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MUCH ADO ABOUT SOMETHING!

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"The Lord was standing by a vertical wall, with a plumb line in His hand." Amos 7:7

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In the beginning, there was NOTHING

- there were NO atoms and NO molecules;
- there were NO forces, NO laws, NO magnetism, and NO electricity;
- there were NO gases, NO liquids, and NO solid matter;
- there were NO energy sources, NO light, and NO heat;
- there were NO philosophers, NO scientists, and NO artists.

There was nothing -

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!

One day (though there were no days) all this nothingness could no longer tolerate being nothing and nothing had an overwhelming urge to become something. The tension between being nothing and being something became so great that nothing went "bang" - it was a **BIG BANG!**

When the dust settled, so to speak, nothing had become something and

- the sun arose each morning with amazing regularity and predictability,
- the plants blossomed and produced a wide variety of delectable fruits at the right seasons,
- the animals frolicked and the birds sang a wide range of magnificent songs, and
- man speculated and imagined that he is god.

Philosophers speculated and explained how nothing *could* become something,

Scientists investigated and demonstrated how

nothing *did* become something, and
Artists painted nothing and declared it to *be*
something!

In the course of time, they agreed that nothing
had become everything and, therefore,

- man is completely autonomous and free
to do exactly as he pleases,
- progress is inevitable and science is the
infallible guide to the future, and
- all ideas of God are archaic and irrelevant.

Some, however, observed that if man came
from nothing he *is* nothing. (Significantly, that
realization brought a corresponding interest in
self-esteem. In other words, having realized
that man is nothing, he is now trying to convince
himself that he is something.)

This "much ado about nothing" might have
been avoided if proper consideration had been
given to the question of **ORIGINS**. Ultimately,
only two alternatives are possible:

1. *Either* something does come from nothing
2. *Or*, something is eternal.

To begin with nothing - absolutely **NOTHING**
- the first alternative is utterly impossible and
absurd. No matter how many billions of years
are projected, the question of origins cannot be
concealed in primordial soup or hidden in pri-
mordial slime. $\text{Chance} + \text{time} \times \text{nothing} =$
nothing!

Since something cannot come from nothing,
something must be eternal. The origin of the
universe - with its amazing order, variety, com-
plexity, immensity, and beauty (not to mention
the existence of intelligence) - cannot be ex-
plained by chance. The only adequate explana-

tion for the existence of anything is an eternal Being who is intelligent, powerful, and good. There is a God - and He has made all things out of nothing by His powerful word. And, because God is intelligent, He has told us *how* He did it!

How did nothing become something?

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

“All things came into being through Him.”

John 1:3

“By the word of the Lord the heavens were made...He Spoke and it was done.” Psalm 33:6,9

“Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who made us, and not we ourselves.”

Psalm 100:2

Because God exists and

“Since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, [men] are without excuse.

“For even when they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools... The exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator.” Romans 1:20-25

Therefore,

“God is now declaring to all men everywhere that they should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world.”

Acts 17:30-31

That is; ALL MEN MUST:

- recognize that their speculation about origins is foolish,
- apologize to God, their Maker, for rejecting the evidence and ignoring His existence, and
- seek reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ.

**A MEANINGFUL ORIGIN
IS ESSENTIAL FOR A
MEANINGFUL EXISTENCE**

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