## A MILLION GUESSES

The skeptics and infidels can get no closer to explaining the existence of matter than they can to explaining the existence of God. If there is no Creator, as they claim, then this world and all the other orbs of the universe were not created; yet they exist. How did they get here? Some argue the matter, or substance, of which the universe consists is eternal---that it has always existed. But is it any easier to believe matter has always existed than it is to believe God has always existed? Either way, we have eternal existence, and neither can be humanly explained.

Soon after I started to school at the age of six I began to hear about something called "the big bang" from which the universe was supposed to have had its beginning, but I never heard anyone go back behind the "big bang" and explain where the vast amount of matter and energy came from that had to exist in order to cause such an explosion.

I was taught that man came from the monkey, but no one ever explained where the monkey came from. I also wondered why all monkeys didn't evolve into men. If some monkeys evolved into men, I thought, why didn't all monkeys evolve into men? Or, at least, why were there not some monkeys in mid process---part man and part monkey? (Actions and resemblance don't count). No one ever told me, and I am still waiting for an answer.

Something else I always wondered about was how the various life forms could have survived for millions or billions of years until they could have time to evolve a mouth and a digestive tract, etc., so they could eat. And if they could live without a mouth and a digestive tract for millions of years why did they evolve those functions in the first place? Again, no one ever told me that either.

Someone said Evolution is a million guesses,---and I say, Amen and Amen! It makes a lot more sense simply to believe what God's word says. If the worldly-wise were to do that it would save them a lot of time, money and trouble.

---Elder Ralph Harris