

Re: Logistical Paradox

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Jim Peterson wrote:

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- > Assume God has the power to do everything.
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- > Can he make a rock so big, that even he cannot lift it?
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- > Any Thoughts? I found this interesting.

Suppose that "infinite power" is properly interpreted in the way often done in physics: big enough that its precise size is irrelevant for all practical purposes. For example, the two H nuclei in a water molecule are "infinitely" far apart, so far as the strong force is concerned. Apart from allowing paradoxes to be dodged, this is even somewhat reasonable. God is presumed to real, not an abstraction, isn't He? Then His Infinitude should be interpreted in the physics way, not the math or logic way. In this case, "the power to do everything" turns out to be "the power to do everything /we humans are even remotely likely to care about/".

So, suppose that. It turns out that either (1) the biggest rock God can make is larger than the biggest rock God can lift, or (2) it isn't. Either one is fine by me.

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• *References:*

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