
Subject: Re: Questions I would like to pose to athiests
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For me; I think the reasoning we make in relation to everything having a purpose is a little odd.

We seem to make rational statements about simpler lifeforms until we get to ourselves. For example:

If you asked 100 people (Half of which believe the Universe was created by a God; and half of which did not) - "What is the purpose of this tree? (common tree species)"

I would presume that the answers would be a combination of the following:

1. To grow and to die.
2. To photosynthesize and provide oxygen.
3. To stabilize the soil beneath.

Etc

All practical and rational answers.

Yet, when you pose the question, "What is the purpose of a human being?" The answers would vary wildly.

Is it likely that Human Beings are that much more special than simpler lifeforms in terms of having a purpose? Is it irrational to believe that we might have a similar purpose to these less complex lifeforms? Do we not grow and die as they do? Does the fish suddenly have a destiny because it is a more evolved or complex lifeform than algae?

I think not.

The main problem I see with this entire issue begins in the earliest of days. The days where Man first started to ask and investigate why things worked the way they did. The first scientific endeavors and thirst for knowledge.

You have this rational group of people; and then you have a group of people who at the same time, claimed a God of some form existed without any scientific evidence at all.

Can you see the problem?

Worlds worst graph, I know. It's a quick way of demonstrating how behind Science is in comparison to the weight of conclusions due to the need to have actual scientific evidence to support claims, which takes alot of effort, understanding which all come with the most important aspect - Time. Conversely, the only requirement to acknowledge that a certain God exists is "faith".

If we knew back then what we know now, I wonder how religion and the claims that a God exists would be perceived today?

Apologies for the rant / incoherent sentences and ideas. Incredibly tired, yet the thread title sparked a what little energy I have left atm to say something.
