

THE SUBSTANCE OF FAITH

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). According to the Bible God (Elohim), who is immaterial, spoke matter into existence. The Milky Way Galaxy alone is 100,000 light-years across. One light year is six trillion miles (that’s 600,000,000,000,000 miles). There are about 350,000,000,000 galaxies in the universe. If atheists are right, then all that matter got here on its own. If evolutionists are right, then nothing created everything and chaos organized everything. I don’t have that much faith. Why do some people believe in God and others not believe in Him? It is a matter of faith. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). It is impossible to have faith in what you don’t (or won’t) hope for. Hope is the first ingredient of faith. In short, faith is determined by what we hope for. Evidence comes after that. Evidence is what we are willing to accept to support our faith. Believing in God requires no more faith than believing there is no God. Believing in creation requires no more faith, than the believing in evolution. You can believe the Milky Way Galaxy got here by chance. Or you can believe it got here by design. It depends on what you are hoping for. We not only have to live with our decisions in this life, but in the next life. But once again, that’s a matter of faith, but first it’s a matter of hope.