

Re: Peterson's Death Sentence

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Kevin Aylward wrote:

- > *Yes. I have already addressed this, with commandment 11. Sure, if the*
- > *only way you can salvage gods, is to throw absolutely *everything* away,*
- > *i.e. allow contradictions, then my argument fails.*
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- > *And you believe that this is a good refutation of the argument?*
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- > *Stand up and smell the roses.*

That isn't the only one. You don't address this one either:

If God is omnipotent he can give up his omnipotence. Therefore he can create a rock that is too heavy for himself to lift because by creating that rock he gives up his power to lift it. However, as it stands he could lift any such rock. This solution might not hold...

There is also the completely ridiculous but also completely logical and scientific argument that God and a rock he can both lift and not lift can exist so long as we don't observe it. And since he is omnipotent he can forever keep us from observing this. The cat is both dead and not dead.

Then there is the statement, which is similar to mine, that if you don't already assume God cannot do the logically impossible then the question is meaningless and no logically impossible task is even being set forth.

Then the problem compounds if you add other branches of logic instead of just deductive. The rock cannot be both created and not created so long as you can prove that it can't. Since any proof of that would necessarily have to go against the definition of omnipotent (as defined) it cannot be proven.

You can also trivialize the centuries of debate about this and claim that your reasoning overpowers all that, but that makes your argument trivial.

Finally 42 is not the meaning of life, it is the answer to the question about life the universe and everything; big difference. We don't know

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what the question is and cannot know since both answer and question cannot exist in the same universe at the same time; since we know the answer we cannot know the question – unless we travel to another universe that contains the question and forget the answer, but the problem remains. It is rather common for people who haven't read the book to believe the former though. It is also common for some that have to state the former even though it is not true. The question is which are you?

And the babelfish proves the non-existence of God: "And God said, 'Oh, I never thought about it that way,' and promptly vanished in a puff of illogic." And I travel in a ship powered by an improbability drive. It's funny, and that is all it is meant to be.

"Nothing but 12 bar blues counts as music." – Noah Roberts

See, I can do it too.