



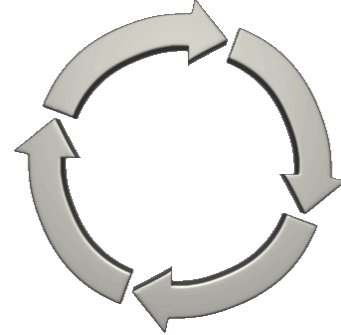
## How Do Know That the God of the Bible Exists?

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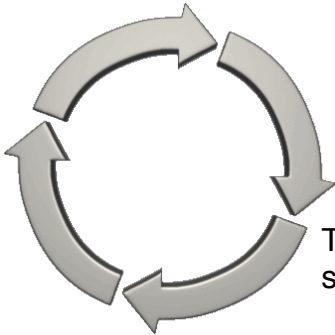


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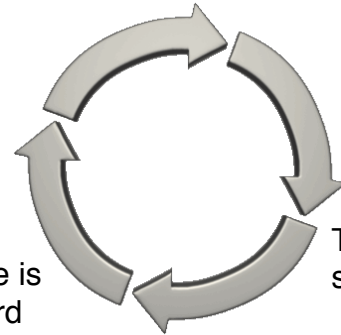
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## ***mememe***

an amusing or interesting item  
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How did you come to that conclusion?*

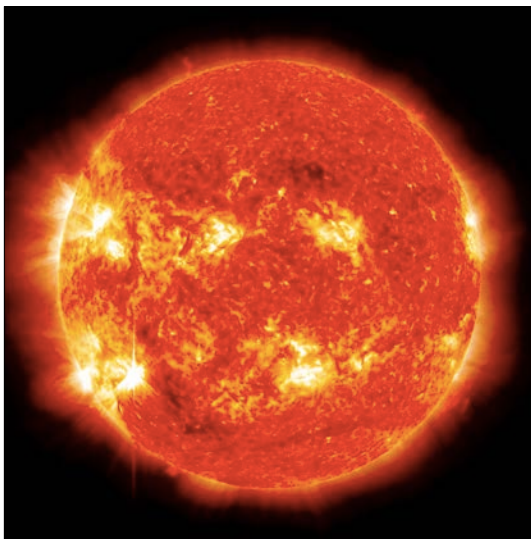
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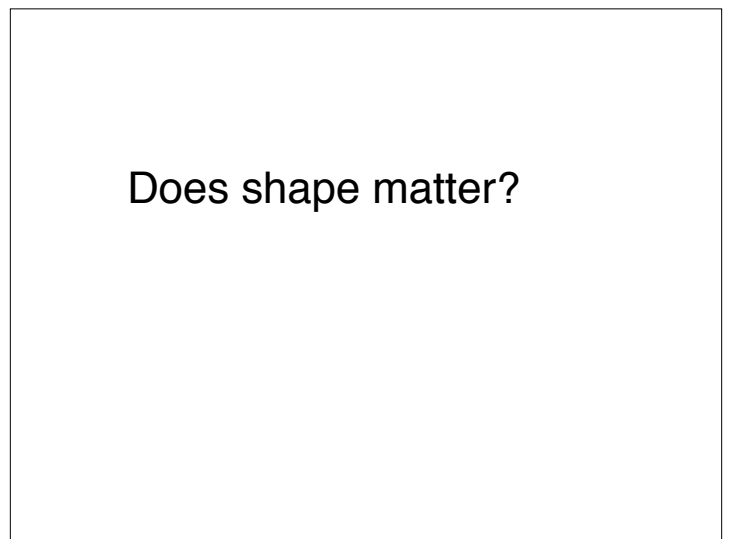




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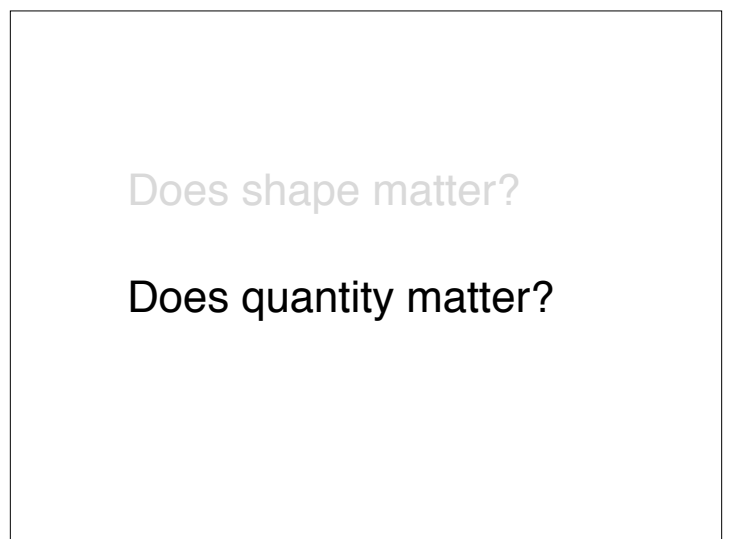
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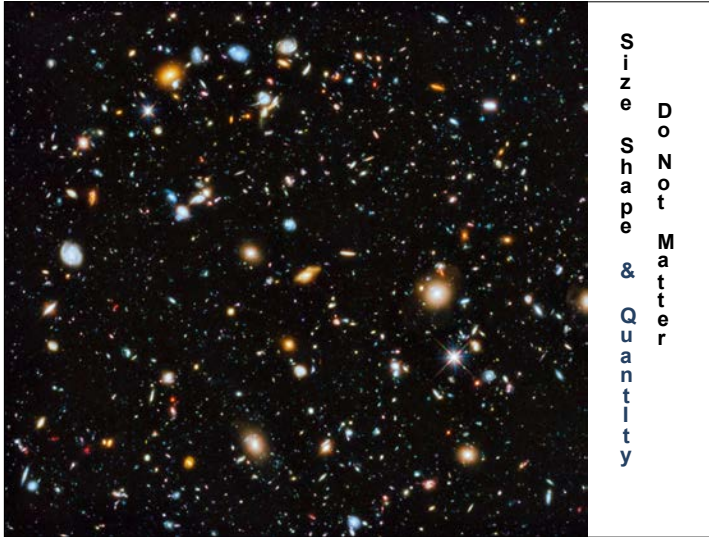
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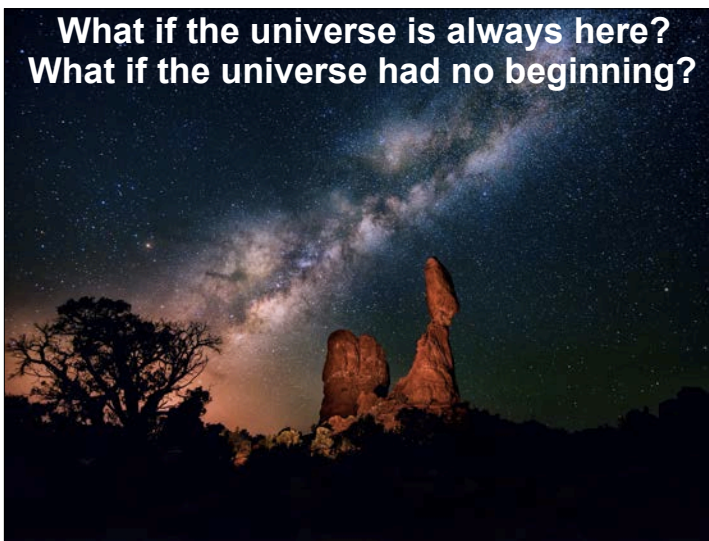
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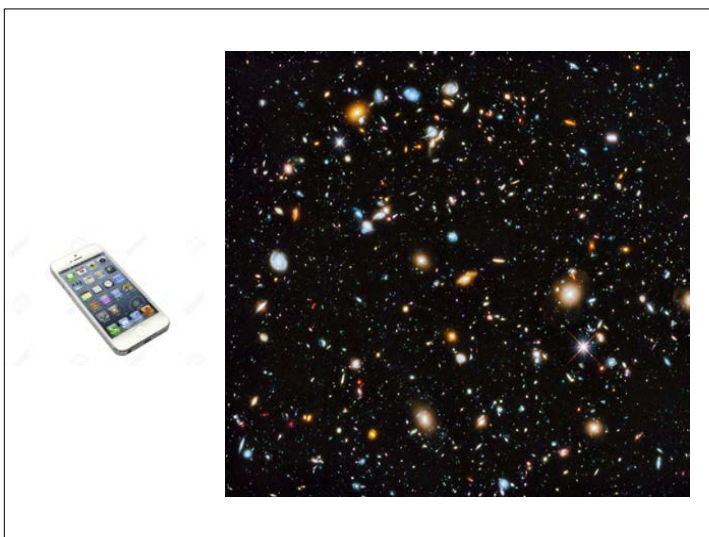


If it is here, Someone put it here.

*The Principle of Cause & Effect*



What if the universe is always here?  
What if the universe had no beginning?



It cannot always be here.

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics*

## The Cosmological Argument

1. If the universe had a beginning, it must had a Cause.

*The Principle of Cause & Effect*

2. The universe had a beginning.

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics*



3. Therefore, the universe must had a Cause.

*Conclusion necessarily follows*

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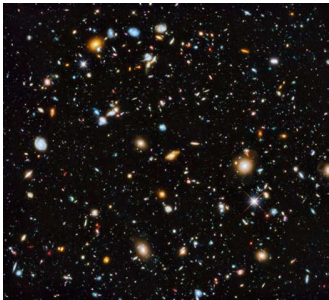
Straw Man / = Superman



Are they equal?

Argument for Santa Claus' Existence / = Argument for God's Existence

*Fasier to heat!!!*



But wait. Who made God?



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#### PROBLEM:

If “nothing” cannot cause a blue ball to exist, it cannot cause God who created the universe to exist.

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God has to exist prior to His existence.  
It's like you sitting on a chair and lifting it yourself 10 feet above the ground.

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#### PROBLEM:

Imagine you are walking from infinity. Will you ever get here?



← Today

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*"Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever You had formed  
the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are  
God." (Psalm 90:2)*

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**Special Revelation:**

*"Can you fathom the mysteries of God?*

*Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?*

*They are higher than the heavens—what can you do?*

*They are deeper than the depths of the grave—  
what can you know?" (Job 11:7-8)*

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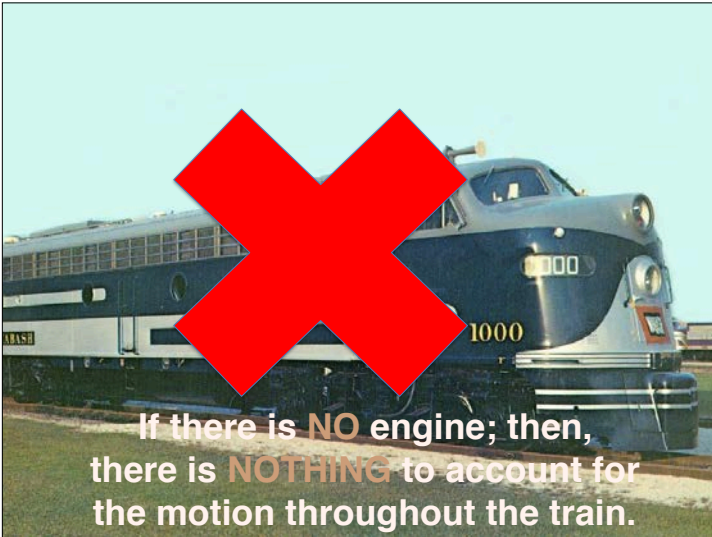






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3. Therefore, the existence of Unchanged First Changer (External Influence) necessarily follows.



The First Mover is unmoved!  
The First Mover has no potential!  
The First Mover is purely actual!  
The First Mover is unchanging!  
The First Mover is immutable!

*"I the LORD do **not** change."*  
(Malachi 3:6a)

## The Unmoved Mover

1. Immutable – no potential to change  
Mal. 3:6, Heb. 13:8
2. Immaterial – material has potential Jn. 4:24
3. Eternal – cannot come to existence nor go out of existence. Ps. 90:2
4. Perfect – no unactualized potentiality  
Mat. 5:48
5. Infinite – everything that is caused has potential, thus limited. Pure Act is unlimited.  
Job 11:7

## The New Testament Documents are

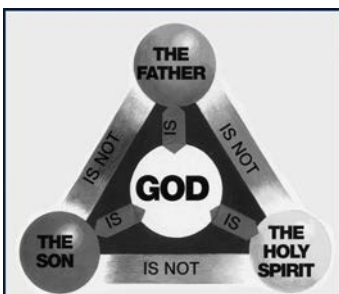
A COMPARISON OF ANCIENT WORKS WITH THE NEW TESTAMENT

Author	Work	Date Written	Earliest MSS	Time Gap	Number of MSS
Homer	<i>Iliad</i>	800 BC	c. 400 BC	400	1,757
Herodotus	<i>History</i>	480–425 BC	10th C	1,350	109
Sophocles	<i>Plays</i>	496–406 BC	3rd C BC	100–200	193
Plato	<i>Tetralogies</i>	400 BC	895	1,300	210
Caesar	<i>Galic Wars</i>	100–44 BC	9th C	950	251
Livy	<i>History of Rome</i>	59 BC–AD 17	Early 5th C	400	150
Tacitus	<i>Annals</i>	AD 100	1st half: 850, 2nd: 1050	750–950	2 + 31 15 <sup>th</sup> C
Pliny, the Elder	<i>Natural History</i>	AD 49–79	5th C fragment: 1; Rem. 14–15th C	400	200
Thucydides	<i>History</i>	460–400 BC	3rd C BC	200	96
Demosthenes	<i>Speeches</i>	300 BC	Some fragments from 1 C. BC.	1,100	340
NT		AD 50–100	AD 130	40	5,795



1. God is one (Deut. 6:4).
2. There are **three Persons** who **are God**  
--- The Father  
--- The Son  
--- The Holy Spirit.
3. There are three Persons in the one God  
(God is Tri-unity or Trinity).

## An Essential of the Faith: The Trinity



- The Father is God (Jn. 17:3).
- The Son is God (Jn. 20:28).
- The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4)

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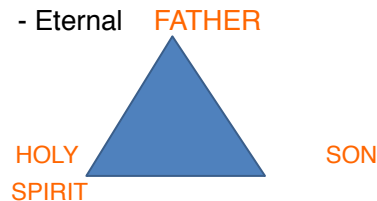
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 - uses *personal pronoun* in reference to Himself  
 "... the *Holy Spirit said*, 'Set apart for *me* Barnabas and Saul for the works to which *I* have called them'" (Act. 13:2).

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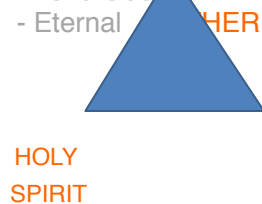


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TOTALLY BELIEVABLE

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TOTALLY A STRAWMAN



**OBJECTION:**  
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**Law of Non-Contradiction:**

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and **in the same sense.**

**Make Distinction:**

Trinity is NOT a contradiction!

Statement #1: God is one (*in Nature*)

Statement #2: God is **NOT** one (*in Persons*).

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**sin**



Human Beings

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