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Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #251

In my personal view, God is not something anyone can really put a finger on. Also, God is not a magic genie that grants your wishes. I don't think prayer is wishing for things to change, but rather asking for the grace to accept or endure the things you can't change. The troubles of this world

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Joined: Feb 26, 2003
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are not proof that God does not exist. In my view, we are not of this world, and so this world hates what is not its own. To me this includes everyone. We are all beings of "light", for lack of a better term. And we all have our ways of accessing that spiritual side of ourselves, even if we choose not to see it.
I only feel sorry for those who, because they have no faith, feel alone and destitute. Having read many of these posts, it doesn't appear to include anyone here. I don't really know for sure, of course, that's up to the individual to look at themselves and make that evaluation.
OK?

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-Mustadio-, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Bucko57
Noob

Joined: Sep 2, 2000
Messages: 2,310

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #252

"But if you're going to continue the current discussion of religions, pick a side and stay on it."

Just about everyone in here already had their side, and they've stayed on it.

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Bucko57, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Brave_Vigilante
Noob

Joined: Apr 17, 2003
Messages: 59

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #253

--If you've got a problem then leave. You're not a mod, don't pretend to be one. If the mods don't like this, they'll be the ones to shut it down. You don't have to be here.--

I never said I was a mod, nor do I want to be. I, however, found that this thread was growing increasingly useless and borish with wannabe theologians.

As for the problem, I have no problems with the thread. It was the posts that I was responding to. As Decide posted, people are afraid to voice their actual opinion, so they post something that has nothing to do with the original topic just so they can have a piece of the action. I was trying to get some of the posters to actually post something that has solid ground to stand on or get back to the original topic of the thread.

Brave_Vigilante, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Talraen
Noob

Joined: Aug 24, 2000
Messages: 486

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #254

To clarify my earlier statement... I don't know where the example of burning fossil fuels came from, but it both is and is not relevant to what I said. On the one hand, on the universal scale of things, what we do the this one little planet probably doesn't make much difference in the long run. On the more philosophical side, it's an example of the kind of thing I believe in. I kind of think one of the purposes of intelligence is to find "true" values and such. If the values we've come up with lead to us destroying the planet, and therefore ourselves, obviously they were wrong. It's a self-correcting system.

James Dowd
Member UDIC
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If you don't have something intelligent to say,
don't say anything at all!

Talraen, Apr 23, 2003 Report

vengeanceismine
Noob

Joined: Mar 1, 2003
Messages: 3,458

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #255

It's not that I have completely disowned the fact that their may be a god. I'm wide open to all ideas like God, angels, devils, spirits, heaven, hell and aliens. The reason I haven't disowned them is that there is no proof that they don't exist, and some proof that they do.

What I am saying is that I don't put my faith into something that I don't believe in. I can't see it, and I know from experience that it's not always going to be there to help me, if it is at all. So I figure if I put my faith in myself, then I am a stronger person because of it.

"I saw that venge...it's not rape if it's consentual ^_^ " -frdrizzt
"Stops Diarrhea? That would be exlax. Go take some of it. You'll feel much better..." - gcg
Thanks to Yatta for the adoption ^_^

vengeanceismine, Apr 23, 2003 Report

MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

Joined: Jun 7, 2001

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #256

I wanted this thread to simply be a discussion of ideas, not one of taking sides. Let's not worry about the views of others being totally opposite from your own, but simply see them as other ideas. There's no need for anyone to fear offending someone. If you state your ideas in a respectful manner, no one should be offended.

Youtube channel: http://www.youtube.com/user/megavolt67
VGM collection: http://vgmdb.net/db/collection.php?do=view&userid=136

MegaVolt67, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Messages: 17,402

timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
Messages: 15,764

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #257

Brave vigilante, if you don't like this disscussion don't post here. And please don't insult me or anyone else because of their beliefs. Who are you to decide what reason is good enough? Don't get mad because we have different beliefs than you. You MAY be what I mean by closed minded. I'm didn't say everyone in a particular religon is closed minded, but some individuals are. There are even atheists that are closed minded. We had a nice peaceful disscussion until you came and persecuted people becuase their beliefs were different. You are the reason why people are scared to show their views. You are the reason we can't have peace in the world. If we would accept the fact that people had different ideals then there would be peace.

EDIT: I got a little carried away. Don't atke it too harshly.

oh my hero, so far away now. Will I ever see your smile?
Love goes away, like night into day. It's just a fading dream.
I'm the darkness, your the stars. Our love is brighter than the sun.
For eternity, for me there can be, only you my chosen one.-FF6

timmyjoe012345, Apr 23, 2003 Report

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Noob

Joined: Aug 24, 2000
Messages: 486

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #258

"There are even atheists that are closed minded."

"Atheist: One who disbelieves or denies the existence of God or gods."

Atheism is just as closed-minded as any other religion (and more so than many). Do keep in mind that not believing in God does *not* make one an atheist - believing that there is no God does. That is a significant difference. (If you simply don't believe either way, you're probably agnostic.) An true atheist is, by definition, closed-minded when it comes to any religion that believes in God, and vice-versa. That, and (in my experience), atheists tend to look down on other people as "fools who believe in fairy tales." Very "open-minded" indeed.

James Dowd
Member UDIC
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Talraen, Apr 23, 2003 Report

timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
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Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #259

I never look down on people because they have different beliefs. I don't belive the other religions, but that doesn't make it true that they are false. I'm not saying that atheists are less closed minded than other religions, I'm saying that no matter what religion you study you are going to find closeminded people. Not beleiving in a diety does not make atheists more closed minded than people who do have a diety. It shows that they have different ideals. An atheist thinks that a god can't exist, and a person of a different religion thinks that there is no way their god can't exist. I question religion as a whole, but I know for myself that there is no god.

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I'm the darkness, your the stars. Our love is brighter than the sun.
For eternity, for me there can be, only you my chosen one.-FF6

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Noob

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Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #260

Question: A number of people here have said or implied that they don't believe in God because their prayers weren't answered, or he must be cruel to let such and such happen, etc. Now, if you're a hardcore Christian who subscribes to the idea of the "divine plan" and whatnot, I can understand *hating* God or whatever, but I don't know why people immediately conclude that if God doesn't do anything for them, there is no God.

Isn't it possible, if there is a God, that his job is not to sit there, answer everyone's prayers, and make everyone happy? Or even that he just doesn't get involved (basically, a Deist philosophy)?

Or am I misinterpreting... if you're saying "God doesn't answer my prayers, therefore Christians are wrong and their God doesn't exist" I can understand that, but that's not the impression I'm getting.

James Dowd
Member UDIC
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Talraen, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #261

You're theory's got a good point. But I stand by my thoughts that I'm better off putting my faith into myself than into something that can't or won't help me.

vengeanceismine
Noob

Joined: Mar 1, 2003
Messages: 3,458

Why have a god if your god can't help you when you're in need I figure.

"I saw that venge...it's not rape if it's consentual ^_^ " -frdrizzt
"Stops Diarrhea? That would be exlax. Go take some of it. You'll feel much better..." - gcg
Thanks to Yatta for the adoption ^_^

vengeanceismine, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Talraen
Noob

Joined: Aug 24, 2000
Messages: 486

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #262

Hmm... I wasn't really thinking of it like that. Naturally, if you don't believe God gets involved in your life there's no reason to "put your faith" in God, as it were. I guess I didn't think of this because I've never seriously thought of asking a "superior being" or what have you for help.

At any rate, I'm all for putting faith in yourself. Even if someone or something else is going to help you, why not claim your life as your own? I think that's one philosophical problem I have with some religions.

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Talraen, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Deicide_III
Noob

Joined: Jul 23, 2002
Messages: 6,781

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #263

It's DEICIDE, Brave_Vigilante...Look it up you guys (If you are truly religious you should know of it anyway), you may find my very presence in this thread rather dubious, heh.

Still, In the posts AFTER Brave_Vigilante's initial post, there is still this very neutral standpoint conveyed by everyone...It's as if you are all testing the water with your feet, but waiting for somebody else to dive in.

Edit: Hah, "testing the water" for 11 pages...

"The limits of my language are the limits of my world." - Wittgenstein
Now shmupping: Gradius IV, Under Defeat, X-Multiply, R-Type II and Darius Gaiden
BAL-SAGOTH

Deicide_III, Apr 23, 2003 Report

-Lenin-
Noob

Joined: Apr 24, 2002
Messages: 18,711

Date Posted: Apr 24, 2003 #264

lol this is amusing.

Re:Any legit use for 3127? (Score:5, Funny)
by nmoog (701216) on Monday February 09, @09:45PM (#8234397)
Yeah, port 3127 is used for DoS attacks on Microsoft. Its best to leave it open.
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-Lenin-, Apr 24, 2003 Report

Choco_boco
Noob

Joined: Mar 23, 2003
Messages: 178

Date Posted: Apr 24, 2003 #265

So I have read everything on this and NO ONE has mentioned the greatest religious rpg, lunar, this game is being thrown into the fray with you kids becuase it does put religion in a good light, but also teaches beleif in tolerence of others and beating the crap out of religious fanatics... or something

and its ok to be spritual or beleive in god without being in an organized religion..
talrean said this I think... I mean most organized religions get way to bogged down in rules and regulations as opposed to following what you believe yourself, thus no one corrupt person could control the masses to the point of something like the crusades or Al Queda happening.

Choco_boco, Apr 24, 2003 Report

Talraen
Noob

Joined: Aug 24, 2000
Messages: 486

Date Posted: Apr 24, 2003 #266

I'm just curious - how come, no matter where I go, no one can spell my name?

James Dowd
Member UDIC
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Talraen, Apr 24, 2003 Report

tyler_11_11
Noob

Joined: Aug 3, 2001
Messages: 1,535

Date Posted: Apr 24, 2003 #267

i think everybody can agree though, no matter what religion it is, if you throw it into a videogame, it only adds depth to the storyline. it also pulls in gamers without them knowing. either you like the religion or you hate it, whichever way it goes, it makes you pay more attention to what's going on.

Playing: Wind Waker
Waiting for: Golden Sun 2, Soul Caliber II

tyler_11_11, Apr 24, 2003 Report

legacyAccount
Old Account

Joined: Nov 10, 2011
Messages: 4,475,527

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #268

"I can't believe in something that I can't see, touch, hear, taste, or smell." That level of arguement is like saying, "I don't believe in a South American Native Indian because I've never meet one. All those people on the discovery channels are just actors."

That is not the same level and you know it. Bad example. I don't need to point out why.

legacyAccount, Apr 25, 2003 Report

vengeanceismine
Noob

Joined: Mar 1, 2003
Messages: 3,458

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #269

I think you can make a really really deep storyline without religion. I prefer it if they are made deep without one personally...

"I saw that venge...it's not rape if it's consentual ^_^ " -frdrizzt
"Stops Diarrhea? That would be exlax. Go take some of it. You'll feel much better..." - gcg
Thanks to Yatta for the adoption ^_^

vengeanceismine, Apr 25, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #270

I've got BoF2 for GBA. That had alot of religion and I'm sure the company had got sewed. For some reason game creators have to be careful about that these days. In .hack Skieth's cross was changed to a 'Q' staff.

twitchmare
Noob

Joined: Apr 22, 2001
Messages: 1,393

~Fin~

twitchmare, Apr 25, 2003 Report

Bucko57
Noob

Joined: Sep 2, 2000
Messages: 2,310

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #271

I'm going to try and take what you said out of context vengeance. YOU DON'T LIKE XENOGEARS??!?!?!

Is appalled

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Bucko57, Apr 25, 2003 Report

mikel
Prime Member

Joined: Jul 5, 2001
Messages: 2,708

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #272

"*That is not the same level and you know it. Bad example. I don't need to point out why.*"

Yeah, what he said was a bad example, but he *was* on the right track.

There is evidence of God all around us. Just because science can label the world and the things in it, doesn't mean it isn't miraculous. I see a miracle in every living being, every insect, even every *rock*.

I guess it comes down to (yeah, I know I'm quoting Signs, which is pretty pathetic, but it fits my purposes): *Do you see a miracle in everything, or do you see a miracle in nothing?*

I personally believe that **it takes less faith to believe that there's a God than to believe there is none**. Seeing everything around us, and still maintaining the belief that it all just popped out of nowhere takes a whole lot more faith than giving into the obvious evidence that there was a creator involved.

Of course, as always, that's just me.

Remember me as: The Nobody

mikel, Apr 25, 2003 Report

legacyAccount
Old Account

Joined: Nov 10, 2011
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Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #273

I was talking to a friend about that at work today and he said basically the same thing you did. The same argument you use for seeing god all around you, I could use for evolution.

legacyAccount, Apr 25, 2003 Report

mikel
Prime Member

Joined: Jul 5, 2001
Messages: 2,708

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #274

I'm not even talking about evolution. Even evolution could be evidence for God, now couldn't it? Like I said, just because science can put a label on it, doesn't mean it isn't a miracle of God.

I was just stating the reasons that I believe in *a* God. If you want the reasons I believe in *my* God, then that's a whole other story. Plus, I already went through the historical evidence earlier in this thread.

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mikel, Apr 25, 2003 Report

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Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #275

not as far as the Christian god goes it can't.
Ah, I think you edited your thread. I thought I remembered you saying something about you beliving in a god but not nessicarily one particular god. I am willing to be open minded to something like that but not to any of the gods that religion describe.

legacyAccount, Apr 25, 2003 Report

-Lacan-
Noob

Joined: Sep 25, 2002
Messages: 11,561

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #276

not as far as the Christian god goes it can't.

But once again, belief in God goes far beyond just Christianity. Maybe science IS what creates God's miracles.

~R|D~
Witty movie quote here

-Lacan-, Apr 25, 2003 Report

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Messages: 4,475,527

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #277

well, I believe science is what creates mans miracles. Again, I am much more willing to be open minded to the idea that a god of somesorts set everything in motion than a god of a particular religion. To that I am pretty much closed minded.

legacyAccount, Apr 25, 2003 Report

mikel
Prime Member

Joined: Jul 5, 2001
Messages: 2,708

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #278

Yes, I edited, sorry.

I do believe in one specific God- the Christian God. I'm convinced there's *a* God, and someday I'll figure out for sure which one I believe in (I'm young, 15, I have time), so for now I go with the one that is the most logical and seems to have the most evidence behind it- the Christian God.

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mikel, Apr 25, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #279

Maybe the christian god IS science. That's what I've been thinking about lately. As a christian I should probably think of it a little differently than that though.

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Bucko57, Apr 25, 2003 Report

mikel
Prime Member

Joined: Jul 5, 2001
Messages: 2,708

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #280

Hm, I always *have* believed that God can work through science. Most people (mainly closed-minded ones) find God and science uncompatible, but I've always thought that theology and science were talking about the same thing. If you look earlier, I defined science as the measuring of the hand of God.

Remember me as: The Nobody

mikel, Apr 25, 2003 Report

legacyAccount
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Joined: Nov 10, 2011
Messages: 4,475,527

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #281

I don't see how. Everything in the universe is just energy. I dont see god in that.

legacyAccount, Apr 25, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #282

"so for now I go with the one that is the most logical and seems to have the most evidence behind it- the Christian God."

Really I would like to see some of your evidence. I can pull out all sorts of

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Noob

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evidence that supports evolution, but I'm yet to find any that supports creationism.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 25, 2003 Report

vengeanceismine
Noob

Joined: Mar 1, 2003
Messages: 3,458

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #283

Bucko Bucko Bucko... calm down. I haven't played those games. I'm working with what I know. And all I know are several FFs, and a large hunk of Lunar 2. And the story I wrote and am presently writing. And all of them had great storylines without the use of a god that I'm aware of.

I never said having a religion in a game was bad, I merely said that I prefer a game without...

hugs and strokes head everything will be fine... *grins*

"I saw that venge...it's not rape if it's consentual ^_^ " -frdrizzt
"Stops Diarrhea? That would be exlax. Go take some of it. You'll feel much better..." - gcg
Thanks to Yatta for the adoption ^_^

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mikel
Prime Member

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Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #284

"*Really I would like to see some of your evidence. I can pull out all sorts of evidence that supports evolution, but I'm yet to find any that supports creationism.*"

Mmm k, guess I'll repost it here. I'm really not sure that turning this into a Christianity vs evolution thread is the best thing, but I guess I'll throw it in anyway. It may be taken a tad out of context, since I'm pretty much just copying and pasting what I wrote earlier, but here goes:

Common arguments against theology:

- "What makes you think *your* God is true, and not, say, Allah?"

The Bible is the one and only religious book that has been scientifically proven to have been written by many many different writers over many different periods of time. There are... I can't remember the exact number,

but I think somewhere around 100-300 very specific prophesies in the Old Testament that are clearly and wholly fulfilled in the New Testament, as verified by many eye-witnesses. The Bible is also the only book that does not contradict itself (if you disagree, I can likely prove you wrong).

- "God is a hyppocrite"

We are limited by our mortal minds. If you study deeply into the deism of God, you can see that it is our stupidity, not God's, that makes him seem to contradict himself.

- "God doesn't answer my prayers"

Sure he does, you just may have gotten No for an answer... God isn't a guy in a big red suit with a bag of toys; that's the other guy. We don't know God's will, and if you think you do, then it's no wonder that God doesn't answer your prayers.

-"Why should I believe these eye-witnesses of the Bible (and the other historical sources that back the Bible)? Why should I believe them if I can't see it for myself?"

How do you know Antarctica exist? have you ever *been* there (maybe you have, but work with me)? No? Then how do you know it exists? Oh, you trust other witnesses or second-hand information... I see...

-"Why doesn't God perform miracles anymore? Science can measure every affect, so why bother praying?"

I believe miracles are all around us. Just because you can measure them through science doesn't make them any less miraculous. I define science as the measuring of the hand of God.

Arguments for theology/Christianity:

-Did the universe just decide to create itself in all these intricate patterns? Oh wait, that would require an intelligent creator...

-The twelve disciples were said to have seen Jesus after he had risen. They had undisputably seen the open tomb; so they must have either known Jesus was the real thing- by the empty tomb, or a fake- by the body in the tomb. One might argue that they lied and just said they had seen him to keep christianity going for some ulterior motive. The problem is: all the disciples ended up dying horrible deaths for their beliefs. Now why would they die for something unless they knew it was true?

Basically, there's a whole lot of historic evidence, such as the prophesies fulfilled (the odds of the prophesies being fulfilled by coincidence are astronomically low), and the disciples dying for a faith that had been either undeniably proven or disproven to them. I see no reason to doubt the words of many appearingly objective witnesses throughout many periods of time. Very similar to how I trust astonomers who tell me the size of the

sun, or maps that tell me where I'm going.

Oh yes, I forgot to mention the "gap theory" (which I also posted about earlier in this thread). Some have reason to believe (I really need to look into this more) that the 6 days of creation are symbolic, and really that it took millions and millions of years for God to create animals and man- hence leaving room for evolution. I can't remember why exactly they think this... it has something to do with some wording in the first chapter of Genesis. Anyway, this basically allows for both evolution and Christianity to exist. I personally don't buy it, because it seems too much like a last-ditch effort to make Christianity fit in with science. Plus, it brings the integrity of the Bible into question- if some of it is symbolic, then how do we know the whole thing isn't symbolic? Instead, I find it more likely that Genesis is an accurate, literal account of creation. I just thought I should inform you of all the possibilities and view-points.

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mikel, Apr 25, 2003 Report

timmyjoe012345
Noob

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Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #285

Thanks for the information. It is not enough to convert me, but I guess that was not your point. I would pull out some information supporting evolution, but that would turn it into a argument.

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Noob

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Messages: 221

Date Posted: Apr 25, 2003 #286

There's really no definitive proof for or against evolution. No one has ever lived long enough to watch the process over millions of years to see a new species evolve from a former one.

Still, I like Darwin's thereoy, but I just think there may be more to it than what we think we know. I'm not sure what though.

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The one point of Mikel's that strikes me as intriguing is the historical stuff. It's because of that, that I can't dismiss the Bible as false. Many prophesies have indeed been fulfilled.(At least that's what I've been told...I haven't really had the opportunity to investigate for myself) There's just not enough other proof though for me to dedicate the rest of my days to the way of living required in being a true believer. There are enough contradictions and unanswered things in the Bible for it to remain questionable. Yet also enough truths to keep it mysteriously credible... Anyways, I just came across some interesting lines in Xenogears, so I might as well put them here. It's not really a spoiler, so I'll just lay it out.

*The words in paratheses were in the original text, but I won't reveal the relevance of this statement in relation to the story

"(But)Faith and God aren't things which are given to you from others. They are things you have to discover within yourself, and by yourself(right?) Things that cannot be put into words, things that cannot be expressed... Isn't that what god is all about? 'Question not thy god, for thy god doth not respond.'"~Jesiah

I wonder if some around here agree with that? It's an interesting viewpoint. One that I can understand and appreciate. I don't subject to a "god within yourself" idea, in the most literal sense, but I've heard the idea of god existing in your heart and yet also outside at the same time(which is different actually, from the above ideas). I get the overall idea...but I tend to see things fairly literally, though I try to look at all the possible angles. Actually, I like thinking about different possibilities sometimes. But for looking at all of the hypothetical angles to be obligatory and required...I'm not sure if I'm capable of committing to something like that. I like clear explanations. I recognize that many things aren't, but for a lifetime commitment involving my eternal peace of mind and maybe my very soul, I want to know for sure... I don't think anyone can blame me for that. If I commit to something, I intend to be true to it and not be a hypocrite to the best of my ability. Otherwise, I'll feel like I'm deceiving God **and** myself. I don't buy the "God works in mysterious ways" explanation as anything but a poor attempt at explaining something for which the person obviously does not have an answer for. I say just be honest and say you don't know...but to save face and try to prevent the person from losing faith in God, they use that lame line. It's the person's choice in how an event will affect their faith...trying to spin things around and say that "God is beyond your thinking" is absurd to me an a reason. It's not something anyone can prove or even begin to explain. And saying that people can't disprove it is not a defense. I mean, I traveled to the past yesterday. Yep, I saw myself as a 10 year old boy. You might not believe me, but you can't disprove it. So that gives me the same amount of credibility as the scientist who says it's impossible...ya think? Come on...that argument is not one that anybody could count on. Anyways, honesty and understanding would probably allow for more people to have faith. Not this instilling fear and

resentment over being disobedient to someone's god and later realizing the cause.

How do you know Antarctica exist? have you ever been there (maybe you have, but work with me)? No? Then how do you know it exists? Oh, you trust other witnesses or second-hand information... I see...

Sigh. I really hate that argument.(Ooh am I tempted...) As I said, it's not that important. I won't chance my eternal soul on "second-hand" information, but that's entirely different. Antarctica? Sure, I'll believe it's there. I have nothing to lose by believing it or not believing it. And proving that a land mass exists is hardly comparable to proving the existence of a God who chooses to remain invisible.

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MegaVolt67, Apr 26, 2003 Report

Xaerath
Noob

Joined: Mar 29, 2003
Messages: 363

Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #288

Funny to be discussing religion in this kind of a board....

Most people only believe in god becuase they think if they show up at church for 24 years they will get to heaven...lol.

I could have worded that more intelligently...

If you're a very scientific,politicaly correct kind of person..you can't believe in god..WEll it's very difficult too.

Favourite FF Quotes
Squall : Whatever.....Go talk to a wall...
Sephiroth : There stealing the planet from mommy!!
Kuja : It will be hard if they head for the sandy tree....I'll wait here untill the elephant lady arrives

Xaerath, Apr 26, 2003 Report

Talraen
Noob

Joined: Aug 24, 2000
Messages: 486

Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #289

The idea that someone who thinks scientifically can't believe in God is a myth. Many science-oriented people (including myself) believe in God (or, in my case, something like it) *because* of science. Look at the famous scientists of recent times - many have been deeply religious. Now, among college and high school students, your statement stands... but then, if you are going to base beliefs on that particular demographic, the US is populated by about 90% liberal democrats, too.

At any rate, science doesn't give us any evidence that contradicts the idea of some kind of all-powerful being or force. Just because the beliefs of

many existing religions contradict science does *not* mean the idea behind religion is inherently "wrong." Not everyone means the Christian God when they refer to God, you know.

James Dowd
Member UDIC
"Deny everything, regret nothing!"
If you don't have something intelligent to say,
don't say anything at all!

Talraen, Apr 26, 2003 Report

toddbyron
Noob

Joined: Jan 9, 2003
Messages: 176

Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #290

How much you talk about evolution it all stays the same. Were did humans come from apes and were did apes come from lower animals and so on and so. Then were did the world and universe come from. Well the big bang which was an explsosion of a huge atom. I think an atom. Well then were did that atom come from also what is it in. We need to figure out where do things come from. Its human nature. Evolution can even have no flaws but does but it has no start. I think it makes more sense that there is a being that made us and that we cant understand how he/she/it got there other then an atom

toddbyron, Apr 26, 2003 Report

timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
Messages: 15,764

Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #291

toddbyron, your arguement has some credibility to it. I'm about to use that against you. If some how that atom had to come from somewhere then that means god had to come from somewhere right? Don't say that he always was there because that means that that atom could always be there too. Perhaps that atom is god in a way. Most people won't agree with that.

"The Bible is the one and only religious book that has been scientifically proven to have been written by many many different writers over many different periods of time."

Then how do you explain the adam and eve story being in there. Some one had to of written that. And the story of the world being created.

"How do you know Antarctica exist? have you ever been there (maybe you have, but work with me)? No? Then how do you know it exists? Oh, you trust other witnesses or second-hand information... I see... "

That is not valid. We all have seen video and pictures of it before.

oh my hero, so far away now. Will I ever see your smile?
Love goes away, like night into day. It's just a fading dream.
I'm the darkness, your the stars. Our love is brighter than the sun.
For eternity, for me there can be, only you my chosen one.-FF6

timmyjoe012345, Apr 26, 2003 Report

Bucko57
Noob

Joined: Sep 2, 2000
Messages: 2,310

Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #292

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Then how do you explain the adam and eve story being in there. Some one had to of written that. And the story of the world being created."

You misunderstood what he said. He meant that the bible is not a book that was written by one man. Instead it is a collection of different books.

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Bucko57, Apr 26, 2003 Report

timmyjoe012345
Noob

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Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #293

I know but how does he explain the book written about adam and eve. Also the creation of earth. I doubt there were eye witnesses to that.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 26, 2003 Report

theunentitled
Level 9999

Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #294

Stories can be passed down through generations, you know...

Dogs love me cause I'm crazy sniffable

Joined: Feb 21, 2002
Messages: 20,299

Do you see what happens, Larry, when you find a stranger in the Alps?

FYI, I can be used for snu-snu.

theunentitled, Apr 26, 2003 Report

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timmyjoe012345
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Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #295

And the creation of earth. I mean no one was around to witness that.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 26, 2003 Report

AngryRabbit
Noob

Joined: Aug 24, 2001
Messages: 358

Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #296

"toddbyron, your arguement has some credibility to it. I'm about to use that against you. If some how that atom had to come from somewhere then that means god had to come from somewhere right? Don't say that he always was there because that means that that atom could always be there too. Perhaps that atom is god in a way. Most people won't agree with that."

There's no real way to prove that the atom did pop out of nowhere, just as there's no proof that God just popped out of nowhere (although technically since He is existence He always existed within and beyond time). But why did a bunch of atoms come together to form molecules that just happened to make up a genetic pattern that would perfectly fit into it's enviornment to survive and reproduce in a certain way? I'm willing to bet that I, as a Roman Catholic Christian, know a lot more about evolution then a lot of the people here, and find within the very principles of evolution almost a certainty that God does exist.

With great power must come great responsibility...

AngryRabbit, Apr 26, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #297

Please post what you know. I say this at the fear of starting a evolutionism/creationism neverending disscussion. I know quite abit and

has studied it a little and I would like to see how much you can elaborate, since you seem so confident.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 26, 2003 Report

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Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #298

AngryRabbit, I don't think the atoms had any kinds of plans, lol. That's just the way the universe works, ever-growing and ever-changing.

ShadowSora, Apr 26, 2003 Report

ShadowSora
Guest

Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #299

The theory of evolution essentially states that if you take a species and put them in a certain enviornment, only those best adapted to such an enviornment will survive, and therefore only those members of the species that survive by adaptation to the enviornment would be able to reproduce to pass down their genes. Eventually, by continuing this process through many generations, the result would eventually be a new species that almost seems especially designed for the enviornment it's in.

An example of evolution actually took place in certain parts of England over the past two centuries. For years there had been grayish colored moths living in the trees there. They had evolved to blend in with the grayish color of the tree branches there to avoid predators and/or ensnare prey. However, with the rise of the Industrial Revolution, smoke and cinder from nearby factories covered the tree branches, turning them a black color. Because of this, the lighter colored moths were no longer able to hide, and therefore were detected before the darker gray moths. Because of this, the darker moths had a much better chance of living long enough to reproduce while the lighter ones didn't. Since it was the dark gray moths that were mating with each other, the resulting offspring recieved 'darker' genes from both parents and were therefore darker then either of them. This process continued for several generations, eventually resulting in a population of moths that were now varying shades of black as opposed to

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varying shades of gray.

Now, what does this have to do with God, you ask? Well, while that basic principle of evolution which I explained above seems to make sense, you have to wonder why exactly there were some 'darker' colored moths in the first place? Was it just luck that some of them happened to be a dakrer shade of gray then others so that they would ultimatly serve as the predecessors of a new type of moth for a changing enviornment, enabling the species to survive by change? With something this simplistic, it's not all too hard to attribute such a thing to fortunate coincedence. But when analyzing, say, why certain primates had just the right sets of genes to, under exactly the right circumstances, become beings capable of higher sentient thought as well as the motor skills (opposable thumbs and intricate hands) and communication abilities (vocal chords) to be able to form socities, the odds become astronomical. Having such precise circumstances would require a coinidence that, by the laws of probability, would almost be impossible without something specifically guiding evolution in that direction.

If that isn't enough of a coincedence for you, though, you also have to consider what caused any life on this planet to be able to evolve in the first place. Random molecules just happened to form genetic codes that would be able to duplicate and thrive in exactly the place they happened to form? And the enviornmental conditions just happened to be exactly right through the billions of years of evolution for higher life to slowly survive? It seems, to me at least, almost certain that some divine hand must have been guiding this process.

Also, if you're looking at history from a really wide perspective, ask yourself this: Why would the same planet able to evolve such a species like humanity also just happen to have exactly the right elements on it so that one day such a human species would be able to form elements into tools for further use? Isn't it amazing that we just happen to have, on the same planet that 'just happened' to evolve human life, the precise minerals that, if formed properly by precisely the right mind and hand that humans were given, could be made into a computer? Another fact that, for me, seems to prove that something much greater then we could comprehend had a hand in the forming of this planet.

I'm sure a lot of people will be stubborn and say that this is nothing more then chance, a ridiculous coincedence. But to me, and hopefully to other people reading this, this will serve as evidence that there is something out there beyond any of us.

With great power must come great responsibility...

AngryRabbit, Apr 26, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 26, 2003 #300

theunentitled
Level 9999

Joined: Feb 21, 2002
Messages: 20,299

"Why would the same planet able to evolve such a species like humanity also just happen to have exactly the right elements on it so that one day such a human species would be able to form elements into tools for further use?"

There were billions of years, and there is near infinite space in the universe. It could quite probably have been luck. I mean with all the space, it had to have happened somewhere eventually. Like, what you're saying makes sense in that it'd take a long time and it'd be a huge coincidence. But there are other planets elsewhere that have all the right elements except water. There are other planets that have all the right elements but are too far from or too close to a heat source for anything to come of it. You see what I'm getting at?

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