
Subject: A bit of perspective for all you "intellectuals".
Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Fri, 23 May 2003 12:34:05 GMT
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Subject: A bit of perspective for all you "intellectuals".
Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Fri, 23 May 2003 15:54:14 GMT
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judging by the url i'm gonna say that is the picture of the earth from mars?

nope, i was wrong... it's the voyager picture.
even more stunning than the mars/earth one.

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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Fri, 23 May 2003 16:04:06 GMT
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It really forces one to think beyond the norm.

Fascinating.....

Subject: A bit of perspective for all you "intellectuals".
Posted by [thatguy](#) on Thu, 29 May 2003 13:20:06 GMT
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interesting man, just a small insignificant speck of dust in huge black void, we really should take better care of each other and this planet, its the only one we have, and until we conlonize mars, we should at least respect each other.

TG

Subject: A bit of perspective for all you "intellectuals".
Posted by [Commando no. 448](#) on Fri, 30 May 2003 00:45:26 GMT
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I don't find looking at us as part of the universe awe inspiring. I find the concepts of eternity and infinity much more interesting. I mean as humans we can't grasp eternity. And infinity goes hand in hand with eternity. I mean there is endless spaces of empty universe that matter can expand into during eternity. And what will it be like to spend eternity in the afterlife? How can we measure eternity? And how can we fathom eternity in the past? I mean before the big bang there was still

time. And how was the matter in the past if matter existed for eternity? And infinity, what if matter was infinite? That would mean the universe could be one of many universes. Our universe has a fixed amount of matter and energy (according to the laws of physics that matter or energy can't just appear out of nothing). Yet if matter was infinite then there would have to be other universes. But then again who can say matter is infinite. And what if infinity didn't exist. What if the universe didn't have the space to expand infinitely. That would mean eventually our finite matter would reach the end of the finite space and have a finite amount of time to place all its matter in a finite amount of combinations. All things would need an eternity to think over.

Subject: A bit of perspective for all you "intellectuals".
Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Fri, 30 May 2003 15:02:50 GMT
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Ah, good. A thinking man. Ok, now that you have contemplated those things, is it really so hard for a concept of "GOD" to be applied here?

If you have studied order/chaos theories, you can see that that everything is quite structured, and even the appearance of chaos, is actually just a small part of a structured event.

Structure instituted by a being without the limits of time, space, and matter.

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Posted by [Duke of Nukes](#) on Sun, 01 Jun 2003 16:05:59 GMT
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Subject: A bit of perspective for all you "intellectuals".
Posted by [Epeyon](#) on Fri, 20 Jun 2003 21:33:00 GMT
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hmm it really makes you think we don't even rate a decimal point in comparison to the rest of the universe. A being who is not limited to the dimensions we know or any would be able to change things at a whim like seeing what happened if they destroyed one planet and then they could just go back and prevent themselves from doing that though if they could then they would already know what would happen but since that prevented themselves from doing that then how would they know what happened when they did do it so they would have to have an intelligence greater than we could ever imagine.

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Posted by [setstyle](#) on Fri, 25 Jul 2003 02:59:52 GMT

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The "concept" is a theory that cannot be proven in our time. God is a being of eternal, infinite power, yet our human minds cannot fathom such greatness.

Life is confusing, and people eventually ask "Why are we here?" Science can't give us the answer (Evolution doesn't cut it), so people look at a different source - a "higher" one. We can't really prove that anything is there, but it provides the comfort many need to live. "God has a plan," etc.

Hey, what a plan of your own - put everything great into a divine form, and you have yourself an idea of what might be up there. You can't really prove it, but it's allowed to flourish within our society.

Many cultures have done it in the past, such as the Greeks. They explained much of nature as something created by their own gods. Advances in science clarified the issue, proving the Greek idea to be wrong at the same time. So now you have us, who explain what we don't know as something in the hand of God.

Will science again catch up? Maybe it will, if it's given enough time to. Too many people fail to realize that the love making up God is actually in every one of us, sometimes barricaded, but there. Religious conflicts have arisen numerous times, the result of isolating that love, God, from this world - why can't we bring it down here, to what is going on now, and understand each other through that love? It's just a thought, but it's one we can examine right now with what we have. "We should stop looking up at an invisible god and look at what's in front of us."

Finally, a friend of mine recently exposed an interesting point regarding the Bible. In such, the writers admit that Jesus is the only pure one, the Savior, etc, and we already know that human beings lie - so why should we trust the ones that wrote the Bible? Once more, we have no proof of God, nor any other.

Subject: A bit of perspective for all you "intellectuals".

Posted by [Azrielstoneheart](#) on Mon, 28 Jul 2003 21:54:49 GMT

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Do you believe what you are told by science? If so, then you believe that which you are told by beings you have previously admitted to being fallible. As such, why would science be any more accurate than the Bible? In fact, science has a way of being so far off the truth that it sets itself

back with misenturpreted information and false laws. For instance, for a long time spontaneous generation was considered to be scientific fact. However, we know today that this is in fact impossible. Science cannot answer all of the questions because science is bond by man. Man has a flawed natured, and therefore all that he does will be flawed. Many prominant scientists themselves believe that there is some form of higher power in the universe. Just ask an astronomer, a physicist, a biologist, or a chemist. Many will tell you that the world is too complex, too well defined, too structures to have formed without some kind of plan and guidance. Plus, many of the prophesies in the bible continue to come true. If you don't belive me, do some research in Revelation. The mark of the beast, usable for money, information transferring, and tracking people. Now look up digital angel on the net. Tell me what similarities you find. They should shock you. One world government...coming about. One world currency, look at the euro. One world religion...the U.N. already has a council in place determining the basis for such a thing. Show me a liar, and I will show you another.

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Posted by [setstyle](#) on Mon, 28 Jul 2003 22:55:48 GMT
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Quote:Azrielstoneheart: For instance, for a long time spontaneous generation was considered to be scientific fact. However, we know today that this is in fact impossible.

Did God say that spontaneous generation isn't a fact? No, science proved the "fact" wrong. And nothing says that this proof is indeed a fact as well. Yes, science evolves and advances our lives. But numbers and letters don't make us human...

The next advancement is art. I can understand the Bible as a work of art - many stories can be applied to our lives, just as in Shakespeare's works. However, Shakespeare's characters weren't always real, yet they make us think... maybe those stories in the Bible aren't written like a history book, in a scientific, "meat-and-potatoes" way, but instead in a manner to make us think about our own life.

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A universal government is far off... the churning of the Middle East proves this. As for currency, I don't think present America would accept the Euro. As for religion, well, even America sees numerous religions underneath it. Attempting to convert those entrenched in their own beliefs isn't going to have a friendly look to it. And finally, the U.N. is apparently full of those that are power-hungry and therefore oppose America's actions.

Subject: A bit of perspective for all you "intellectuals".
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Tue, 29 Jul 2003 01:24:54 GMT
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That would never happen... the very core of what makes us human and separates us from the lizards is FREE WILL. Not just Americans, but people from any country wouldn't and couldn't conform to a world religion. That would take away the essence of what makes us human, and the essence of what makes religion. What good is religion if there weren't disbelievers and skeptics? If everyone accepted that there was a God and he's in heaven (example of course), then it wouldn't be belief or faith anymore, but fact... which of course creates a paradox.

World government? Not until the poorer countries have money will they stop waging wars. That sounds like communism to me, and that doesn't work.

Common currency? No, America wouldn't accept the Euro. You know why? It's the European currency standard. Plus we Americans in general are raised by the school system (aka Democrats in the government) to be geocentric... if a universal currency emerged, we'd probably have to be the ones to start it or else the vast majority would be against it.

Subject: A bit of perspective for all you "intellectuals".
Posted by [boma57](#) on Tue, 29 Jul 2003 02:25:01 GMT
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Comprehending Eternity

The human mind is very limiting, but it is also very flexible. For instance, on the topic of comprehending eternity and infinity, we can understand these things because we can name them. However, though, we cannot comprehend them. We live in a three dimensional world. If I talk about a five dimensional world, one has the capacity to understand that I speak of a world with five dimensions, yet they cannot comprehend what this world would be like.

There can be a few explanations for why mankind cannot yet accurately interpret these things. As for eternity, one of the reasons for this may be that our minds cannot comprehend these things because they do not exist. Infinity and eternity may not exist, the same as a perpetual motion machine can never exist in a world with friction.

It's not the best explanation, but it's one of them. The obviously significant opposite is that the concepts are right, yet we just cannot grasp them. Infinity exists. If you fly off into space, you can travel forever, constantly seeing new things. If the universe is infinite, you'll never reach the end. Or perhaps the universe is not infinite, but space itself is, in which case you'd find something beyond the universe. It certainly is the definition that allows for the most creativity and artistry of the mind.

But the final explanation, and one that I find to be most probable, is that we're looking at it from the wrong angle. Infinity is a line with no end...But not necessarily a straight line. A circle is made

up of one line that has no ends. That line is infinite. You can trace it for eternity, and never find it's beginning, nor it's end.

Ancient cultures believed the world to be flat. They could not comprehend infinity any more so than we can, so they assumed that it ended. This explanation was a scapegoat for their uninformed sense of understanding. Turns out though, the world is infinite. You could travel in a "straight" line, and never reach the end of the Earth, and thus I believe the Universe is the same.

Depending on the particular flexibility of one's mind, they may not be able to completely comprehend this concept. The universe is a three-dimensional space. You can transform a two-dimensional plane into a three-dimensional sphere and it seems infinite, but what does a three dimensional object become in order to retain the same apparent infiniteness?

Well, therein lies our quandary. Our predecessors could not understand how we could stand on a sphere yet not fall off the bottom, and as such we do not understand the things which I've attempted to outline; eternity, infinity, a fourth dimension.

The human mind is ever changing, though. Perhaps in centuries or even millennia to come, our descendants will grasp and realize the concepts which elude us. But of course, they too will have questions that plague them.

We have a number system which is endless. Thus, we can understand an infinite number of dimensions. It's been roughly five thousand years since the first civilization appeared on this planet, though, and we can comprehend only three of them. Perfection of the human mind has a while to wait. Eternity to wait, in fact.

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Posted by [Azrielstoneheart](#) on Tue, 29 Jul 2003 16:44:25 GMT

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Let me pose a quandry. First of all, if man is incapable of a one world government, then why has he strived for one since the dawn of written and recorded history? Romans, Alexander the Great, the germans of World War II, all of these quested to bring all of those around them into their own method of thinking and government. What about the calls all over the world for unity, peace, brotherhood? Apparently some believe that it's possible. The Euro was only an example of how a very diverse region with many different forms of currency could be changed, virtually overnight in the eyes of history, to one currency. And who says that the currency would be hard cash? What is the one currency that most industrialized nations use? 1s and 0s. Digital cash. Credit cards and digital accounts. It would be very simple to convert all of these accounts to one system, now wouldn't it? Finally, religion. Nothing says that the religion would embrace any current one to any degree. In fact, the current trend is to embrace all religions, a sort of "all roads lead to heaven" mentality. Therefore, virtually anyone could subscribe to this religion and find their own beliefs included. And how would all of this be possible? What is the number one facilitator of change in human nature? Fear. If you make someone afraid, you can change so many things in they are made to feel safe again. Have you even really read the bible or revelation very closely?

Subject: A bit of perspective for all you "intellectuals".
Posted by [hareman](#) on Sat, 02 Aug 2003 03:11:45 GMT
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/me points at the clapped out spammer who started this topic and wonders wtf is going on in his wet noodle

Subject: A bit of perspective for all you "intellectuals".
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Not much this morning.

I need coffee so badly.

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Posted by [Yano](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2003 14:55:43 GMT
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Coffee smells good, have you ever ate the coffee bean itself? Its kinda good

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Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Wed, 06 Aug 2003 04:25:16 GMT
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I eat chocolate covered coffee beans.

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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Wed, 06 Aug 2003 17:24:34 GMT
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Those things will MESS YOU UP!

Which, of course, is why I like them.

Subject: A bit of perspective for all you "intellectuals".
Posted by [Yano](#) on Wed, 06 Aug 2003 17:41:42 GMT

haha
