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What caused it?

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THE EVIDENCE IS REAL.
THE QUESTIONS ARE PROFOUND.
THE ANSWER POINTS TO GOD.



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And God may be closer than you think.

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Introduction

Many people assume science has eliminated the need for God. Surprisingly, some of the greatest scientific discoveries of the last century have done the opposite.

Rather than removing God from the conversation, they have raised profound questions about the origin of the universe, life, and humanity itself.

Science is excellent at explaining how things work.

But some of the biggest questions remain:

- Why does anything exist?
- Why is the universe so orderly?
- Where did life come from?
- Where did information **come** from?
- Why are humans conscious and moral beings?

Let's examine five discoveries that continue to challenge scientists and philosophers alike.

1. THE UNIVERSE HAD A BEGINNING

For centuries many scientists believed the universe was eternal.

Then came one of the greatest discoveries in scientific history:

The universe is expanding.

This led to what is commonly called the Big Bang theory.

Ironically, the Big Bang does not explain where everything came from.

It points to a beginning.

If the universe had a beginning, what caused it?

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

2. THE UNIVERSE IS FINELY TUNED FOR LIFE

Scientists have discovered that numerous physical constants ap-

pear precisely calibrated for life.

Examples include:

- Gravity
- Electromagnetism
- The strong nuclear force
- The expansion rate of the universe

If these values were altered even slightly, life could not exist.

Our own planet also appears remarkably suited for life.

The Earth orbits the sun at just the right distance to support liquid water and a stable climate.

If Earth were significantly closer to the sun, temperatures could become too hot for life as we know it.

If Earth were significantly farther away, the planet could become too cold.

Scientists often refer to this region as the "habitable zone" or the "Goldilocks zone"—not too hot and not too cold.

In addition, Earth's orbit is nearly circular. If it were much more elliptical, extreme temperature swings could make life difficult or impossible.

Earth's atmosphere, magnetic field, rotation rate, and many other factors also contribute to making life possible.

The question becomes:

Why is the universe so perfectly suited for life?

Accident?

Necessity?

Or design?

Psalm 19:1

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

3. DNA CONTAINS INFORMATION

One of the most remarkable discoveries of modern science is DNA.

Inside every living cell is a digital code containing instructions for life.

DNA is not merely chemistry.

It is information.

Information is normally associated with intelligence.

Books come from authors.

Computer code comes from programmers.

Instructions come from minds.

Scientists estimate that the DNA inside a single human cell contains approximately 3 billion genetic letters.

If that information were printed in ordinary books, it would fill roughly 1,000 to 2,000 volumes of about 500 pages each.

Yet all of that information is stored within a microscopic cell invisible to the naked eye.

The question is not merely how DNA works.

The question is:

Where did the information come from?

Everywhere we observe complex information in daily life, we find an intelligent source behind it.

Libraries require authors.

Computer programs require programmers.

Instruction manuals require designers.

DNA contains vastly more information than any computer program ever written.

The more scientists learn about DNA, the more they discover an astonishing system of information, storage, replication, and error correction operating within every living cell.

Where did the information in DNA originate?

Romans 1:20

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen..."

4. LIFE APPEARS EXTRAORDINARILY COMPLEX

Even the simplest living cell contains:

- Molecular machines
- Information systems
- Error-correction mechanisms
- Energy production systems

Scientists have learned much about life.

Yet the origin of the first living cell remains one of science's greatest mysteries.

Life comes from life.

But where did the first life originate?

John 1:3-4

"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life..."

A Surprise Discovery

Many scientists once assumed that the simplest living organisms would eventually be shown to be relatively simple machines.

As microscopes improved and scientific knowledge increased, many expected life's mysteries to disappear.

Instead, the opposite happened.

The more scientists discovered, the more complexity they found.

What once appeared to be a simple cell is now known to contain:

- Molecular machines
- Information storage systems
- Error-correction mechanisms
- Energy production systems
- Communication networks
- Highly coordinated manufacturing processes

A modern cell has often been compared to a microscopic city filled with factories, transportation systems, power plants, and information centers.

Rather than revealing simplicity, scientific discovery has continually revealed deeper levels of complexity.

The question remains:

How did such an intricate system originate?

The simplest forms of life are far more complex than scientists imagined only a few generations ago.

5. HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS REMAINS A MYSTERY

Humans are different.

We are self-aware.

We reason.

We create.

We love.

We worship.

We ask questions about our own existence.

Science can study the brain.

But consciousness itself remains one of the greatest unsolved mysteries.

Why do humans possess:

- Moral awareness?
- Spiritual longing?
- A sense of purpose?

A desire for eternity?

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart..."

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

None of these discoveries prove God in a laboratory.

But together they raise profound questions.

They suggest that the universe may be more than an accident.

They suggest purpose.

They suggest design.

They suggest intelligence.

They suggest a Creator.

Conclusion

Science has revealed an astonishing universe.

Yet some of the biggest questions remain unanswered.

- Why does anything exist?
- Why is the universe fine-tuned?
- Where did information come from?
- How did life begin?
- Why are humans conscious?

For many people, the answers point beyond nature itself.
They point toward God.

Hebrews 11:3

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God..."

A Prayer for Seeing God Through His Creation

Lord Jesus,

As I consider the universe, life, and the remarkable order of creation, help me to look beyond what exists and consider the One who brought it into existence.

Give me an honest heart as I examine the evidence around me. Keep me from rejecting truth simply because it challenges what I have previously believed.

Your creation is vast beyond my understanding, yet You know every part of it. The same God who created the heavens and the earth knows me, sees me, and cares about my life.

Help me understand that discovering how the universe works does not remove the need for a Creator. Instead, let what I learn about creation increase my desire to know You.

Where I have questions, give me wisdom.

Where I have doubts, help me continue searching.

Where evidence points toward You, give me the courage to follow it.

Lord, I do not want merely to know about the universe You created. I want to know the God who created it.

Open my mind to truth and my heart to faith. Lead me into Your Word and help me discover who You are and what You desire for my life.

May the wonder of creation become a doorway that leads me to the Creator.

**In the name of Jesus Christ,
Amen.**

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Your journey doesn't have to end with this booklet.

If something you have read has raised questions, encouraged your faith, or made you want to know more about Jesus Christ, we would love to meet you.

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