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QUOTABLE QUOTE: The Origin of the Universe

*'What is a big deal — the biggest deal of all — is how you get something out of nothing.
Don't let the cosmologists try to kid you on this one. They have not got a clue either — despite the fact that they are doing a pretty good job of convincing themselves and others that this is really not a problem. "In the beginning," they will say, "there was nothing — no time, space, matter or energy. Then there was a quantum fluctuation from which . . ."* Whoa! Stop right there. You see what I mean? First there is nothing, then there is something. And the cosmologists try to bridge the two with a quantum flutter, a tremor of uncertainty that sparks it all off. Then they are away and before you know it, they have pulled a hundred billion galaxies out of their quantum hats.'

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