

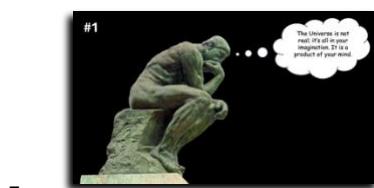
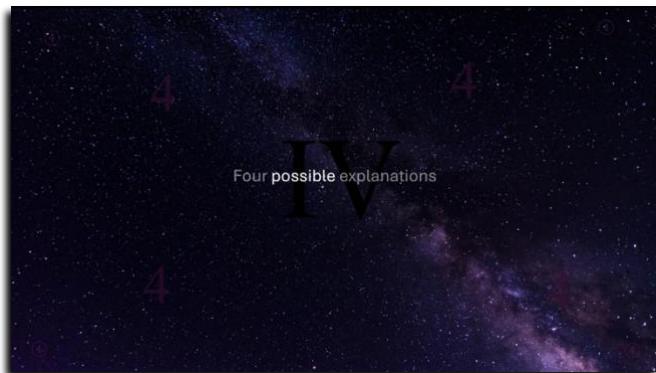
- **INTRO to Genesis**
- Before we get into Genesis:
- A man was taking it easy, lying on the grass and looking up at the clouds. He was identifying shapes when he decided to talk to God. "God," he said, "how long is a million years?"
 God answered, "In my frame of reference, it's about a minute."
 The man asked, "God, how much is a million dollars?"
 God answered, "To Me, it's a penny."
 The man then asked, "God, can I have a penny?"
 God said, "In a minute."¹

Perspective

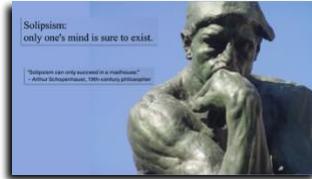
- **A LOGICAL look at the Cosmos**

¹ http://jokes.christiansunite.com/God/Time_and_Eternity.shtml

- **Four** possible explanations for the universe



- **#1 The Universe is not real;** it's all in your imagination.
 - Congratulations! You have the most creative mind ever!
 - Do any of your other thoughts display anything remotely close to this universe?



- **Solipsism:** *only one's mind is sure to exist.*

○ A. Schopenhauer, "solipsism can only succeed in a madhouse "²

- There are/is absolute truths/truth, and your belief/mind can't change it.
- Humans **cannot** breathe water, eat cyanide, etc.
- Unfortunately, this view doesn't align with reality.

#2

The Universe came from nothing.
 It created itself; it just happened.

- **#2) The Universe came from nothing.** It created itself; it just happened.
 - This violates Cause and effect.
 - You CAN NOT have an effect without a cause.
 - an effect **cannot** be its own cause
 - Like me saying, "I am my own father." 😊

² <https://everything.explained.today/Solipsism/>



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- Billy Preston song from 1974 “Nothing from Nothing”

- *Nothing from nothing leaves nothing*

You gotta have something if you wanna be with me

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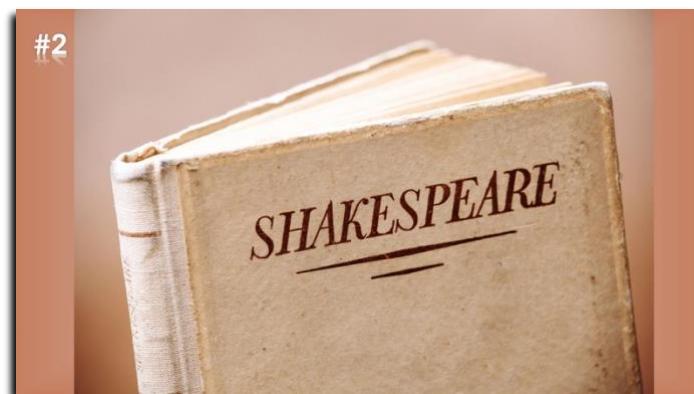
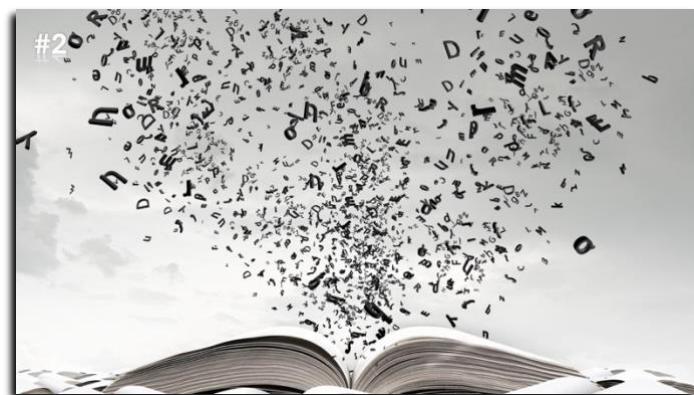
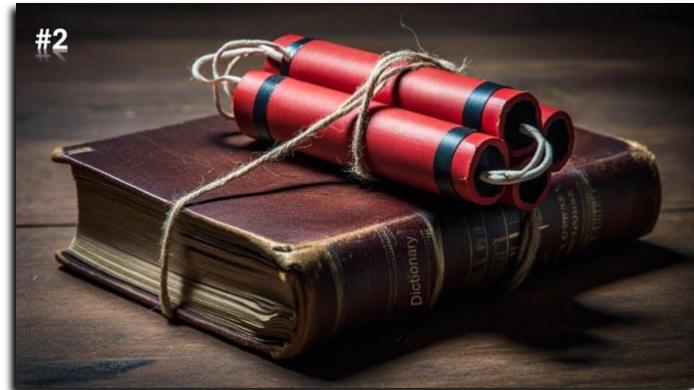
- $< 1+1=2, 0+0=?$



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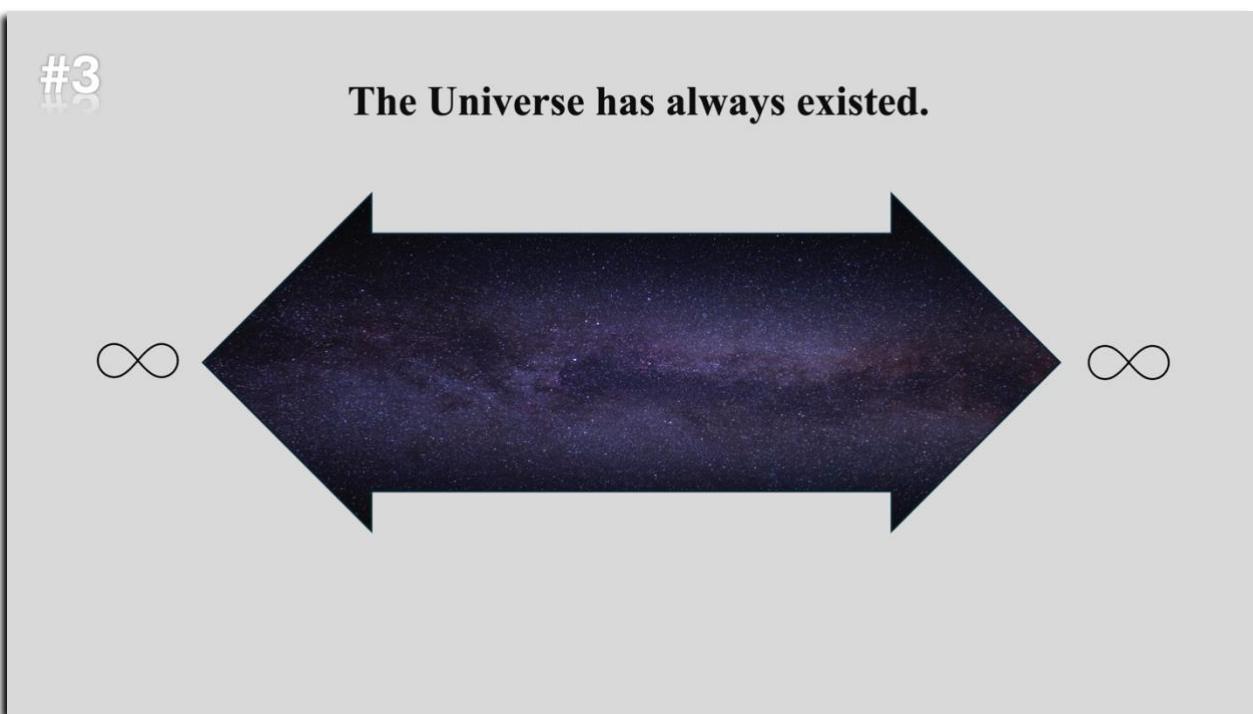


- A Chef= A meal; A builder/designer =a house; A drummer =a drum sound
- The Universe is complex with distinct systems and laws.



- To believe that randomness created everything is like believing a bomb strapped to a Webster's dictionary could create Shakespeare.

- A very large number of people subscribe to this idea. 😊

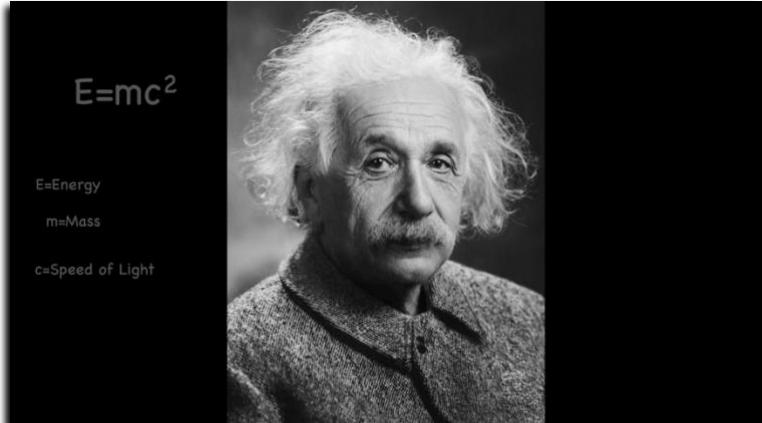


#3) The Universe has always existed.

- This was the majority belief 100 years ago by sceptics of the Bible.
- This violates 2nd law of Thermo-dynamics (Physics)
 - **1st Law** - Energy cannot be created or destroyed. It only changes form or transfers from one object to another.
 - **2nd Law** - States that in any energy transfer or transformation, the total entropy of an isolated system can never decrease over time, meaning that heat naturally flows from hot to cold objects and not the other way around.
- **Entropy: A Measure of disorder**

- Heat loss
 - If the Universe existed for eternity, it would have died an eternity ago from heat loss.



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- **Einstein** reportedly referred to his failure to accept the validation of his equations—when they had predicted the expansion of the universe in theory, before it was demonstrated in observation of the cosmological redshift—as his "biggest blunder"



In

1929, not long after Einstein developed his static theory, observations by [Edwin Hubble](#) indicated that the universe appears to be expanding

- **#4) There is an Un-Caused 1st cause** of everything.
 - A cause that is infinite
- Has this “Un-caused 1st cause” communicated anything?
 - The foundation of all theology is: God is.
 - **General Revelation**— Available to everyone at all times
 - [Psalm 19:1-4](#) ¹ *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. ⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.*
 - [Romans 1:18-20](#) ²⁰ *For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse*

- **Special Revelation**— Adam Harwood describes it as, “Available to some people, but not all people. The means of special revelation includes divine speech, prophecy, dreams and visions, divine or angelic appearances, signs and miracles, the incarnation of Christ, and Scripture.”³
- The Bible
 - **Hebrews 1:2**
 - MAPS: Manuscripts/Archaeology/Prophecy/Statistics
 - **Manuscripts**
 - The largest collection of manuscripts of all works
 - Sir Frederic Kenyon, director and principal librarian of the British Museum, said: *No other ancient book has anything like such early and plentiful testimony to its text, and no unbiased scholar would deny that the text that has come down to us is substantially sound*”
 - **Archaeology**
 - Digs prove the Bible correct. (I usually flip it to say the Bible verifies archaeology)
 - **Prophecy**

³ Adam Harwood, *Christian Theology: Biblical, Historical, and Systematic*, Bellingham, WA, Lexham Academic, 15 June 2022, p. 33.

- Over 1/3 prophecy and all have happened, except future ones

- Statistics

- more than 40 authors over about 1600 years (one book, not a collection)
- Authors were kings, peasants, philosophers, fishermen, physician, tax collector, statesmen, scholars, poets and farmers.
- Written from Italy, Greece, Babylon, Persia, and Israel. The human authors lived in different cultures and had different experiences. They were different in character and personality.
- 3 languages; Old Testament: Hebrew; Aramaic; New Testament: Greek.
- Continuity and unity from Genesis to Revelation.

- Internal testimony

-  2 Timothy 3:16-17 – ¹⁶*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

- **Romans 3:2** *Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with **the oracles of God.***
 - Theopneustos “God-breathed”.
 - Only here NT
- **2 Peter 1:20-21**
- **Exodus 20:1; Deuteronomy 6:6-9, 17; 2 Samuel 22:31; 23:2; Psalm 19:7-11; 119:9,11,18,89-91, 97-100, 104-5, 130; Proverbs 30:5-6; Isaiah 55:10-11; 22:29; Mark 13:31; John 2:22; 5:24; 10:35; Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; Revelation 1:1-3; 22:.**
- **Genesis 1:1** *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth....*
 - **John 17:17** ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your **word** is **truth**.
 - **1 Peter 1:25** *But the word of the Lord remains forever. ” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.*
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The Lord bless you and keep you;
 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.