

## Re: Peterson's Death Sentence

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On Sun, 30 Jan 2005 17:08:43 +0000 (UTC), Willem <[willem@stack.nl](mailto:willem@stack.nl)> wrote:

>*John wrote:*

>) *You still seem to think that the rules of logic which apply in our  
>) universe are valid extra-universally. If there's no reason why  
>) another universe different from ours can't exist, then there's also no  
>) reason why the rules of logic shouldn't be different there than they  
>) are here.*

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>*Neither is there a reason why another universe \*should\* exist.  
>Also, as long as there is no possible interaction between the two  
>universes, there is no reason why we should \*care\* if another universe  
>exists, since it can have no effect whatsoever on our own, so it would be  
>\*just as if\* those other universes did not exist.*

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Ah, but if they interact... Miracles, in my view, are extra-universal manifestations and, if they exist, point to something extraordinary which we should care about. (Well, those of us who do care about such interesting things, at any rate)...

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>) AFAIK there's no reason why we can preclude the possibility of the  
>) other universe(s) existing, so there's also no reason why we can deny  
>) the possibility of systems of logic different from ours existing  
>) there.

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>Logic is a means of describing and arguing, nothing more.  
>We are the ones describing and arguing, therefore our logic applies.

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But as John Woodgate so succinctly put it, (and I'm paraphrasing) if you want to argue about something which is beyond logic, you can't argue using logic.

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