

Space, Time, and Creation
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If we start at the beginning, which as best as I can tell, is around 5000 years ago, although the year is 5775 – but that is for next year’s sermon slam – Genesis 1.1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. By the time we get to the fifth line, we learn that: there was evening and there was morning, one day. From this we can deduce that we got it right – the day starts with the evening. By the time we reach Genesis 2.2 we learn that it took God 6 days to finish the creation, and that God rested on the 7th. At this point, we know very little of the creator, or for that matter, how ‘long’ a day was at the time of creation. Or if there are other creators, or if there are other creations.

One could be forgiven for looking at the universe and believing it is mostly static. From this, it is not a stretch to imagine that at some point in time, perhaps 5775 years ago, something happened that resulted in the creation narrative we know as Genesis Chapter 1.

Problem is – the universe is not static. It is expanding. And if it is expanding, it means we can trace back the expansion back to its origin in time, which would have been some 15 Billion years ago. At that point in time, something happened that resulted in the creation narrative we know as the Big Bang.

Very little is known about the laws that govern space and time ‘before’ the Big Bang occurred. In fact, the concept of ‘before’ is meaningless, as time, as we understand it, does not yet exist. In fact, space does not exist either.

Which brings us back to the beginning – if there is no space, and no time, and all we have is what is referred to as a ‘singularity’, then precisely what happened in this non-space – non-time - non place to trigger the big bang?

And that is where many cosmologists see the hand of the creator.