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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BASICS OF THE BIG BANG

Once upon a time (actually this was of course before time, so, better to say, once upon a no-time there was a tiny speck of NOTHING that was much smaller than an electron.

Of course, it was not a real electron, for a real electron has matter, and all this happened before the existence of matter. But I digress—

So to continue this tiny point of reference, a shadow-like non-entity if you please, became increasingly frustrated. To tell the truth, it was bored with its drab, non-existence in no-time so it decided (oh yes, it could use its non-brain to think ambitious thoughts about nothing) to arrange for its own birth! IMPOSSIBLE, you say? Not at all, for in fairy-tale non-time, only believe, for all non things are possible!

So then some 13 ½ **billion** years ago (give or take a few billion, but then, who's counting?) this smaller-than-a-speck of non-dust, living in no-time, began huffing and puffing, using all the non-energy it could find (you've guessed right—there was no energy back then either) attempting to proceed from NOTHING to SOMETHING, from non-life to real life. At first its attempts proved futile. Then it suddenly dawned on it—**of course,** there was no space for it to be born into!

Well, no problem. This little challenge was soon taken care of, and then, MIRACLE OF ALL MIRACLES COMBINED, this lonely little non-speck was born, its delivery lovingly attended to by four devoted mid-wives—TIME, MATTER, ENERGY, AND SPACE!

Utterly mind-blowing to consider—even after nearly 14 billion years. Just think about it—all the billions of galaxies, with each galaxy containing trillions of stars, add to that, super novas, planets, black holes, and every ounce of matter both discovered and yet to be discovered in this vast universe the known present day size to exceed some 15-20 billion light years in every direction—all this was once packed into and bursting from an incredible small electron size speck of non-matter dwelling in non-space in non-time performing all the above with massive amounts of non-energy!

So then, what's the bottom line of all the above? In essence it is the true story describing just how the universe DID <u>NOT</u> COME INTO EXISTENCE! Well, if not then

how would the true account read? HERE IT IS, AS GIVEN BY ONE SINGLE STATEMENT CONSISTING OF BUT TEN SHORT WORDS—

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1).