

YEC's Deceptive Attack on the Big Bang
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The September 2005 issue of Creation magazine, a publication of Answers in Genesis, contains an article on the Big Bang. A summary of the article is posted on their website, at answersingenesis.org/creation/v26/i4/focus.asp.

The article discusses the issue of the size of the universe. Basically, since the universe is 13.7 billion years old, and assuming the material from the Big Bang traveled at the speed of light, then the universe should only be 27.4 billion light years across. They quote "new data" which says the universe is at least 156 billion light-years wide. If you look at the source article which they give (<http://www.news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3753115.stm>), it dates from May 2004...hardly "new."

The claim is then made that 33 leading scientists published an open letter to the scientific community, rejecting the Big Bang. I was able to find a copy of this letter online, also dated from May 2004. You can read it at www.cosmologystatement.org. It was originally published in New Scientist on 22 May 2004...six days before the article on the width of the universe. Although the open letter refers to the inflation theory, the two articles, the one discussing the width of the universe, and the "open letter," are unrelated. However, the reader of the Answers in Genesis article would think otherwise. They use two totally unrelated articles, and piece them together for a story.

The Answers in Genesis web article also fails to mention another key point. The 33 scientists are not proposing that the earth is young...they accept that the universe is billions of years old. They are proposing alternate theories to the Big Bang, namely Plasma cosmology and the steady-state model. As the open letter states, both hypothesize an evolving universe without beginning or end. In essence, their theories eliminate the "beginning" which the Big Bang proposes, hence you eliminate God. With no beginning, you don't need a "beginner." The real issue for the scientists is funding dollars for research, which usually goes to Big Bang research.

Big Bang believers have nothing to worry about. The theory is as strong as it ever was, and it continues to be confirmed by observational data. Young earth creationists would dispute this, of course, but their arguments are superficial.

To understand the article on the width of the universe, check out the same report on Space.com. It has an addendum from the researcher, further explaining the article. You can read it at http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/mystery_monday_040524.html.