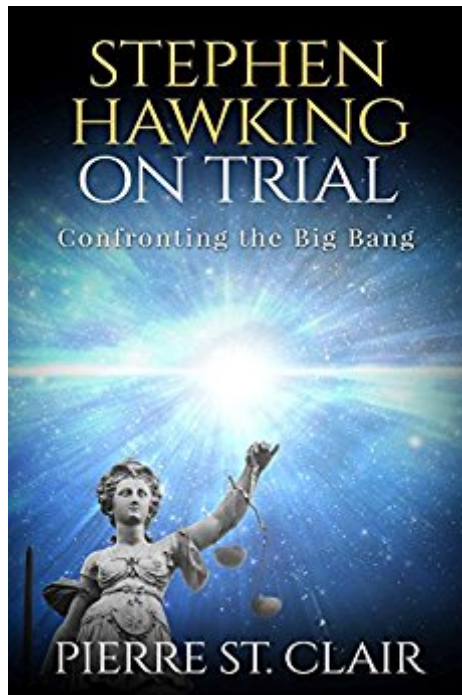




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Stephen Hawking On Trial: Confronting The Big Bang



Synopsis

The genius of the wee Doctor behind the electronic voice on trial? Stephen Hawking's influence has been significant. Why put his new theory on trial? Because the public has a right to examine his Grand Design origin of the universe hypothesis. Bestselling author Pierre St. Clair quotes the analyses of 64 renowned physicists. The in-depth analysis of each physicist interviewed reveals inconsistencies with Hawking's Grand Design theory: Why hypotheses with no supportive data are presented as relevant theories? The one question that is never asked but deserves an answer: What we factually know and, more importantly, what we have yet to understand about the universe. Evaluating a theory is the foundation of the scientific method. All research must stand up to exacting scrutiny. Evidence must be beyond a reasonable doubt – the rationale jurors and logical people use to settle an issue. This book uncovers a critical situation in today's astrophysics: "Theoretical physics is at a crossroads right now. In a sense we've entered a very deep crisis." Dr. Neil Turok – Director of the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics. Society doesn't thrive on uncertainty. Does Hawking's Grand Design eliminate uncertainty? Impartial investigators legitimately challenge: "Let's have a look at the evidence." "I would rather have questions that can't be answered than answers that can't be questioned." Dr. Richard Feynman – eminent physicist known for his work on quantum electrodynamics, the parton model of particle physics, and the physics of the superfluidity of supercooled liquid helium. Gravity is the most common force in nature. Stephen Hawking On Trial challenges certain physicists who misapply gravitation to unjustifiably support and promote unproven hypotheses to be genuine theory. In reality, such hypotheses are simply ideas, hopes, and aspirations. NASA physicists admit that dark matter and dark energy are unknown factors, yet together they comprise 96% of the universe. Although physicists admit they only understand 4% of the universe, Professor Hawking declares on a national TV broadcast, "The scientific account is complete." Can the scientific account of the cosmos be complete if we only understand 4% of the universe? Stephen Hawking portrays his Grand Design theory of the universe as scientific and supported by evidence, but his ideas are mostly clouds of caveats and probabilities none of which are supported by empirical data. Many physicists today will admit that our present understanding of the laws of physics are far from settled. Therefore, we have legitimate cause for Hawking's so-called Grand Design theory to stand trial. "As a scientist and as an educator, I like the idea that we believe things because there's evidence." Dr. Richard Dawkins – Oxford University Professor & Bestselling Author "Stephen Hawking On Trial is compelling reading for anyone with an interest in physics and

cosmology. It may challenge your beliefs, or maybe not, but it's a fascinating read in either case."J. Chambers

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Customer Reviews

DR Hawking is to be applauded for his lifetime achievements. The critiques in this book are extremely warranted. Theoretical Physics, such as that demonstrated in The Grand Design, is creating a public disdain for science and mathematics. What has happened to observational astronomy. Our understanding of the universe and the laws that govern it must be substantiated not by mathematics alone but by observation and testing.

Like many people, I read Stephen Hawking's bestselling 1988 book A Brief History of Time and was fascinated by the concepts he wrote about, including the Big Bang theory. (And like many people, I

was hopelessly lost by page three or four of each chapter.) Many of Hawking's theories at that time and since then have been widely accepted, at least by laypeople like myself. In Stephen Hawking on Trial, author Pierre St. Clair is disputing Hawking's latest book, The Grand Design, in which Hawking purports to explain how and why the universe was created. In the book, Hawking argues that the presence of God is not necessary to explain the origin of the universe and that gravity and quantum theory cause universes to be created spontaneously out of nothing. Hawking's theory of how the universe was created relies on M-theory, which is a theory in physics that unifies all consistent versions of superstring theory, and that gravity is a consequence of M-theory. The author points out, however, that M-theory is a relatively recent idea and is only an untested hypothesis. From there, Pierre St. Clair goes on to challenge Hawking's theories in a very lively and interesting book. It may challenge your beliefs, or maybe not, but it's a fascinating read in either case. Who knows how scientists of the future will look back on the science of our era? Maybe we're onto the truth, or maybe they will see us as we see those of an earlier era who believed the earth was the center of the universe. Stephen Hawking On Trial is compelling reading for anyone with an interest in physics and cosmology. Whether you agree with the author's ideas or not, it's well worth reading.

Written by someone who was out to make his point. Surely has an axe to grind. Has no love for Hawking or science

The best way to unseat a scientific issue is to use science, not rhetoric, calumny and diatribe. Mr. St. Clair is afraid of science. Mr. St. Clair uses Dr. Hawking as a symbol representing the voice of all science. His approach is to put science on trial, while appointing himself (St. Clair) as judge, jury and advocate. This is an old trick folks, emotionally stimulating, but it does nothing to help someone balance faith with critical thinking. Those who oppose the fundamental principles of the modern world are sometimes called fundamentalists. They must be called something after all. I say this without meaning to be derogatory in any way. It seems odd that St. Clair would enjoy placing himself in the judgement seat. To me this is odd if one believes in self-denial, self sacrifice, modesty and humility, which I believe are fundamental concepts taught by Jesus. It seems like the kind of thing that Jesus would not approve of. I have more respect for the seat held by Dr. Hawking, Lucasian Professor of Mathematics, which was formerly held by Isaac Newton.

It's an interesting analysis.

If you're looking for a book that digs into Hawking's theories and shows where the holes are (pun intended), this is NOT the book you're looking for. This book is written by a very religious person who is apparently offended by Hawking's various statements in his Grand Design book about God not being required to explain creation. St Clair's book goes on and on regurgitating material that could have easily been covered in 1 page or less. Hawking's theory is incomplete: yup, all ya gotta read is any article on dark matter and energy to conclude that. The numbers don't add up and some smart people are still doggedly trying to figure why. Science marches on and the march will never end. Those who believe in God as the creator based on their faith will never accept any other theory no matter how self consistent it is. Though they agree they believe in God as a matter of faith, some religious people keep trying to use rational arguments to prove they are right or to disprove non-believers' theories. This book is such an exercise, doomed from the very first pages to be a boring rehashing of what we've all heard too much of before. Don't waste your time on this book or Hawking's book.

Complete and utter rubbish. I was expecting something with a bit more intellectual rigor. I feel cheated. I'm just another sucker, i should have seen the warning signs. It's not even funny. Buy it if you're a religious nutter.

I got 11% of the way to the holy grail. Though I'm not a physicist, I think I'm right that the author doesn't know nearly enough about what he's trying to talk about to make a convincing case.

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