"By faith we understand that 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

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What a great way to start a discussion about faith. The author of Hebrews, of which we do not know who it is, decided to start talking about faith from its very beginning. The beginning of the entire universe. The beginning of our world. The author makes a very simple point, faith is about seeing what you don't see. And, he makes this point by saying the entire universe, our entire world, comes from something we have not been able to see. As "modern" humans we can't stand this idea of "not" knowing something, not finding answers to questions and certainly not simply accepting the fact that there are things we will not know, not understand and never have factual proof of how it came to be. I don't believe humans were always like this. Call it enlightenment, call it progress, call it whatever you want. Truth is, people did not always NEED to know or understand everything! There was a time, when you were considered to be wise for knowing that you don't know! These crazy pursuits of how things work, where they came from and what it all means has driven humanity to the brink of stupidity. The total Mars exploration project will end up costing over 12 Billion dollars, which means that ever person in the United States contributed about \$37. Not that bad for a multi-year, multi-trip mission all the way to the red planet. But do you know why scientists want to explore Mars? It's not just because that was the next planet in our collective science fiction genre. It's a search for WATER. That's right, just plain ol ordinary water - or even a fractional possibility that there WAS water. They would be satisfied to find even the tiniest molecular proof of water. Why water, you may ask? Because, Darwinian driven scientists are desperate to prove that life exists elsewhere in our innumerable number of planets in our undetectable number of universes - that's plural! So spending 12 Billion on science and research doesn't sound bad if it means we are trying improve the lives of humans in the burge. on science and research doesn't sound bad if it means we are trying improve the lives of humans in the FUTURE. But, alas, we are not - we're trying to prove from the past. There is no god and that ALL THAT EXISTS, came from NOTHING. Science will never find that tiny little promise of where we came from because it can't be seen to begin with! What a hilarious joke on everyone who puts their faith, that's right FAITH in SCIENCE. The author of Hebrews isn't trying to prove anything scientific at all, he's just trying to show us how faith works and why it is critical to knowing and having a relationship with God.

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Dad,

I am so glad I do not have to be the smartest science guy in the room or on the planet, because I know the creator of all things! You have made a way for us to come back into right relationship with your through faith in Jesus and the amazing provision of the cross. Talk about a cost savings! I don't have to spend \$12 Billion dollars to find you, or discover where I came from or why I exist. That whole faith package has been paid for by the extremely expensive death of your son. Thank you!

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root