

Re: Atheists dying

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"Pastor Dave" <pastordave38@nospam-yahoo.com> wrote in message >>>>>
>>>>>>> *that's true. We're all born atheists.*
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>>>>>>> *Nope. No society is naturally atheist.*
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>>>>>>> *Think. We're all born without believing anything. We have to be
taught*
>>>>>>> *to*
>>>>>>> *believe in Santa, or the tooth fairy, or whatever.*
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>>>>>>> *But not God. The creation tells us He exists.*
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>>>>>>> *There is no evidence of a creation, just evidence that some stuff
exists.*
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>>>>>>> *Interesting claim, since the Big Bang Theory states*
>>>>>>> *that nothing exploded and here we are.*
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>>>>>>> *Ah, so you've only read strawman versions of the Big Bang hypothesis
then.*
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>>>>>>> *The 'Big Bang' hypothesis is about expansion of space. It's a hypothesis*
>>>>>>> *which is intended to account for the observation that most of the*
galaxies
>>>>>>> *being red shifted, and them tending to be more red shifted the further*
away
>>>>>>> *they are. It doesn't talk about where matter, energy, space & time &*
space
>>>>>>> *came from, whether they existed before the big bang or not, nor about*
>>>>>>> *whether 'before the Big Bang' has any meaning.*
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>>>>>>> *Nice try. You need to do your homework. It is indeed*
>>>>>>> *believed that the universe came from a state of*
>>>>>>> *nothingness, via the Big Bang. Just Google it and*
>>>>>>> *you'll get all the hits you need. Use "Big Bang",*
>>>>>>> *along with the phrase, "state of nothingness".*

I'm sure you might find some who 'believe' that. Belief doesn't enter into it in scientific discussions though. The 'Big Bang' is a hypothesis intended to account for the red shift evidence that most of the galaxies are expanding & that the farther away they are from each other the faster they're moving. Some conjecture what happened before the big bang, but that's just conjecture.

> >>*But of course,*
> >> *go ahead and tell me how I believe in a fairy tale.*
> >
> >*You belief is no more silly than thinking that Batman created the universe.*
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> >*Something obviously happened to exist. That something might have been a*
> >*random universe with some tendencies, or it might have been an infinitely*
> >*intelligent, infinitely powerful being capable of creating everything*
> >*else.*
> >*Now which of the two would be infinitely less likely than the other...*
> >
> >*Might have been a random universe? Do you read what*
> >*you write? You'll believe in any possibility, that you*
> >*think answers the question, but doesn't.*

I have an idea. Just a suggestion really. Why not try thinking more before you answer. You're call.

You haven't
> *answered the problem. You've simply shifted it to*
> *another location. Where did this random universe come*
> *from?*

Clearly some things exist. If they have to have originally 'come from somewhere' then that's turtles all the way down. Clearly, something has to happen to have existed, as there's some stuff in existence. Some think the stuff that happened to exist is a universe (possibly a great deal larger than we've caught a glimpse of thus far), while some think it's an infinitely complex infinitely intelligent, infinitely powerful being capable of creating everything else. One is infinitely more complex & thus infinitely less likely to have happened to exist than the other.

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