

Homily for the 13th Sun in Ord. “B”
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In the 1930s, Georges Lemaitre came up with a theory to explain the origins of the universe. I was soon given the name the “Big Bang” theory. It was an elegant explanation for the creation of the planets, the movement of the cosmos and the undeniable observation of astronomers that the universe seems to be expanding. Most People believe in the “Big Bang” theory. Most scientists believe that the “Big Bang” theory is an accurate explanation for the origin of our universe.

However, despite the fact that the evidence leads so clearly to the “Big Bang” as the most plausible explanation for the universes origins, and despite the fact that there are no viable alternatives, some men of learning reject this explanation.

Why? Not because it doesn’t answer most of the questions that scientists have had about the universe, the cosmos and the earth’s place in the solar system, but because it opens the way for God to have a place in the creation of the universe.

What was before the big bang? It is reasonable and logical to conclude that there was a creator.

Whatever created the Universe, whatever existed before the “Big Bang” is not subject to the laws that exist within the Universe.

There is no way for science to know who this creator is or how this being could have created the universe. Because we are subject to the laws of the Universe, our inquiry and our research about the universe and everything in it are bound by those laws.

A person who authors a book, like “The Lord of the Rings” or “Gulliver’s Travels” can create whatever story they wish. The Author can add or detract any elements, circumstances or

consequences they want in their story. Their characters are subject to the particularities of the Author's creative imagination, but the Author is free from his creation. He is not bound by nor can he be judged by the laws or characters of his creation.

This is precisely the problem science has when it tries to look beyond the "Big Bang" and ask the question of how and why the universe was created.

Whatever created the Universe, what existed before the Universe and why the Universe was created, is not subject to the laws that exist within the universe.

Though many scientists fear that we can never know who or why the Universe was created, we as Christians can answer this question. Not because we are smarter than the scientists, (though I do believe many Christians are at least as smart as most people of science), but the reason we can know the answer to who and why the universe was created is because the creator has made himself known to us.

We don't simply guess at who God is, he has revealed himself to us. We don't make him up out of our imagination; He has told us who He is. He revealed himself to us as the author of the universe. He wrote and established the laws that govern our cosmos. But He is not subject to them. That is why some people of science have such a difficult time believing in God. He is not subject to the same laws of nature that they use to learn about the world He created.

What we know is that the universe has a purpose. The purpose of the universe is to be a means by which God expresses His love.

We see this revealed in today's Gospel. He chooses to heal Jairus' Daughter and the woman with the hemorrhage in a way

that does not follow the laws of nature. By doing this he is telling us “See I love you. I care for you and I want you to know something about me.”

Christianity is a religion in which miracles play a central role. Our central belief is in the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Our day to day life centers on the miracle. We believe that this same resurrected Jesus comes into this Church and gives Himself to us in the miracle of the Eucharist, the Bread and wine which truly become His flesh and Blood.

Given what we know of the universe, it is reasonable to believe whatever created it can act outside the laws that this creator established. It is reasonable to conclude that the creator can intervene in its creation in whatever way it wishes.

Given what we know about God, we understand why that creator would want to make himself know and show His continued presence in our world. Given what God has revealed about himself we can understand that He does this to demonstrate his Love and care for His beloved. He wants us to know him and love Him in return

It is also reasonable and some would say that it is an uncontestable conclusion that God, the creator of the Universe and its laws shows His continued love and concern for us by writing a space for himself in the laws of His created order and in minds and hearts of his beloved creatures.

We believe in Miracles. It is reasonable to believe in miracles. Do not let anyone convince you otherwise. God shows His love and care for us by intervening in the laws which he devised and set in motion for the purpose of sharing His love.

We know that God does this because He has told us so. He told us this through the life, death and resurrection of His son, Jesus Christ. He told us this by the establishment of His

Church and we are again and again reminded of what God has told us by the cloud of witnesses which are His saints throughout the ages and people of faith that sit with us here today.

Today we see that He has proclaimed love and tender care by healing of Jairus' daughter and the woman with the hemorrhage in Today's Gospel account. Christ loves you and he will heal your hurts and your brokenness by the forgiveness of your sins and by giving you Himself in this Eucharist. .