You Are A Detective . . .

. . . whether you like it our not, since you live here!

All of us, standing on this planet, are faced with the same mystery. What is this place? How did I get here? Are there any clues?

Where did the Universe come from? Is it just a “speck of dust in an endless sea?” Is our earth going to eventually burn up? What real significance does the we have then?

Where did I come from? Is there any meaning to life? Am I important or are my “feelings of significance” only a sad illusion? Are there any hints to help us answer?

Is there a reality out there or is this all in my head? Is this all just a dream? Should I just shrug my shoulders, forget the questions, and live my life in ignorance? Should I just stay in the dark and ignore the clues around me?

We all have the same clues given to us:

1. There is the real Universe, with all its order and design, which we cannot ignore or deny

2. There is the personality and “mannishness of Man,” that unique aspect called personality

Based on your clues, you must come up with a solution, a World View, an explanation that gives adequate answers to the big questions we have asked since the beginning. What are the possible solutions? They are really very few. On your mark, get set, GO!
Matter or Energy or Motion

"The Universe is all there ever was, is, or will be" Carl Sagan in The Cosmos


In

The

Beginning . . .

Infinite Personal Eternal
God

"In the Beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth . . . ."

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Time + Matter + Chance
= the Universe and Man

... man now realizes he is an accident . . . a completely futile being. Francis Bacon

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... the Universe and Man

God ≠ Personal, Infinite, Intelligent, Creative
Creates by an Act of His Will

... Because of Your Will they existed and were created. Rev. 4:11

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Mankind

A product of CHANCE, a cosmic accident

"... Man is no different from a baboon or a grain of sand." Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes

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What is Man?

Man made in the Image and Likeness of the Existing God

Man is personal, verbalizing, able to Love, Creative, Infinitely Valuable

Genesis 1:26

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"What Does Man Live By?"

Alexandr Solzhenitsyn

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No Absolutes; everything is relative and arbitrary

Morals & Law based on statistical averages; 51% dominates; tyranny

Man is on an ocean with no shoreline or North star

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Absolutes on which to base morals and Law F. A. Schaeffer

... the individual is significant and important, eternally

God's character and revelation of truth provide a North Star, a shoreline, for both individuals and cultures.
Life and the Universe are ultimately meaningless and absurd.

Man's feelings of importance is an illusion; a sick joke played out by chance, "dust in the wind"

No answers to explain existence  Charles Ives

"A Finite Point is Absurd without an Infinite Reference Point"

Jean Paul Sartre

God the Infinite Reference Point of the Cosmos

Man's feelings of significance and importance are validated by God - the infinite reference point, the North Star.

God has spoken in Space and Time, giving answers to existence

Ultimate Heat Death for the Solar System

All things including man AND his memory will burn up with the solar system.

Death for the individual: DECAY

Earth's and Man's condition is normal, "what is"

... the Future

True Immortality the ultimate human desire, No Decay, Life after death

Man & his memory are eternal and significant, ripples forever

World and Man Abnormal, flawed, Restoration of Fallen World and Man

At Home in the Universe

Chaos Loneliness Meaninglessness Despair Silence Fear Alienation Angst Purposelessness Hedonism Desperation

What Are the Results?

Answers to Live Consistently By

Confidence Knowledge Peace Meaning Immortality Real Love Order Joy