

- (b) The problem of the diversity of life;
- (c) The problem of the existence of complex purposeful organs.

Will look at this under "B. Created Life," below.

3. The Origin of the Universe

There is strong evidence that our universe had an origin, thus pointing to a Creator
The argument is basically inductive, and looks like this:

- a. The universe exists. (If the person you're arguing with doesn't believe this, then he or she is not ready for this kind of argument!)
 - Shows need for common ground in argument
 - We need to listen to unbelievers to find out where they are and show them the problems of their view
 - Help them to see the Bible right about truth suppression

- b. But the observable matter of the universe has not always existed. Most of this matter is in stars, where it is being converted from less stable to the more stable elements, e.g., from hydrogen and helium thru heavier elements to the elements in the vicinity of iron. However 70-80% of the observable matter is hydrogen, and nearly all the rest is helium. See references at end of this section:
[Schatzman 94-117; Sciama 1-14; Motz 135-63; Hoyle 321-43; J&T 151-203, 254-65]
 - Like coming upon burning campfire in woods:
has it always been burning?
look at fuel, ash, use knowledge of how wood burns
 - Must either say universe hasn't always been running, or that there is some sort of recycling mechanism.

- c. The universe is expanding. The light coming to us from other galaxies, except the few in our own group, has its spectral lines shifted to the red, for which the only known cause would be the recession of galaxies from one another.
[Schatzman 128-32; Sciama 37-48; Motz 28-53; J&T 265-67]
 - This will rule out theories of static universe, which were natural alternatives to creation in 19th cen.

- d. Since World War II, the principal alternative cosmologies satisfying #a-c, above, have been:
 - (1) Big-bang cosmologies: no creation at present; universe expanding from compressed state, some 10-20 billion years ago, called "big bang."
 - So density decreasing, universe getting thinned