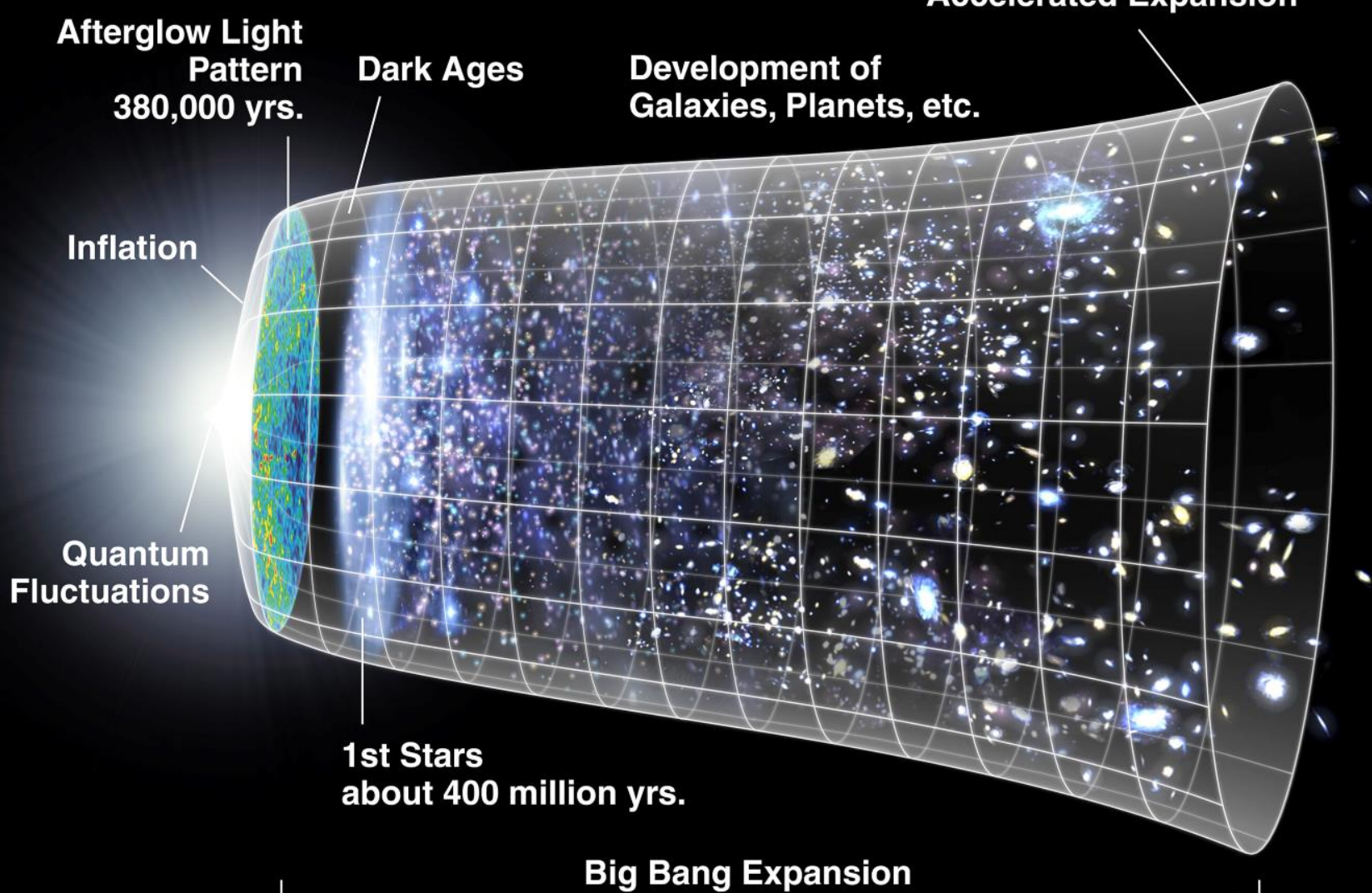


# INTRODUCTION TO JOHN'S GOSPEL

## JOHN 1:1-3

- *This background photo from the Hubble Space Telescope should make you stop and wonder: where did these 10,000 galaxies come from?*
- *An explosion of a single ball of matter 13.7 billion years ago called the singularity?*
- *Or, are they the handiwork of the **CREATOR, THE WORD/LOGOS?** **PSALM 8:3-4***



# ***THE FOURTH GOSPEL***

- John's Gospel describes the mystery of the identity and deity of Jesus.
- John develops fully a Christology—an explanation of Christ's nature, origin, and mission.
- John also includes the basics of Jesus' earthly ministry: His teaching, miracles, crucifixion.
- But John begins by stating *JESUS IS THE CREATOR* and was there in the beginning!

# ***“THE WORD”/LOGOS***

Is God a liar? He must be a liar unless ***“THE WORD”*** (Greek ***LOGOS***) made everything that exists!

- Both **GENESIS 1:1** and **JOHN 1:1-3** state with no measure of doubt that God created the universe—all space, time, and matter.
- The only question is: Do you believe it? Or do you believe in the Big Bang and that God’s a liar?

# ***DESIGN IMPLIES DESIGNER***

No attempt is made in **GEN. 1:1** or **JOHN 1:1-3** to prove a creator exists. ***WHY IS THAT?*** A creator is assumed because of what is seen in the creation. **ROM. 1:20-23**

- Nothing infinitely massive, finely tuned, and highly ordered comes from something unplanned, happening to something infinitely small and chaotic.
- Nothing becomes ordered without the combining of “something” plus “knowledge” and “energy.”

***Design implies designer and order implies information.***

# ***IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME***

**Was** (Gk. *eôn*). John uses this imperfect of “to be” (*eimi*) which conveys the idea of no origin for God or for the WORD (Logos), simply continuous existence.

- **With God** (Gk. *pros ton theon*).
- **And the Word was God** (Gk. *kai theos eôn ho*)—*logos*. The Word was not “a god,” but **God** Himself.
- By exact and careful language, John lays waste to the Jehovah’s Witnesses’ heresy of denying Jesus as **GOD, THE CREATOR, THE WORD/LOGOS.**

# ***WHAT DOES THE EVIDENCE SHOW?***

## ***EVOLUTION OR CREATION?***

Is there evidence for ***THE WORD/LOGOS, A CREATOR?***  
The Uncaused Cause of everything?

A couple of icons of Darwinian Evolution:

- 1.** The 1953 Miller-Urey lightning on the primordial pond of the universe experiment.
- 2.** Abiogenesis: The myth of chemical evolution.

# ***“IN THE BEGINNING” MATTERS***

Evolutionists must believe life came about by random chance processes plus time acting on chemicals.

- Yet the marvelous evidence of creation and design is everywhere (**ROM. 1:20-23**). *But can you see it?*
- It boils down to worldview, doesn't it? Not science, because science clearly indicates life cannot happen without *LOGOS . . . THE WORD*.
- *“All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made.” (v. 3) Do you believe in Him?*