

# Candidate 2 evidence

Essay 8 - annotated

Origins

The Big Bang Theory states that the universe began 13.8 billion years ago when hot dense mass expanded rapidly (KU). This rapid expansion then began to cool which began to form fundamental particles which became elements (KU). These elements came together to form mass with gravitational pulls, forming large masses and stars, with the burning of elements (KU). Christians believe that God created the earth in seven days resting on the 7th. A symbolic Christian may believe that the story of genesis one was used to create a story which is simpler and easier to interpret (KU). A symbolic Christian does not believe the story of genesis to be taken as its word. A literal Christian is a Christian who believes that we should interpret a story of genesis to be true and fact (KU). One implication of a symbolic Christian viewpoint is that both Christianity and scientific viewpoints on the origins of the universe can be true and work together to better people's understanding. The scientific explanation being true and the Christian viewpoint being a simple retelling of the origins of the universe (A). Contrary to the consequences of a literal viewpoint of the Bible is that the (scientific and Christian) viewpoints on the origins of the universe are not compatible. Personally, I believe that in the symbolic viewpoint on the Bible as correct as it is more logical than something as complex as the universe is formed in 13.8 billion years rather than seven days.

Another scientific view on origins as Darwin 's theory of evolution. Darwin was on the Galapagos islands when he saw that each island had their own species of Finch with old skeletons being the same (KU). They were defined as different species as they were not able to breed to produce fertile offspring (KU). Darwin came to the conclusion that these birds have changed and evolved to become separate species over time (KU). A Christian viewpoint on the origins of life is that eve was made from the rib of Adam and genesis 2, Adam and Eve then procreated who also had children (KU). A symbolic Christian may argue that Adam and Eve represent different colonies of humans, this also avoids the problem of incest as they are able to procreate with no genetic defects (A). A literal Christian may however not see an issue with Adam and Eve procreating as there would be no gene mutations. Because cause gene mutations would cause evolution. One implication of the symbolic viewpoint is that allows Christian and scientific viewpoints to be compatible. Although it does allow for the theory of evolution to be compatible it does not have a scientific compatibility with the initial creation of man / other species. A consequence of the literal viewpoint on Genesis 2 is that it does not allow for compatibility as the literal viewpoint completely dismisses genetic gene mutations and birth defects. Personally, I believe that a symbolic viewpoint is a good way to interpret the Bible as it

allows for a broader range of viewpoints. I also believe that it is wrong to believe in a literal view of the Bible because people are very clearly born with genetic defects and genetic mutations.

An argument for the religious viewpoint on the creation of the universe is the Goldilocks effect. The goldilocks effect describes the universe as in its perfect place, the earth is in the goldilocks zone in which water can exist in three forms of matter: ice, water and steam this allows for the circulation of water around the world (KU). The earth is also on a 23.5-degree tilt which is perfect for the seasons which happen (KU). These things are fundamental to human life and without them life on earth wouldn't be sustained and therefore we must have a creator (KU). A scientific counter argument to this may be simply that if it was not like this then there would not be life on earth (A). It is by chance that the earth is in the exact position it is in. An implication of this is that both are somewhat compatible both Christian and scientific viewpoints agree that if the earth and universe were not the way they are now then life on earth would not exist (E). However, another consequence of this may be that the two are not compatible this is because one [Christian] believes we are put here on purpose and the other [scientific] believe we were put here by chance(E). Personally, I believe that the two although sharing a viewpoint are not compatible. I also believe that the scientific viewpoint is correct because it is likely that a specific situation will happen when given 13.8 billion years to occur.

KU – (12) 10

A – 3

E – 2

Total 15