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The Aphrons, however, embraced less speculative logic. When they looked at the universe, they were awed by what they saw. They believed the many existing complex, and highly ordered entities, including intelligent beings, had required an intelligent designer. They also concluded that this intelligent designer must have always existed. Unintelligent processes could not have created Him nor any other intelligent beings. Besides that, He had revealed Himself many times and in many ways through His creation, and through chosen prophets. Because of their adherence to straightforward logic, the Aphrons were troubled by the many inconsistencies of the Sophos' theories.

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For example, both Sophos and Aphrons had often observed a phenomenon they called "the second law of thermodynamics." According to this law, all things tend toward a state of increased disorder over time. However, both Sophos and Aphrons recognized that the universe contains many highly organized, intricate, and even intelligent entities. The Sophos' denial of an intelligent creator forced them to devise speculative theories of origins. These theories imagined that, over many eons of time, many small exceptions to this law had, somehow, repeatedly occurred. These exceptional, unintelligent violations of this law eventually accumulated in an orderly manner to produce order out of chaos.

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