

Genesis 1:1

“Creatio Ex Nihilo”

Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

“In the beginning” –

“God created” –

“the heavens and the earth” –

Creatio ex nihilo – “Creation out of nothing”

Historic Christianity has always maintained a belief in Creation ex nihilo as expressed in the ancient Nicene Creed: “We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.”

Scripture teaches that there was nothing but God, and that God by means of his incalculable wisdom and infinite power alone brought the universe (all matter, energy, time, and space) into existence from nothing. There was no preexistent physical reality; therefore *nothing* should not be understood as an actual *something*.

Support for this truth-claim of historic Christianity can be found throughout Scripture, from Genesis through Revelation:¹

Genesis 1:1 –

Proverbs 3:19 –

Psalm 90:2 –

¹ <https://reasons.org/explore/publications/rtb-101/creation-ex-nihilo>

John 1:3 –

Romans 4:17 –

Revelation 4:11 –

Acts 4:24 –

Acts 17:28 –

2 Timothy 1:9

Titus 1:2 –

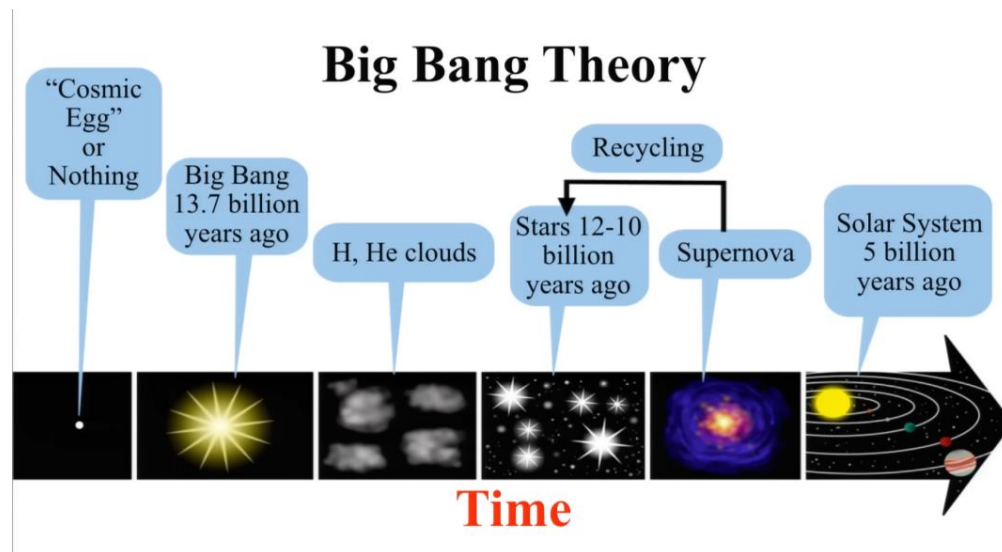
Hebrews 11:3 –

Colossians 1:16 –

Naturalist Worldview:

- 1.
- 2.

The Big Bang:



(Some) Problems with the Big Bang Theory:

- Observation vs. Origin
- The First Law of Thermodynamics
- The Second Law of Thermodynamics
- The Early Inflationary period

Thomas Aquinas' Cosmological Argument:

- Aristotle's Four Causes (384–322 BCE)²
 1. The Material Cause –
 2. The Formal Cause –
 3. The Efficient Cause –
 4. The Final Cause –

- Thomas Aquinas' Argument (1225 – 1274)
 1. Argument from Motion

 2. Argument from Efficient Causes

Summary:

1. Everything that comes into being must have a cause.
2. An infinite regress of causes is impossible.
3. We must therefore arrive at a first cause.
4. This first cause is _____.

² Physics II 3 and Metaphysics V 2