

Unanswered questions about the Big Bang

What is the Big Bang? Does the Universe expand forever? And how old is the Universe? These questions have been asked and answered by science for decades.

But, do they have the right answers?

IF we take a look at *The Urantia Book*, we might see things from a different perspective—from the perspective of our Creators.

Science has long regarded the “Big Bang” ¹ as the only logical, conceivable way the universe could have been created. This theory posits a moment in time, or before time, when an explosion gave rise to the expansion of the present universe, which has been expanding ever since. This, in theory, happened about 14.5 billion years ago, based upon the technique used to justify this conclusion.

But we know from *The Urantia Book* that the Big Bang was not the beginning. When we look to see if there ever was a beginning of OUR universe, Nebedon, we might conceive that it occurred when Michael began creating his own part of the universe in a space specifically for it, which is called Nebadon. But where is the bang there? Remember, there are 100,000 local universes in our superuniverse. Did they all go bang?

Next, we might think the bang occurred when our superuniverse, Uversa, was created. Yet, where is the bang part, especially if it is one of seven superuniverses?

Or how about when the First Source and Center decided to create the worlds of time and space. Was that the Bang? Maybe, but that was so long ago it is considered infinitely long ago in eternity; thus, no time is attached to it.

Speaking of time, from our text ², the portion of the universe called the Andronover Nebula, a part of the already existing local universe of Nebadon, that was to include our solar system, came to be recognized as a favorable part of Nebadon. Yes, Nebadon already existed, almost a trillion years ago. How does this match up with the 14.5-billion-years-ago concept?

Or that the estimate of the beginning of the world of time and space is more like many trillions of years before that, stretching back to eternity.

As to the “expanding” nature of our universe, yes, it is. It has been for the past one-half billion years. But in another half-billion years, it will start to contract – again. This is the pattern of what is called respiration ³ in The Urantia Book context: the constant expansion and contraction of the entire pervaded areas of space in the universes of time and space; one billion years out, one billion years in, one billion years out, one billion years in....

Recent discoveries and some clearer thinking have started to put the Big Bang theory to bed.

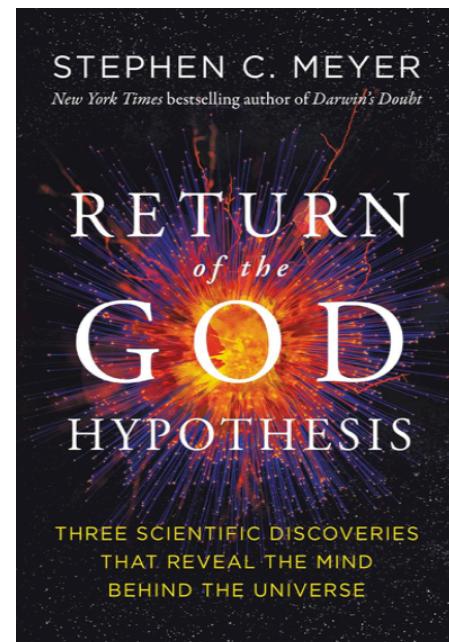
Beyond *The Urantia Book*'s explanation of the nature of the universe, some scientists and others are now questioning the whole idea. For example, the simple question of what existed before the split-second so-called "Big Bang" BANG? Nothing? Seems unlikely.

Dr. Stephen Meyer's recent book, *The Return of the God Hypothesis: Three Scientific Discoveries that Reveal the Mind Behind the Universe*,⁴ effectively exposes the silliness of the theory, and dispels a couple of other nonsensical hypotheses including the "fine-tuning" perfection of all the myriad of factors that must be in place before life can start to exist, that must "in philosophical terms ... transcend matter, space, time and energy."

And all of which might lead us to conclude that God is the responsible party after all.

Footnotes:

1. Fred Hoyle came up with the name "big bang. But, according to Popular Science online magazine, "... the name of this popular origin story came from a guy who thought the whole idea was total nonsense. It all started on March 28, 1949, when physicist Fred Hoyle got on a BBC broadcast to discuss his own ideas about how the universe began—namely, that it didn't actually begin. Hoyle didn't think the universe had an exact starting point, and he championed what's widely known as the steady state model: the notion that the universe is constantly making new matter everywhere, all the time, even if you stretch backward in time for infinity." The "steady state" theory is also contrary to *The Urantia Book* and is not supported by science.
2. Paper 57 of *The Urantia Book*.
3. Paper 11, section 6, of *The Urantia Book*
4. Dr. Stephen C. Meyer's recent book, *The Return of the God Hypothesis: Three Scientific Discoveries that Reveal the Mind Behind the Universe*. Dr. Meyers has many YouTube videos worthy of watching also. See <https://www.youtube.com/@DrStephenMeyer>



Link to video: The Architecture of the Universe - The Big Bang
<https://vimeo.com/1127804698>

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