Subject: Why do you think? Posted by Nukelt15 on Sun, 11 Jan 2004 23:05:06 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Quote:Unfortunately, when you do that, you're leaving a helluva lot of loose ends there.

It may sound like the cheesiest, crappiest, worst duck-out answer you've ever heard, but I prefer to think there are SOME things which should be left unanswered- who the hell cares WHY I'm here, I just want to exist and have some fun with it while I can, and whatever happens next- well, I'll deal with that when I get there.

Quote:Whichever way you turn it around to be, there is always a being, entity, thought, whatever, greater (at some point in duration) which precedes the second cause of this universe, (ie. the big bang preceded by God [Christian]). Atheism may deny a supreme intellect, but in doing that, you can't answer any timeless questions such as "why are we here?" better than a poly/theist.

If you're going to go that way, then I can say just as easily that the supposed supreme being was created by something else greater than itself- and that the creator was created by something greater still. And so on and so forth, ad infinitum- that's the "no possible end" way of thinking, that if there were ever a point where there was nothing, that nothing would ever be possible at all. Everything comes from somewhere, and everything goes to somewhere- there is no end of time, just as there was no beginning of time, and there can be no end to existence just as there can't be an absolute beginning to it.

Simply creating life doesn't make one a god- humans may go on to create a new level of existence some day- and wouldn't those beings we created, if they could not identify us directly, think of us as gods? IMHO, the belief in gods comes from a lack of understanding of who or what really put us here. Personally, I couldn't care less who or what that was- they must have seemed just as insignificant to their creators as we seem to them, and as our creations will one day seem to us.

All in my own opinion, of course- others, I know, believe differently.

Quote:And if you try and make the conclusive claim, you're still a hypocrite.

Pardon my idiocy, but what exactly IS the "conclusive claim"?

And I know I'm a hypocrite- there's no way you can ever believe in anything without NOT believing in something else which makes equal sense to someone else. My beliefs seem as stupid to a theist as a theists' beliefs seem to me.