



Reasons for God
Resolving doubts. Renewing purpose.

Why is there something instead of nothing?



“While Christianity IS about faith, it is not a blind faith!”



19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.



20 For since the creation of the world
His invisible attributes are clearly seen,
being understood by the things that are
made,



**19 They know the truth
about God because he has
made it obvious to them.**

Romans 1 (NLT)



20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, **they can clearly see his invisible qualities**—his eternal power and divine nature.

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Through everything God made, **they**
can clearly see his
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**so they have no excuse
for not knowing God.**

Romans 1 (NLT)



Biblical View - Why is there something instead of nothing?





1 In the beginning **God**
created the heavens and the
earth..

Genesis 1



25 Of old You laid the foundation of the
earth, And **the heavens are**
the work of Your hands.

Psalm 102:25-26



**26 They will perish, but You
will endure;**

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**3 All things were made
through Him, and without Him
nothing was made that was made.**

John 1:3

3 **By faith** we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God,



so that **the things which are
seen were not made of
things which are visible.**

Hebrews 11

EX NIHILO

"out of nothing"

- *Our universe had a beginning*
- *God existed before the beginning*
- *Creation was caused by God*
- *God created something out of nothing*
- *There will be an end to the universe*



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Stephen Hawking completed a theory outlining his prediction for the end of the world just two weeks before his death, it has emerged.





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A detailed portrait of Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz, showing his face and long, curly brown hair. He is wearing a light-colored cravat. The background of the portrait is a dark, textured green.

Leibniz

Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz (1646)



Kalam Cosmological Argument

- *Whatever begins to exist has a cause*
- *The universe began to exist*
- *Therefore, the universe has a cause*



***Whatever begins to exist
has a cause***





sci·ence

/ˈsiəns/ 

noun

the intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment.

"the world of science and technology"

synonyms: branch of knowledge, body of knowledge/information, area of study, discipline, field

"the science of criminology"

- a particular area of this.

plural noun: **sciences**

"veterinary science"

- a systematically organized body of knowledge on a particular subject.

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synonyms: physics, chemistry, biology; [More](#)



*If it cannot be observed,
or repeated by
experimentation, then it
is not science. It is
faith.*



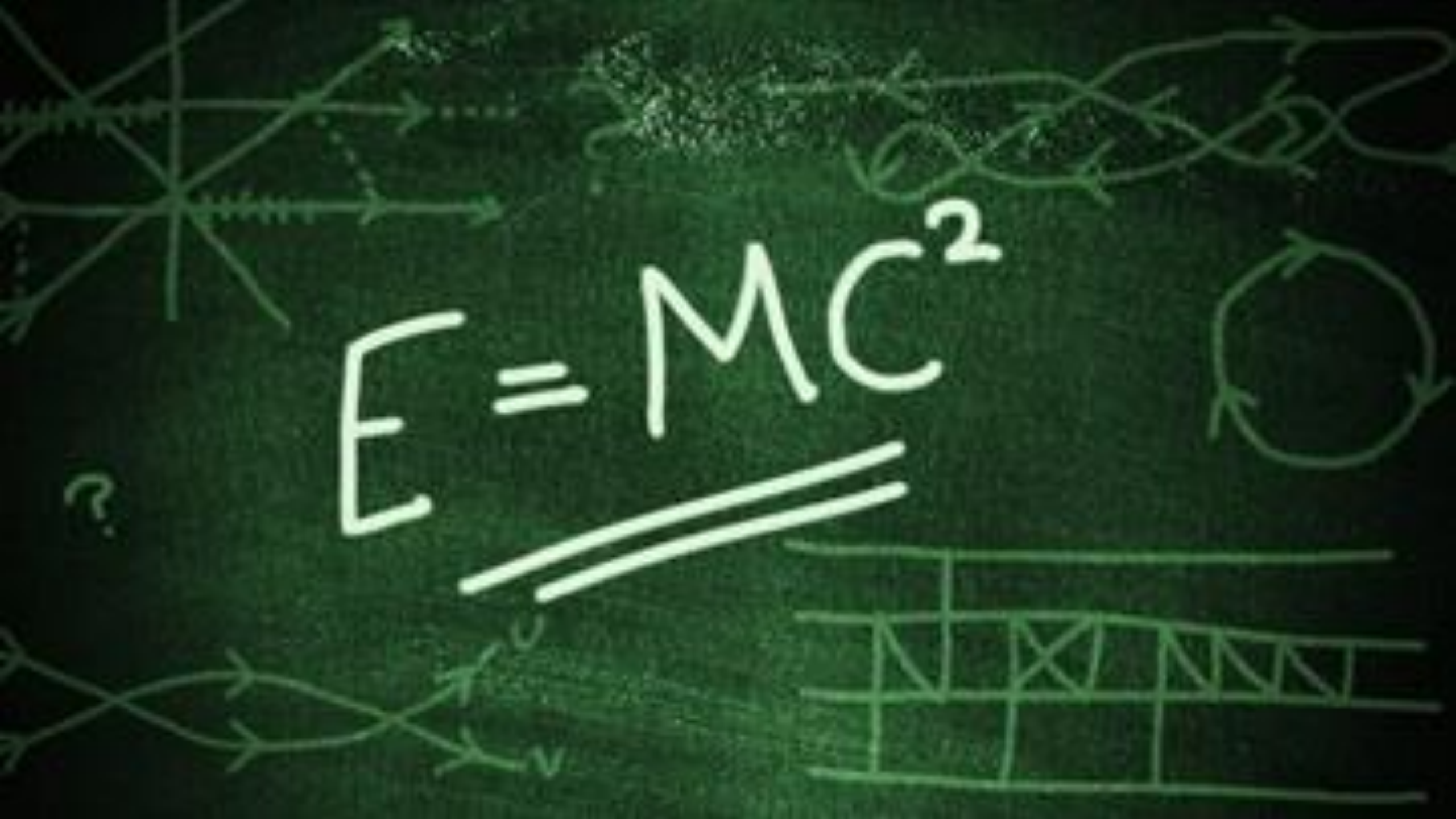
*If the universe (things)
just popped into
existence - then why
doesn't it still happen
today?*



Whatever begins to exist has a cause

***The universe began to
exist***



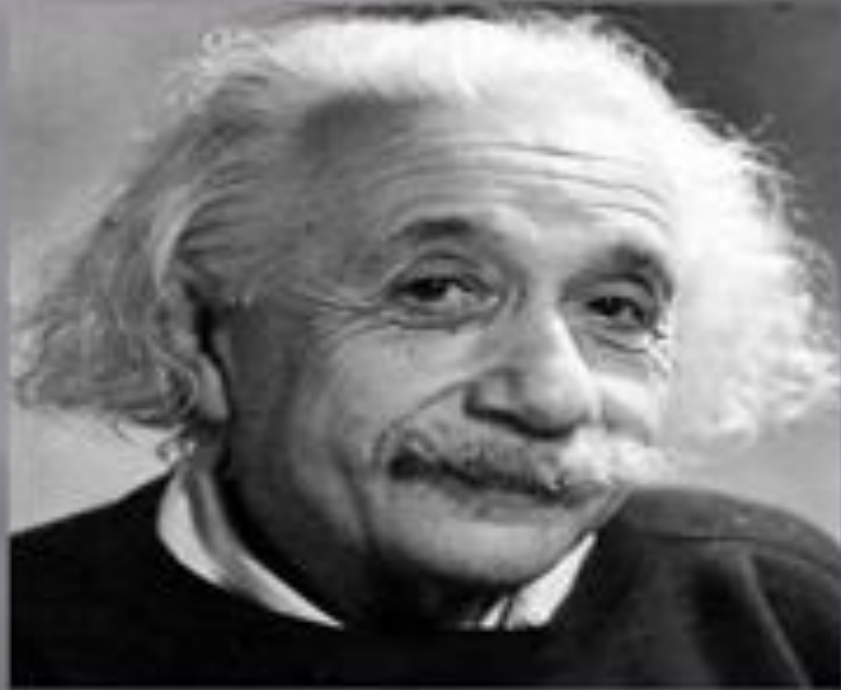

$$\underline{\underline{E=MC^2}}$$

Jeans: Steady State Theory

- ▣ The universe has no beginning and no end—it was believed at this time that the universe was eternal. Many famous scientists of that day held strongly to this theory: Albert Einstein and Sir Fred Hoyle (who revised the theory in 1948).

New Data Not Looking Good for Steady State Theory!

In 1916 Einstein's theory of relativity indicated
that the universe had a beginning!



Relativity

Revealed that matter, time, and energy had a beginning. Einstein called his discovery “irritating.” He wanted the universe to be self-existent — not reliant on an outside cause. Einstein introduced a “fudge factor” into his own equation!

Additional Discoveries

1922: Russian mathematician Alexander Friedmann exposed Einstein's fudge factor as an algebraic error — Einstein in order to avoid a beginning divided by zero! Einstein later described this error as “the greatest blunder of my life.”

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Dutch astronomer Willem de Sitter found that Einstein's general relativity required an expanding universe. This expanding universe was verified in 1927 by Edwin Hubble (namesake of space telescope).



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In the Beginning Was the Beginning

Cosmologist Alex Vilenkin does the math to show that the universe indeed had a starting point



"For many physicists, the beginning of the universe is uncomfortable, because it suggests that something must have caused the beginning, that there should be some cause outside the universe," says Alex Vilenkin. Photo: DepositPhotos



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Purpose

- **Exalt** - Worship
- **Evangelize** - Tell people about Jesus
- **Equip believers to serve** - make disciples
- **Engage** – Serve others
- **Encourage** – Spend time together



Mission Statement

*To know Jesus and to make Him
known while living, loving and
serving like Him*

confirmation

EVIDENCE

proof

verification

affirmation

substantiation

corroboration

A man rejects God neither because of intellectual demands nor because of the scarcity of evidence. A man rejects God because of a moral resistance that refuses to admit his need for God.