

## Re: and who made god?

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Barb Knox wrote:

- > *I do not claim my existence is any sort*
- > *of necessary fact, but it does happen to be a (contingent) fact.*
- Given that
- > *fact, the universe I find myself in must be one which supports life*
- such as
- > *myself. So any argument that the fact that the universe appears*
- fine-tuned*
- > *for our sort of life actually means something more is thoroughly*
- bogus.*
- >

You're arguing the universe must be the way it is because it IS the way it is. That's perfectly true, and conclusive, if there were any doubt that the universe exists, and has the properties of supporting human life. About which, of course, there IS no doubt.

But as far as the argument from design, which would use the phrase 'must be' in a different way, and intend it to mean, 'must have been created and designed to be', it has no force whatsoever.

- > *Let me put it in terms of conditional probabilities: Let's posit that*
- the*
- > *probability of the existence of our sort of universe is very close to*
- 0.*
- > *But, the probability of its existence GIVEN THAT we are in fact here*
- is 1.*
- >
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The probability of ANY event occurring AFTER it occurs is 1. The question is, what are the odds BEFORE it occurred? Unless we assume the universe had an infinite prior existence, it came into existence at some past time. What were the chances of its coming into existence, and with all the properties we know and love, at that past time? I'm not supporting the argument for design but simply saying the issues are more complex, I believe, than your argument allows.

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Actually, I think the community of thinkers out there believes ANY universe is POSSIBLE, in which case the chance of this one are near nil. The question of whether any imaginable universe, however grotesque, can actually exist is interesting but I suppose there's very little one can say about that question.

NOTE: it may be that ALL universes actually exist right now and we're lucky enuf (I hope it's lucky enuf) to be on THIS bus.

Thanks.

Ken