

About God

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Some physicists have difficulty conceiving the existence of God: an infinite, immaterial being, who had no beginning and will have no end. They find this hard to believe, but we have three examples of things that appear to have exactly the same characteristics, and that we usually have no problem accepting: Space, time, and energy: Space and time, we realize, could not have had a beginning, and cannot have an end: they are necessarily infinite, and, evidently, they are not material. And physics teaches us that energy is conserved: it cannot be created, and cannot be destroyed. Whatever amount of energy exists now in the universe, must have always existed, and will continue to exist forever: it is infinite. And energy in its radiant form (photons) is not material, it has no mass, weight, or volume. Although we cannot see it (we can only feel its effects), it affects powerfully everything it touches. In other words, it has characteristics similar to those of God.

The above arguments will probably not be accepted by some people who have made a religion of not believing in anything, except atheism, which is silly. It is easy to dismiss the existence of God, but doing so, we are left with the difficult problem of explaining our own sometime painful existence.

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