

APOLOGETICS
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DOES GOD EXIST?

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“Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, & the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people.” - Karl Marx

“Organized religion is a sham and a crutch for weak-minded people who need strength in numbers.” - Jesse Ventura

“God is a sound people make when they're too tired to think anymore.” - Edward Abbey

The Kalam Cosmological Argument



Plato (427-347 BC) and Aristotle (384-322 BC) both developed their own forms of cosmological arguments.



Muslim philosophers, notably Al-Kindi (AD 801-873), refined the Kalam Cosmological argument and used it with great success.



Modern philosopher and Christian apologist William Lane Craig has revived the Kalam Cosmological argument (which is now considered the most discussed argument for the existence of God in contemporary Western philosophy).

The Kalam Cosmological Argument



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S - The Second Law of Thermodynamics

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* For further reading on SURGE I strongly recommend *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* by Norman Geisler and Frank Turek. Much of this material is borrowed from their book.

“The Law that entropy increases - the Second Law of Thermodynamics - holds, I think, the supreme position among the Laws of Nature. If someone points out to you that your pet theory of the universe is in disagreement with Maxwell’s equations - then so much for Maxwell’s equations...But if your theory is found to be against the Second Law of Thermodynamics I can give you no hope; there is nothing for it but to collapse in deepest humiliation.”

– Astrophysicist Arthur Eddington, quoted in Paul Davies, *The Cosmic Blueprint*, 1988.

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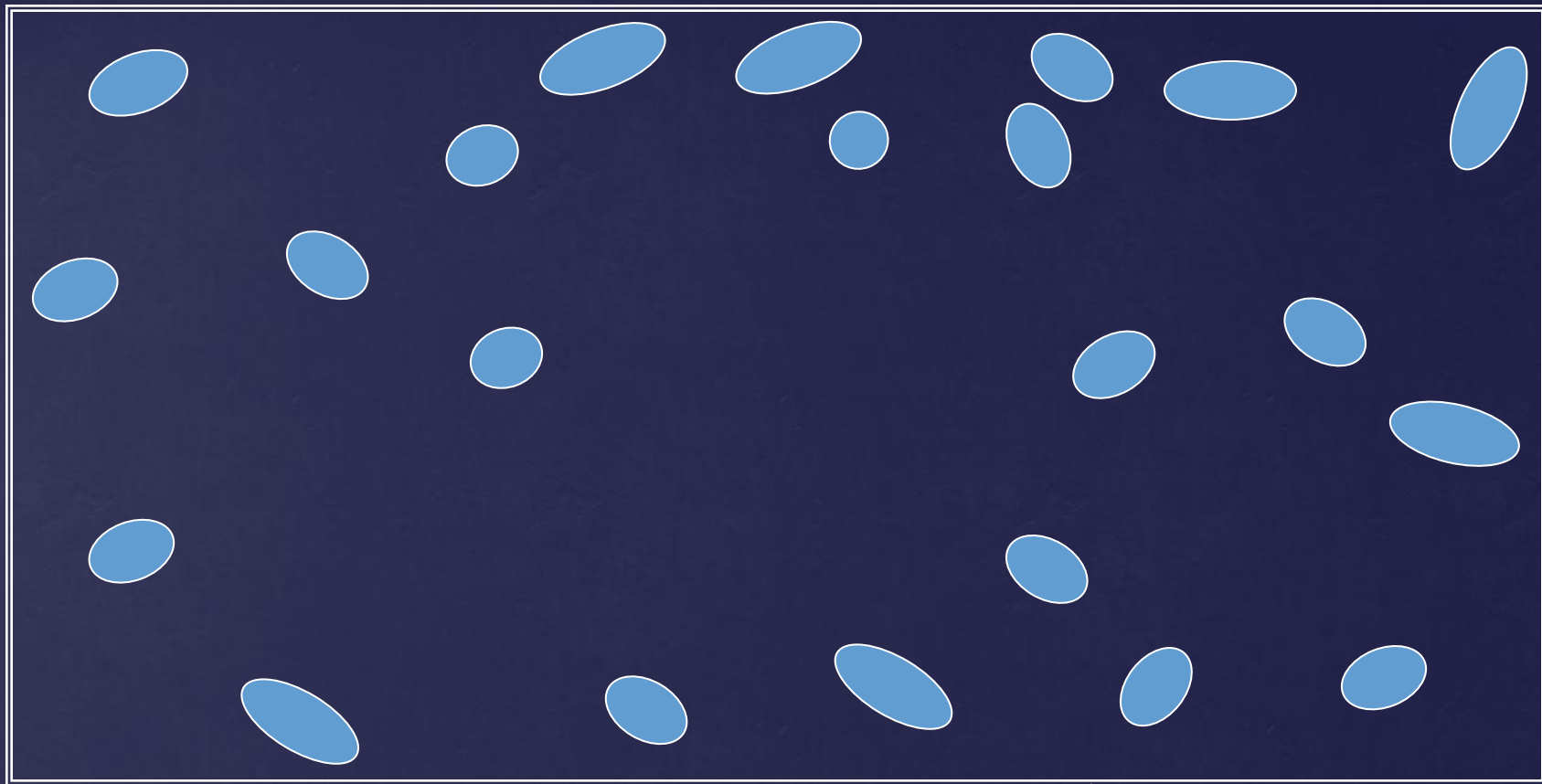
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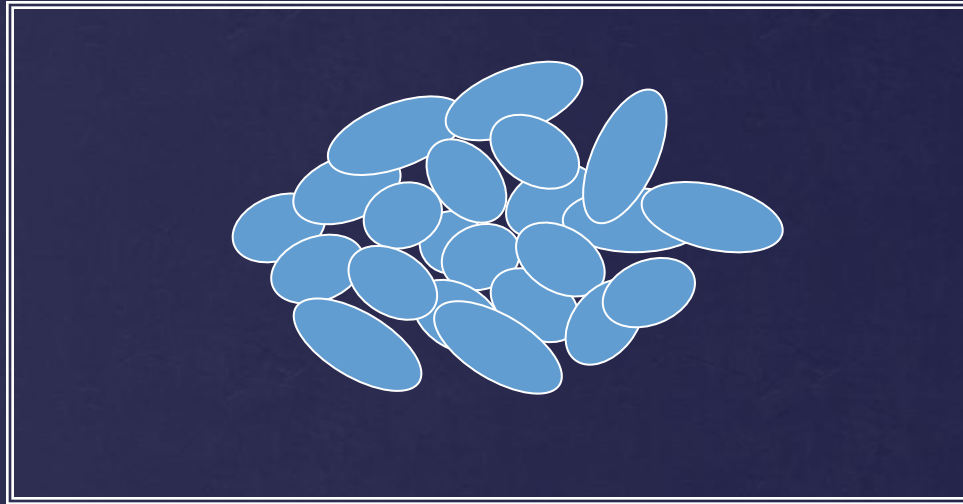
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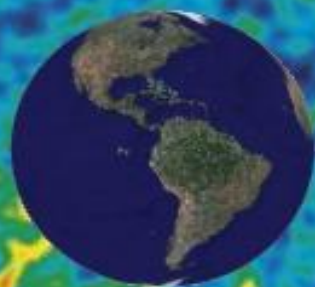


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“No explanation other than the Big Bang has been found for the fireball radiation. The clincher, which has convinced almost the last Doubting Thomas, is that the radiation discovered by Penzias and Wilson has exactly the pattern of wavelengths expected for the light and heat produced in a great explosion. Supporters of the steady state theory [the theory that the universe has no beginning] have tried desperately to find an alternative explanation, but they have failed. At the present time, the Big Bang theory has no competitors.”

– Agnostic astronomer Robert Jastrow, *God and the Astronomers*, (1978) 15-16.

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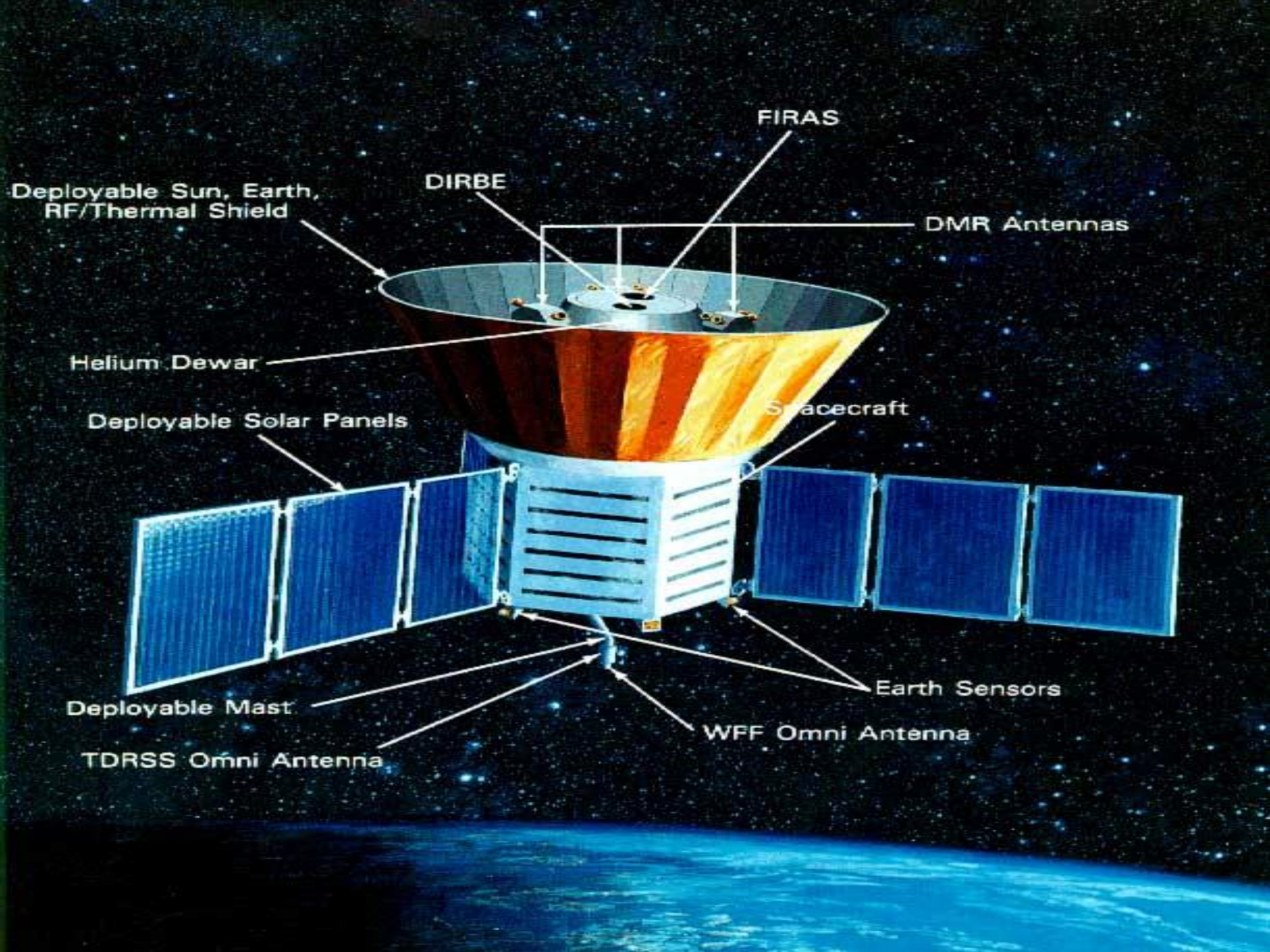
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DIRBE

DMR Antennas

Deployable Sun, Earth,
RF/Thermal Shield

Helium Dewar

Spacecraft

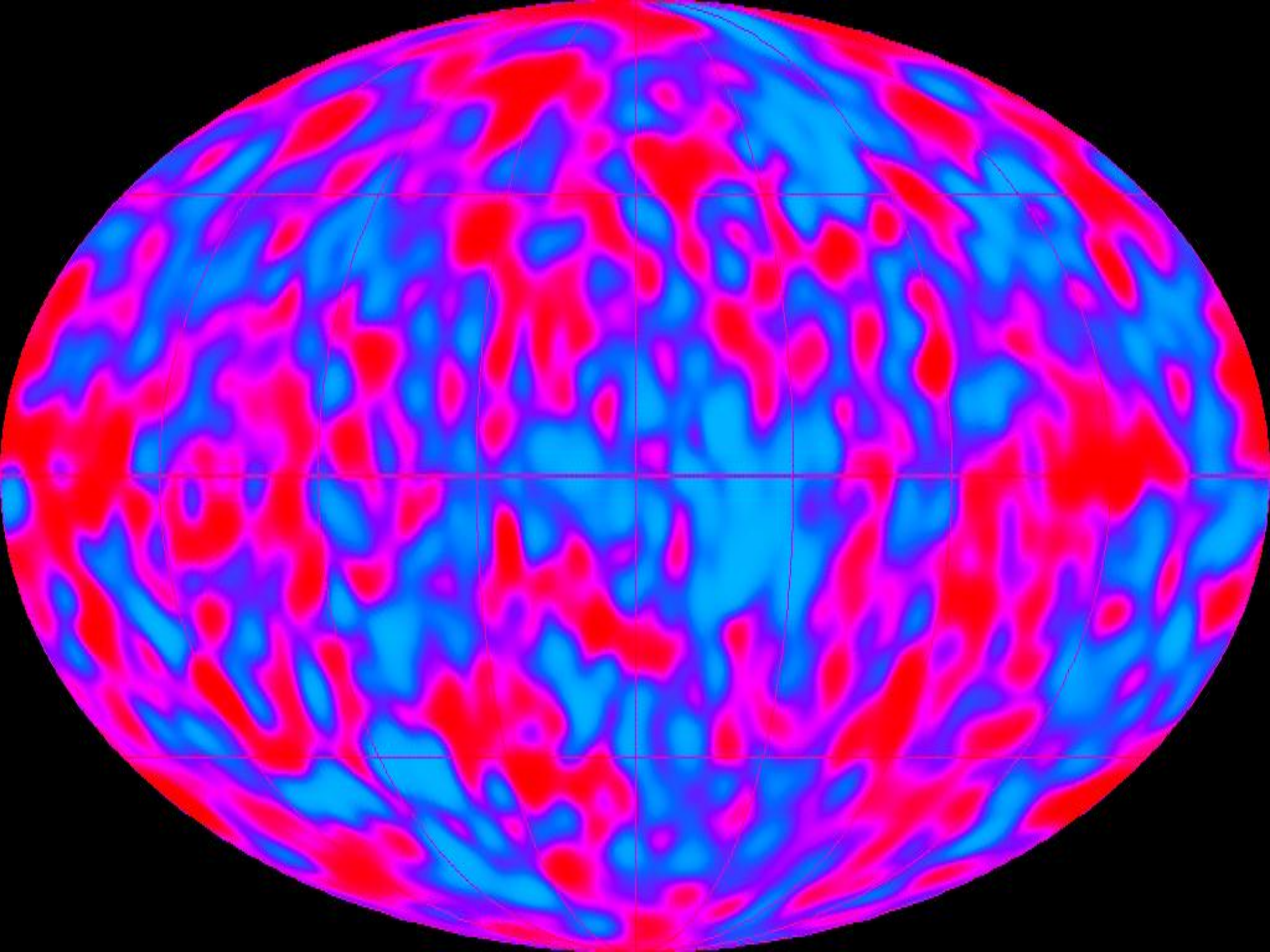
Deployable Solar Panels

Deployable Mast

Earth Sensors

WFF Omni Antenna

TDRSS Omni Antenna



“If you’re religious, it’s like looking at God.”

– Project leader George Smoot

“...the most important discovery of the century, if not all time.”

– Stephen Hawking

*both Smoot and Hawking are quoted in Fred Heeren, *Show me God*, 163-168.

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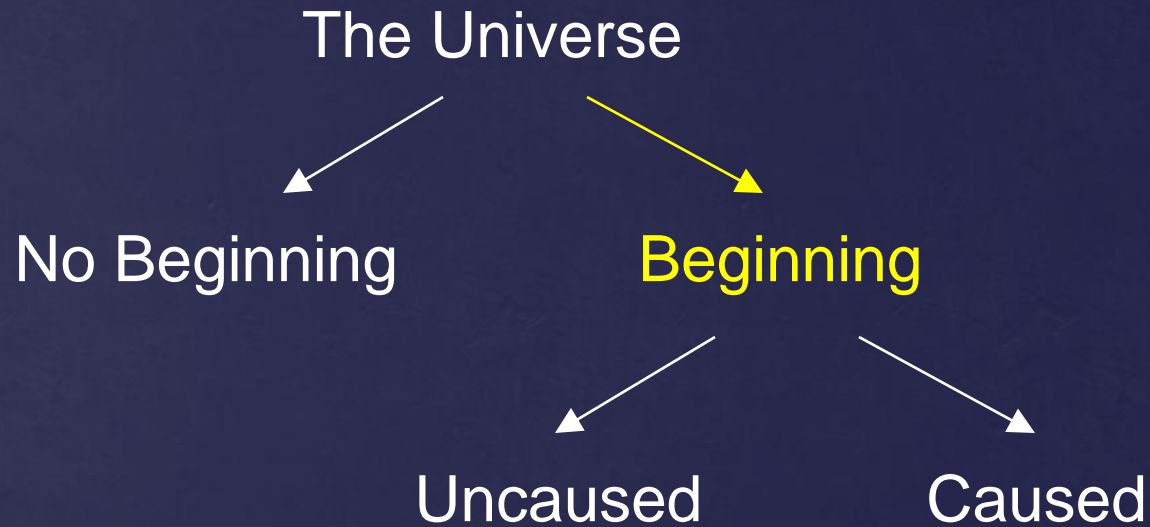
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E - Einstein's Theory of General Relativity

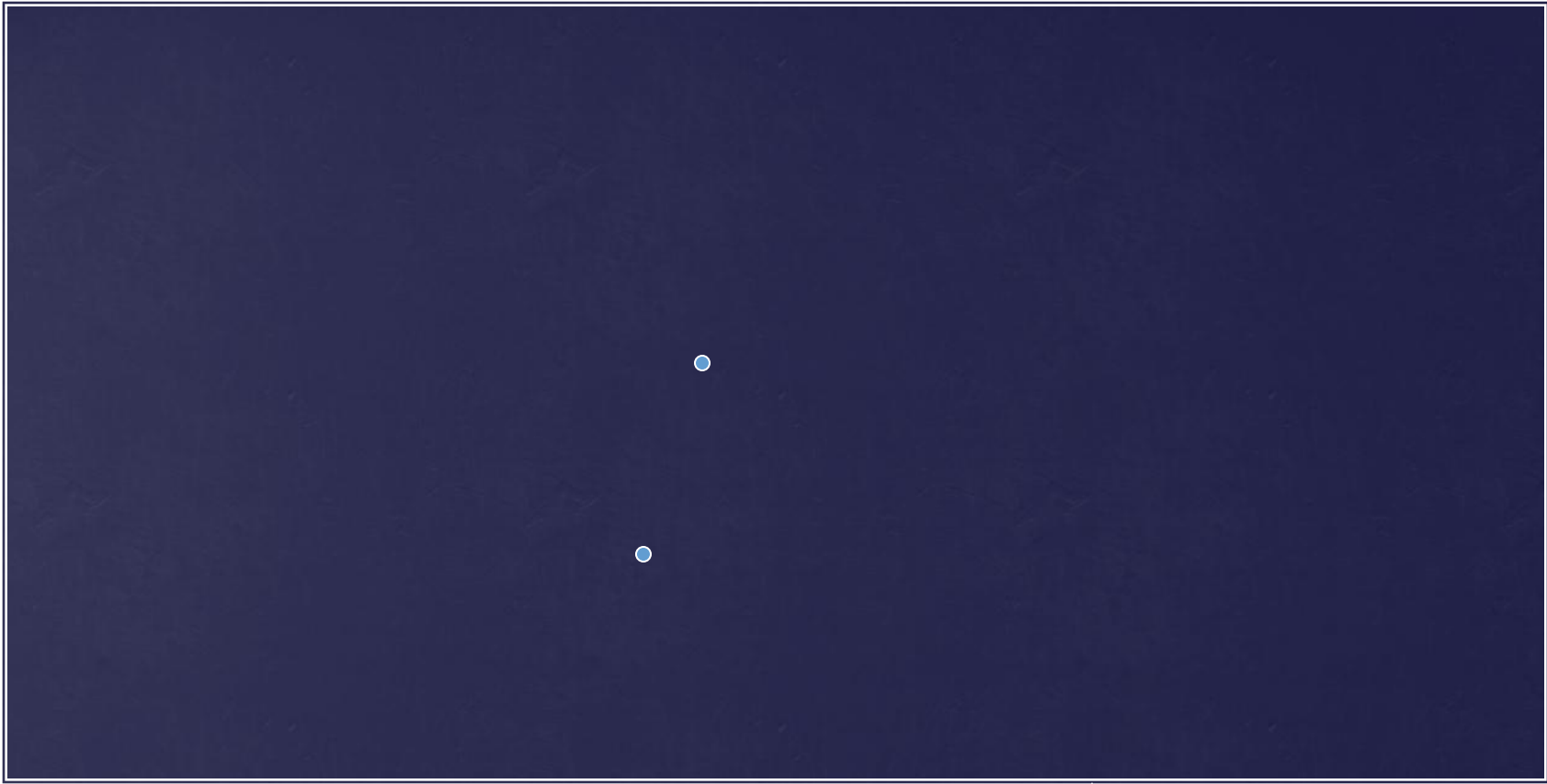
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“Now we go back in time beyond the moment of creation to when there was no time, and to when there was no space. At this time before time, he [Atkins] imagines a swirling dust of mathematical points which recombine again and again and again and finally come by trial and error to form our space time universe.”

– William Lane Craig summarizing the viewpoint of Dr. Peter Atkins

* The entire debate is available online at www.rzim.com

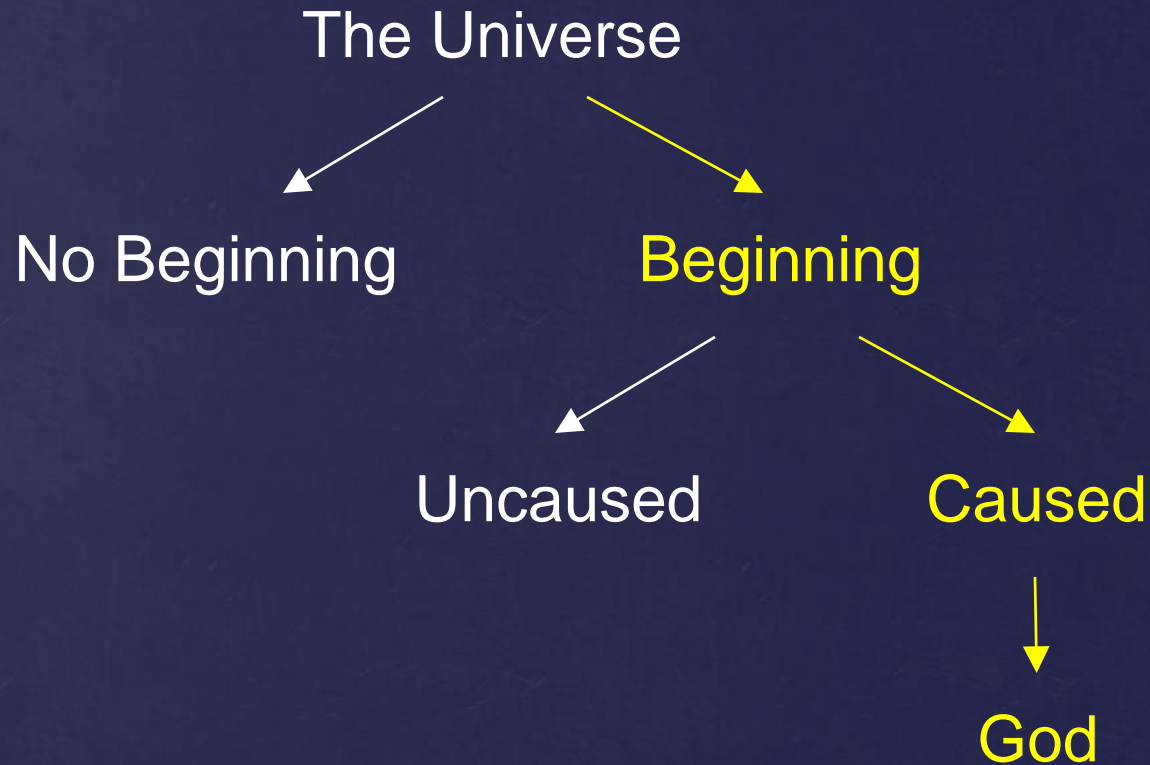


The UNIVERSE



Everything that begins to exist has a cause of its existence.

The Kalam Cosmological Argument



(1) Everything that begins to exist has a cause of its existence.

(2) The universe has a beginning.

Therefore:

(3) The universe has a cause of its existence.

(4) If the universe has a cause of its existence then that cause is God.

Therefore:

(5) God exists.

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