

# A Surprising Deal

**It seemed straightforward. They knew what they were looking for and they found it.**

**They could report as they had wanted. Everything seemed to confirm their course of action.**

**But there was the niggling doubt. They should mention it, yes! Even if they played it down ... the Problem.**

## **The Problem?**

These Philosophers, usually called scientists, discovered their beliefs were wrong!

The evidence showed the Earth at the centre of the Universe!

This is completely **unacceptable** to these Philosophers!

The Cobe, WMAP and Planck Satellites, looking at the whole of the Universe over the last 18 years, revealed a preferred direction in the universe. An axis in the universe went through the earth on its ecliptic; making the earth the effective centre of the universe. It was called an 'anomaly' and then an 'Axis of Evil' because it undermined 'naturalism'.

The Universe was "UNNATURAL"

## The Problem ... was it New?

**Edwin Hubble** the famous physicist, whom the Hubble Space Telescope is named after, found the same problem in a different form when he looked through his telescope in 1937. He framed the problem and his solution this way:

"..such a condition would imply that we occupy a unique position in the universe, ..... such a favored position is intolerable... to escape the horror of a unique position...must be compensated by spatial curvature. There seems to be no other escape."

*The Observational Approach to Cosmology, Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1937 Edwin Hubble, pp. 50, 51, 58.*

- what is observed is discarded and beliefs or philosophy substituted (naturalism)
- this affects all scientific assessments of the cosmos
- the evidence is denied that the Universe is "SUPERNATURAL"

**Stephen Hawking** reveals how he deals with similar but different evidence 50 years after Hubble:

"...all this evidence that the universe looks the same whichever direction we look in might seem to suggest there is something special about our place in the universe. In particular, it might seem that if we observe all other galaxies to be moving away from us, then we must be at the center of the universe.

There is, however, an alternate explanation: the universe might look the same in every direction as seen from any other galaxy, too..... We have no scientific evidence for, or against, this assumption. We believe it only on grounds of modesty ....."

*A Brief History of Time, Stephen Hawking p. 42. Bantam Books 1988.*

- the Christian Scriptures assert that the Earth is in a unique position in the Universe.
- the scientists quoted, and many others, observe that it is in the centre but do not want it to be true!
- the Christian Scriptures say the earth is not moving but the sun does.

**Albert Einstein** wrote in 1938,

“The struggle, so violent in the early days of science, between the views of Ptolemy and Copernicus would then be quite meaningless. Either CS [coordinate system] could be used with equal justification. The two sentences: “the sun is at rest and the Earth moves,” or “the sun moves and the Earth is at rest,” would simply mean two different conventions concerning two different CS [coordinate systems]”

*The Evolution of Physics: From Early Concepts to Relativity and Quanta, Albert Einstein and Leopold Infeld, New York, Simon and Schuster, 1938, 1966, p. 212.*

## This Means

- there is every reason to believe that the Universe has been created by a Supernatural Designer.
- the Bible is accurate in what it says on physical matters.
- the Creator’s information on history, life and death is vital.

What is the Deal?



# The Deal

Because of the dangerous nature of the virus which inhabits our personalities, ie sin, the Designer determined that those who sin should not continue to live and after judgement be tormented by:

- the second death - death without restoration.
- the destruction of body and soul.
- no life of any kind ever again.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that if anyone believes in him, they will not perish but have life for ever.”

However the Designer initiated a way to rescue his creation and creatures. God came as a man. The plan, now fulfilled in Jesus Christ, was to suffer the punishment of death upon himself. He overcame it, as only he could because he has life in himself. He now offers an inclusive deal to those who will trust and follow him.

“Ask and you will receive, knock and the door will be opened to you”

You can avoid the judgement of the second death and be accepted by the Creator now! You can have the power to begin to break the patterns of living which are selfish and harmful. You can experience the powers of the world to come that God has planned for us . God intends us to live life, without fear, to the very fullest. A foretaste of the life to come.

“for me to live is Christ to die is gain”

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