Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by MexPirate on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 17:35:53 GMT

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gbull wrote on Wed, 25 April 2007 14:12How in the world then can you explain a monumental explosion happening for no reason caused by nothing then? For that matter, how can you explain the creation of the nothingness of space prior to the Big Bang?

I do not believe anyone can, this is one of many questions that science will never be able to answer - personally I feel that puts a black whole over what caused the big bang not the theory itself.

Quote:MexPirate stated that there is no evidence to the basis of Christianity. I disagree, you see there is historical records of religion. These are ancient testimonials that perhaps millions of people read everyday. You see the Bible in my eyes is evidence because it was written by several men over the course of centuries. It's a collection of books with authors that had the word of God spoken to them. What would be the gain in creating this literature? None that is foreseeable, save for the fact that religion could be used to control the masses on a spiritual level. That makes no sense in the case of Christianity though

I think I said no evidence for creationism/intelligent design but either way a scientist would argue that those historical records have been created by humans (and kept under the control of humans for many years) If someone was to say that God spoke to them today, nobody would believe them and their is no EVIDENCE to proove that God did in fact speak to them other than their written word. Add in the fact that these books will have been translated added to and edited many times by humans. Of course this doesn't disprove anything written in them, it just means SCIENTIFICALLY they cannot be relied on as EVIDENCE.

Quote:My church teaches that you go to Heaven by having belief that Christ died for your sins, and the degree of your reward is based on the time you spent on Earth. Therefore, my purpose for living is to ensure my eternal salvation, and the degree of the reward that follows.

This is something that above all else seems most "un-christian" to me. On that basis the following groups of people would be excluded from heaven:

stillborn babies, athiests who spend their entire life doing charitable work, poor uneducated people who are never taught about christianity, anyone out of the billions of people born before christ.

But a 100 year old convicted murderer, rapist and paedophile would get in with a big reward as long as he acknowledged jesus and christianity before his death.

It strikes me that this concept encourages people to spread the word and save people by teaching them about christianity, something that has obvious benefits for the religion.

Quote: There is nothing in the Bible that states that Evolution is false

I think almost universally religions accept that natural selection exists - it can be seen today and the continual evolution of life is supported by pretty much everyone. The divide comes in as to the origin of species and planet - many people are not comfortable with or refuse to believe that humans evolved from the same place as everything else.

P.S. It is not my intention to offend, evolution forms tha backbone of the degree I am currently studying for, I am stating my views and I am always keen to be challenged and hear alternative theories (and then debate them ).