
Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.
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JohnDoe wrote on Thu, 25 May 2006 17:03The whole idea of "god" is based on something resembling an intelligent life form, right? What can possibly make you think that something like that should exist?

It doesn't have to be intelligent. I have no recourse to suggest that the God that probably caused the universe into being is intelligent or not. So I don't pretend to speculate.

Quote:Well, that's just your feeling. I just don't see why a chain of actions and reactions should even come to sudden halt. It kind of defeats the purpose of it, don't you think?

Because for every movement, evidence suggests a mover. Nothing can simply come into motion on its own. To suggest that it can is doing exactly what you're accusing me of: assumption of something you have no proof of. It's interesting that you mention purpose. Aristotle did some very interesting work on "purpose". Have a read.

Quote:No, I said "exists" on purpose, because that means past, present and future.

If for every action there is a reaction, then why should that chain stop at some point? Why should there be something that didn't come from a previous action? There is no proof for either of the theories and since it's beyond the current level of human knowledge, both are equally probable.

The question isn't why can't there be an action prior to every reaction, it's how such an action can occur. Science, physics, and everything euclidian about our universe suggests it is impossible. That doesn't mean it actually IS impossible, but it suggests that it is not probable that such a thing defined our universe. You're purporting a theory based on science and evidence, but the long term past doesn't seem to coincide.

Quote:My feeling, just like your feeling tells you that there is a starting point. None of them is more likely than the other, tho. What however is extremely unlikely is that there is a god in any shape or form.

Have a read of this. It's a bit complicated and pretty long, but it establishes a firm foundation that one certainly IS more likely than the other based on the definite existence of a priori abstracts that do not necessarily follow the laws of physics, but defininately do play crucial roles in experience.
