

Why Did God Create the Universe? Why Are We Here on Earth?

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ABSTRACT

In this essay, I will discuss why God created the Universe, why we are here on Earth, and why “Fine Tuning” is not required for proving the existence of God.

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Why Did God Create the Universe?

In a blog post entitled “Why? A Challenge to all Believers” [1], a blogger has put this question to all believers: Why did your God create this universe?

He thinks that it is a question that should haunt every waking hour of a believer and occupy his every thought. He also thinks that this question is such that every believer should be obsessed over it, maddened by its dazzling conspicuousness, and embarrassed beyond all measure that it even exists. This question should consume his life, tying him up in ferocious knots of disquiet and affording no genuine peace until a definitive answer is found.

Then in the rest of the blog he asks again [1]:

If all things (the past, the present, and the future) are contained within a maximally powerful being, the Catalogue of Catalogues who existed in a state of perfection, then why did it consciously create the physical universe? What possible purpose does this machine, this contrivance, serve?

Although he thinks that the question he has put to the believers cannot have any never-quite-certain answer, yet it is not true at all, because definitely there is an answer, and, indeed, it is a quite certain answer.

Imagine yourself in place of God. Imagine that you are only there in this vast universe and that there is no one else other than you. Imagine that you will have to be there in this condition forever and ever, because you can never cease to be, because you can never die. So you will be all alone in this universe forever and ever. We know that as human beings we suffer a lot in this earthly life, but at the same time we also know that one day all these sufferings will definitely come to an end with our inevitable death. But what about the loneliness of God? Will that ever come to an end? Can God bring it to an end by committing suicide? If he could not, then what

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should he have to do in order to overcome his utter loneliness? Please try to find an answer to this question yourself. It is so obvious that I need not have to tell you the answer.

Why Are We Here on Earth?

The question “Why are we here on earth?” can be answered in two steps:

- 1) First, we will have to know whether there is any God or not; and
- 2) Second, if we can somehow come to know that there is a God, then we can further ask the question as to why he created the Universe.

When we will have the answer to these questions, we will also come to know why the Universe exists, why we exist, or why we are here.

But even if we somehow come to know the reason as to why the Universe exists, yet this will not answer all the questions. This is because we can still ask the question: Why does God exist? If there is a God, then what is the reason that there will have to be a God? If we think that there is actually such a reason, then we must also remember that we will have to find this reason within God’s existence itself and not outside of it, as otherwise there will be an infinite regress. That means God must have to be a necessary being, not contingent.

But what is the reason due to which God will have to exist at all? The answer is that the existence of nothing is self-contradictory and that therefore only something can exist, and not nothing [2]. I have also shown that simply by default this something will always be spaceless, timeless, changeless, immortal, all-pervading, one, unborn, uncreated, without any beginning, without an end, everlasting and non-composite [2].

So, I think I have answered all the questions that can possibly be asked: Why does God exist? Why does the Universe exist? Why do we exist? God will have to be there because existence of nothing is self-contradictory. Being there he will have to create the Universe in order to overcome his utter loneliness.

So we are here on Earth, because God needs us.

Why Fine Tuning Argument Is Not Required for Proving the Existence of God

I argue here that “Fine Tuning” [3] is not required for proving the existence of God. I think light with its very peculiar properties is sufficient for that purpose. One can read more about light in reference [4].

Light originates within space and time but it goes beyond space and time. A photon coming from a star lying at a distance of one billion light-years from earth will take one billion years of earth’s time to reach the surface of the earth. During these one billion years of earth’s time it will be in a spaceless and timeless condition, because the distance between the star and the earth has become

zero for it and time has also stopped. So it will be neither in space nor in time during the total period of its existence. Then it will cease to be by being absorbed by something or someone on earth.

So light originating within space and time goes beyond space and time, because space and time become non-existent for it. And we cannot claim that this is without any cause. As light is not a conscious entity, so neither can we claim here that light has the capability of deciding its own fate that it will go beyond space and time. So this must have been caused by something else. But whatever may be the cause of it, this cause cannot lie within space and time; it is impossible. Let us suppose that this cause is A and that it lies within space and time. We can now ask two questions about A:

- 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? 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 itself. 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. A cause that lies within space and time is a natural cause, but a cause that lies beyond space and time is not a natural cause; it is a supernatural cause. So the cause that makes space and time non-existent for light is a supernatural cause.

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