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Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Wed, 09 Apr 2003 20:23:28 GMT

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Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Wed, 09 Apr 2003 20:26:20 GMT

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STFU . Everyone says God is on there side. which he hoefully is. But no telling for sure. Its just saying that we are in the right here and if "God" were to be right here he would give us a thumbs-up.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Wed, 09 Apr 2003 20:29:04 GMT

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Posted by [Commando no. 448](#) on Wed, 09 Apr 2003 20:34:55 GMT

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [MrBob](#) on Thu, 10 Apr 2003 03:22:52 GMT

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Posted by [\[sg\]theOne](#) on Thu, 10 Apr 2003 04:53:56 GMT

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Have a nice day.

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Subject: Re: Why do you think?

Posted by [K9Trooper](#) on Thu, 10 Apr 2003 11:22:32 GMT

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Subject: Re: Why do you think?

Posted by [Duke of Nukes](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2003 02:13:53 GMT

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Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2003 09:56:19 GMT

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once i hear from any sort of god, i'll consider believing in some sort of god. until then, i plan to do the right thing and support those doing the right thing according to my own sense of right and

wrong. this includes supporting bush and our troops in a fight against a man bent on killing americans and iraqis every chance he gets.

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Subject: Why do you think?  
Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Sat, 12 Apr 2003 22:37:54 GMT  
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What about the holy mission case...

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Subject: Why do you think?  
Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Sat, 12 Apr 2003 22:58:25 GMT  
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Bush : " I have a divine/holy mission "  
Ya to free the innocent and protect human rights.

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Subject: Why do you think?  
Posted by [Demolition man](#) on Sun, 13 Apr 2003 12:07:11 GMT  
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god = fake

Some people think they are god ugh bush ugh

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Subject: Why do you think?  
Posted by [NHJ BV](#) on Sun, 13 Apr 2003 18:25:52 GMT  
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I do not believe in god anyway until proven otherwise.

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Subject: Why do you think?  
Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Sun, 13 Apr 2003 19:22:54 GMT  
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I know.

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Posted by [Commando no. 448](#) on Sun, 13 Apr 2003 21:53:28 GMT

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Sun, 13 Apr 2003 22:07:16 GMT

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i believe in something. I just don't know what. All religion is bullshit though. All they are are corporations with scandals and hippies and crazy people listening to shitty music and closing their eyes and waving their arms in unison. I don't have a problem with all of these different gods I'm just pissed off at their followers.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Demolition man](#) on Mon, 14 Apr 2003 13:50:57 GMT

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Because of religions and the god bullshit we got most wars.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Mon, 14 Apr 2003 14:24:00 GMT

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But Bush is stupid.

Iraq is free,they had the weapons they we're not suppose to have.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Mon, 14 Apr 2003 16:44:39 GMT

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Posted by [K9Trooper](#) on Mon, 14 Apr 2003 19:24:18 GMT

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Aprime

Actually, I'm not.  
But Bush is stupid.

Iraq is free,they had the weapons they we're not suppose to have.

Let me know when you get that "Ivy League" education. As I posted a long time ago. Bush is one of the smartest presidents we ever had. His IQ is up there with Einstein. This is from an article from Time Magazine, about 8 months before the elections. Story was called something like; What's in an IQ? Al Gore didn't even come close to Bush's. Please enlighten us with your proof to support your claim that "Bush is stupid".

Then we have your godless anti-Bush movie and TV stars. 80% of them couldn't even get through high school. Yet they say they're smarter.

Whatever Aprime. Give us proof. Show us. Educate us. Answer us. Why do you say Bush is stupid? And use your noggin when answering. This bull crap "Well he started a war, and killed people" isn't going to "Cut the cheese". We want you to give us undisputed evidence that Bush is stupid.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [bigwig992](#) on Tue, 15 Apr 2003 00:58:22 GMT

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Comeon dude, you've got to beleive in something. Can you comprehend that there is NOTHING after death? I mean, we have to go somewhere, or do something, I can't just think "death=end". My good friend has been trying to make me see the light through books and preachign to me, and i'm starting to beleive her. I'm also thinking, how can life, EVERYTHIGN on earth, emotions, beliefs, etc, was all created by chance through science? Sorry, but i think something bigger, and better created this world for us. God.

PS: Good funny "religion' movie=Dogma.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [setstyle](#) on Sat, 26 Jul 2003 22:57:20 GMT

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Quote:Aprime: When the hippie called jesus came down here, he told many crap to do peace, unfortunatly, nobody understood cause they were all smoking a big fat pound of grass.

That would explain walking on water, wouldn't it?

Quote:bigwig992: I'm also thinking, how can life, EVERYTHIGN on earth, emotions, beliefs, etc, was all created by chance through science?

Science is only the study of what physically happens. I've made an example of the Greeks before - they explained what they didn't know, just as you are now, with gods. We have a new one, though, with its existence purer (I'm sure you know of some exploits of Zeus) which may set an example for many people to live up to (fighting in the name of God). The only problem is... a lack of proof! The Bible is like a well-written history book - written by human beings, that is, the same type that we know to lie, exaggerate, and worse. The compassion sometimes delivered upon presence within a church is a gratefulness for the peace thought to be given in the solace of God. Basically, He is just another hypothesis of life.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [setstyle](#) on Sun, 27 Jul 2003 01:57:55 GMT

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Above post fixed..

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Posted by [Yano](#) on Sun, 27 Jul 2003 02:05:16 GMT

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 29 Jul 2003 21:04:09 GMT

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As I've said before: Not ONE author of the Bible has written something that conflicts with another author's. Most authors didn't even know each other and yet no contradictions in their writings.

Also, as bigwig said...it's very unlikely that everything came together to form what we know of as life. And by supporting Evolutionistic theories, such as the Big Bang Theory, you are acknowledging that I could take Carbon, Hydrogen, Oxygen, Nitrogen, etc... and combine it with a huge explosion and create what we know of as the universe, solar system, and life.

Go ahead...find or create a recipe for creating a tree without using the conventional tactic of planting a tree or using a lab and it's equipment. Once you do...give me the recipe...Good Luck.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [TheMouse](#) on Tue, 29 Jul 2003 21:10:38 GMT

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MrBobAprimeRiggghhhhttt.

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Posted by [setstyle](#) on Tue, 29 Jul 2003 23:34:16 GMT

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Quote:da\_shiz: Go ahead...find or create a recipe for creating a tree without using the conventional tactic of planting a tree

Well, you could plant a tree while hanging upside down. What's yours?

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [MrBob](#) on Wed, 30 Jul 2003 00:01:49 GMT

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You must agree with this too:

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If you haven't noticed, Aprime is mocking Jesus.

Just so you know.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [setstyle](#) on Wed, 30 Jul 2003 00:05:29 GMT

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It's sad that he had to bring in everyone suffering from retardation to try and prove a childish point.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Azrielstoneheart](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2003 17:46:23 GMT

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Science ain't all that it's cracked up to be. And if there is no god, then answer me this. Why do you laugh? Laughter is only exhibited in human beings, as a response to the absurd. No other creature even reacts to an absurd situation, there's no gene or chemical response, and no one can locate the cause. Why do some people find some things funny and others not? Why are some people funnier than others? Explain that one if there is no god.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [setstyle](#) on Wed, 06 Aug 2003 02:51:38 GMT

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Laughter is a human emotion caused, like any other, by chemicals in the brain. There's actually quite a few studies going on. As for why some are funnier, it's just like some people being faster than others - some may have a talent, while others may have to work harder at it.

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Subject: If there is no God

Posted by [Brutus](#) on Sat, 10 Jan 2004 18:32:30 GMT

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If there is no God, what started the universe?

Even if the biblical God does not exist, there must be an "God" in the definition of that which started this whole thing up, right? A kind of higher force...or what?

On a slightly other note: Weird as it might sound, I actually hope to see a ghost sometime, just to have proof that there is more to the world than the eye sees...Have anyone else had that thought?

In response to Setstyle:

Could it be that human emotions have their roots in the soul?  
Out of that question comes another very hard philosophical question:

Do animals have soul? They do have emotions, at least...

And what about insects (most of which have very simple nervous systems)?

(I dont know, but I somehow doubt it. I have never seen (registered) an insect display emotions...)

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [SkitBra](#) on Sat, 10 Jan 2004 19:08:24 GMT

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Quote:Brutus - Braindead Idiot in Charge of Sniffing

you sniffed to much of something alright.

lets say like this, if there is a god then gimme the sign saying i am god in 2km large letters across the sky.

and 1 billion dollars on my bankaccount pls, then ill believe in that fake story.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Brutus](#) on Sat, 10 Jan 2004 20:30:19 GMT

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I sniff nothing but air. (Why dont you pay us a visit?)

Anyway, seems like a God has adopted a "no-interference" policy. Cant blame him. Who on Earth (or in heaven) would like to have responsibility for a hell-hole like this? I like to look at the earth as the worlds biggest and longest ongoing social experiment. How long before we blow ourselves up?

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Javafx](#) on Sat, 10 Jan 2004 21:20:51 GMT

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Not a single person can make a logical arguement and conclude on the existance or non-existance of God (like the direction of this arguement).

Look at it this way: (and I base this off Christianity, but the same principles apply universally)

So-called atheists deny the existence of God. That is the bottom line. If there was any doubt to that statement, at the very most, they would still be agnostic atheists (ones who believe that it is improbable that there is a God). Secondly, since Atheists deny God's existence, the ONLY recourse is to believe exclusively upon science and logic. This is their fatal flaw:

Since the universe has not been measured in every way, to the smallest piece of matter, etc... Atheists cannot logically say that "God does not exist". If a so-called Atheist makes that statement, they are a hypocrite in that they base a logic off an unproven theory. Unproven

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theories may have a logical deduction to them, however they cannot EVER be called logical unless proven (which hasn't/can't be done because of the size of universe).

THEREFORE: Since a hypocritical logic cannot exist, you can't call yourself an atheist (without looking like a total moron).

On the flipside however, it doesn't look much brighter for theists. The typical Christian theist believes totally in God. Regardless of religion, to be a theist requires faith. Faith demands the individual to accept unproven facts based on the testimony of others. If one has complete faith in God (in reference to Christianity), one must therefore accept the contents of the Bible as truth. Since the contents of the Bible are not completely proven factual, the Bible must be taken in faith. If faith is the acceptance of unproven facts, and it is not logical to unequivocally believe what cannot be proven true, unequivocally believing in God is illogical. Theism is therefore a foolish concept as it does not follow a logical principle. Not to offend, but it IS foolish to accept unproven facts as truth -- look up fool in the dictionary. At the VERY least, you have to be agnostic-theists, (ones who pretend to the idea that God PROBABLY exists).

So why you people try and make a logical debate pertaining to God? Beats me, because neither of you are right, nor can be right.

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Subject: Finally an intelligent post!

Posted by [Brutus](#) on Sat, 10 Jan 2004 23:04:31 GMT

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Well said, Javacx. I mostly agree with you, except about one thing (maybe I misunderstood you, but here we go anyway):

You don't necessarily have to believe that all which is written in the bible is "Holy Truth" to be a Christian (At least I don't feel so). I regard myself as a Christian, and do not believe that everything written in the bible is true/correct, but neither do I think it is a work of (complete) fiction.

I like to view myself as quite open-minded (Who doesn't?), and understand that the Bible is a work that consists of many different texts/scriptures written by many different people over a timespan of several thousand years (Much of the material in the Old Testament was handed down orally through many generations before being written down. It would be foolish to believe that it would not change at all during this time).

It is widely known that the Bible has its fair share of contradictions. Frankly, this should not be very surprising, as its different parts were written by many different authors.

The Christian Bible as we know it today was compiled by church leaders several hundred years AD, and many would-be Biblical texts were scrapped, while others were admitted. It would be wise to have this in mind, and the fact that the Bible (or its two main parts) was not written in one go, or added to "chapter by chapter".

What about miracles? Honestly, I don't know. I would like for it to be true, but I simply don't know how well the Bible can be trusted. Some parts of it can certainly be trusted better than

others. The purely historical accounts and ancestry-listings is probably quite accurate. As for walking on water and making water into wine...Well, one simply have to make up ones own mind, based on the information available. For us, who have no first-hand experiences or second-hand accounts about the events described, it may be hard to decide what to believe.

I do not believe every word in the Bible, but neither do I think it is complete rubbish. Obviously, it should be taken with a grain of salt (as everything else), but I also think it would be foolish to discard it as complete fiction.

I dont really know what to believe. Although I think many of the miracles in the Bible can be explained scientifically, many things seems too fantastic for my scientifically educated mind to believe. I guess I fall in your category of Agnostic-Theist. I have some belief, but I am no fanatic or fundamentalist, and in lack of convincing evidence, I dont quite know exactly what to believe.

If you managed to read all this, thank you.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Sat, 10 Jan 2004 23:12:16 GMT

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Perhaps I should've clarified:

When I said, "take the Bible as truth", I meant that contextually. I don't actually expect a so called "theist" to believe that the earth was created in exactly 7 days. Take the stories and parables and so on contextually as well as literally in places.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Brutus](#) on Sat, 10 Jan 2004 23:28:10 GMT

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Well, I didnt take it as you meant it as such, really, but I found it to be a good starting point for putting forward my own thoughts.

Maybe I should have used other words.

Oh, well...Good night to you all! (Although i guess its still day for many of you! )

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Sat, 10 Jan 2004 23:49:24 GMT

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No no no, you worded it fine. You're spoken like a true agnostic. Which is where all intelligent people stand as. Of course some of the Bible has to be recollected from a truth which happened ages ago, but I highly doubt it happened word for word. And as such, it cannot be taken as a scientific truth (all of it) for the reasons that you stated.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Sun, 11 Jan 2004 03:19:46 GMT

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Speaking AS an atheist, most of that is about a truckload of bullshit. Sorry, but it really is...here goes:

First, the term "atheist" is EXTREMELY broad in its definition- all it means is "a person who does not believe in gods or devine beings." You can believe in an afterlife, magic, ghosts, and anything else that pops into your mind, so long as it doesn't classify as a god. Thus, you don't necessarily have to be Mr.Logic-is-All to be an atheist- in fact, you could be as Religious as any other religion's orthodox sects and still be an atheist. Personally, I do not believe in any form of god, yet I still believe in an afterlife.

Remember here that there are many different varieties of "monotheist(believes in one god)" and "polytheist(believes in more than one god)", yet they all fall under the same definition- atheism is not a religion in and of itself, but rather a broader term which encompasses several different belief systems. The term "atheist" is used to describe all people who don't believe in gods simply because there are no firmly established(read that: global) organizations under that title. Calling someone an atheist is akin to someone calling you a monotheist rather than Christian, Jewish, Muslim, etc. Got all that?

I realize you wrote that to say that neither side's case can be proved, but you might want to research a bit more before posting about what you think somoene else believes.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Sun, 11 Jan 2004 21:49:01 GMT

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Actually, Atheist (by dictionary definition) is:

"1. One who disbelieves or denies the existence of a God, or supreme intelligent Being.

2. A godless person. [Obs.]

Syn: Infidel; unbeliever."

You might have your Godless "religions", but there comes a point where a religion just doesn't

make plausible sense, but hey, I'm not going to tell you what to believe. Sure, you can believe there is no God, but you can also accept the existence of an afterlife. Unfortunately, when you do that, you're leaving a helluva lot of loose ends there. 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. And if you try and make the conclusive claim, you're still a hypocrite.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Sun, 11 Jan 2004 23:05:06 GMT

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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.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Sun, 11 Jan 2004 23:48:22 GMT

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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 supremer 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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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 02:41:10 GMT

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In all reality, the debate about God is a futile one. There is NO real proof to support the existence of God, and there is no proof to support the idea that there is no God.

People who don't believe in God try to argue so by requiring some sort of proof that he exists, like having a billion dollars deposited in their account, or some outrageous thing like that. Or they claim they need to see it to believe it. Both are self-defeating arguments because of their inbred fallacies they exhibit. In response to the first argument, why would God deposit that money in your account? You have done nothing to earn it, nor would he have a reason to do it in the first place. We have the unique ability that is referred to often as free will. We have the freedom to succeed, and the freedom to fail. When it happens to us, it is through our own fault. As for the argument "Seeing is believing", this is the most ridiculous thing anyone could have come up with. There are so many things that we have never seen, nor will ever see that we believe in. The existence of atoms, the existence of rainforests, the existence of a billion dollars. I could go on, but there are too many examples to list them all. I challenge you to dispute this, but I warn you it would be futile. For reason expressed when this IS challenged.

The arguments against the denial of God may not support God's existence, but it does show how laughable the attempts to prove that God doesn't exist are.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [setstyle](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 03:25:38 GMT

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Javaxcx: There is a difference between believing there is no a god and having no belief in a god... I think an atheist proclaiming that God just plainly doesn't exist undercuts his stand against a

religious hold by creating an institution of his own. warranto, I agree with you in that neither side of the arguement can be proved, although such things as the law (God-given rights?) can be a bit biased.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Javafx](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 03:44:56 GMT

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An athiest by definition denies the existance of God. They cannot believe in something which they claim to not exist. It's not really an institution of their own which they create, it more or less falls into the humanist category where in place of God, they live by morals they believe to be right.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 05:21:40 GMT

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I didn't make myself clear enough I guess...what I mean to say was that I don't know what will happen when I die, yet am sure SOMETHING will(as in, I believe in an afterlife, but I don't know and don't want to know what it might be like). That has nothing to do with a belief or disbelief in god.

I plainly do not believe that any form of deity is possible, because everything has to be created by something else.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 05:51:05 GMT

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if everything has to be created by something else, how did something get created in the first place? No tangeble objects exist that can be created out of nothing.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [SkitBra](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 07:01:43 GMT

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Warranto, if you "know" that there is a god and that he speaks with you then go tell him that ill be satisfied with the 2 km high letters "i am God" in the sky.

wouldnt that be so simple for him?

and i dont need to prove that he dont excist, you people who are trying to shove the god down other peoples throats need to prove that he excists and not by just saying "i know" because then we do know that you are a liar.

until there are undisputable proof like the one i mentioned above or other proof that i can see and that science and technology cant explain as anything other then a god then ill believe it.

but until then ill live my life and enjoy it without your god.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 08:51:12 GMT

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I'm shoving it down your throat? I never stated that I "know" there is a God, I just said that there is no plausible proof that there isn't one.

As for a 2km high banner, why would he want to do that? I don't claim to know God's mind, but what possible reason would he have to put up a banner?

So.. if you can provide ANY plausible proof that God doesn't exist, I'll stop my arguement.

Though I suppose you also don't believe in the existance of a consciousness, or the existance of feelings, the existance of ethics, the existance of "Crimson" as a human being, the existance of myself as a human being, the existance of reality itself. After all, there is no undisputable proof that any of these exist, nor can science and technology explain how/why some of them occur.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Brutus](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:12:38 GMT

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Edit: Erm, where is the "delete" button?

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [xpontius](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 17:39:33 GMT

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Quote:Why do you think?

Cause I have a brain.

Other than that, if God was on everyones side we'd all be ded.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 20:45:17 GMT

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I plainly do not believe that any form of deity is possible, because everything has to be created by something else.

I tried to explain this, but I guess I didn't do a good job, so I'll try again.

As far as logic goes, there must always be a creation must always have a creator, whether it is sentient or not is not relivant AT THIS TIME, I'll explain why it is relavant later.

Now, I know what you may say, using an example of course: "Well, what about the creation of CO2 from fire? Fire isn't sentient, but it creates CO2!"

That's right, fire isn't sentient, but the process of oxidizing carbon isn't creation. It's just a natural process which involves the rearrangments of atoms. Arguably, you could say that there is no such thing as "creation" in this universe (yes, you can even say that the birth of new life is NOT creation, merely because a human is the byproduct of organic matter formed from atoms which have always been here).

It's at this point where sentience becomes relivant. This is our proof that a higher being might exist, but of course may follow your theory that the creators are the product of a creation. However, in every case, in order for a creation to be created, the creator must be superior than the creation. If that made any sense. In a nutshell, if there is a God, He would have had to be not bound by logic and physics as we know them. But He must've been sentient, because if He wasn't, then there could have been no creation.

Creation does not logically "happen" in this universe (as far as we know). And that theory dates back to those scientific laws about energy and matter in that energy or matter cannot be created or destoyed, only manipulated.

However, since we can't PROVE that theory with evidence dating back to the beginning of the universe, we can't make that assumption that creation never happened... at least logically.

I know that all sounds all over the place, but it's a difficult concept to get across to the next person. I think Warranto understood it we were discussing it while ago, maybe he can give an explanetion.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 21:11:23 GMT

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It's more around the "Big Bang" where I start to think about something creating something else. A scientific experiment or cosmic coincidence, if you will, somebody or something messing with atoms and molecules at a level we aren't currently capable of understanding, and producing the results we see today. Not as in "Hey, I feel like creating a universe and a bunch of sentient life forms, I'm gonna go play creator."

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Actually, it doesn't sound all over the place, it makes perfect sense. Being the person that I am, I don't believe in an absolute beginning or an absolute end- something can't come from nothing, nor can nothing come from something. Whatever is here has always been here in one form or another, and will always be here in one form or another. Now perhaps that form is one which we haven't discovered yet- perhaps this is the higher power we've been debating- but even that had to have come from the same general pool of...well, matter, energy, everything- I'll just call it "stuff".

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 21:25:37 GMT

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However if "nothing" existed at one point in time, how did "something" come to exist? Someone whether some sort of physical being, or just an all-powerful consciousness-type of thing had to exist/bring itself into existence in order to bring everything that we know into existence. This all-powerful "being" is who we refer to as "God".

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2004 23:30:55 GMT

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Well...I don't think there was ever a point where nothing existed. To have any sort of being or the will for such a being to come into existence, something must be there preceding it for it to be formed out of, and something had to perform the actual formation. You can't create yourself (creation of oneself is a contradiction, since you can't create anything if you don't exist, much less yourself); someone or something else must do it for you. That goes for anything and everything, so "nothingness" (the absence of ANY forms of existence, matter or energy or anything else) can't exist. No, space is not an example of nothingness, as it is not a true vacuum- there is matter and energy, however widely spread, no matter where you go in the universe.

IMHO, naturally.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [ohmybad](#) on Tue, 13 Jan 2004 21:35:49 GMT

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Religion was created to serve as an explanation to things that we can not explain. For instance along time ago before we had the idea that we were created from single celled organisms, we had no explanation of why we came to be so we said "God must have created us". In my opinion "god" was created by humans as an excuse for things that happen and to give us comfort by thinking there is someone out there looking over us.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [setstyle](#) on Tue, 13 Jan 2004 22:04:06 GMT

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Yes, God is a figment of the human imagination.

Javacx: Your definition of an "atheist" includes the word disbelieves. I did not say that all atheists stray away from directly saying there is no God, but merely that there is indeed a difference to be noted.

Here's a fun website to read:

<http://religionisbadforyou.homestead.com/Home.html>

Further development of the previous post: "Religion is the adult version of Santa Claus."

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 14 Jan 2004 01:45:32 GMT

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Show me conclusive, scientific proof that God doesn't exist, and I'll stop believing... all though that website is highly biased. The most brilliant philosophical minds believed in one God or another.

Edit: oh, by the way, saying that Religion is the Adults version of Santa Clause is actually bennificial to the arguement that God exist. Santa Clase, or as he was perviously known as "St. Nicholas" was a real person. No longer living, true. But still still a real person.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [ohmybad](#) on Wed, 14 Jan 2004 02:10:40 GMT

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Telling someone not to beleave or beleave in God is wronge, Instead you should be presenting facts and letting people decide what to beleave in.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [setstyle](#) on Wed, 14 Jan 2004 02:57:52 GMT

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da\_shizAs I've said before: Not ONE author of the Bible has written something that conflicts with another author's. Most authors didn't even know each other and yet no contradictions in their writings.

This statement is false, the source of disproof being the New Testament.  
(Edit below)

warrantosaying that Religion is the Adults version of Santa Clause is actually bennificial to the arguement that God exist. Santa Clase, or as he was perviously known as "St. Nicholas" was a real person. No longer living, true. But still still a real person.

Jesus was likely a real person as well. Santa Claus doesn't truly fly to everyone's house on Christmas Eve, and Jesus probably didn't travel about performing similiar miracles in his lifetime.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Javacx](#) on Thu, 15 Jan 2004 00:31:14 GMT

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Javacx: Your definition of an "atheist" includes the word disbelieves. I did not say that all atheists stray away from directly saying there is no God, but merely that there is indeed a difference to be noted.

v. tr.

To refuse to believe in; reject.

They in respect, reject the concept of God.

My definition also includes the word "denies", which by association to atheism means "There is no God".

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Renx](#) on Thu, 15 Jan 2004 13:59:20 GMT

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oh yea, well what if aliens created us? explain that one.

Basicly, no matter what anyone says here, in this thread, will change anyones opinions about whether god is real, or if we were created by a giant explosion, ect...

People are going to think what they want to think, and no one, not even the big man himself, can change that.

Where is that "argueing on the internet" picture when you need it....

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 15 Jan 2004 18:06:04 GMT

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There's nothing wrong with argueing over the internet, it just depends how the arguement evolves. Intelligent discussion, regardless of views is fine. Going "You suck you n00b" is something that pic would be great for.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Fri, 16 Jan 2004 13:13:54 GMT

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Renxoh yea, well what if aliens created us? explain that one.

I can't say that aliens didn't start the chain of events which led to our existance, but I can say that these "aliens" are not God.

Like it or not, there has to be a creator to the created, which in this case, our universe. God (no matter what name we call Him by; God, Allah, "natural energy") created the universe as the first cause which led to the developement of all other lifeforms.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Fri, 16 Jan 2004 20:27:31 GMT

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A supreme being, by necessity, would need to create itself. It would have to come out of nothingness, with nothing existing before it, then perform another similarly impossible act by bringing everything else into existence from nothingness (or, in a possible alternative, destroy itself to create everything else, which most religions do not support). By any known laws of Physics, it is impossible to create ANYTHING out of nothing, let alone creating yourself, which you absolutely cannot do unless you exist BEFORE your own creation. Which is impossible.

There is no beginning; there is no end. There is no absolute creator; there is only what has always existed, and always will, in one form or another.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 16 Jan 2004 20:48:28 GMT

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Quote:there is only what has always existed, and always will, in one form or another.

So how did the universe start? Oh, thats right, the big bang theory based particaly on the fact that the universe is expanding. Guess this theory is a waste of time if the universe was always just "there". But if it's possible for the universe to be just "there" how would it not be possible for a supreme being to just be "there".

(Note: this isn't an 'attack' on your arguement, but rather I saw a chance to further my own with the views you presented)

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Sat, 17 Jan 2004 01:07:55 GMT

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\*sigh\*

So did everything just start out of nowhere with the big bang? Something had to start that. There had to be matter and energy to fuel it, a quantity exactly equal to that in the universe as we know it. Something catalyzed that reaction; we don't know what yet. However, whatever started the big bang must also have been created by something else, and so on and so forth.

The matter and energy we see has been there, always. In one form or another. One must not assume that the universe is all existence has ever been- it was created when something else was destroyed, as everything must be.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Sat, 17 Jan 2004 03:01:52 GMT

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So, something else was destrpyed? Where did that substance that was destroyed come from?

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [SomeRhino](#) on Sat, 17 Jan 2004 05:56:37 GMT

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You can't shrug off life by saying we were created by aliens, because the next logical question would be, "Where did the aliens come from?"

The universe could not always have just been there. As you probably know, the universe is slowly running down on energy, as is required by the laws of thermodynamics. If the universe had

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existed forever, then all the energy in the universe would be dispersed perfectly, all radioactive atoms would have by now decayed, there would be no part warmer than any other part. The "heat death" of the universe, if you will. Obviously, the universe is not like that, so it must have come from somewhere.

Those people who start with a naturalistic axiom therefore have proposed what is now called the "big bang" theory to explain how matter got into its current state. However, this theory is in severe trouble, and has been for some time. For instance, if the entire mass of the universe was concentrated at a single point, then it would form a black hole. Even if this concentration of mass somehow managed to build up enough energy to explode, it wouldn't be able to go far because nothing- not even light itself can escape the event horizon of a black hole. Some theories have been proposed to get around this, probably the most popular one is that the universe actually has more than three space dimensions! I once read that some say it would require 12 dimensions. Yet there is not the slightest proof for them.

Some other problems for the theory are that there isn't nearly enough antimatter in the universe to collapse back onto itself (we're not even sure if antimatter exists, it's theorized to be contained in galactic halos.) This would be required for an oscillating universe, again another reason the universe could not have existed forever.

Now, some of you have been saying that if there was a Creator, then He would have had to create Himself. This is absurd, because something can't create itself if it does not yet exist. The solution is that the Creator has always been there. God is not bound by the physical laws He has set over the universe, so when God created the matter, He created time itself. It's interesting to note that Einstein's Theory of General Relativity shows that time is linked to matter, and that time itself had a beginning. God is not bound by the limit of time, and the Bible has several passages explaining that He exists outside of time.

Is there direct proof of a Creator? No.

Is there direct proof of the universe being self-existing? No.

It is merely a question of what theory has the most solid foundation, where you want to put your faith.

I've made my choice.

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Subject: Why do you think?

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Sat, 17 Jan 2004 15:38:27 GMT

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SomeRhinoThe universe could not always have just been there. As you probably know, the universe is slowly running down on energy, as is required by the laws of thermodynamics. If the universe had existed forever, then all the energy in the universe would be dispersed perfectly, all radioactive atoms would have by now decayed, there would be no part warmer than any other part. The "heat death" of the universe, if you will. Obviously, the universe is not like that, so it must have come from somewhere.

With that in mind, I'd just like to add: If this this true, then the universe will not ever recollapse on itself, but will infact continue to stretch out for as far as eternity goes until it reaches a point of absolute 0 degrees. The universe is doomed to a frozen death.

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Now, I'm not going to go into theoretical physics, because they hold no grounds in a debate of logistics, but it seems to be that if the universe has been able to explode (from what we BELIEVE) from a single point, and what you've said is true, the universe would have been forced to "explode" at a point very close to that where light cannot escape the event horizon of a black hole. Still, that would mean alot of matter (from where we still don't know where it came from) would have to be packaged quite far away from itself in order NOT to form black holes. So we're at a logical impasse. I would bet that our conceptions of black holes and the dynamics of matter aren't exactly right... yet.

Quote:

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THANK you. You've managed to explain what I couldn't.

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