

When “Nothing” Became “Something”

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It took place several billions of years ago — or, so we are told. Make that trillions of years or even quadrillions, if you will. After all, when was the beginning of “Nothing”? Never mind such trifling details — one nanosecond before “time” existed, “Nothing” rolled out of its non-existent bed and decided to become “Something.”

There is wild speculation about its beginning. Maybe “Nothing” produced non-existent chemicals and caused a gas explosion that solidified into lifeless matter to become “Something.” We are told that eventually, over multiple eons of “time,” this chaos of lifeless matter experienced enough upheaval and collisions to become the now-known universe with its billions of stars, moons, and planets.

Squeeze out a few more billions of “years” and lifeless “Something” experienced “life.” Theories abound — a combination of chemicals floating around in a primeval soup of some sort — or the result of electrically-charged subatomic particles making accidental contact — or you name it! Somehow some of these were thrown together and began billions of years of evolution into all the varied life forms, extinct and living. We are told, “That’s it — it’s a fact — there’s no need for debate — get with the program.”

However, there are some nagging questions that do need answers before we believe “Something.” For instance, how did the lifeless matter that “evolved” into the mosquito “know” to use its proboscis to pierce and suck blood from life forms with blood rather than sucking sap from trees? And then, what process stamped out evolution and allowed consistent reproduction of all living things to take over so that everything reproduces “after its kind”? “Nothing” obviously died. “Something” spawned by “Nothing” provides no answers — just theories (guesswork).

So where does man go for believable answers to the origin of “Something”? The answers are not in some distant planet or galaxy! *“By faith we understand that **the worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible”* (Hebrews 11:3). *“Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. **For He spoke**, and it was done; **he commanded**, and it stood fast”* (Psalm 33:8,9). *“And God said...”* (Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 13, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, 29).

“The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God’...” (Psalm 14:1). Pity the poor atheist and unbeliever whose god is “Nothing,” and whose hope ends at the grave.

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