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Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

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Nukelt15 wrote on Fri, 30 April 2010 14:29 It is also interesting that, although the Judeo-Christian afterlife mythology allows for eternity in the future (eternal reward in Heaven, or eternal punishment in Hell), there can be no accepting an eternal past. Here's some food for thought: Humans don't like the idea of dying, so we have little trouble believing in an eternal afterlife... however, we cannot deny that we were not alive before birth, so we also have little trouble accepting that all of existence also has a firm, definite beginning. Do we echo the nature of existence, or does our perception of existence echo us?

Did we really exist at all before we were born? We weren't around...I mean where was I in 1980? My parents weren't even married. Then after I was in the womb for sure, I may have existed to my parents but I still didn't know anything. Even after birth, nothing is developed enough to give us a sense of self-awareness.

So as we grow up and the functionalities develop, we seem to get a better idea as to who we are. Hmmmm...is it possible that we humans have collectively mistaken our conscious...our self-awareness for the "soul"?

And what happens as we get older? Our brain functions and memory begin to slow down. What about people in coma or suffering from extreme alzheimers of sorts? They don't know who they are so it's almost like being a baby. And then after death, everything shuts down...so do we...err...is death then a reversal of birth? We were't around before birth and so we won't be around after death? Around meaning in terms of our existence?

And what about how this affects the birth of humans? We hear from theists all the time that we all have a purpose and we have a reason to be here. But do we really?

What if I married a woman and we both were healthy and fully capable of raising a family. But what if we choose to not have any children? That's atleast 1 potential unique human being (our kid) not bring born to walk on this rock and enjoy what "life" has to offer, no? I guess there was no purpose to him/her?

What about infants dying? We all had no idea whatsoever of our infant years. I certainly can't remember the time when I was just less than 24 hours old. But I was very much alive as a helpless clueless zombie of sorts. Did I have a "soul" then? What if I died then? Theists say children go to heaven automatically. Well, I had no idea "I" even existed. So if I as a baby died then, would I suddenly get "instant self-awareness?" This idea does certainly sound completely asinine and makes theistic claim dubious.

Then we come to animals that have exhibited intelligence. The corvid bird for example. It has been observed to exhibit superb memory. It can also apparently decide which shape stick it should use to pull out a hiding caterpillar from a tree trunk hole.

Anyway, what about birds in general? They gather sticks and make a nest that is almost like a bowl! This is one thing that never ceases to fascinate me. And birds are very social animals. Are

they also somewhat, I don't like to use the terms, but "self-aware?" They migrate long distances as well. Perhaps it is basic survival sense. Gorillas can also recognize themselves in a mirror.

Seriously, is there even any difference between us humans and say the green algae I keep seeing on the backyard stones?

Is everything we have come up with, everything, products of hyper-activity? Is there really really a difference between a 747 jumbo jet and a bird's nest?

Let's note how fragile our existence is on this rock. No matter what, we know for sure that the sun will expand billions of years from now. So this party has a shutdown time too.

Is this something that happens over and over through the universe? Thousands and thousands of years...billions in fact. Nobody has showed up from space. The sky, the sun, the moon, the stars...oh so how many ancient lives must have looked up at these! The plants don't even know it yet benefit from it. The same sun that has shone its warmth on my face today afternoon and lit up my room has did the same thing on mars and venus. How many strange animals and dinosaurs, and early primates and humans of the ancient world must have been warmed by this very same sun?

deep stuff.

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