Exodus 3:14

- Where Did God Come From?
- Did God Himself Have a Creator?
- When Did God Begin Existing?
- These are some of the most frequently asked questions concerning God.

• There are two ways to answer all three of these question:

<u>1. The Bible</u> – The proven, plenary, and inspired Word of God gives us these answers.

<u>2. Logical Reasoning</u> - This is what makes us so unique. It will lead any person to conclude the rational answers to these questions.

 To Give the overall question of "Who Made God?" proper consideration we will examine both of the previous options here this morning.

• To begin, lets look at the question from a Logical point of view.

A Logical Examination



• The Universe

 Math is absolute truth, black and white, day and night. It is used and relied on from all the important professions in life.

• From Scientists to Construction workers math is of the utmost importance.

 Therefore it is an axiomatic (unquestioned and self evident) truth that if nothing were to exist then nothing will always be the case.

• The simplest way to explain this is:

0 + 0 = 0

• Herein lies the problem.

• This is where many people who argue against God find themselves in trouble.

 In science it is all but universally agreed that something cannot come from nothing, beit matter or life etc.

- Stephen Hawking, and Peter Atkins argue that a vacuum has always existed and that fluctuations in gravity within the vacuum can actually create matter.
- This is referred to as "Quantum Fluctuations"
- There is some resistance among his colleagues to this statement:

"It is quite false to suggest that this represents a universe coming into being from absolutely nothing. For quantum fluctuations to occur there **must be a background space-time and** there have to be quantum fields with precise energy and mass."

~ Michael Meacher (Destination of Species)

"Even if the universe were to have arisen out of nothing, it still has to be asked why such an event would have happened. The mathematician Roger Penrose has estimated that the probability of our universe, fine-tuned as it is to such extraordinary precision is about 1 in 10²³ out of the array in 'phase space' of possible universes."

~ Michael Meacher

- This mathematical equation is <u>the number 10</u> with 124 zeroes after it. That is the probability that our universe and life could come from nothing.
- Mathematically speaking a tornado <u>has a</u> greater chance of going through a junk yard and producing a fully functioning 747 jet airliner.

 This book of course was met with criticism, "He isn't a real scientist!" "He's just a philosopher what does he know!"

 There is a clear line between Science and Philosophy!

• It is explained by a former atheist.

"When you study the interaction of two physical bodies, for instance, two sub-atomic particles, you are engaged in science. When you ask how it is that those sub-atomic particles – or anything physical – could exist an why, you are engaged in philosophy."

~ Antony Flew (There Is A God)

 No matter how you slice it or dice it, to ponder on the origin of life, where we came from, why we are here etc. <u>is to engage in</u> <u>philosophy not science.</u>

 Stephen Hawking, Richard Dawkins, Peter Atkins are all participating in <u>Philosophy</u> <u>masked as Science.</u>

• However, if something exists eternally then it is possible that life could originate from that:

There are two possibilities for this:

1. God – A Grand Creator & Designer of the Universe.

2. The Universe is Eternal and has always existed.

• Follow the line of reasoning for option 2:

Where did we come from?

- Billions of years ago lightning struck a stagnant pool and from that life originated.

- Or an alternative offered by Richard Dawkins, an asteroid containing life crashed into the earth billions of years ago.

• Where did matter, and the planets come from for this to happen?

- They came from the big bang and from that point the universe was created.

- Alternatively the universe has undergone several big bangs and will continue to do so.

• Where did the matter for the big bang to occur come from?

- It came from a vacuum and gravitation fluctuations.

- From a Giant Black Hole.

• Where did the vacuum come from?

- Stay Tuned for more info.

Ultimately to say that **Nothing Was Responsible for Producing This:**



Is Simply Not A Logical Conclusion Supported By Sound Evidence.

No matter how far back you go to explain life, and the existence of matter you cannot:

1. Reach a place where Something came from Nothing.

2. Nor Can You answer the question, "Where did it all come from?"

• Something has always existed.

 This is what scientists and philosophers are finally coming to grips with, and it is why there seems to be a million different theories to prove the universes as eternal and avoid saying "It must have been created"

 The question then becomes this. What is the "something" that has been in existence always?

• There are mountains of evidence to the contrary that the universe has always existed in some form or fashion.

• Does this not leave us with the option that this world, universe and all that we know to have a grand designer?

• This Creator is not matter or physical.

• This leaves only one option, the Creator is Spiritual.

• The Bible tells us that this Creator is God.

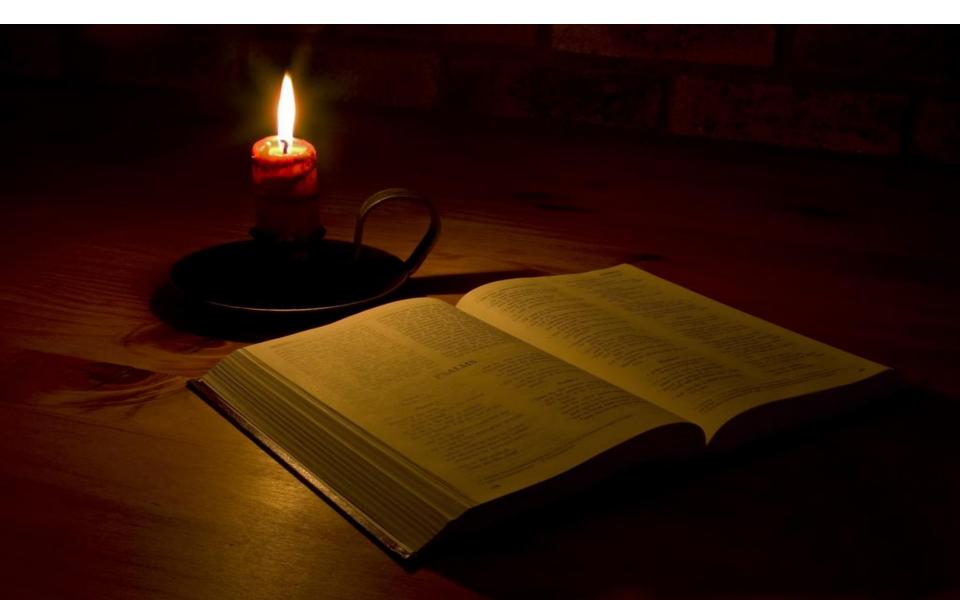
"God is spiritual and those that worship, must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth."

~ John 4:24

• The only answer that satisfies the questions of our origin and purpose are that God Created it all (Genesis 1:1-31).

 Furthermore, there is an overwhelming abundance of evidence to support a Grand Designer i.e. God than to suppose that the Universe is Eternal.

A Biblical Examination



- Knowing now that the universe is not eternal and has been created by God we can again ask the question, "Who made God?"
- The Biblical answer is that He came from nowhere, nor from anything.
- God had no beginning, will have no ending, and is an eternal self-existing being.

• Take our original three questions:

• Where Did God Come From?

• Did God Himself Have a Creator?

• When Did God Begin Existing?

- If God came from somewhere or had a beginning then there is a place of origin for Him, and thus He cannot be God.
- If God had a Creator then He could not be God, (His creator would be unless He was also created).
- If God is not <u>ETERNAL</u>, and <u>SELF-EXISTING</u> then <u>HE CANNOT BE GOD.</u>

• God is Eternal and everlasting in nature

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The <u>everlasting God</u>, the LORD, <u>The Creator of</u> <u>the ends of the earth</u>, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

~ Isaiah 40:28

• He is Eternal In His Purpose:

Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, <u>according to</u> <u>the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the</u> <u>world began</u>, but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, <u>according to the commandment of the everlasting</u> <u>God</u>, for obedience to the faith

~ Romans 16:26

• He is Eternal in His Nature

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

~ 1 Timothy 1:17

Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, <u>Even from everlasting to everlasting,</u> <u>You are God.</u>

~ Psalm 90:2

God is Self-Existing

The Name for God found in the Old Testement is "Yahweh" or "YWHY" or in Hebrew:



 In The Old Testament Yahweh occurs more than 6,800 times. The name is less of a name or title and more of a description, coming from the Hebrew verb "Hayah" which means: *"To Be"*

 Literally in the Old Testament God is referred to as "The Eternal One" or "Self-Exisitng One"

And God said to Moses, "<u>I AM WHO I AM</u>." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

~ Exodus 3:14

"I am the **Alpha** and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

~ Revelation 1:8

- There is no creator for God, He simply "Is"
- He created the Universe
- He Created Man
- He Sent His Son to Redeem Man From Sin (John 3:16; 1 John 2:2)

And In God:

We live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

~ Acts 17:28

Our God Is Alive, Our Savior Lives

Who shut in the sea with doors, When it burst forth *and* issued from the womb; When I made the clouds its garment, And thick darkness its swaddling band; When I fixed My limit for it, And set bars and doors; When I said, 'This far you may come, but no farther, And here your proud waves must stop!' ~ Job 38:9-11

And He Offers To Freely Forgive Any Person Who Comes To Him