Satan is not the Ruler of Hell

Is Satan Real?

Jesus said: “Do not believe Me”

A.P. Camps

Science: Instituted By God

Shrewbot’s Synthetic Whiskers Detect God

Big Bang Machine?
It is obvious that sensationalism has taken its toll, when on the official LHC Web site under the page titled, “LHC ‘Big Questions’,” you find the following question: “I have heard that the LHC will recreate the Big Bang, does that mean it might create another Universe? If it will happen to our Universe?” (“LHC ‘Big Questions’,” 2012a). This question is a logical outcome when considering the common moniker, “The Big Bang Machine.” The LHC has been given the following response to this question, as quoted from the LHC Web site, illuminates several important ideas to put the LHC experiments into proper perspective: People sometimes refer to recreating the Big Bang, but this is misleading. What they actually mean is:

• recreating the conditions and energies that existed shortly after the start of the Big Bang, not the moment at which the Big Bang started.
• recreating conditions on a micro scale, not on the same scale as the original Big Bang and
• recreating energies that are continually being produced naturally (by high energy cosmic rays hitting the earth’s atmosphere) but at will and inside sophisticated detectors that track what is happening.

No Big Bang—no possibility of creating a new Universe (“LHC ‘Big Questions’,” 2012b).

First, a quick note: although the final experiments declare, “No Big Bang,” the author is not implying a denial of the Big Bang Theory, but rather this summarizing statement, taken in context, is declaring that no experiment will create a Universe, whereas scientists would be able to watch space-time and matter unfold.

Next, notice in the response how it is especially emphasized the experiments performed are attempts at “recreating” a set of conditions or energies that thought to have been present shortly after the Big Bang. It is in these extremes of ranges of parameters that many scientists believe are in some form analogous to conditions shortly after the Big Bang. Their goal, therefore, is not and cannot be to generate, reproduce, or in any way initiate an event similar to what is alleged by the Big Bang Theory. Rather, they simply are generating a certain range of energy conditions. Sadly, their attempts at correcting this misconception are obscured, if not contradicted, even within their own Web site.

The LHC will collide lead nuclei so that they release their constituent quarks in creating “Big Bang.” This will take us back to the time before these particles formed, recreating the conditions that easily in the evolution of the universe, when quarks and gluons were free to mix without combining (“LHC ‘Big Questions’,” 2012a, emp. added).

It is not a matter of whether the LHC will create a Big Bang, a “Little Bang,” or a “mini-Big Bang” (Moskvin, 2010). It cannot generate any “Bang,” as defined within a cosmological origins scenario. Notice next, the third bullet statement in the LHC’s response, which states that the conditions produced artificially in the LHC “are continually being produced naturally (by high energy cosmic rays hitting the earth’s atmosphere) that directs negative notice: although the Big Bang theory requires extremely high-energy conditions in its model, the ability to produce such conditions (or the simple existence of such conditions) does not prove that the Universe came into existence in such a manner. Such conditions are involved in ongoing natural processes, of which scientists presently are deepening their understanding. The connection between the LHC and the cosmic-ray interactions is much more tangible. Consider the following: (1) the high-energy, cosmic-ray interactions in the atmosphere can be observed, measured, and tested in real-time data; (2) hypotheses can be verified or falsified, then adjusted; (3) subsequent predictions can be made and entire processes from beginning to end can be observed; (4) theories can be updated based on the concrete observations; and (5) results can be applied to the current working knowledge. Yet this connection apparently does not make headlines.

To those who might question the validity of a comparison between the LHC collisions and cosmic-ray events, notice that this same comparison is used as a central argument in a report by the LHC Safety Assessment Group (LSAG), which was tasked by CERN with addressing various safety concerns related to the LHC experiments. As an overarching argument supporting the LHC as a safe endeavor, the authors drew upon this comparison to show that if Earth, Jupiter, the Sun, and countless other supernovae survive the enormous number of cosmic-ray collisions in their atmospheres (as evinced by...
Although the press release stated that CERN was published the same year, and referenced how high-energy, cosmic rays represent a close comparison to the particle energies expected in the collisions of the LHC. In fact, the first sentence under the subsection titled "Cosmic Ray" stated, "Cosmic-ray processes reach the energies and energy densities that will be encountered at the LHC and, therefore, they may provide limits on possible disaster scenarios" (Blazost, et al., 2003, p. 4). The report also referenced peer-reviewed papers from the journal's Reviews of Modern Physics (Jaffe, et al., 2000) and Physics Letters B (Daz, et al., 1999) with similarly-based arguments.

As the experiments are performed at the LHC and the physics of the high-energy collisions are analyzed, the results definitively will contribute to our understanding of matter in extreme conditions. The benefit of the LHC is the high level of control and reproducibility of systems that exceed the total energy of the colliding particles, whether the two beams collide or a beam and stationary target, the number and types of particles involved, and the minimizing of external contaminants. The descriptions and knowledge learned will be broadly applicable whenever those extreme conditions are encountered, but they do not in any way prove the Big Bang as the origin of the Universe. Thus, the "Big Bang Machine," constructed to recreate the conditions supposedly found after the Big Bang, actually produces conditions currently observed in cosmic-ray interactions with Earth’s upper atmosphere (and with the Moon’s surface and the Sun’s atmosphere). So a more appropriate name might be "Cosmic Ray Machine."
Who Can Attend?

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Feedback (from previous A.P. Camps)

• "Just returned from the Apologetics Press Camp... it was a great week with scientists and faithful Christians that helped to reinforce that God is the Creator of all things!"

• "A thousand thanks to...all the members of the A.P. staff who worked diligently to provide an outstanding week [of camp]. My children talked non-stop when they arrived home about their experiences. We will not know the degree of impact on all participants this side of eternity."

Camp Information

Dates and Themes:

“Defending the Reliability of the Bible” (June 10-15)
Indian Creek Youth Camp (Oakman, AL)

“The Existence of God” (June 24-29)
Backwoods Christian Camp (Lineville, AL)

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Indian Creek Youth Camp (Oakman, AL)
Although Satan is not deity and in no way has the infinite, eternal attributes of God, the devil has characteristics of God. That is, the same God-inspired book that describes the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, omni-benevolent, glorious Creator, also tells us about a real, fallen spiritual being called Satan. His name appears 144 times in the first two chapters of Job (perhaps the oldest book of the Bible). Scripture reveals that God confronted Satan in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:14-16). Jesus spoke to him in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). And Michael the archangel contended with him about the body of Moses (Jude 9).

Satan is not a fairy tale creature on par with the Big Bad Wolf or Captain Hook. He is not a little red cartoon figure with horns and a pitchfork who gleefully sits on a throne in hell (see Butz, 2012). The sooner that Christians take seriously “the adversary” (Satan), “the accuser” (devil), who goes “to and fro on the earth...walking back and forth” (Job 1:7), “like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8), the better prepared we will be to withstand his schemes (Ephesians 6:11) and snare (2 Timothy 2:26). We should neither underestimate him nor overestimate him. He is not deity (and thus not all-powerful or all-knowing), but he is also not a figment of our imagination. Unlike God, he desires all men to be lost (cf. 1 Timothy 2:4). Thankfully, “God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Eric Lyons

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**Speeching Schedules**

**Kyle Butt**

April 1-3

April 15

April 20-22

April 30

May 1

May 11

May 15

May 30

Dave Miller

March 15

April 15-19

April 13

April 15

April 4-12

April 27-29

April 1-3

April 15

April 20-22

April 30

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May 11

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Science—Instituted by God

Jeff Miller, Ph.D.

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Jeff Miller, Ph.D. (2 Timothy 2:15), Scripture and science complement each other perfectly. For instance, science has shown us that matter is not eternal, according to the Second Law of Thermodynamics, and could not have spontaneously generated—popping into existence from nothing—according to the First Law of Thermodynamics. This fact indicates that matter must have been placed here by an Entity outside the physical Universe (see Miller, 2007). This truth, arrived at through science and deductive reasoning, is not in harmony with atheistic, relativistic, and much of modern-day pseudo-scientific evidence, which argues against the evidence, that various kinds of living beings can give rise to completely different kinds of living beings. But this truth is in keeping with the Bible, which says in Genesis 1:21 and 1:24-25 that God directed living beings to reproduce after their kind.

True science is in harmony with true religion. Why would science lie? It does not have a mind of its own. It has no bias or agenda. It can certainly be misrepresented or its findings misinterpreted, but science is not the enemy of true religion. In fact, according to the Bible, God, Himself, insti nated the field of science. When God created human beings on day six and told them to “have dominion” over the Earth and “subdue” it (Genesis 1:28), He was commanding mankind to do something that would require extensive reasoning and scientific investigation. If God founded science, why would science be at odds with religion? When God, through His servant Paul, said in Romans 1:20 that His existence and some of His attributes could be learned from His creation, He was putting His seal of approval on the scientific study of creation. When He said in 1 Thessalonians 5:21 to “[e]xist all things, hold fast what is good,” He was essentially instituting the scientific method. Bottom line: God founded science. When legitimate scientific findings are interpreted properly and fairly, science supports the Bible and Christianity. It certainly is not at odds with the Bible.

Science—The Law of Biogenesis and the Laws of Genetics—has shown us that living beings produce other living beings according to their own kind (see Thompson, 2002). There may be small changes along the way (e.g., beak size, color, size, etc.), but the offspring of a bird is still a bird. The offspring of a fish is still a fish. Therefore, since there is no common ancestor for all living beings from which all species evolved, there must be a supernatural Being Who initially created various kinds of life on Earth. This truth, arrived at through science and deductive reasoning, is not in harmony with the teachings of atheism and much of today’s pseudo-scientific worldview, which argues against the evidence, that various kinds of living beings can give rise to completely different kinds of living beings. But this truth is in keeping with the Bible, which says in Genesis 1:21 and 1:24-25 that God directed living beings to reproduce after their kind.

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You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him” (John 3:2, emp. added). Nicodemus was a rational man! He saw evidence that pointed to the obvious conclusion that Jesus was of divine origin, and was honest enough to admit it.

Responding to critical Jews, Jesus defended His divine identity by directing their attention to the works (i.e., “supernatural actions”) He performed: “[T]he very works that I do bear wit- nes of Me, that the Father has sent Me” (John 5:36). He made the same point to His apostles on another occasion:

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves (John 14:10-11, emp. added).

Later, Jesus noted that when people refused to believe in Him as the Son of God, they were without excuse, since the evidence of His divine identity had been amply demonstrated: “If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated Me and My Father” (John 15:24, emp. added). So their lack of faith could not be attributed to their inability to know the truth regarding the person of Jesus (cf. John 8:32).

It is the case that God does not expect anyone to believe in Him unless adequate evidence has been made available to warrant that conclusion, then we ought to expect to see Jesus urging people not to believe Him unless He provided proof for His claims. Do we find Jesus doing so while He was on Earth? Absolutely! This fact is particu- larly evident in Jesus’ response to the titillator, Jesus’ dealings with His hard- hearted Jews who refused to face the reality of His divinity. He reiterated: “The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me” (John 10:25). His miracles were God’s further revelation of His deity incited angry preparations to stone Him. He boldly challenged them: “If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him” (John 10:37-38, emp. added).

Since Jesus came to the planet to urge people to render obedient submission to Him (John 3:16; 8:24), it is difficult to envision Him telling people not to believe Him. But that is precisely what He did, which did away with the need for adequate evidence for people to distin- guish truth from falsehood. We can know that God exists, Jesus is His Son, and that the Bible is the Word of God. If the evidence did not exist to prove these matters, God would not expect anyone to believe; nor would He condemn anyone for failing to believe—since He is fair and just (Acts 10:34-35; Romans 3:20; Peter 3:9). But the evi- dence does exist! We can know! All accountable human beings are under obligation to investigate and find the truth (John 8:32; 6:45-47; 17:1). The Bible (1 Thessalonians 5:21) all who desire to know the truth can find it (Matthew 5:6; 7:7-8). All who fail to do so are “without excuse” (Romans 1:20).

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Summer Camp with Apologetics Press

Last summer, Apologetics Press embarked upon a new venture. We conducted our first A.P. Christian Evidences Summer Youth Camp. We were elated with the results. Over 200 campers and staff workers participated. We are delighted to announce that this summer we will be conducting three camps. In addition to the usual fun and games that go with summer camp (i.e., canoeing, swimming, crafts, sports, etc.), and the devos and Bible studies that nurture the spiritual dimension of young people, campers will be treated to the life-transforming experience associated with studying the proofs for the existence of God and the inspiration of the Bible.

Week one will focus on “Defending the Reliability of the Bible” and is slated for June 10-15 at the Indian Creek Youth Camp in Oakman, Alabama (approximately 40 miles northwest of Birmingham). Week two will deal with “The Existence of God” June 24-29 at Backwoods Christian Camp in Lineville, Alabama (approximately 80 miles east of Birmingham). Week three will center on “Creation vs. Evolution” July 29-August 3, again conducted at Indian Creek Youth Camp.

Teachers for these three weeks of camp include Kyle Butt, Eric Lyons, Jeff Miller, and myself. Several of the speakers for the latter two weeks of camp (on “Creation vs. Evolution” and “The Existence of God”) will be A.P. scientists, including Dr. Jeff Miller (biomechanical engineer), Dr. Branyon May (astrophysicist), Dr. Joe Deweese (biochemist), Dr. Jerry Fausz (aerospace engineer), and Dr. Mike Houts (nuclear engineer).

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Here is a tremendous opportunity to strengthen your children or grandchildren in their spiritual growth, enhancing their prospects of remaining undefiled by the world’s atheistic, evolutionary propaganda. We have a limit of 200 campers per week, so register soon. For more information, call our offices at 334-272-8558.

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