

Re: About God

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- *From:* Peter <Poakfield@xxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Wed, 12 Mar 2008 13:40:09 -0700 (PDT)
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On Mar 11, 10:17 pm, none <"doug\"@(none)"> wrote:

Peter wrote:

On Mar 11, 3:02 pm, none <"doug\"@(none)"> wrote:

Peter wrote:

On Mar 11, 12:15 pm, Remus
<roamu...@xxxxxxx> wrote:

On Mar 9, 2:00 pm, Peter
<Poakfi...@xxxxxxx>
wrote:

On Mar 9,
2:02 pm,
"Dirk Van
de moortel"
<dirkvandemoor...@ThankS-NO-
SperM.hotmail.com>
wrote:

Peter
<Poakfi...@xxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message

3d1afbe3-6327-4447-be22-ab6f61abf...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

On
Mar
9,
10:08
am,
tadchem
<tadc...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

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On
Mar
9,
8:31
am,
Peter
<Poakfi...@xxxxxxx>
wrote:

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,

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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

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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

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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

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of God,
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

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that?"
A:
"I
mean
that
it
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

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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
aboutGod?"

A:
"Not
at
all.
Science
requires
replicability
and
independence
from
the
observer.
I
am
asserting
that
neither

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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
—
—
Show
quoted
text
—

Godis
a
spirit.
Science,
which
deals
with
matter
and
material
things,
is
not

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the
appropriate
tool
to
investigate
about
things
in
the
spiritual
realm.
The
spiritual
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

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and
peasant's
daughters?

Dirk
Vdm–
Hide
quoted
text

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Show
quoted
text

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That has not
been the
case at
all. God has
revealed
Himself to
many
people:
extraordinary
leaders, like
Abraham
and Moses,
which, of
course,
could not
have had
PhDs,
because
there no
universities
at the
time. But he
has also
revealed
Himself to
people with
great talent
and
education,
and many of
them have
been made
saints, like
St. Thomas
Aquinas, St
Augustine,

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and many
others.

There are several different
definitions of God
that are used in various
conditions.

There is the God of Deism
that is equated
with nature and the physical
universe and
the nature of physical law.

There is the general
principle of goodness
which can sometimes be
equated with
various phenomenon at
times.

There is also the God of the
Bible, the
Torah, the Koran, or other
religious books,
as well as gods in various
polytheistic
religions such as Hinduism
or some of the
more ancient religions.

Under many Deistic
conceptions of God,
physics is the one true way
of most directly
knowing God firsthand, by
direct observation
of God's principles in the
handiwork that God has
generated. The Bible and
organized
religion, by relying on
secondhand text and
doctrine not founded upon
direct observation,
leads men astray and
divorces men from the
only true way that people
may know God
to begin with.

There are a lot of different
definitions of God that are
used at different times.

There
are also a lot of people who

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consider the
Bible or other religious
books to be spurious
and false, and to not in any
way be truer
than a dime store novel.
Under such
conditions, quoting from
such texts
is meaningless, for one ends
up
trying to prove a point by
referencing
something that is considered
to be
false to begin with.– Hide
quoted text –
– Show quoted text –

It is not easy, but it is not impossible to learn
something about God.
We have to use our head.

In other words, you just make it up.
Your God is a minor one as most of the world's population is
not aware
of him or pays any attention to him. Clearly then he is not
omnipotent.– Hide quoted text –

– Show quoted text –

I told you, God gave us complete freedom. But if we pay no attention
to His good advice, we usually get into trouble. I just think it is a
good idea to heed Him.

What about the other 2/3 of the world that does not acknowledge him?
Is he going to use them to play with or extract vengeance upon?
For a minor God, he sure has pretensions of glory and power.– Hide quoted text –

– Show quoted text –

You made me laugh. God is our father, and He loves us, no matter what.