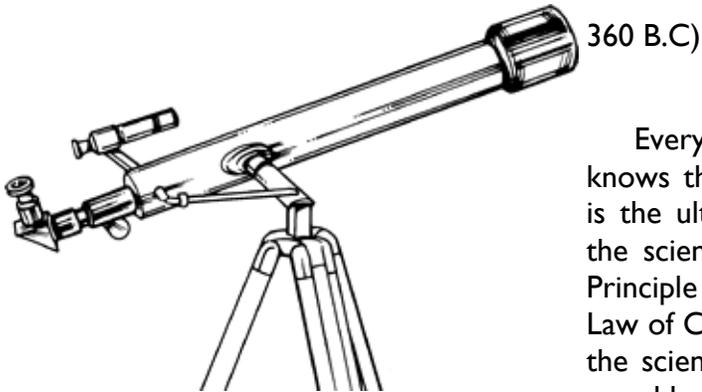




# Neighbor to Neighbor

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## Begin at the Beginning



It is hoped with this new endeavor that we can in the words of Lewis Carroll's King as he spoke to the White Rabbit in "Alice in Wonderland", "Begin at the beginning, and go on till you come to the end; then stop." So with that in mind, we will look at two beginnings.

Renowned physicist Stephen Hawking speculates the universe began from an infinitely small sphere where space-time was so curved and compacted it had 'zero' volume, this he called "the singularity." The singularity exploded and gave rise to the entire material universe. The biggest problem with this hypotheses, is exposed by two simple questions, "Where did the singularity come from?" and "What caused it to explode?". To these questions we are given no logical explanation or scientific data. However, the Law of Cause and Effect, states every material effect, in this case the physical universe, must have an adequate antecedent or simultaneous cause. This Law, has been investigated for its truthfulness, at least since the writings of Aristotle and Plato (circa 350-

360 B.C)  
Every student of logic knows this law or principle is the ultimate canon of all the sciences. Without the Principle of Causality (The Law of Cause and Effect), all the sciences would at once crumble to dust. While Mr. Hawking's speculation leaves some big gaps, for those who look to the Bible for answers finds that some 2000 years ago the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews stated, "every house is built by someone, but He who

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built all things is God." (Hebrews 3:4) The universe is the grand Effect and God is the grand Cause, for "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1) . Everyone knows that a house cannot build itself, however there are many evolutionists that are left in a dilemma trying to explain how this fantastically massive and extremely complex Universe could have just one day appeared without a cause.

An evolutionist, Robert Jas-

trow, the founder and former director of the Goddard Institute for Space Studies at NASA, wrote: "The Universe and everything that has happened in it since the beginning of time, is a grand effect without a known cause. An effect without a known cause? That is not the world of science; it is a world of witchcraft, of wild events and the whims of demons, a medieval world that science has tried to banish. As scientists, what are we to make of this picture? I do not know." He later wrote in his book "God and the Astronomers": "For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries."

Scientifically speaking, according to the well-accepted Principle of Causality (the Law of Cause and Effect), there had to be a cause for the Universe. Yet, consistently, evolutionists are forced to admit to a great effect (the Universe and all that is in it) without a preceding great cause. The question arises: Who is being "unscientific?"... to be continued.— Paul Cantrell

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- The relevancy of the Bible
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**What is Faith?** What does faith mean to you? What comes to mind, when you hear the word?

Some people make fun of faith because they think it means believing just any ole supernatural concept that is proposed. Others play somewhat into the hand of that supposition by thinking that faith is believing the unbelievable. Plus, believing simply because something feels right about it or just because we would like to think such could be possible.

However the bible does not teach such ideas about faith. It reveals that faith has a logical and reasonable basis for believing in things that cannot be seen . That evidences of those unseen things give a person enough reasonable assurance to accept those things as true (See Hebrews 11:1). It is similar to the process a jury must go through to determine guilt or innocence.

“Seeing is believing” the doubtful mind says. But there have been many occasions where a person has been con-

vinced that what they saw was not believable. Therefore, even seeing may not result in faith. Moreover the idea of faith excludes something being proven to the point that there could not be any doubt whatsoever. Similar to the idea of hope; being that if a person is already in possession of what they hope for, they do not need hope. Religious and spiritual faith then rests upon enough reasonable evidence to believe in things that we cannot at the moment test with all five senses. However, like the juror, you know something has taken place. And there are a couple theories on how it took place. So as the juror, you examine the evidence and the reasoning that has proposed the two theories. Then from that you must decide which is more believable. Your trust in the deductions that you have made become the faith for what you accept as true. And similarly your faith in spiritual matters is the result of such a process. *“Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen”* – Joe Griffin