

Mystical Experience

My Encounter with God Continued: God Is the Whole

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ABSTRACT

The fact that space and time become non-existent for light compels us to posit the existence of a conscious being behind the universe. This conscious being we call God. Further, if the universe is treated as one whole unit, then it can be said to be spaceless and timeless. With this concept of the universe being spaceless and timeless as a whole it could easily be shown that the universe must have to have consciousness in order that it could bestow its own properties of spacelessness and timelessness to light. God is the Whole.

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Causeless Whole

In my continuing search for the evidence/proof of the existence of God, I came across an article in the internet written by scientist Dr. Lee Smolin. In this article Mr. Smolin mentioned another article of another author in which this author has shown that if the universe is treated as one whole unit, then the universe can be said to be spaceless and timeless. We define the universe in this way: universe is that which contains everything that is there, and so by definition there cannot be anything outside the universe, because whatever will be there will be within the universe. Thus there cannot be any space or any time outside the universe, and so universe as a whole is spaceless and timeless. From here for the first time I got the idea of The Whole.

The Whole is that which contains everything that is there, and so there cannot be anything outside the Whole. Thus the Whole will always be spaceless and timeless by default. This idea of the Whole helped me a lot towards fulfilling the dream of my life, that is, towards proving the existence of God. Actually without this idea of the Whole it would never have been possible for me to give any proof for the existence of God. Now it is time that I should show how the idea of the Whole ultimately helped me prove the existence of God.

We have already seen that the Whole is spaceless and timeless by default, causelessly. Here we need not have to ask the question as to how it is spaceless and timeless; or, what is the reason that it is spaceless and timeless. If there is any reason at all, then the reason is within the Whole itself, because by definition the Whole is that outside which there cannot be anything. If there is anything outside the Whole, then it is no longer the Whole, because in that case there will be something outside it.

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So it is only the Whole that can be spaceless and timeless causelessly, by default. Nothing else other than the Whole can be spaceless and timeless by default. Now in case of light also we find that light is spaceless and timeless, because for some unknown reason space and time become non-existent for it. But like everything else in this universe light is also within space and time, and it cannot be said that it is outside space and time. So there is no apparent reason as to why space and time would have to be non-existent for light. Still we find that they are non-existent. So what is the cause that makes space and time non-existent for light? Let us suppose that something within space and time (A) causes space and time becoming non-existent for light. About A we can ask two questions:

- 1) Are space and time non-existent for A also?
- 2) Or, are they not non-existent for A?

If 2), then how can A cause space and time becoming non-existent for light when they are not non-existent for A itself? But if 1), then we will have to ask the same question about A that we were earlier asking about light: what causes space and time becoming non-existent for A, when we know very well that A lies within space and time, and that it has in no way been deprived of them? So we see that A cannot be the ultimate cause that makes space and time non-existent for light, because here we will have to find out again the cause that makes space and time non-existent for A for the first time. In this way it can be shown that there will be an infinite regress, and that there is nothing within space and time that can be this cause.

So ultimately we will have to go beyond space and time in search of this cause. If there be anything that is not within any space and time (The Whole is not within any space and time), then space and time will be non-existent for it simply by default, and here we need not have to ask this question any more: what causes space and time becoming non-existent for it? It will be spaceless and timeless causelessly, by default, and there will be no infinite regress at all if we suppose that it is the cause that makes space and time non-existent for light. But if it does not have consciousness, then how can it give its own attributes of spacelessness and timelessness to light so that space and time can become non-existent for light also? So it will have to have consciousness so that it can bestow its own attributes on light. Thus the fact that space and time become non-existent for light compels us to posit the existence of a conscious being behind the universe. This conscious being we call God.

Now if the scientists can give any other alternative explanation for the fact that space and time become non-existent for light without positing any kind of God, then they are most welcome to give it. But if they fail to give any satisfactory explanation here, then let them be honest enough to admit the existence of a conscious being behind this material universe who we call God.

God Is the Whole

In the above Section, we have seen that the fact that space and time become non-existent for light compels us to posit the existence of God. Here I want to discuss some more points that have come to my mind.

First of all I want to discuss as to whether it was in any way necessary to introduce the concept of the Whole at any place at all. This is because in the above Section we have already seen that if the universe is treated as one whole unit, then it can be said to be spaceless and timeless. So with this concept of the universe being spaceless and timeless as a whole it could easily be shown that the universe must have to have consciousness in order that it could bestow its own properties of spacelessness and timelessness to light also. So why have I introduced the concept of the Whole? Was it absolutely necessary? Yes, it was necessary. This is because the idea of the universe being spaceless and timeless as a whole can be challenged at any time, and it has actually been challenged in the multiverse theory. If multiverse theory is true, then it will not be correct to say that there is nothing outside our universe, because in that case there will probably be an infinite number of other universes outside our universe, and so our universe can no longer be said to be spaceless and timeless. Universe no longer being spaceless and timeless, how could it be shown that light could receive its own properties of spacelessness and timelessness from the universe only? And so, how could it be shown that the universe must have to have consciousness also?

So, in order to prove the existence of God, I would have to bear the extra burden of proving the falsity of multiverse theory first, and then only I could have proceeded further, whereas with the concept of the Whole, the task of proving the existence of God becomes nothing but a child's play. This is because the definition of the Whole is such that no one in this universe, and if multiverse theory is true, then even no one in the entire multiverse can ever be able to challenge this definition of the Whole.

By its very definition the Whole will always be spaceless and timeless, because by its very definition there can never be anything outside the Whole. The difference between the universe and the Whole is this: the universe will always remain the universe whether there is anything outside it or not, whereas the Whole will no longer remain the Whole if there is anything outside it. Thus the very definition of the Whole entails that it will always have to be spaceless and timeless, and we can say that it will be so uncaused, because its cause will lie within its definition itself. If we now find that light is also spaceless and timeless, we cannot claim that it is so causelessly, because about light we cannot claim that it is the Whole. This is because it is only one entity amongst many other entities of this universe. So, if light is spaceless and timeless, then this must have been caused by something else, and this something else can only be the Whole if we want to stop an infinite regress here. The Whole must have to have consciousness also, as I have already explained earlier. Thus it can be seen that the introduction of the concept of the Whole was absolutely necessary here for proving the existence of God.

The next point I want to discuss is: whether there can be some other proofs of God other than the phenomenon of light. Yes, potentially there can be other proofs also. Let us take one concrete example: the emergence of life from non-life. There is a famous saying of Richard Feynman: what I cannot create, I do not understand. In this particular context this saying will mean that biologists have not yet fully understood the whole process of life emerging from non-life in its every detail. If they had, then they would have already created life from non-life, and would have shown to the whole world that there is no mystery anywhere.

Let us now suppose that even after several decades of sincere efforts of many scientists all over the world, this picture remains the same; phenomenon of life emerging from non-life remains a

mystery, an enigma to mankind. Will that prove that there is a God? Will that prove that there is the hand of God behind the appearance of life on earth? Yes, we can always presume that, but we cannot be absolutely certain here, because it might also be the case that some higher intelligence is actually responsible for creating life on earth. This higher intelligence may be God, or it may not be. We do not know. But in case of light we can with absolute certainty say that it is from God only, and not from anyone else, light can receive its own properties of spacelessness and timelessness, because God is the Whole. God is the Whole because we usually say about God that initially there was only God, and that there was nothing else other than God. This equates God with the Whole, because the same thing can be repeated about the Whole also: only the Whole can be there, and there can be nothing else along with the Whole. God being the Whole it becomes crystal clear that the phenomenon of light is the only phenomenon of nature that can show with absolute certainty that there is a God.

Here ends my story.