Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf. Posted by Javaxcx on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 19:48:20 GMT

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JohnDoe wrote on Mon, 05 June 2006 12:35Javaxcx wrote on Mon, 05 June 2006 11:08JohnDoe wrote on Mon, 05 June 2006 11:42What is more probable?!

That we were caused.

I'm losing you here tbh. What exactly are you arguing? Give me the whole picture.

My position is that God is superfluous, since all of his characteristics can be given to the universe. I can however appreaciate people thinking that a thing like the universe must be made by "somebody", because we humans make things, too.

The position I'm arguing suggests that we have no ability to know our origins definitively, but the evidence from what we have consistently observed suggests that we were created by some transcendental cause. Just so happens I call it God.

Unfortunately, the attributes of "God" cannot all be applied to the universe. The very existence of simple concepts like time and space suggest that even the universe is not truly the sum of its parts. Our experiences validate this (see the links I've given you over the course of this thread). This means that we have more reason to believe that some things are not dependent on the abstract notion of "universe" in order to exist. Couple that with the scientifically observed consistency of causality and you, in a reader's digest version, have a cause that allowed all things to come into motion.