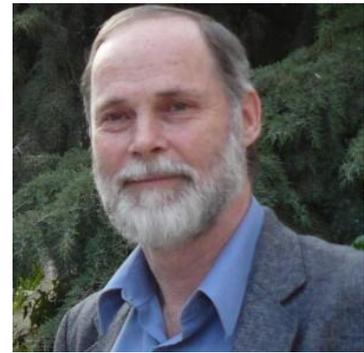


Is Distant Starlight a Problem?

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If the universe is only 6000 years old, how can we see galaxies apparently billions of light years away? A number of cosmological models have been constructed to solve this problem. In cosmology there is a huge gap between data and theory, since we can observe only a small portion of the universe over a small time interval. Thus any cosmological model needs presuppositions, many of which are unverifiable. Ultimately, cosmological models are assessed in terms of one's worldview. Any favored cosmological model can overcome any difficulties by inventing suitable ad hoc devices.

We shall briefly examine big bang cosmology and some of its shortcomings. The main focus, however, shall be on various creationist cosmologies, particularly some of the more recent models. These models are based on a variety of different proposed solutions to the starlight problem. Their various strengths and weaknesses will be assessed.

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