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In last week's Reflection we came across someone, or rather something, called KURT - namely Knowledge, Understanding, Reality and Truth. We all develop our own ideas about KURT for ourselves, and then steer our lives on the basis of what our particular KURT is telling us.

So far so good. The problems arise over "the clash of the KURT's!" - for clearly KURT's differ markedly, they can't all be correct, so how are we to know which KURT's are genuine, and which are not? It all comes down to the evidence on which each KURT depends.

Now the BBC have kindly provided us with a timely and excellent example of the need for this KURT-sifting process. One of the BBC's favourites, Professor Brian Cox, was interviewed on the Today programme of Radio 4 (Tuesday 16th June). He told us that the Big Bang occurred 13.28 billion years ago, and that this Earth came into being 4.5 billion years ago. Here are two classic KURT-claims paraded before us under the title of "Science". Over a million people will have heard these remarks, which not surprisingly tend to gain acceptance because they are so frequently repeated, by scientists, preferably by professors. So the assumption seems to be "Game, set and match": the great man has spoken, debate is over, and anyone who raises an eyebrow of doubt is a freak. I exaggerate not.

Now for a scientific theory to gain the status of being an established scientific fact - a true KURT in other words - three things have to happen: it must be observable; it must be testable; it must be repeatable. Until it passes those tests it remains a theory, a belief.

Is the Big Bang observable, testable or repeatable? Is Darwinian evolution observable, testable or repeatable? The answer to both these questions is a very obvious No. Both these notions fall far short of the status of "Science"; they are not established fact, and by their very nature, they never can be. So no scientist, no matter his or her title, status or persuasiveness, is entitled to speak of these things as scientific facts.

A prominent atheist and scientist such as Professor Cox believes that there is no God; that the universe began all by itself, by a Big Bang, from nothing at all; and that life began eventually on the Earth, all by itself, leading to life in all its forms today. It has been estimated that the probability of the evolution of one horse is one chance in one followed by a million zeroes, which would take 1500 pages to print; to say nothing of "Mrs Horse" who had to do the same thing too, at just the right time and place. And they call this "Science"?!

The Holy Bible gives us a very different KURT over our origins (Genesis 1-11 / John 1.1-14 / etc). Is the Genesis account of creation observable, testable and repeatable? No - it too is a belief. So, which KURT has the stronger credentials, and better fits the facts all around us? Either, all by chance, from nothing, over billions of years? Or by Almighty God the Creator, through His Word, beautifully, perfectly and recently?

On the solid grounds of evidence, logic and reason, based particularly on the historical reality of the Genesis Flood, the KURT credentials of Creator-and-His-creation turn out to be by far the most convincing and trustworthy. The tragedy is that so many people are tricked into thinking that the KURT credentials of atheism and evolution are rock-solid; no wonder they turn their backs on their Creator. THAT is why all this matters so, so much. We are not in the realm of a geeky sideshow here, as too many Christians assume: eternal destinies are at stake.

It is on these grounds that Christians should "fight the good fight" over ultimate KURT. We do not have to cower, apologising for early Genesis in the face of the no-God, evolutionist onslaught. When Cox-like assumptions are being trotted out, you might just ask, "That's interesting, why do you believe that?", and see what happens; or ask them about Mr and Mrs Horse.

Praise God, the scientific and scriptural credentials for the Biblical KURT, from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22, are far, far stronger than the credentials for the other side. People need to know this - from people like us.