

Universe and the Earth as we know it would not exist. We would not even be here to contemplate it. The Universe definitely appears to have been designed for mankind.

The most we can say scientifically about "before the beginning" is that we know nothing about it. The scientific quest has reached a barrier it cannot penetrate. Time and space have no meaning or existence. We must turn to the Scriptures at this point. "And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters." (Gen. 1:2)

This points up the very fundamental difference between science and religion. Science arrives at its conclusions by human observation, experimentation, and interpretation of the results. The Christian finds an answer to the question of ultimate causation through revelation, which does not require a human observer. God has spoken and His people believe Him. Thus, "By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible." (Heb. 11:3)

At the instant of creation, science has reached a barrier it cannot penetrate. Scientifically speaking, we must be content with the statement that the Universe "just came into existence." The question of ultimate causation is one that science cannot answer.

Christianity presupposes God is true. Thus Christians should not expect science to prove God or to give answers to the meaning and purpose of life. To expect science to answer such questions would make God and phenomena subject to the limitations of the human mind. We should expect, however, that as science accurately explores the wondrous mysteries of God's creation, ultimately the weight of evidence will be in harmony with Scripture. The results and phenomena of creation which are all around us will force us to face the reality of the creation.

Science now fully agrees with the Bible that there was a beginning to the Universe. Before the beginning our physical Universe is shrouded in darkness. The stage is set. God is ready to begin the creation.