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Subject: Why do you think?

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Nukelt15 and whatever happens next- well, I'll deal with that when I get there.

I'm gonna stop you right there: What you've just stated, "whatever happens next". Now, I don't know your personal philosophy on life and whatnot, but when you said those 3 words, you're suggesting that you're unsure of what will happen. In doing so, you're not an atheist, but an agnostic atheist, one who believes that a God PROBABLY doesn't exist.

Where a theist says with complete confidence that God, with a 100% chance does exist (acceptance). An Atheist says that God, with a 100% does NOT exist (denial). Why people who call themselves either are being stupid, is for the reasons that I've said above. I'm not out to call you a moron, I'm just looking at the logical reasons why both atheism and theism are illogical (if that made any sense ). I'm gonna explain my opinion about your explanation on atheism now.

If you go through your life (just using the examples you've given) believing that magic exists, but you deny that a God or supreme being created the magic or the world it exists in, then you MUST say that magic must have a logical explanation, whatever that explanation may be, (even if we haven't deduced that explanation yet).

Remember, in a world without a God (or supreme intellect which created this universe OR is greater than it) than you must believe that everything has a logical purpose to it. If you didn't, then you wouldn't believe that there is no God (or supreamer thought). You couldn't. I know it sounds as if I'm going in circles, but I've been debating this for over 12 years with colleagues and profs, the concept of God always leads back to agnosticism. Not one of the polar opposites of theism and atheism.

Quote: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

This will sound confusing upon first reading it, but once you get your head around the concept, it makes sense, and I'll say it's hypothetical as not to draw any conclusions, so bare with it:

The universe as we know it is created by a creator. The creator is perfect in every sense when looking from the perspective of the universe in question, because the creator defines all the parameters for the creation. Now, according to your theory from there, every "universe" as it were, would be caused by another. The creator in each case would ALWAYS appear to be a God from the 1st person perspective of the creation. It's the whole Lisa Simpson and the universe created in the tooth thing.

Understand? Read it a few times. It's a difficult concept to explain, sorry.

Quote: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?

From an omniscient point of view, you're dead on. But the fact of the matter is, we're in the 1st person perspective when it comes to that issue. So we can never make the claim either way, because there will never be enough evidence for or against the concept of God unless He physically interacts and spells it out for everything on Earth.

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

To say "Yes, God exists." or "No, God does not exist".

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