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On 2007–05–15, Bullseye <[bulls@xxxxxx](mailto:bulls@xxxxxx)> wrote:

Now I don't care how much science anyone on this earth thinks they know, no one can prove or disprove the existence of a deity. Not yet anyway. And they may never because science requires material proof or very plausible theories to be accepted. A creator or creator "force" might prove beyond the ability of science to find it. The proof could be in another dimension which we can't access, if other dimensions actually were to exist. A "creator" might have chosen to place itself beyond the ability of science to reach it also.

There isn't really anything there that is too controversial, but it isn't science. Nor is it really religion. When it comes down to the bare essentials of "Why am I here?" or "Why is there something instead of nothing?" it becomes a matter of philosophy. IMHO that's a much undervalued discipline (in its own right rather than as an offshoot of faith) but it doesn't really belong in a sci.\* group, where hypotheses must be testable. No tests = not science. There are scientific arguments against the existence of God (which I deliberately am not bringing up as it's OT) but these will never be proof to those who accept their faith as axiomatic.

Science can also be silly sometimes. They explain certain occurrences on earth as "nature" or "mother nature", but using nature as a noun is not scientific since scientists in no shape or form have ever detected what specifically and literally "nature" is. Scientists can be arrogant in the ways they seem to think they can explain everything.

This is actually science in action: Saying we just don't know about that and maybe we should find out is at the very heart of the discipline. Science, unlike faith, owes its very existence to the fact that we don't have all the answers.

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