on his material. He realised that in no way could it explain the evolution of proteins, and he rejected the notion of chemical evolution.

There are in excess of **thirty thousand** distinct proteins in living cells and these are formed biochemically by a very complex mechanism involving the reading of the various codes, that is, the arrangement of base pairs which are assembled along the deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) backbone. This reading of the base pairs is then used to join the amino acids together in the prescribed order to form a biologically active protein. No DNA (and the hundreds of supporting mechanisms), no proteins.

Kenyon then sought to determine the source of the biological information in DNA that enabled it to dictate the biosynthesis of the thousands of proteins and further, to direct and to bring about the formation of the complete species, be it maize, mackerel, mouse or man. The only logical conclusion Dr Kenyon could arrive at is that behind the very basis of life, there is **design**. Thereafter, he became a proponent of the Intelligent Design movement.

Source: *Unlocking the Mystery of Life* (DVD), Illustra Media, 2010.

A schematic of 20 amino acids joined together to form a protein



Protein synthesis in a laboratory

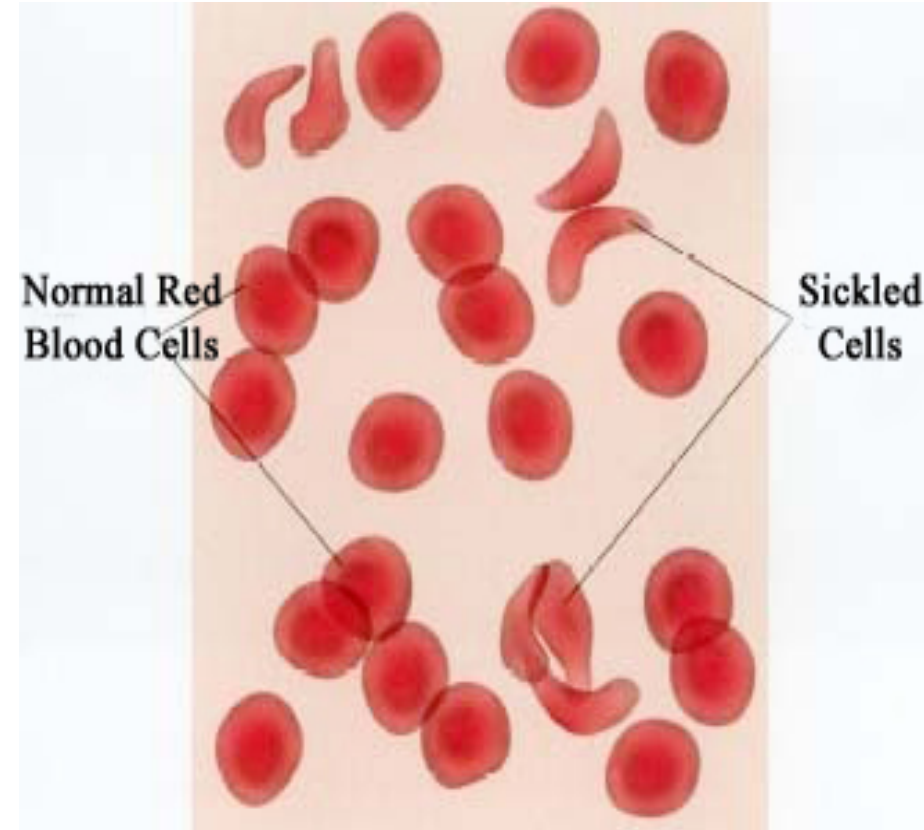


The importance of the order of amino acids in
the proteins of life

In order for proteins to be biologically active, the constituent amino acids must be added to each other in a very precise order. In living cells, the DNA contained in the cell's nucleus uses the *information* it holds in its structure to achieve this correct ordering. There are millions of ways in which amino acids can be joined together, but only a very few ways produce proteins that are biologically active.

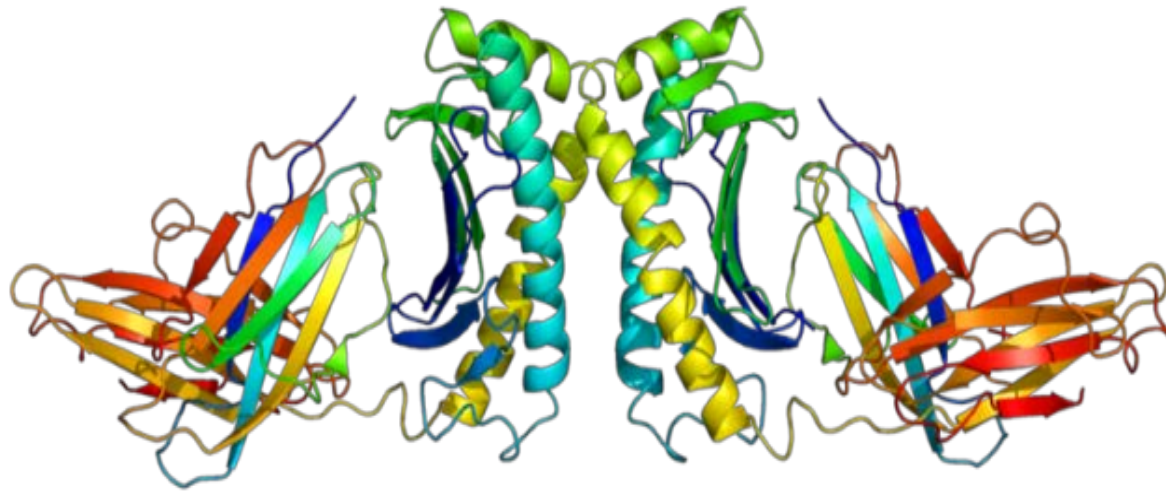
Sickle cell anaemia

With this malady, **one amino acid out of the 146** in the protein beta globin, which is a sub-unit of the hemoglobin molecule, is in the wrong place. Valine is in place of glutamic acid and this small mutation in the protein causes the whole shape of the blood cell to be greatly distorted when oxygen is not bound to the heme molecule. Sufferers of this disorder have a reduced life-expectancy.



Type 1 hemochromatosis

Is a hereditary disease characterized by excessive intestinal absorption of dietary iron resulting in a pathological increase in total iron body stores. As a consequence of **just one amino acid being wrong out of a total of 348 amino acids**, the whole complex and interrelated biochemical pathway, malfunctions.



Cystic fibrosis

Is an extremely debilitating and eventually fatal hereditary disorder. It has been shown to be due to a defective protein in lung cells known as cystic fibrosis transmembrane regulator (CFTR). The most common mutation causing this defect is the loss of the amino acid phenylalanine at position 508 on the 1,480 amino acid long chain of protein CFTR. That is, **one amino acid missing from a protein chain of 1,480** amino acids causes the failure of the protein to shuttle chloride ions in and out of lung and other cells, which in turn causes lungs to clog up with mucus.



Other problems associated with protein
formation by chemical evolution

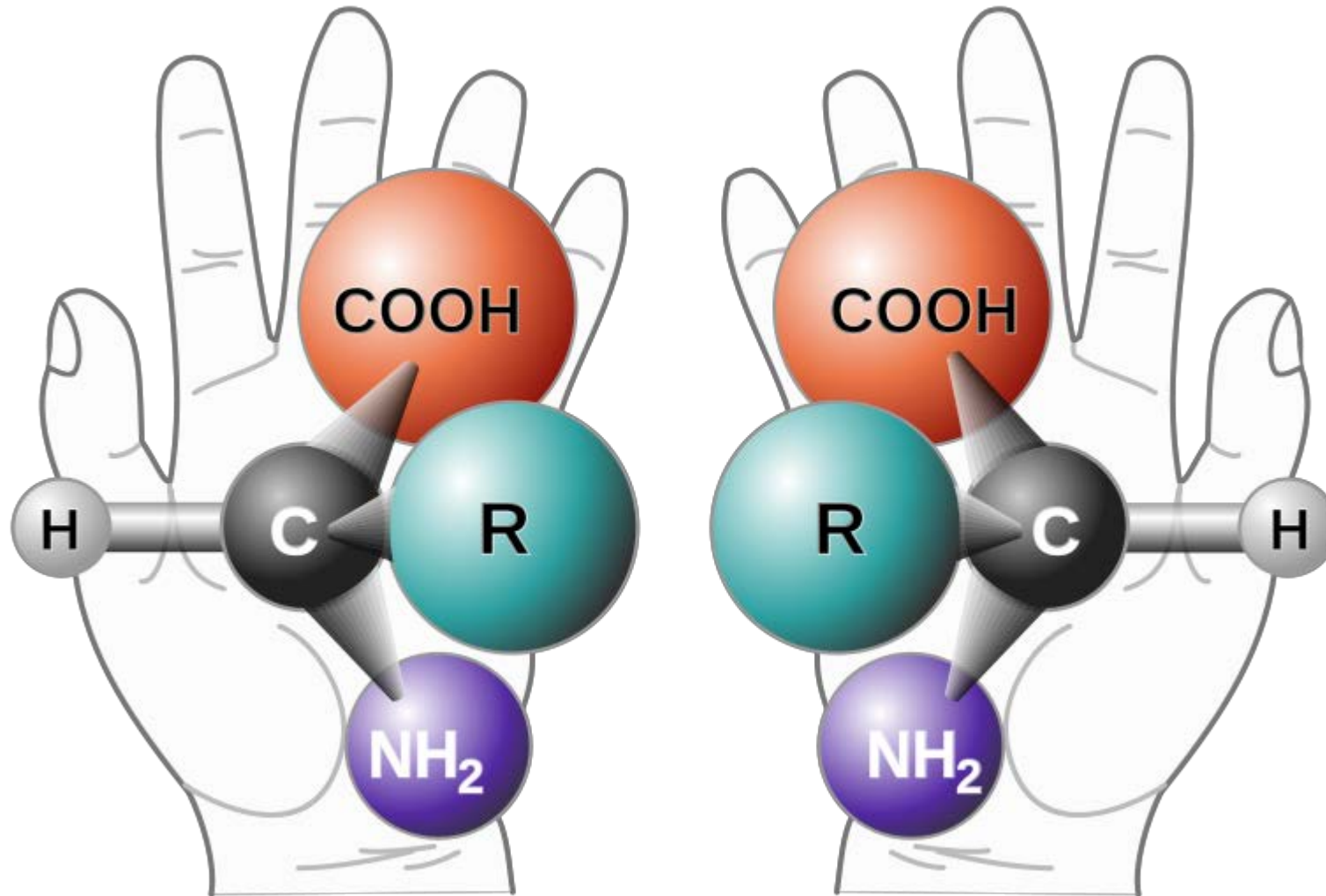
The problem of hydrolysis

A chemical reaction with water is called hydrolysis. In order to synthesise proteins from amino acids in a laboratory, special precautions need to be taken to remove the water which is formed when an amino acid is joined onto the growing protein chain, or else the reaction will revert back to the original amino acids. So for proteins to be formed in the environment, water must be excluded and quickly removed once it has been formed from the chemical reaction—a very unlikely scenario for the pre-biotic earth. However, current evolutionary theory requires water to have been present for the initial synthesis of amino acids.

The problem of stability

The amino acid cytosine, one of the 20 amino acids which are essential to life, has a biological half-life of 340 years at 25° C, making the idea of these compounds lying around in some type of primordial soup for thousands of years, waiting for some reaction to take place, highly implausible.

The problem of chirality



Over time, all chiral compounds racemise, that is, they proceed to a 50:50 mixture of both enantiomers (left and right hand) and for biological compounds the functions they perform, start to breakdown.

A tragic example of this is with thalidomide which was produced in the **left hand** form exclusively and prescribed for treating morning sickness in pregnant women. However, the **right hand** form has been found to possess teratogenicity that is, it can disrupt fetal development. When taken internally or even when stored, the **left hand** form slowly converted to the **right hand** and produced horrific deformities in children.

This fact alone renders chemical evolution impossible.

Sir Fredrick Hoyle (astronomer) and Dr Chandra Wickramasinghe (mathematician) calculated the chances of biologically active proteins forming purely by chance from their constituent chemicals, which is what the Theory of Evolution, in its broad sense requires.

The notion that not only the biopolymer (protein) but the operating program of a living cell could be arrived at by chance in a primordial organic soup here on the Earth is evidently nonsense of a high order.

He compared the random emergence of even the simplest cell to the likelihood that a tornado sweeping through a junkyard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials therein and towards the end of his life, he came to the conclusion:

If one proceeds directly and straightforwardly in this matter, without being deflected by a fear of incurring the wrath of scientific opinion, one arrives at the conclusion that biomaterials with their amazing measure or order must be the outcome of intelligent design. There is no other possibility I have been able to think of.

Dr John Baumgardner holds a PhD from UCLA has done his own calculations on the probability of a single biologically active protein, a minimum of 1,000 are necessary for the simplest form of life, being formed from its constituent chemicals. He concludes that it is **utterly impossible**. He commentated:

*Another scientist asserted that I had misapplied the rules of probability in my analysis. If my example was correct, he suggested, it “would turn the scientific world upside down.” I responded that the science community has been confronted with the same basic argument in the past but has simply **engaged in mass denial**. Fred Hoyle published similar calculations two decades ago. Most scientists put their hands over their ears and refused to listen.*

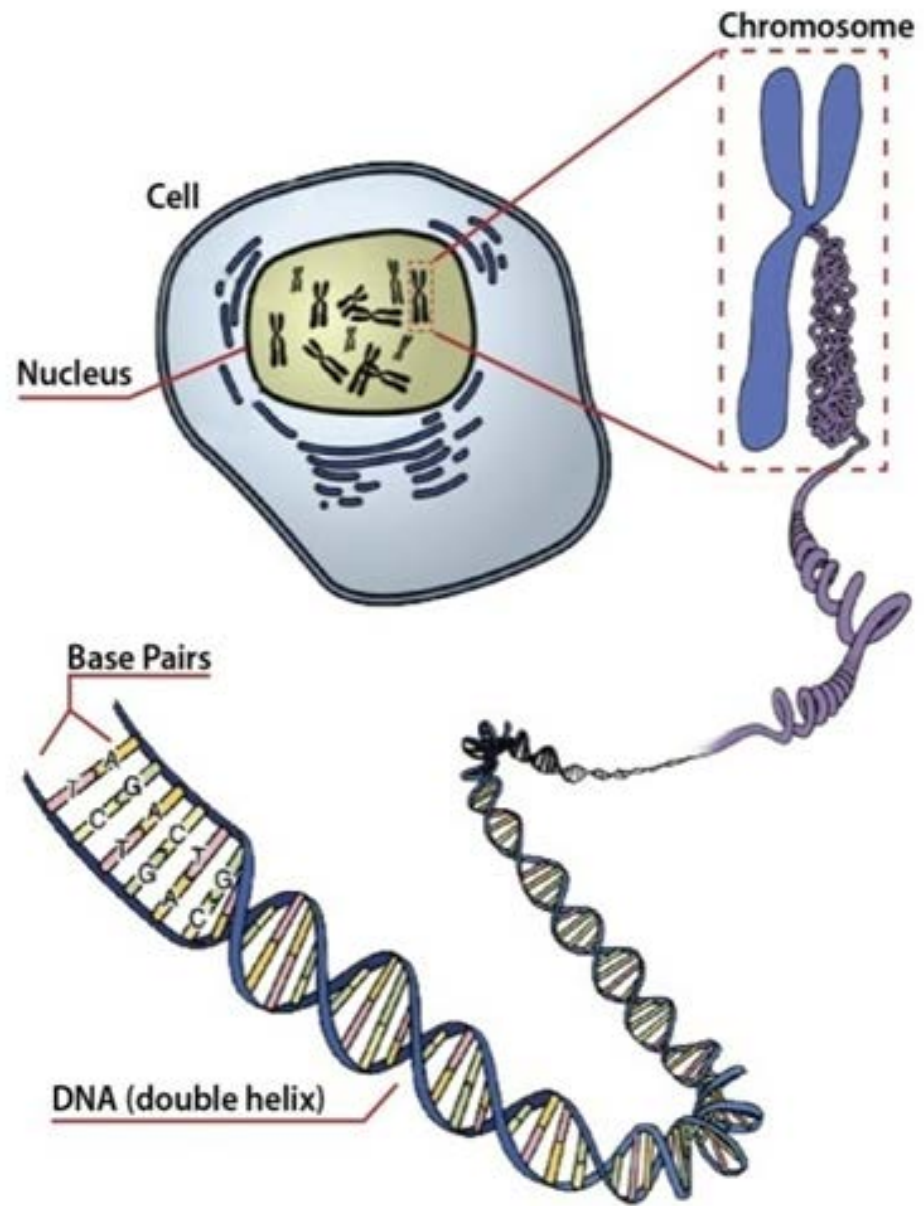
John F Ashton, *Evolution Impossible*, Master Books, 2013, page 165.

Deoxyribonucleic Acid, DNA

Nucleic Acids

At the same time that proteins are being formed from amino acids, evolution requires DNA and RNA to be formed from a mixture of the sugars, ribose and deoxyribose, organic bases and phosphate. We have just seen how delicately balanced and specific the process for the formation of biologically active proteins (enzymes) is; deoxyribonucleic acid, which constitutes our genes, **is many times more specific because DNA contains information and large amounts of it.**

DNA consist of a string of things called nucleotides. The nucleotides themselves consist of three components; a sugar called deoxyribose, a phosphate molecule through which the nucleotides are joined, and a nitrogen-containing compound called a base. There are four different types of bases in genes and these give rise to four different nucleotides. The bases are called; adenine, guanine, cytosine and thymine, abbreviated to A G T and C. These long chains of nucleotides are not straight or in random coils but they exist in a double helical spiral like a length of twisted railway line, with the two chains held to each other by weak bonding, known as hydrogen bonds, between the adjacent bases, as shown in the schematic below. However, bonding only takes place through certain pairs of bases; A only bonds to T and G only to C.



It is the order of the four bases that encode information into the DNA, just as it is in the order of the 0's and 1's that provide the information which is stored in computers.

However, DNA uses four different repeating units, not two to store its information and it stores it in three dimensions not two as digital information is stored.

This system allows an enormous amount of information to be stored;

It is the information in DNA, sections of which are called genes, that determines what the life form is. This information produces the enormous range of life we see. Single cell species such as bacteria and yeast, through to grass, flowers, ants, caterpillars, sardines, whales, sparrows, eagles, tyrannosaurus rexes, cats, dogs, elephants, monkeys and human beings.

The amount of information to build grass is much less than to build a human being; obviously.

DNA itself is the most complex information storage mechanism in the universe. Each human cell's DNA contains in excess of 3 billion letters or pieces of information, which is equivalent to the information contained in 100,000 books. A two-millimeter length of DNA contains the same amount of information as a stack of CDs 1,600 kilometers high.

By way of explaining this information, consider the way letters of the alphabet can be arranged:

Disorder: AhDJIk BrY fHMSzXXOneM

Order: AbCD AbCD AbCD AbCD AbCD

Information: Keep off the grass

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Not only is information contained in the DNA of the cells of living entities, so are the mechanisms for reading and using this information. The statement, “Keep off the grass,” is only of value if it can be **seen, read** and **understood**. An almost incomprehensible array of chemicals and processes are present in cells that enable the information to be used. To propose that this all came about by the chance joining together of chemicals is ludicrous.

Information cannot arise by chance; it has to have been put into the system.

Even atheist apologist Professor Richard Dawkins had to admit:

There is enough information capacity in a single human cell to store the Encyclopaedia Britannica, all 30 volumes of it, three or four times over.

Anthony Flew was the foremost atheist thinker of the 20th century. He debated Christians and wrote the following books:

Theology and Falsification in 1950

God and Philosophy in 1961

The Presumption of Atheism in 1971

In a debate in 2004, at New York University, he declared that he “now accepted the existence of a God.” In that

debate, he said that he believed that the origin of life points to a creative Intelligence, almost entirely because of the DNA investigations. *What I think the DNA material has done is that it has shown, by the almost unbelievable complexity of the arrangements which are needed to produce (life), that intelligence must have been involved in getting these extraordinarily diverse elements to work together.*



Flew was particularly impressed with a physicist's refutation of the idea that monkeys at typewriters would eventually produce a Shakespearean sonnet. The likelihood of getting one Shakespearean sonnet by chance is one in 10^{690} ; to put this number in perspective, there are only 10^{80} particles in the universe. Flew concludes:

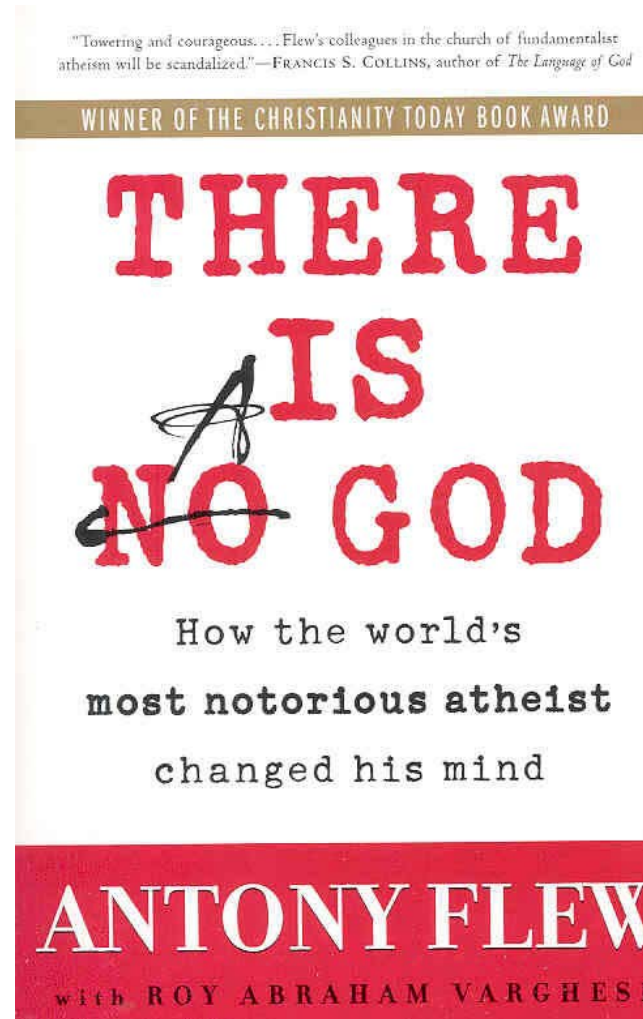
'If the theorem won't work for a single sonnet, then of course it's simply absurd to suggest that the more elaborate feat of the origin of life could have been achieved by chance'

In 2007 Flew published his final work: *There is a God* in which he chronicles his life and why he switched from atheism to deism.

Flew argued from pure logic that there must be a creator supernatural being, but not necessarily the God of the Bible.

Anthony Flew died April 8, 2010 at the age of 87.

He now knows that the Supernatural Being he reasoned existed, is the God who has revealed Himself to us through the pages of the Bible.



As we have seen, it is **impossible** for nothing to create anything. It is **impossible** for the cosmos with all of its beautiful symmetry and harmony of rotation to have come about by an explosion. This also violates the two most basic laws of physics; the First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics.

It is **impossible** for a bunch of molecules to form themselves into something as incomprehensibly complex as a DNA molecule. It is **impossible** for the DNA molecule to contain information by natural processes. Information has to have been put into it to a system.