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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sat, 13 Jun 2009 00:33:44 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 19:16Spoony wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 19:08Tell me, altzan, if you suddenly found out that you were created not by your parents in the usual way, but instead in a laboratory by some crazy mad scientist who also happened to have killed a shitload of the other humans he'd created, loosed plagues upon the world etc, and wrote a book demanding everybody obey him or suffer horrific punishment...

Not sure what you're getting at here.

You're talking about the "point" of existence. This tends to be a big part of creationist argument; they say things like being part of God's masterplan is better than us just being more advanced animals whose only purpose on life is to reproduce and survive.

I expect this does make sense to the religious; I personally find it laughable. I like the fact we can choose for ourselves what we want our lives to be all about, so long as we maintain a healthy respect for others. It doesn't strike me as particularly appealing to think that we're all under the command of an unchallengeable dictator (and it surprises me how many Americans don't have a problem with that either).

But, hey, you're part of God's plan so you must do as he wants, right? The "point" of your existence is decided by the entity that created you. (although presumably you don't apply this logic to your parents after you reach a certain age...?)

Well, what if my hypothetical scenario was true? You found out that you were created by a deranged lunatic in a lab? If he created you, wouldn't that mean you were HIS serf? In my position I think I would want to see him arrested. By creationist logic, you're his servant.

What if we found out that the human race was created by an advanced race of aliens? (another form of creationism... it may seem like bizarre science fiction, but it seems marginally more credible than being created by a 'god') Would the "point" of our existence be what they ordered us to do? Freedom be damned!

Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 19:16More like:

1. Random chance that an atmosphere capable of life was formed
2. The atmosphere and planet were made via some sort of plan

I don't see Earth coming to be by accident, ie not planned by someone or something. You completely miss my point. Either that or you're just trying to move the goalposts.

Your original statement was" evolution is less likely than being created by God. YOU'RE COMPARING THE WRONG TWO EVENTS. You're TRYING to compare the origin of life, so the actual two events are...

Origin of life from an evolutionary viewpoint: extremely primitive forms of life which took millions of years to develop, and we know quite a lot about how this could've happened.

Origin of life from a creationist viewpoint: the creation OF god. Not by god, OF god - and nobody's explained how that could have happened.

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