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Subject: This will boggle your mind...

Posted by [U927](#) on Wed, 28 Dec 2005 01:34:16 GMT

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<http://www.fullmoon.nu/articles/art.php?id=tal>

Thanks to Javacx/Carbon-12 for the link.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...

Posted by [Scythar](#) on Wed, 28 Dec 2005 02:17:51 GMT

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Very nice text! Goes well along with my personal belief that "God" doesn't have to be something never-understandable.

Logic for the win. Thanks for the read U927 / Java

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...

Posted by [Scythar](#) on Wed, 28 Dec 2005 02:42:24 GMT

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I'd like to comment the following:

Quote:and the point?'

'at its simplest, "Life Must Go On". My personal motivation is the desire for conversation. Once you've achieved my level, you cease to be billions of separate entities and become one ecstatic whole. A single entity that cannot die, however advanced, or perhaps, more accurately, because it is so advanced, will get lonely and even a trifle bored! I seem to be the first. I do not intend to be the last'

He "seems" to be the first? But he doesn't know? He has no idea what the heck made things just exist either, by the looks of it. Hehe. What I would ask if such a thing happened is "Do YOU believe in god?"

The text makes "godness" into a hierarchical system where there are many gods, creating new gods and continuing life via evolution, but the question of what made the first god exist and what was before it still exists, it's just pushed back a bit.

Or are we still unable to comprehend that with out current brain? No solution as of yet, unfortunately

Edit: Or maybe it's a quantum thing. You know, maybe god both exists and doesn't exist simultaneously. Would solve all the flamefights!

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [runewood](#) on Wed, 28 Dec 2005 03:10:41 GMT  
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Meh.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Wed, 28 Dec 2005 04:05:44 GMT  
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Interesting read. Made some good hypotheses on what God truly is and does. A hypothesis is all I will see that as though.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Wed, 28 Dec 2005 04:16:31 GMT  
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gbull wrote on Tue, 27 December 2005 20:05 Interesting read. Made some good hypotheses on what God truly is and does. A hypothesis is all I will see that as though.

Same.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Wed, 28 Dec 2005 05:37:40 GMT  
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That's a hell of a story. That guy's pretty creative, and almost convincing.

Of course, John Titor made himself sound pretty convincing, too. As did Jim Jones.  
For your own safety, don't drink the Kool-Aid.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [Javafx](#) on Wed, 28 Dec 2005 06:04:10 GMT  
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Well, his name being "Harry Stottle" was the dead give away. That is, to anyone who clicked onto the allusion anyway.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [GDIrish](#) on Wed, 28 Dec 2005 07:50:48 GMT

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Aristotle.

Anyways, that was an interesting read. The only problem I find in it is the idea of 'something before God.' From what I've been told previously, God always was, is, and will be.

Who knows. I don't.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Wed, 28 Dec 2005 08:36:16 GMT  
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It didn't "boggle my mind" but it is a nice hypothesis that certainly fits better than most.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [Dave Mason](#) on Wed, 28 Dec 2005 13:06:28 GMT  
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That's the most interesting thing I've read in months.

As said, it's a logical hypothesis. It didn't convince me to be honest. I myself still don't know what to believe.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [rm5248](#) on Fri, 30 Dec 2005 02:06:07 GMT  
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Hydra wrote on Wed, 28 December 2005 00:37Of course, John Titor made himself sound pretty convincing, too. As did Jim Jones.  
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Technically, Jon Titor said that a civil war would start in 2005, so if there's going to be a war, it had better start in the next 2 days or that guy's a fucking liar.

About the link, very interesting. Though that guy is probably like Titor, full of crap.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Fri, 30 Dec 2005 04:53:49 GMT  
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There isn't anything to dispute. This is absolutely a fiction. It's as much certain as the Teddy Bear's picnic is a fiction. I am personally surprised that anyone here has taken it beyond that level in supposing it might not be a fiction.

The author intended that the idea of a corporeal "god" be considered, not that Mr. Stottle actually sat down in a train with a middle aged man who claimed to be God. The theory is all well and good if we can buy into the highly improbable notion that this universe regresses into an infinite causal chain, but other than that, this story really shouldn't be taken with a grain of salt.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Fri, 30 Dec 2005 06:29:10 GMT  
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This story reminded me of God's Debris, a book written by Scott Adams (the author of Dilbert).

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Sun, 01 Jan 2006 17:59:11 GMT  
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I find it amazing how he remembered all of it to be later scribbled down....Every Word, ever expression.

Also he used lines from Star Trek: The Next Generation. So we know he is into Sci-Fi. Continuality is a bit off.

He says that (God) Only senses us as a whole, to see our progress.

However god is upto date on events, and common sayings "Slang". He also uses the stereotype of the middle aged white male in casual clothing. Every crazy person you see in the media is a middle aged white male on the Bus or some other common location ranting about mustard or some such.

To finish his article off he puts:

"(If you've enjoyed this, you might like to try my play - Resurrection Part 1 - Primary Species) "

If the author truly thought that he incountered god, then why would he put such a blatant "ad" "defileation" on the bottom of a message from god.

This also espablishes that the author is a writer, a man of words. Someone who writes stories for entertainment. He's not a programmer, programmers of any significants are not artist. Look at our very own JonWil, great programmer, but doesnt do anything artistic in the community.

So anyway, thats my breakdown.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Sat, 07 Jan 2006 23:23:19 GMT  
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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [reborn](#) on Mon, 23 Jan 2006 21:59:36 GMT  
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mrpirate wrote on Fri, 30 December 2005 01:29 This story reminded me of God's Debris, a book written by Scott Adams (the author of Dilbert).

I read that book on the strength of your post, finding the thread's topic interesting. It started off quite well i thought, but then lost it's way.

I like idea's that challenge people's concept of God. Nice thread.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [Ae0nflux](#) on Fri, 27 Jan 2006 00:48:48 GMT  
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Pretty good actually. I'm not sure what I believe in at the moment, but this is a pretty good explanation. Think about it for a second, people came up with the ideas for Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Confisianism, Bhuddism, Jainism, and Hinduism. So why can't this idea be correct?

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Fri, 27 Jan 2006 01:58:18 GMT  
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Ae0nflux wrote on Thu, 26 January 2006 19:48 So why can't this idea be correct?

Well, since you asked...

The idea is premised on the principle that the universe originates in a string of finite creations creating further finites without there being a true creator of any of it. The idea is illogical and self defeating because it attempts to circumvent the idea of an infinite Creator (a.k.a. the Uncaused

Cause, a.k.a. God) by saying existence is an infinite chain of finites instead of having an infinite origin. This requires the use of "infinity" to describe existence (the infinite chain), while at the same time trying to claim something infinite (the Uncaused Cause, a.k.a. God) doesn't really exist. By being unable to eliminate infinity from the premise, the story fails to present a real alternative to the concept of a true uncreated Creator.

The "infinite chain" in the scenario is itself an Uncaused Cause. Therefore the chain holds all the properties of "God" and is, by definition, God. This idea can't be possible if it's presenting a view of how the universe exists without God, but requires God to exist anyway for that premise to function. It's a contradiction and it blows the whole concept out of the water.

So that's why it isn't correct.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Fri, 27 Jan 2006 02:40:49 GMT  
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did you confuse yourself?

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Fri, 27 Jan 2006 03:20:40 GMT  
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Just bored and stirring the pot a bit to see what happens.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [AeOnflux](#) on Fri, 27 Jan 2006 15:18:47 GMT  
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Lol. That made no sense. One thing that I did get from it though is that it follows church doctrine. God is infinite, nothing created him, but he created the world. And for the hypothesis on the creation of the Universe.. People came up with that. People are not perfect. Who knows? Maybe we will never know how the universe is created. But until we have come up with a better means for discerning the truth, all we can do is hypothesize.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...  
Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Fri, 27 Jan 2006 19:03:37 GMT  
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Yeah, I tried to write it in a way that implied I was blurting out several theology texts in one breath. I almost put a \*catches breath\* in between the two paragraphs.

The basis though is that there are only two possibilities for the creation of existence.

1) Everything originates from an infinite source. Something that always existed and was never itself created. This would be "God".

2) There is no infinite source to existence. Everything is finite and if you go back in time far enough you'll find its creation. You can continue going back forever, without ever finding a beginning. This is typically used as the "there is no God" possibility.

My point was mainly that the scenario presented in that story fits primarily under the second possibility (No infinite, supreme creator). However, the second possibility is "flawed" in that it still defines existence with the use of something "infinite", while trying to put forth the idea that nothing infinite exists.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...

Posted by [Scythar](#) on Fri, 27 Jan 2006 19:30:35 GMT

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3) Everything could originate from infinite OR finite source, depending on the observer. Like in quantum physics (quantum indeterminacy)

4) Everything originates from BOTH finite AND infinite source.

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6) There could even be other options than just "finite" and "infinite". Again, we cannot understand such a possibility, if there is one.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...

Posted by [AeOnflux](#) on Fri, 27 Jan 2006 19:50:14 GMT

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Finite, infinite, whatever.. lol what happened to good old big bang theory?

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...

Posted by [RTsa](#) on Fri, 27 Jan 2006 19:54:10 GMT

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It was a very entertaining read. Thanks!

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...

Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Fri, 27 Jan 2006 21:02:38 GMT

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It's a black or white issue. There is no grey area, or extra options. It's a basic, stripped down, fundamental, reality. Forget terms like finite and infinite for the time being, those two ideas are all there is. It's a "yes or no" problem to solve. There isn't a "maybe" to choose.

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Ae0nflux wrote on Fri, 27 January 2006 14:50Finite, infinite, whatever.. lol what happened to good old big bang theory?

It's filed under "finite creation that requires infinite creator". But "Big Bang" is a lot easier to say.

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...

Posted by [Scythar](#) on Sat, 28 Jan 2006 00:12:22 GMT

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NeoSaber wrote on Fri, 27 January 2006 16:02

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Subject: Re: This will boggle your mind...

Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Sat, 28 Jan 2006 00:51:03 GMT

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Scythar wrote on Fri, 27 January 2006 19:12 Why would there be no other options? Just because we can't understand them doesn't mean they don't exist.

It's simplified to the point that it's one or the other. Something has "always existed", or nothing has "always existed". Even in your "other options" they all included something that always existed, infinity, or didn't include it. Is it there or is it not? Only two potential answers.

Otherwise you'd be saying "There are no absolutes".

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Assuming a religion believes God is infinite, yes that would probably make the religion somewhat correct. Not necessarily entirely correct, if some of the beliefs contradicted that premise. I doubt any human belief could entirely grasp every detail of God anyway. Even getting away from that, each religion probably sees a little part of the grand whole and understands that piece of the puzzle. Unless someone founded the religion in a deliberate attempt to deceive...

It is an interesting observation on the inability of humans to comprehend the infinite.

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