

Re: About God

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On Mar 9, 5:24 pm, "Dirk Van de moortel" <dirkvandemoor...@ThankS-NO-SperM.hotmail.com> wrote:

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On Mar 9,
8:31 am,
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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

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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

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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

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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,

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but
doing
so,
we
are
left
with
the
difficult
problem
of
explaining
our
own
sometime
painful
existence.

"A Brief
Dialog on
God," by
Thaddeus
Stout
(1969)

Q: "Does
God exist?"
A: "If you
think so."

I will take
the liberty
here of
expanding
on Stout's
observation:

Q: "What
do you
mean by
that?"
A: "I mean
that it

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depends on
what YOU
personally
mean by the
word
'God,' and
whether you
personally
accept that
meaning as
descriptive
of
something
that exists."

Q: "Are you
being
evasive?"

A: "I am
saying that
'God' is a
highly
idiosyncratic
term,
perhaps the
most
idiosyncratic
term in all
human
language.
No two
people
agree
completely
on its
meaning.
Therefore
any detailed
analysis of
that
meaning is
itself
meaningful
only to one
person."

Q: "Then
are you
trying to be
scientific
about
God?"

A: "Not at

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all. Science
requires
replicability
and
independence
from
the
observer. I
am
asserting
that neither
can be
achieved in
any
discussion
of 'God'.
One simply
cannot be
scientific
about 'God'
in
the absence
of the
logical
requirements
of science."

Tom
Davidson
Richmond,
VA– Hide
quoted text
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– Show
quoted text
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God is a spirit. Science,
which deals with matter and
material things,
is not the appropriate tool to
investigate about things in
the
spiritual realm. The spiritual

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realm is clearly in a different dimension. We had no way to know about God if He had not revealed Himself. But there is ample historical evidence of His revelation.

Why does he only reveal himself to uneducated sheppards and peasant's daughters?

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That has not been the case at all. God has revealed Himself to many people: extraordinary leaders, like Abraham

– a shepherd –

and Moses

– another shepherd –

, which, of course, could not have had PhDs, because there no universities at the time.

Indeed, at the time there was only sheep.

But he has also revealed Himself to people with great talent and education, and many of them have been made saints, like St.

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Thomas
Aquinas, St Augustine, and many others.

a priest, another priest, and many other priests... all shepherds,
just like I told you.

Dirk Vdm– Hide quoted text –

– Show quoted text –

Wrong again. I am not a priest at all.

I never claimed that you are a priest.

I am married and have six kids,
with the same wife.

You did not explain the origin of your existence. By the way, I am not
trying to convert you, just to point out that it is silly to be an
atheist.

I can't help being one – and I guess neither can you.
Anyway, you have come to the wrong place for this kind of
point making. Try that corner in that park.

Dirk Vdm

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