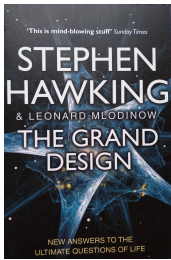
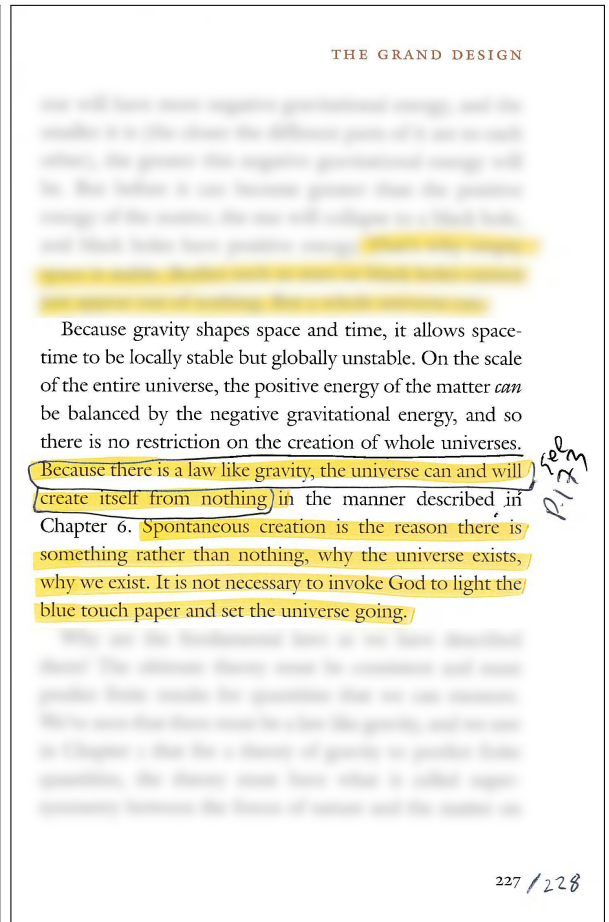
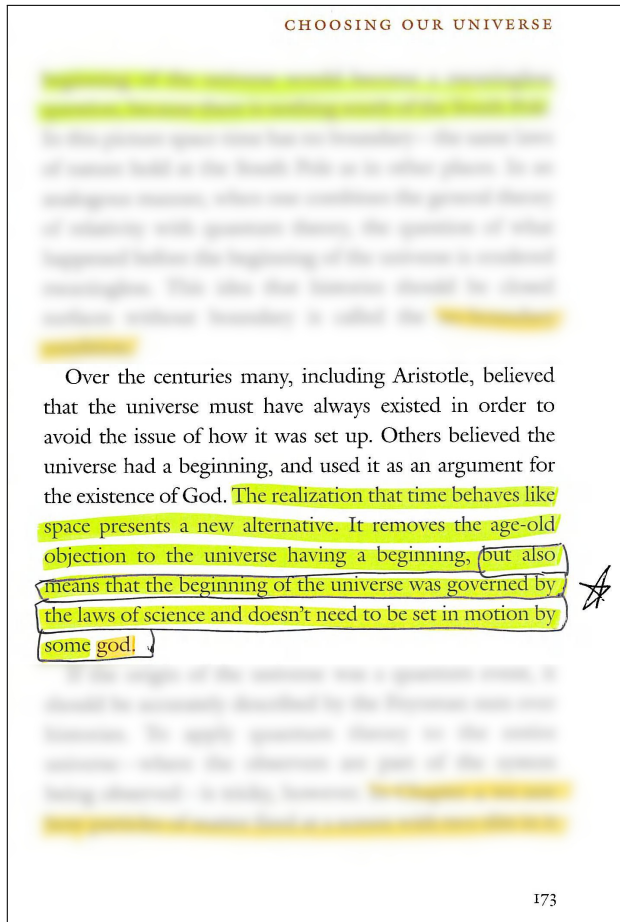


# WHO MADE THE UNIVERSE?

## Stephen Hawking, Oxford University:

*"Because there is a law like gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing."*



## John C. Lennox, Oxford University:

- **The first flaw, Self-contradiction:** Hawking's statement is self-contradictory: "Because there is a law like gravity", that is, because there is something; "the universe ... will create itself from nothing". Hawking assumes that the law of gravity exists. That is not nothing, so he is guilty of a flat contradiction.
- **The second flaw, Laws do not create:** Note carefully what Hawking says: "Because there is a law like gravity..." When I first read this, I thought: Surely he meant to say, 'Because there is gravity...' For, what would a law of gravity mean if there were no gravity for it to describe? [...] The idea of a theory or physical laws bringing the universe into existence might sound impressive but does not actually make any sense. The laws of physics are not only incapable of creating anything; they cannot cause anything to happen. Newton's celebrated laws of motion never caused a single snooker ball to race across a table; that can only be done by people using a snooker cue. The laws are powerless to move the ball, let alone bring it into existence.



«YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME; WHEN YOU SEEK ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART» (JEREMIAH 29:13)