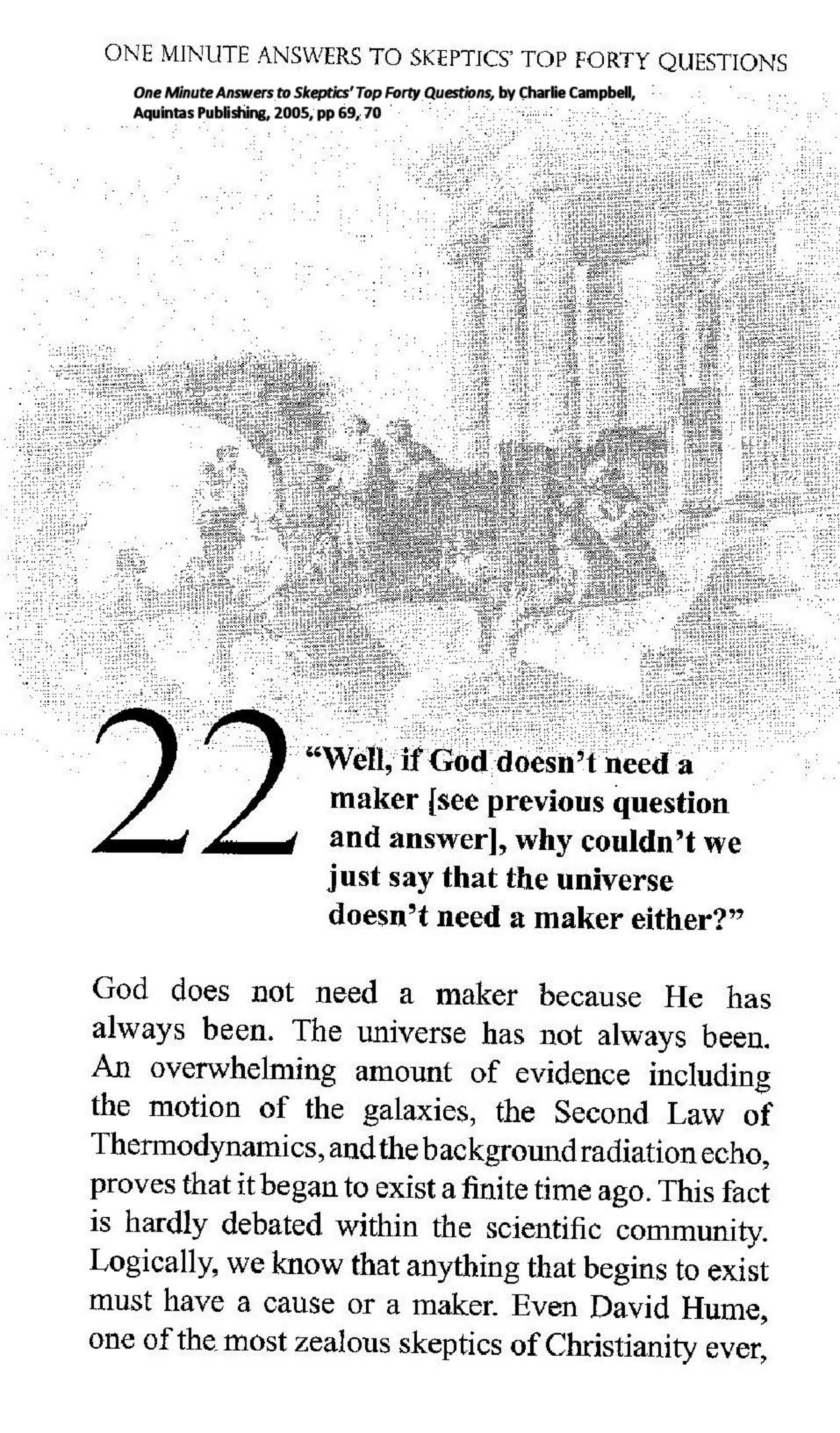


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“Well, if God doesn’t need a maker [see previous question and answer], why couldn’t we just say that the universe doesn’t need a maker either?”

God does not need a maker because He has always been. The universe has not always been. An overwhelming amount of evidence including the motion of the galaxies, the Second Law of Thermodynamics, and the background radiation echo, proves that it began to exist a finite time ago. This fact is hardly debated within the scientific community. Logically, we know that anything that begins to exist must have a cause or a maker. Even David Hume, one of the most zealous skeptics of Christianity ever,

agreed to this fact when he said, "I never asserted so absurd a proposition as that anything might arise without a cause."⁴⁸ If the universe began to exist, and we know that it did, it must have a cause or maker. Nothing cannot, and does not, produce something.⁴⁹

ON THE UNIVERSE:

"I myself find it hard to accept the notion of self-creation *from nothing*, even given unrestricted chance."

—**J. L. Mackie** (1917-1981), atheistic philosopher, author, a fellow of University College, Oxford; *Times Literary Supplement*, 1982, p. 126.

ON DIFFICULTIES IN BELIEVING:

"I have noticed that whenever a person gives up his belief in the Word of God because it requires that he should believe a good deal, his unbelief requires him to believe a great deal more. If there be any difficulties in the faith of Christ, they are not one-tenth as great as the absurdities in any system of unbelief which seeks to take its place."

—**Charles H. Spurgeon** (1834-1892), British preacher.