The heavens declare the glory of God.
The skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech,
Night after night they display knowledge.
There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4

How many stars are there?

128 BC: Hipparchus = 1,026
1600 AD: Kepler = 1,005

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse...

Romans 1:18-20.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator...

Romans 1:21-25.

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

Psalm 53:1

thinking of Nothing...

The Great Cosmological Question:

where did the cosmos come from?

the cosmos had a beginning
the cosmos has always existed

These are only two possible answers.
**Metaphysical Questions**

Why is there something rather than nothing?

Why is anything in motion rather than everything still? (or hot/cold?)

**Metaphysical Questions**

Why is there order rather than chaos?

Why is there life rather than deadness?

Why is there music?

**What Does the Cosmos Reveal?**

Two choices...

Glory of God as transcendent creator

- or -

Glory of itself as the self-creator

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ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF
“Hollow & Deceptive
Philosophy”


COSMOS: ASSUMPTIONS
“I believe our future depends powerfully on how well we understand this cosmos...”
“We wish to pursue the truth no matter where it leads. But to find the truth, we need imagination and skepticism both.”
“We will not be afraid to speculate, but we will be careful to distinguish speculation from fact.”

SCIENCE
what is Plain?

DEFINING SCIENCE
Oxford:
“...the systematic study of the structure and behaviour of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment.”

DEFINING SCIENCE
Science & philosophy are therefore closely linked. Both are attempting to develop truth claims about reality.

Philosophy, in the realm of universals
Science, in the realm of particulars
“The chief aim of all investigations of the external world should be to discover the rational order and harmony which has been imposed on it by God.”

—Johannes Kepler

RULERS FROM THE GRAVE

- Keynes (1883-1946)
- Dewey (1859-1952)
- Freud (1856-1939)
- Wellhausen (1844-1918)
- Marx (1818-1883)
- Kierkegaard (1813-1855)
- Darwin (1809-1882)

Enlightenment... Deism... Humanism... Modernism... Postmodernism

Hypothetical, Theories, Law

Hypothesis

Theory

Law

what are they... really?

EXAMINING DARWIN’S THEORY

the most influential theory in modern civilization

does it match Reality?

EXAMINING DARWIN’S THEORY

how does it stack up against Reality?

Sir Julian Huxley

“...Darwin’s theory is... no longer a theory, but a fact... Darwinianism has come of age so to speak. We are no longer having to bother about establishing the fact of evolution.”


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and not one major piece of evidence has ever been obtained that suggests it has not occurred... Conversely, the so-called theory of creationism proposes no testable hypothesis and thus cannot be proven right or wrong. Proponents simply accept it on faith. The theory of evolution, however, suggests many predictions that can be tested.”

Jane Reece, Biology: Exploring Life

