

Bible critics claim there is no evidence in support of **Genesis 1:1**. Some atheists deny the universe had a beginning. Is there any evidence in support of **Genesis 1:1**?

“. . . when the universe was created”—USA Today

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”—Genesis 1:1

Some atheists deny not only the Bible, but also science, by claiming that the universe did not have a beginning. Their denial of proven science shows the depths to they will go to avoid any possibility of God’s existence, and creation.

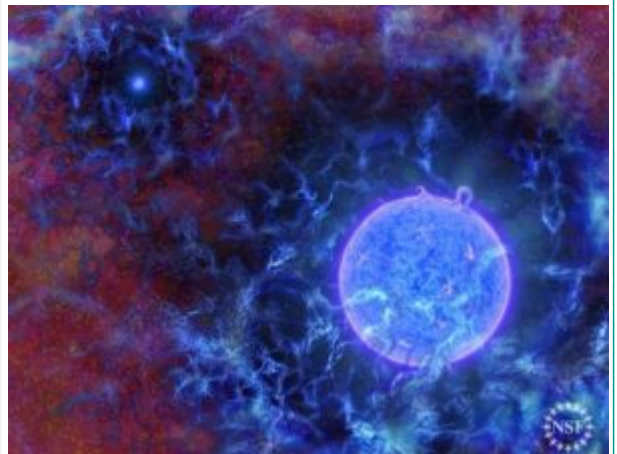
An article in USA Today entitled ***“Signal Received from Far Reaches of Early Universe”*** reports:

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away...

For the first time, astronomers have detected a signal from stars emerging in the early universe some 14 billion years ago.

They may also have detected mysterious “dark matter” at work.

Using a radio antenna not much bigger than a refrigerator, astronomers discovered that primordial suns began to



An artist’s rendering shows how the first stars might have looked. — N.R. FULLER/NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

shine about 180 million years after the Big Bang, when the universe was created.

“Finding this minuscule signal has opened a new window on the early universe,” said astronomer Judd Bowman of Arizona State University, the lead author of a study published Wednesday in the peer-reviewed British journal Nature.

Telescopes cannot see far enough to directly “see” such ancient stars, Bowman said, but the stars can be detected by the faint radio waves they emitted.

In order to reduce unwanted radio waves from our noisy Earth and across the galaxy, researchers chose a remote spot in the Western Australian desert to set up equipment to detect those faint signals from the early universe.

It’s basically as difficult as “being in the middle of a hurricane and trying to hear

the flap of a hummingbird's wing," said Peter Kurczynski, a National Science Foundation program officer who supported the study.

"These researchers with a small radio antenna in the desert have seen farther than the most powerful space telescopes, opening a new window on the early universe," he said.

The signal also showed unexpectedly cold temperatures and an unusually pronounced wave, the Associated Press reported. Astronomers said the best explanation was likely the elusive, so-called "dark matter," a substantial part of the universe for which scientists have been searching for decades.

"If confirmed, this discovery deserves two Nobel Prizes" for both capturing the signal of the first stars and potential dark matter confirmation, Harvard University astronomer Avi Loeb, who wasn't part of the research team, told AP.

Like virtually all other astronomical discoveries, this latest one provides additional evidence for a universe, not so long after its “beginning”, on the astronomical timescale (**Genesis 1:1**). All the actual scientific discoveries made thus far, including this one, provide more and more evidence that the universe had a beginning.

“Every house is built by someone, of course; but God built everything that exists”—Hebrews 3:4 NJB

In spite of this overwhelming astronomical evidence, however, atheists and skeptics continue to perpetuate bogus information that suits their ideology, however, namely that the universe had no beginning. Long ago, the Bible said the universe had a beginning, coming from nothing that is visible. **“The entire universe was formed at God’s command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen” (Hebrews 11:3 NLT)**. So much evidence has come to light in the past 100 years, that most astronomers can no longer honestly deny that the universe had a beginning.

“Since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities . . . have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made”. But especially is this true now, with so many scientific discoveries confirming what the Bible has said all along, “so that people are without excuse” (Romans 1:20 NIV).