

The Ultimate Question

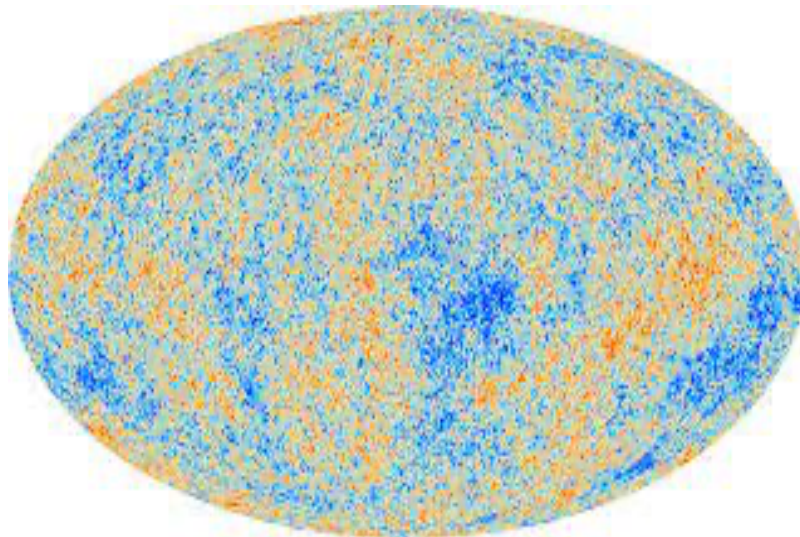
why is there something,
existence of anything,
rather than nothing?

not the universe,
no empty space, no forces,
no gravitation

no laws of physics,
no spacetime, no quantum fields,
no mathematics

not even first cause,
nothing supernatural,
no one to answer

does this break your brain?
if not, perhaps you need to
repeat the question



The cosmic microwave background (relic light from the Big Bang)—but why?
Image: ESA (Planck satellite)

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