

**EXISTENCE.** Why did we come into existence? In this world there is no answer to this question - so we are left to ask: How did we come into existence? But this question also is difficult to answer - unless we consider the concept of duality, where an overarching force/energy exists other than the material. **S**cience can explain our existence back to the very beginning, to the Big Bang; beyond that, however, scientists are not satisfied with the notion of a non-material creative energy, since it is unacceptable that matter stems from anything but matter. In his book *The Mind of God*, Paul Davies puts the problem like this: "In confronting the deep issue of existence, we have to consider the possibility of two distinct classes of things" - namely 'necessary' and 'contingent'. But scientists are at pains with the notion that the two may mix: A necessary force could not create a contingent universe. So - how did we come into existence? **P**robably because current scientific wisdom was ignored when the world was brought about. A new energy was created, which must be considered contingent. It does the dirty work for God,\* so to speak. Through manifestations like nature and the human mind, this energy makes up the universe and rules our existence.

*\*I always use the word God - or creator - with reservation, there is so much room for mis-interpretation. My use of the term is similar to Einstein's and Spinoza's: God is not the kind, loving entity who runs our life - but the aspect of the universe we cannot comprehend.*

*Just imagine our world didn't exist, the creation had never come into being. No cosmos, no body, no mind. Now we are left with a space (or, if that is unacceptable, an energy); I find it easier to comprehend the existence of this energy, instead of there being no energy.*

*So, into this necessary space or energy the contingent mind, body, cosmos - the creation - were introduced. How or why? We probably will never know; but perhaps this is the wrong question. In my view a more pertinent question is: How can this duality NOT exist?*

*Imagine you were the creator; you could fit the whole creation in your hand - planets, stars, galaxies: The lot. Does a creator exist? I don't think so; but in this life-time we'll probably never know. Once we move on, we may know; will we still want to know then? We don't know.*

nec·es·sar·y

*something that is required for something else to exist*

con·tin·gent

*something that depends on something else to exist*

*see also* DUALITY, FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE