Subject: Why do you think? Posted by SomeRhino on Sat, 17 Jan 2004 05:56:37 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

You can't shrug off life by saying we were created by aliens, because the next logical question would be, "Where did the aliens come from?"

The universe could not always have just been there. As you probably know, the universe is slowly running down on energy, as is required by the laws of thermodynamics. If the universe had existed forever, then all the energy in the universe would be dispersed perfectly, all radioactive atoms would have by now decayed, there would be no part warmer than any other part. The "heat death" of the universe, if you will. Obviously, the universe is not like that, so it must have come from somewhere.

Those people who start with a naturalistic axiom therefore have proposed what is now called the "big bang" theory to explain how matter got into its current state. However, this theory is in severe trouble, and has been for some time. For instance, if the entire mass of the universe was concentrated at a single point, then it would form a black hole. Even if this concentration of mass somehow managed to build up enough energy to explode, it wouldn't be able to go far because nothing- not even light itself can escape the event horizon of a black hole. Some theories have been proposed to get around this, probably the most popular one is that the universe actually has more than three space dimensions! I once read that some say it would require 12 dimensions. Yet there is not the slightest proof for them.

Some other problems for the theory are that there isn't nearly enough antimatter in the universe to collapse back onto itself (we're not even sure if antimatter exists, it's theorized to be contained in galactic halos.) This would be required for an oscillating universe, again another reason the universe could not have existed forever.

Now, some of you have been saying that if there was a Creator, then He would have had to create Himself. This is absurd, because something can't create itself if it does not yet exist. The solution is that the Creator has always been there. God is not bound by the physical laws He has set over the universe, so when God created the matter, He created time itself. It's interesting to note that Einstein's Theory of General Relativity shows that time is linked to matter, and that time itself had a beginning. God is not bound by the limit of time, and the Bible has several passages explaining that He exists outside of time.

Is there direct proof of a Creator? No.

Is there direct proof of the universe being self-existing? No.

It is merely a question of what theory has the most solid foundation, where you want to put your faith.

I've made my choice.