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Subject: Reason does not exist!  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 25 May 2004 07:17:34 GMT  
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I'm bored, so I thought I'd start an arguement based on something Hume stated.

Note: this is NOT verbatim, but rather the arguement as a whole. I have already managed to find a way to defeat this arguement, but I'll leave this for a while to see what others have to say.

The arguement:

HUME: There is no such thing as Reason. To argue that reason exists, you must beg the question. This can not be done as it nullifies the arguement used, therefor it is impossible to prove that reason exists.

Definition to help you out: "Begging the question"- A philosophy term that simply means you are using the subject that the arguement is, well argueing to answer the question. Example: "Does love exist?" "Yes it exists because I love my parents." All this does is throw the arguement into a loop.

Edit: Javaxcx, shut up...

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Posted by [Cypher \[PCNC\]](#) on Tue, 25 May 2004 12:11:23 GMT  
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Logic?

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Posted by [Deactivated](#) on Tue, 25 May 2004 12:51:28 GMT  
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Why?  
Because.  
Why?  
Because.  
Why?  
Because  
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T I L T :bomb:

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Subject: Reason does not exist!

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Posted by [Phoenix - Aeon](#) on Tue, 25 May 2004 15:15:23 GMT

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Reasoning is an extension of logical thought, it comes to a conclusion whwere there is insufficient data for a logical conclusion. Therefore a reasoned arguement does not need a complete arguement and you can "beg the question" as part as you do not need all the relevant data.

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Subject: Reason does not exist!

Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 25 May 2004 16:54:06 GMT

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Close, very close Aeon. Keep one thing in mind though, reason is an integral part of every arguement, complete or not. It's the most basic form of logic and data. Even though your on the right track, you haven't been able to give a sufficiant excuse as to why begging the question is allowed.

The original arguement was Reason vs. no Reason, in where reason won, only because to argue the no reason side, you had to use reason, thereby defeating your own position. Hume looked further and discovered his side of the story showing that reason could not exist, because if philosophers had bothered to check, they would hve seen that it begs the question.

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Subject: Nah

Posted by [Brutus](#) on Tue, 25 May 2004 19:01:47 GMT

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Nah. Reason is just out for lunch...

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Subject: Reason does not exist!

Posted by [Javafx](#) on Tue, 25 May 2004 19:36:52 GMT

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Remember, he said that reason is the most basic form of logistical thinking. That in itself is practically giving the answer away.

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Subject: Re: Reason does not exist!

Posted by [Carl](#) on Fri, 28 May 2004 00:29:22 GMT

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warrantoIMM BORED SO I THOUGHT ID START AN ARGUAMANT BAESD ON SOMETHNG HUME STAETD!1!! WTF

NOTE THIS IS NOT VERBATIM BUT RATHER DA ARGUAM3NT AS A WHOLE!!11!!! WTF I

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Subject: Reason does not exist!

Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 28 May 2004 05:13:20 GMT

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Anyways, as a seperate post...

The problem with Hume stating that reason does not exist (taking the assumption that he's right) is that ANYTHING that uses reason to come to a conclusion is FALSE. Which means, as long as you can say "The Sun is Florecent Green on any clear day" without basing that thought on reason, it is true. However, with that "Truth" established, it would be futile to try and argue against it, as you would need to rely on reason to do so. Basically put, since what Hume discovered about reason is true, nothing in the world can exist, as reason is needed to back it up. Even the basic argument "Why?"-"Because" is still an answer based around reason.

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Posted by [WNxTilly](#) on Fri, 28 May 2004 08:14:36 GMT

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Reason is very much like Fuzzy Logic in a a computer environment.

Go and read about it as I spent the whole of last year learning about Fuzzy logic. This will maybe give some of you more insight into what warranto is talking about.

Fuzzy logic is basically trying to produce results from incomplete data and therefore using reason in essence to try and solve a problem.

This is not 100% what fuzzy logic is about but it might give you some more ideas.

Tilly

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Subject: Reason does not exist!

Posted by [djlaptop](#) on Fri, 28 May 2004 08:42:04 GMT

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In any given system, there always exists: cause and effect.

Reason = cause.

I've had two Long Island iced teas tonight so if this makes no sense, I'll know about it in the morning. Until then I will argue it to the death.

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Subject: Reason does not exist!

Posted by [The\\_Chaotic\\_One](#) on Sat, 29 May 2004 19:16:42 GMT

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This is my brain reading this topic:  
:rockedover:

This is my brain normally:  
:bigups:

In other words, this shit is confusing as hell!!!!!! Enough said.

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Subject: Reason does not exist!  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 11 Jun 2004 21:47:41 GMT  
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\*bump\*

Seeing as this got burried, I thought I'd finally give the answer!

Phoenix - Aeon, remeber how I said you were close? While this is how close you were.

warranto's Rule of Arguements:

In order for an arguement to take place, it MUST fulfill the following requirement. The arguement must be made up of proofs of lesser strength. when arguing what causes rain, you argue about the air becoming saturated, or humidity levels (proofs of lesser strength). You don't bring up points such as the fact that Pluto orbits the sun (proofs of greater strength). Seeing as all the proofs are based on facts of reason, it must be concluded that reason is the basis of everything. The lowest form of a proof possible, so to speak. With this in mind, when arguing whether or not reason exists, you are arguing the lowest form of a proof. It is impossible to go any lower (a requirement for arguements), therefor negating the arguement as it is impossible to argue by means of a proof of lower strength. Hence an invalid question to argue in the first place. However, if you feel the need to break the rules and argue it, all rules governing the arguement must be disallowed as well. This includes the rule of "never beg the question".

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Subject: Reason does not exist!  
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Fri, 11 Jun 2004 22:12:01 GMT  
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I think, therefore I am.

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Subject: Reason does not exist!  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 11 Jun 2004 22:16:09 GMT  
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don't get me started on the flaws on that statement

(not incorrect, just flawed)

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Subject: Reason does not exist!

Posted by [Aimbots](#) on Fri, 11 Jun 2004 22:32:21 GMT

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your bored arnt you?

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Subject: Reason does not exist!

Posted by [rm5248](#) on Sat, 12 Jun 2004 00:24:00 GMT

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BlazerI think, therefore I am.

I think, therefore I get a headache.

My friend has that on a shirt.

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Subject: Re: Reason does not exist!

Posted by [tarsonis9](#) on Sat, 12 Jun 2004 01:04:53 GMT

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Rene DescartesI think not!

\*POOF!\*

Hey, where'd he go!?

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Subject: Reason does not exist!

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Sat, 12 Jun 2004 03:27:56 GMT

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Only an illogical person would use logic in an illogical world.

Therefore, all people who claim they are being logical are just the opposite, since we live in a world where logic is ignored.

Therefore, all your logical arguments for the existence/nonexistence of reason are illogical.

Therefore, the opposite of what you are saying must be true.

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whistles and ducks out

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Subject: Reason does not exist!  
Posted by [DragonFg](#) on Mon, 14 Jun 2004 13:14:56 GMT  
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So what you're saying is you think reasoning doesn't exist, but you can't prove your point without reasoning. Reminds me of a dog chasing its tail.

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Subject: Reason does not exist!  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 14 Jun 2004 19:06:11 GMT  
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Actually, what Hume is doing is saying you can't say reason exists based on the fact that you are begging the question. Philosophers have just taken that and interpreted it as Hume stating Reason can't exist, because of the same reason.

Quote:Reminds me of a dog chasing its tail.

lol, best example of begging the question I've heard in a while.

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Subject: Reason does not exist!  
Posted by [tarsonis9](#) on Mon, 14 Jun 2004 23:35:02 GMT  
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I find it odd that no one's gotten my joke yet...warranto, I'd expect you to get this, at least.

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Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Tue, 15 Jun 2004 00:04:10 GMT  
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I got it, it's just not worth replying to.

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 15 Jun 2004 00:59:15 GMT  
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Javaxcxl got it, it's just not worth replying to.

What he said... though i thought it was obvious enough that it didn't really warrant a reply

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Subject: Reason does not exist!  
Posted by [tarsonis9](#) on Wed, 16 Jun 2004 01:16:47 GMT  
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Ok..no more philosophy jokes from me.

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Subject: Re: Reason does not exist!  
Posted by [PointlessAmbler](#) on Wed, 16 Jun 2004 02:59:09 GMT  
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warrantoReason does not exist!

<1984>YOU do not exist </1984>

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