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## THE UNSEEN GOD - SCIENTIFIC PROOF

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When discussing with an atheist that something cannot come from nothing, a common response from atheists is that we Christians believe in a supernatural power that you cannot see, so our beliefs are comparable to atheistic beliefs. This is not a reasonable comparison, but you need to think about it before a conversation happens so you are prepared to respond.

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#### CHOOSING SIDES: GOD'S WINNING TEAM

God's kingdom is not of this world.
His winning team is not of this world.
His "playbook" is not known by the world.
His thoughts are higher than our thoughtsconceived from the beginning of time,
revealed only at unlikely moments in time.
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#### Be THANKFUL in ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." (I Thess. 5:18 NLT)

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In Paul's concluding remarks to the Thessalonian Christians, he left a serious TO-DO list. We can benefit from taking them to heart. It all begins with gratitude.

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#### BE THANKFUL FOR OUR HOLY GOD

"How great is God—beyond our understanding! The praise Him for his holiness, awesome power and eternal presence.

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#### **EXTRAPOLATION**



A group of scientists were at Buckee's on the west side of Houston and saw an 18-wheeler driving east along Interstate 10. It was doing a steady 65 mph, which is the speed limit. They discussed it among themselves and concluded that it had originated in Las Angeles, the west-coast beginning of Interstate 10. The conclusion came from one observation only: that the truck was rolling west down I-10.

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About 3 years ago a couple of friends rented a house with us near Florissant, Colorado for a short vacation. It was in a beautifully wooded area near the base of Pike's Peak. What they didn't tell us was that the beautifully wooded area had a forest fire some 20 years ago. It was still a nice vacation in the area, but the effects of the forest fire were clearly seen. There were still burned tree trunks everywhere, with new growth between them. We did not see the forest fire, but from the evidence we

saw we believed that the forest fire had happened.

Compelling evidence can sometimes prove something beyond a shadow of doubt. Evidence can and often is mis-interpreted, so conclusions need to be drawn judiciously. In the case of the Florissant forest fire, one could conclude it was started by lightning, the most likely cause. However, it could have been a campfire mistake or a trash fire mistake. That we saw the *results* would not have confirmed how the fire started, only that there had been a fire. Likely someone 20 years ago could have identified the cause of the fire, but we could not three years ago.

The first law of thermodynamics says you cannot create something from nothing according to the laws of nature. The second law of thermodynamics says all systems run down so nothing can last forever without becoming cold and dead. The existence of a warm sun and earth today proves that something that was not natural happened in the past. That is a simple, scientifically correct



<u>statement</u>. To say that the universe was naturally created from nothing or has existed for an infinitely long period of time defies scientific "laws."

What cannot happen according to scientific laws has thus happened, had to have happened outside scientific laws.

The only conclusion is that a non-natural or supernatural act creating the heavens and the earth would thus be a scientifically correct statement. That says that something generally equivalent to our understanding of God exists.

It does not say who among the pretenders to be God is that God. As the supernatural being does not choose to talk with us today, one would have to use other methods to identify Him.

The supernatural being may have simply chosen to not be identified or He may have left messages for us. It would be good for you to look for those messages.

Benton Baugh



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#### CHOOSING SIDES: GOD'S WINNING TEAM

God's chosen players and coaches are known only by God. They are called into play according to

His plan, unknown to themselves until the moment of play –

yet, prepared and qualified by God Himself. They are prescribed and described in the Word of God,

The Book of Life, chosen from all ways of life – all unlikely, unnoticed, ignored by the world, unsung and quickly forgotten, except by God and brethren players whom God brings alongside during play.

New recruits come from among those who are humbled and stumble on their road to righteousness

while the worldly clamor and claim their fame but succumb to the flames of fires they kindle for attention.

Thus; nations rise and fall by self-intentions, but

The kingdom of God endures forever.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

By living water and His Word

Larry S. Grubbs, Harrison, Ohio

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#### Be THANKFUL in ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

**HONOR YOUR LEADERS:** "Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. <sup>13</sup> Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.

**ENCOURAGE EVERYONE**: <sup>14</sup> Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.

**DO GOOD:** <sup>15</sup> See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

**PRAY WITH GRATITUDE & JOY:** <sup>16</sup> Always be joyful. <sup>17</sup> Never stop praying. <sup>18</sup> Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

**TEST EVERYTHING:** <sup>19</sup> Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not scoff at prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good." (I Thessalonians 5:12-21 NLT)

Elizabeth Brown, Texarkana, TX

I'm so old I remember when loving your country, respecting the flag, and obeying the law were considered good character traits.



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#### ATHEIST'S CREATION DAY

Today nothing happened in the empty, cold, dark universe which stretches to infinity in every direction. Today is the current day in the universe, day being a meaningless subdivision of time going back to infinity and expected to go forward to infinity. Nothing happened in the universe today because there is nothing to cause something to happen in the universe. It is just empty, dark, and cold.

It is O.K. that this story is short because you are not here to read it, and never will be.

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#### Just to be clear:

The Big Bang theory does not attempt to explain where matter came from, it simply presumes that all the matter in the Universe was compressed into a space smaller than a baseball, and then exploded. The Big Bang theory describes the explosion.

Charles Darwin in <u>The Origin of Species</u> did not explain the start of life but presumed "There is a grandeur in this view of life with its several powers, having been originally breathed by the Creator into a few forms or one...." This was in the last sentence in the book <u>The Origin of Species</u>.

B.F.Baugh

## ADVANTAGES PAST 80TH BIRTHDAY

I have good news for you. The first 80 years are the hardest. The second 80 are a succession of birthday parties.

Once you reach 80, everyone wants to carry your baggage and help you up the steps. If you forget your name or anybody else's name, or an appointment, or your own telephone number, or can't remember how many grandchildren you have, you need only explain that you are 80. At 80, you have a perfect excuse, no matter what you do. If you act foolishly, it's your second childhood. Everybody is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain.

If you survive until you are 80, everybody is surprised that you are still alive. They treat you with respect just for having lived so long. Actually, they seem surprised that you can walk and talk sensibly.

So please, folks, try and make it to 80. It's the best time of life. People forgive you for anything. If you ask me, life begins at 80.

And finally, remember that 80 is only 27 in Celsius . . . . Frank Laubach





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## EXTRAPOLATION, P. 2

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No one would agree that they had come to a reasonable conclusion, even though there is a chance it might have come from Los Angeles. However, the truck might have entered the free-

way at the Igloo factory 5 miles up the road on any one of the hundreds of entrance ramps along I-10. If "scientists" were to say it came from Los Angeles, you would laugh at them.

In a similar situation, we have a single observation of our Universe in the light that is coming to us today. The light we are seeing from the Sun is 8 1/3 minutes old but the light coming to us from the edge of our Universe is said to be 13.8 billion years old. In

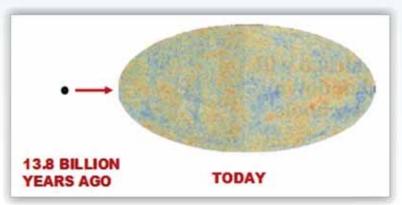
our panorama we are seeing current light, light which is 8 1/3 minutes old, light 13.8 billion years old, and in between light, but it is a single current observation to us.

The important point to us is that we have only had observations of the edge of the Universe for a few short years. The time has been so short that in comparison to 13.8 billion years, it has been effectively a single observation. The observation is said to be like the graphic to the right. Due to red shift of the light, scientists have concluded that our Universe is expanding. That leads to a valid conclusion that in the past, the Universe was smaller.

Scientists have looked at this single observation, extrapolated backwards, and concluded that the universe at one time was smaller than a baseball. It would look sort of like the graphic below, except you can see the blue dot. If it were the size of a baseball you wouldn't be able to see it at all.

The blue dot is larger than our solar system just so you could see it. From the blue dot, we are taught a Big Bang happened.

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The original patent from 1891 for a toilet paper roll shows the correct rolling direction, in case you ever doubted.





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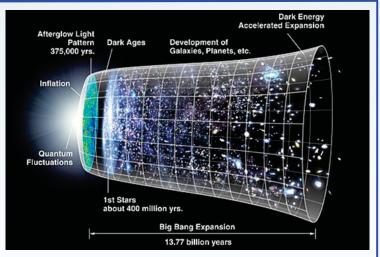
The graphic to the right is the current "scientific" teaching of how this happened. The 13.77-billion -year Big Bang Expansion is how we supposedly grew to our current size, but apparently the rate of expansion does not actually account for our size in some way.

The point labeled "Quantum Fluctuations" is apparently where the baseball sized universe was followed by an "Inflation" Period. If we presume that the 13.77 billion year period was happening at something near the speed of light, the inflation period would have been at least ten times the speed of light. As you might expect, they don't get very specific about that.

What this means is that nothing can travel faster than the speed of light, unless it is convenient for them for it to happen.

NASA/WMAP Science Team - Original version: NASA; modified by Cherkash

This is the observation of a currently seen event, extrapolated back 13.77 billion years, and then extrapolated into an Inflation Period in which things moved several times faster than the speed of light, and then into a Quantum Fluctuation where something comes from nothing (a Singularity). The temperature at the singularity was supposedly infinite; and then one second later it was down to 100,000,000,000 degrees. This should have us all laughing, except we are paying billions of tax dollars to promote it.



#### A FEW THINGS THIS MATERIALISTIC EXTRAPOLA-TION PRESUMES:

A quantum fluctuation or singularity where something comes from nothing.\*

An inflation period where things move several times the speed of light when it is taught that nothing can travel faster than the speed of light.\*

Extreme high temperature energy will solidify into orderly atoms instead of simply dispersing.\*

Atoms will form into solar systems with planets orbiting around the Suns.\*

Life with all the complexity of specified information<sup>1</sup> in DNA will arrive by unplanned events.\*

Whatever "life" is will be added to the cells with DNA.\*

(\* Things we have never seen)

It is our uniform experience that none of these things happen by the natural laws of nature.

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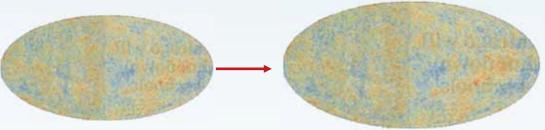


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## EXTRAPOLATION, P. 4

#### AN ALTERNATE EXTRAPOLATION



#### IN THE BEGINNING

**TODAY** 

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"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1 NASV) An Intelligent Designer created the Universe at some size in the beginning. The Universe has expanded to its present size since the beginning.

#### WHAT CREATION EXTRAPOLATION PRESUMES:

God exists, is an intelligent designer, and has a lot of power.

#### As a comparison

The materialistic alternative presumes a singularity where something came from nothing while the creation alternative presumes a God we cannot see created everything. To an extent the alternatives are very similar on that point.

There are no speed of light conflicts on the creation alternative.

The creation alternative is not dependent upon natural formation of atoms from a condensing high energy source, it provides an Intelligent Designer to do it.

In the creation alternative an Intelligent Designer would place the planets in orbit.

It is our uniform experience that complex specified information such as the complex coding in DNA is the product of a mind, such as a creator. It never happens by chance.

is. The Bible says "Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." (Genesis 2:7 NASV) That doesn't exactly tell you what it is, but is shows a realization of it 3500 years ago.

Belief in God is a religion. Studying how the Universe came into existence is science. Studying how the Universe came into existence solely by natural means (excluding God), is not science but is a different religion.

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The complexity of energy and matter, the regular orbits of planets and moons, and the complex programming of DNA with the myriad of life forms it generates all teach of the existence of an Intelligent Designer. That Intelligent Designer is God.

Today we must have faith to believe in God, but we have strong scientific reasons for that faith.

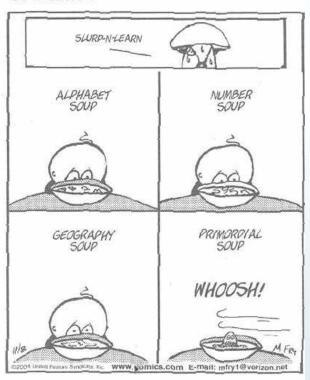
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Note 1: The following comes from Wikipedia: "Complex Specified Information (CSI) is a concreated William cept by Dembski the Discovery Institute. This concept is used specifically to support the intelligent sign hypothesis. CSI is a measure of the quantity of information contained in an item that meets the requirement of being both complex and specified, which shows whether the item is either designed or naturally-occurring. There is no scientific evidence that this concept holds in practice, and where Dembski and company have attempted to study it they have insisted on doing it in computer science rather than biology."

Our response to Wikipedia: A field of rocks has a kind of information in its arrangement, but it is not useful for communicating information. If some rocks are arranged to say "HARRY LOVES SALLY" it includes information which can be understood by others. This is called complex specified information. Note that in Note 1 above the writers of the Wikipedia criticism did not say it

was untrue, just that "no scientific evidence that this concept holds in practice". Clearly, they have no scientific evidence that it doesn't hold in practice or they would have given it. You would not expect this term to be embraced by evolutionists any more than the terms macroevolution or micro-evolution.

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## JUST PLAIN NEAT INFORMATION.....

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite number of times!

**Gold** is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

When a person dies hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

<u>Your tongue</u> is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

<u>The tooth</u> is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

<u>If you stop getting thirsty</u>, you need to drink more water because, when a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

**Zero** is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

<u>Kites</u> were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song Auld Lang Syne is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

**Drinking water after eating** reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent. Drinking a glass of water before you eat may help digestion and curb appetite.

<u>**Peanut oil**</u> is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

<u>The roar</u> that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

**The banana** cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

**Airports at higher altitudes** require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

**In ancient Greece,** tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday, which was written in 1935!

**Intelligent people** have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

<u>Caffeine</u> increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

<u>In ancient times</u> strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

<u>Strawberries and cashews</u> are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

<u>Avocados</u> have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.

<u>The moon</u> moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

<u>The Earth</u> gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

<u>Due to earth's gravity</u> it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

<u>Mickey Mouse</u> is known as "Topolino" in Italy

<u>Soldiers</u> do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.

**The letter J** does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

From Ray Scott



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## IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #139: G. TRIDENS

The G. Tridens or Goniurellia Tridens is a fruit fly first discovered in the UAE by Dr. Brigitte Howarth in 1910 on an oleander shrub in northern Oman. It has been found in the Near and Middle East, India, and central Asia.

It is a member of tephritidae, a family of 5,000 species of fruit flies whose colorful markings have earned them the name "peacock flies".

As seen on the three images to the right, the image of an ant is perfectly clear. These images are greatly enlarged. In the upper picture, the background is grains of sand.

The fruit fly is 1/8" or 3 cm long and the image of the ant is 1 cm or about .040" long. The following is a to scale image, if this page is printed to  $8.5 \times 11$ " size:

It is not surprising the tiny ant artwork it wasn't noticed until 1910.

When threatened, the fly flashes its wings to give the appearance of ants walking back and forth. The predator gets confused and the fly zips off.

As expected some of the references on this have evolutionists saying that this is a naturally evolved self defense system. With all the other problems of evolving a species, it is amazing that they would say sophisticated micro artwork like this simply evolved. But what else is their choice if they want to continue to push the religion of atheism.

What is far more reasonable to believe is that an intelligent designer, God, put this microscopic artwork into the DNA of the G.Tridens as one more proof that He is alive.

Information from: <u>azacharias@thenational.ae</u> and thenationalnews.com

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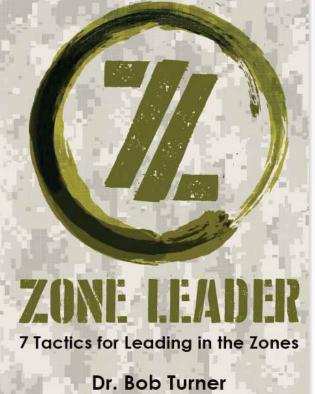
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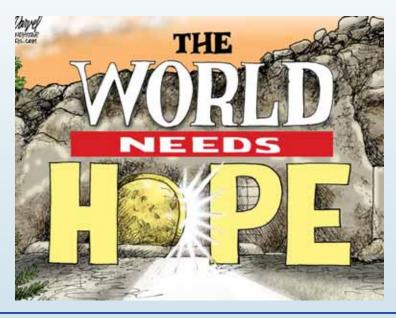


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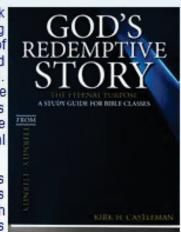
I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

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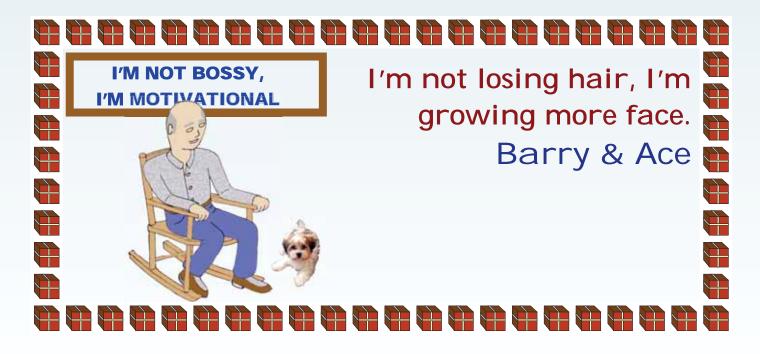
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