

### **What's a billion?**

A billion is a thousand millions. Astronomers tell us that the farthest object they can observe in the universe is 13.3 billion light-years away. That means that the light from one galaxy out at the limit of view, has been travelling that long at 186,000 miles per second. And that begs the question, just what is happening way out there right now? Answer: come back in 13 billion years and some astronomer may be able to tell you. The fact is, we don't know and can't know; the universe is too vast. And people have the nerve to say it all just happened by means of some big bang. So what caused the bang? What, or who set it off? Looking through a microscope to magnify tiny things, we now understand that in one atom (just a small part of each molecule), there is vast empty space between the whirling electrons and the central nucleus. Sort of like our solar system; circling planets but immense space between them. Further minute discoveries are being made all the time, leading to think that the micro universe is as unlimited as the macro. People lived along for thousands of years without even knowing that such things as atoms and molecules existed. I submit that our expanding knowledge of what can and can't be seen, should lead us to the conclusion that there was a creative hand at work a long time ago. Clearly, God is responsible. We read in the Bible: *All things were made by Him (the Son of God), and without Him was not anything made, that was made* (John 1:3).

### **The universe explained**

The very first verse in the Bible gives the only reasonable explanation: *In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth* (Genesis 1:1). Science says that nothing can be declared a fact until it has been proven. But science cannot prove a big bang, nor can it disprove the existence of God. Those are matters not subject to lab experiment.

### **Seeing is believing?**

People, scientists among them, say they will not believe something unless they see it for themselves. And then they go ahead and believe that some days the wind blows. Who has ever seen the wind? *The wind bloweth where it listeth (wants to), and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth* (John 3:8). We observe and feel the effect of the wind, without ever seeing it and yet deduce that there must be wind. We can observe what God has done; how then can we deny Him? In John 20:29, Jesus answered doubting Thomas this way: *Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed*. The point is, once you have believed God and accepted His Son's death on the cross for you, God will be pleased to unravel His mysteries for you.

### **Believe and then see!**

*Without faith it is impossible to please Him (God); for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him* (Hebrews 11:6). Whoever diligently seeks to know God, will be led to the one, Christ Jesus, who can and will reveal God, the Father. *There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.* (1 Timothy 2:5). *If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved* (Romans 10:9).

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