

Does God Exist?

In the 21st century, this question is not as commonly asked as it once was. Perhaps that is because in a post-modern world, too many have been convinced that life is a product of chance – something just ‘happened to happen’ and that life ultimately makes no sense whatsoever and that there was never an ultimate cause for the world we see around us.

Certainly, we do see things that make no sense in a rational world. Every day there are things that puzzle us and frustrate us in watching ‘man’s inhumanity to man’. But we should think very carefully before committing our souls to the idea that we are simply a ‘hairless ape’, with neither cause for our existence nor responsibility for our actions. (And there should be no surprise that those last two ideas are so closely related!)

Since the universe certainly does exist, it must have had a beginning. That beginning would have to be the result of either natural causes or super-natural (“*beyond*”- natural) causes, since every material effect must have a sufficient cause. This is known as the ***Law of Cause and***

Effect. The atheist appeals to the “Big Bang” as the ultimate cause for our existence and is left trying to defend the idea that the universe essentially “created itself” (after all, what caused the Big Bang?). Of course, this idea requires the universe to ***have already existed*** with causal power ***before it actually existed*** to bring itself into existence. That is contradictory thinking and is not rational.

Remember this: Nothing (literally “not a thing”) comes from nothing. “Nothing” has absolutely no existence, no mass, no matter, no energy, and thus **NO CAUSATIVE POWER** with which to act or cause anything to happen, let alone bring the entire universe into existence!

We sometimes hear that the universe was created by “Chance”. But ‘chance’ is merely the word we use to describe the likelihood that a particular outcome might occur, for example, the ‘chance’ (really the ***probability***) of rolling any particular number on a fair die. ‘Chance’ is *an idea*, it is **NOT** an input in a creative process. ‘Chance’ is not a ‘thing’ – again, it is ‘no-thing’ – nothing! Therefore, ‘Chance’ has **NO**

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CAUSATIVE POWER either! For the universe to exist, there **MUST** have been something else, something **outside** the natural universe that brought the world into existence. It is that **super-natural** creative agent that **must** exist for the existence of the universe to be explained. That above is the essence of the **Cosmological** argument for the existence of God. And that is just one of several philosophical arguments that lead us to conclude that **GOD DOES EXIST!**

As Christians, we believe that there is sufficient evidence to conclude that

the logical causative agent of the universe and the God revealed in the pages of the Bible are one and the same. The idea that God exists is worth investigating because as our ultimate creator, He has a claim on us that cannot be ignored. We believe that it is only through His Word that His will for us can be determined.

If you would like to learn more about this particular subject, or any other Bible question, please give us a call and arrange for a study at a time and place convenient for you.

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