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Subject: Re: Questions I would like to pose to athiests  
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eatcow wrote on Mon, 27 February 2012 13:56 If a deity created the universe, then the deity created time. The creator is greater then the creation by principle of causality so the deity is outside of time. This gets us the deity must be infinite.

Sheer guesswork. You haven't even scratched the question of how this deity - a deity you've only inferred rather than demonstrated - came about. And, indeed, how could you?

Quote:natural selection fails here as well since it does not explain conscience, or abstract thinking. Neither of which are necessary in terms of surviving yet exist.  
try thinking about it for a second.

looking after your family, for example, gives your DNA a better chance of passing on. so it makes sense to look after your kids, right? quite a lot of species do this.  
lots of animals work together - hunt in packs, stick together to better survive against predators. with these two concepts, you have the very rudimentary concept of society.

Quote:Quote:Our brain is perhaps the most complicated thing ever created. If the brain is the product of random chance, then this violates the principal of causality, (you cannot get more in the effect than the cause). If there is intelligence in us, man, the effect, then there must be intelligence in the cause. The universe built off random chance has no intelligence thus there must be a cause for human intelligence that transcends the universe, an intelligence behind our physical universe. uh, random chance? you used the phrase "survival of the fittest" earlier, so i presume you have heard of the theory of evolution.

yes I have heard the theory. But your comments here does not address the argument made here. you said the brain can't be the product of "random chance". the theory of evolution does not say it was; it says it's the product of millions of years of evolution by natural selection.

Quote:Since the deity is above time and is infinite, the deity cannot die. Does a gardener abandon his garden? Does a mother abandon her child?  
you're saying here's something your deity cannot do? is he not all-powerful, then?

does a gardener abandon his garden? some of them would. does a mother abandon her child?  
no, and that's the point; she hopes the child will outlast her.

Quote:He did claim to be the Son of God, the Bible reveals such along with Roman and Jewish authorities from that era.  
be careful with that word "reveals".

a few scribblings from dubious authorship, written decades after jesus supposedly died and which get a lot of other stuff wrong, "reveal" anything? that's very generous of you.

Quote:If he was crazy or joking this proves my point on how he cannot simply be a good teacher (either case, he several times claimed to be divine and the Son of God) for no good teacher would teach something drastically false.

i don't even grant him the prerequisite of being a good teacher, let alone that he made such a vast claim.

Quote:You misread, there is a if in the sentence. I am not claiming at this point of my argument that he is and so your argument here falls apart.

no, it doesn't. putting an "if" in a stupid sentence doesn't make it any less stupid.

Quote:For the second part, you and I have already ruled out Jesus cannot be a good person, i didn't say he wasn't a good person, i said he wasn't a good teacher. because i think his moral teachings aren't very good. i didn't comment on whether he was an inherently good person; had you asked me that, i might have mentioned the bit where he threatens to murder children because of the crimes of their mother.

Quote:leaving the options of his divinity or him being an imposter. If he was an imposter then he would have stayed dead. What person do you know who can come back from the dead and not be divine?

why are you asking me? i'm not the one who thinks anybody's come back from the dead (other than resuscitation etc). you still have this massive gap in your argument. my question was: so what if he did come back from the dead, why does that make his moral teachings any better?

Quote:Quote:where are you getting these supposed historical facts from?

Here is a list of some

Jewish sources:

Flavius Josephus

Mara bar Sarapion

The Talmud

Secular:

Suetonius

Tacitus

Pliny the Younger

Lucian

Celsus

Galen

Christian:

Mark, Matthew, Luke, John (4 writers of the Gospel)

Paul

Ignatius of Antioch

Justin the Martyr

Irenaeus

Tertullian

Clement of Alexandria

Clement of Rome

Cyprian

Dionysius of Corinth

you gave a very detailed account of one person's death and disposal. you're gonna have to do a

bit better than just spit out a list of names here, i'm afraid.

Quote:Actually this has more to do with Catholic-Protestant theology versus the Bible. If you make a religion based off the complete works of Edgar Allan Poe and your main tenant of faith is that everyone is to take his poetry and decided what they believed, you will end up with the same result as you see within Christianity today. Protestant theology claims exactly this with the Bible. It is called sola scriptura. Christianity can be broken down like this. There is Catholicism and Protestantism. Every other Christian denomination stems from Protestantism except Eastern Orthodoxy which came from Catholicism. Protestants also broke away from the Catholic Church. For 1000 years there was only one Christian Church, Catholicism. Eastern Orthodoxy rejected the authority of the Pope in 1054 (the only major theological difference between the two). Christianity was not as broken as you see it today until the reformation, when the idea of sola scriptura was born.

do you want to say that there is one particular denomination that's got it right?

Quote:Quote:OK, then. Question: What happens if we don't "come home"?

It is not my place to judge. No Christian should judge you for anything. Whether or not you "come home" is entirely based on your free will.

firstly, i didn't ask you to "judge", i asked you a simple question of what you think will happen.

secondly, whether i become a christian or not is not (or at least, not just) a question of free will.

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