

Re: and who made god?

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In article <f301b05.0410281257.1fa6fd61@posting.google.com>, redafroeclipse@aol.com (King John II the Good) wrote:
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> *The Theological argument describes how the complection of the world
>is so great that there must be some ultimate creator. When one looks
>at nature, human beings, animals, and such things, they see the world
>as such a fantastically beautiful and complicated thing that it is
>impossible that it occured by chance. Arguing for, or against the
>existance of God is stupid and futile for it is circulatory. However,
>when looking at the almost infinite deapth of the Universe, its
>virtually unbreakable rules of Nature that seem to animate the
>inanimate, and the underlying pattern of it all, I get a true honest
>feeling that some sort of concious being must of created it.*

Well, you are of course the ultimate authority regarding what your feelings are, but the issue is whether or not you accord equal ontological weight to the feelings of people who strongly *dis*believe in such a conscious creator.

I agree that the existence of conscious beings such as us is a vastly improbable occurrence. To give just one sort of example, if any one of a large number of physical constants had slightly a different value then the universe would not be hospitable to life as we know it. But regardless, of all the countless possible universes, the only ones that count are the ones where there are in fact beings in there doing the counting! This is known as the "anthropic principle"; in the vast majority of possible universes which do not support intelligent life, there is no-one there arguing against the existence of god as evidenced by the inhospitabilty the universe.

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