



Many Christians believe only because they _____ and cannot _____ their belief with _____.

Christians are commanded to know _____ they believe, _____ they believe it, & to give _____ to those who ask.

God gave us the ability to _____ and expects us _____ it.

“God has provided enough evidence in this life to convince anyone willing to believe but left enough ambiguity so as not to compel the unwilling.”

Geisler/Turek, I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist

Speed of light = _____ miles/second

1 Light year = _____ miles

Theism – God _____ all

Pantheism – God _____ all

Atheism – _____ God at all

- Theists believe that the universe had a _____ while Pantheists & Atheists _____.
- All cannot be _____.
- Either the universe _____ a beginning or it _____.

“Philosophically, the notion of a beginning of the present order of nature is repugnant to me. ... I should like to find a genuine loophole.” Arthur Eddington, British Astronomer

If the universe had a cause, then only _____ could be that cause.

"If one religion were really true, it would mean that billions of religious people from every other religious faith are wrong today and have been wrong throughout the centuries."

Geisler & Turek, *Faith To Be An Atheist*

"[My cosmological constant was] the greatest blunder of my life. ... [I want] to know how God created the world. I am not interested in this or that phenomenon, in the spectrum of this or that element. I want to know His thought, the rest are details." Albert Einstein

"There is a kind of religion in science ... every effect must have its cause; there is no First Cause. ... This religious faith of the scientist is violated by the discovery that the world had a beginning under conditions in which the known laws of physics are not valid, and as a product of forces or circumstances we cannot discover. When that happens, the scientist has lost control. If he really examined the implications, he would be traumatized. As usual when faced with trauma, the mind reacts by ignoring the implications – in science this is known as 'refusing to speculate' – or trivializing the origin of the world by calling it the Big Bang, as if the Universe were a firecracker."

Robert Jastrow, NASA astronomer/planetary physicist

1. The "Cosmological Argument":

- Everything that had a beginning had a _____
- The universe had a _____
- Therefore, the universe had a _____

Premise 1: everything that had a _____ had a _____

- The Law of _____ is the fundamental principle of science.
- Francis Bacon (father of modern science): "True knowledge is knowledge by _____."
- Science is a _____.

Premise 2: the universe had a _____
(The laws of thermodynamics)

- Law 1: the total amount of usable energy in the universe is _____.
- Law 2 (Law of Entropy): things tend to go from _____ to _____.
- The universe cannot be eternal, because if it were, we would have reached _____ (entropy) by now.